

School Committee told to "Stay the Course"

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

COVID-19 cases continued to rise in Norwood during the last two weeks in October, keeping the Town in the highest risk rate of exposure, or "red zone" for the third consecutive week, Sigalle Reiss, Director of the Health Department, told the School Committee at its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 5.

However, both Reiss and the Board of Health (BOH) provided a strong and supportive message to the committee regarding keeping the schools open – "Stay the course." Reiss explained during her presentation that there were no cases of in-school transmission or clusters in schools that would warrant the shut-down of any Norwood Public Schools (NPS) at this juncture.

She did note there were seven cases of coronavirus in the NPS. There were two cases where close contacts were identified and there has been no transmission. One case is almost over the quarantine period.

"We are consistently seeing an increase and continue to be a red community," she said at the meeting. The red zone means that the average daily case count includes eight people per 100,000 people. In Norwood's case, that would include 34 or more cases.

Reiss did note that the official data had not yet been released by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), which usually announces it late Wednesday afternoon. The School Committee moved its meeting to allow time for the data to be reviewed, but Reiss found out that DPH was not going to make it public until Friday. She used the most recent statistics she had up through Oct. 31, which is what the state would use, to compute the latest



School Committee Chair Teresa Stewart

findings for her report.

"The state unfortunately did delay the report until (Friday)," Reiss noted, and I don't honestly know why. The data is still pulled on Wednesday."

In the past two-week period, there have been 57 Norwood cases. This translates to a rate of 13.6 average daily case count per 100,000 people. The exact number may vary by a couple of cases from the state's report depending upon what time they ran the numbers.

According to the DPH report released Friday, Norwood's rate is 13.5. However, because the state changed the metrics of what is now in each category, Norwood is now considered in the "yellow zone" despite having the same rates. There have been 21,448 total tests administered, and 2,729 within the last 14 days, 60 of those positive. Now there are variables including a community's size included in factoring a color, because half of Massachusetts towns have fewer than 10,000 residents.

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The Norwood Planning Board discussed zoning proposals for open lot storage of vehicles.

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Planning Board to weigh open lot vehicle storage ban

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Planning Board met on Monday, Nov. 9, and discussed an amendment to the Norwood Zoning Bylaw that would have only allowed open lot storage in the Boston Providence Highway Zone, to be approved at Town Meeting.

The Board voted on Monday to continue the hearing so more research on the value of open lot storage can be done; however some members expressed their desire to see new open lot storage proposals disallowed outright, if approved by Town Meeting.

The conversation started with Town Planner Paul Halkiotis presenting a new table of use for the Boston

Providence Highway District that would allow open lot storage only there and not allow it in Manufacturing Zones, which is currently the rule. Halkiotis said the basis for limiting open lot storage to Route 1 is that car carriers cannot easily navigate around Town near the MBTA Commuter Line right-of-way, since the bridges were constructed more than 100 years ago and are too low for modern trucks. So, instead of having car carriers zig-zagging through Norwood's streets, they would be limited to Route 1, where all the dealers are.

"By locating these closer to Route 1, it will keep the larger trailers that move these vehicles, the car carriers, it will keep them in that

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Invasive species and 600 Nichols St.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) met on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. for its regular meeting and discussed containment efforts for an invasive vine currently encroaching on Norwood's northern borders.

Conservation Agent Holly Jones gave an update on the status of efforts to control Mile-a-Minute (persicaria perfoliata). She said she and a group of Boston students met with Department

ConCom

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The Conservation Commission continued a hearing for the new plans for Lot 5 at 600 Nichols St., as the proponent changed the plans after gaining a zoning variance from the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals.

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area,” said Halkiotis. “This will hopefully allow the remaining land in manufacturing to be used for uses that generate more tax revenue and create more jobs.... The existing storage lots would be protected by the current zoning and would be grandfathered.”

Those lots would have to be 100 feet back from Route 1 itself, so as to allow more commercial retail on the most visible portions of Route 1 and increase those areas’ commercial potential.

The discussion turned to including the Vanderbilt property in the Boston Providence zoning area, as member Ernie Paciorkowski said it was the only area with open lots currently.

“Maybe where the old Iron Horse was you could sneak some cars back there, that’s a pretty good-sized lot but not much elsewhere,” he said.

“They’re going to look to buy or lease lots on Vanderbilt. Maybe that’s not the right place, or maybe we outlaw it, I’m just throwing it out there. Maybe we shut the process down right now, it’s just something to consider.”

Halkiotis said that removing the use of vehicle open lot storage is something they could propose.

“But this was seen as something of a compromise with the dealerships,” he said.

Member Peter Bamber said he could see the lots growing larger than the Board would like and taking up a lot of space, and so would like to see the use disallowed.

“I could see these lots growing and taking up huge areas; there seems to be a demand and we’ve given it forever and ever, and like Ernie said, maybe enough is enough,” he said.

Paciorkowski said he had not yet made up his mind but thought the Board should consider it. Halkiotis said due to the presumed nature of the upcoming Fall Special Town Meeting, the Board would have time to discuss the issue thoroughly.

The issue is that Town Meeting was already called by the Board of Selectmen and has to take place in person, because it was called that way.

The Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator David Hern suggested that Town Meeting Members vote to dissolve Town Meeting Warrant #1 and vote on the three articles in Town Meeting Warrant #2. Warrant #1 could then reform at a later date when a hybrid model has been thoroughly tested and vetted by the Town, most likely sometime in January.

“We do have some time to continue to talk about this,” Halkiotis said. “The simple solution is if the majority of the Board thinks we have enough open lot storage facilities already, all we do is change this article to remove the ‘PB Special Permit’ to an ‘N.’ The Table of Uses would then read that it’s not allowed in all zoning districts, just like we did with the asphalt plants.”

Paciorkowski said he felt that was the way to go.

“I think we should vote on it as a Board prior to the Town Meeting if we can, but I’m not 100 percent sure tonight I would like to pull the plug on open lot storage,” he said.

The Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing to Dec. 21, so that they could research each option and be able to weigh the pros, cons and consequences of the decision.

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Selectmen debate outdoor dining, full liquor license requests

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 10 and heard pitches for the use of an all-alcohol license that has recently become available.

Three businesses vied for the license, for which the Board said it would consider each option and make a decision, hopefully, by Nov. 24.

The first applicants were William Desmond, his daughter Casey and his wife Kathy. Desmond said he wants to create a band recording, practice and performance venue at the Norwood Space Center. Desmond said he has been in the music business for 35 years, with his band the Bentmen. His daughter Casey Desmond is also a successful recording artist, appearing on the Voice and coached by Adam Levine during her time on the show.

"I don't want to brag as her father, but she's very, very talented," he said.

He said his wife Kathryn has also managed shows at the Middle East in Cambridge, and Desmond himself has had experience running performance venues. He said he wants to be able to host comedy shows, musical shows, have practice spaces, video recordings and album recordings. He said while there will probably not be shows every night, he would like the ability to serve alcohol every night, as many patrons of the different services he's looking to offer will want refreshment.

"It's a really nice venue," he said. "We have been working and fixing up the building there and getting the thumbs up from the Building Inspector so far."

Selectmen Chair William Plasko pointed out that Desmond will need a separate entertainment license. Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue asked how much Desmond had spent so far on the space and if he's discussed the idea of the venue with the local neighborhood. He said he's spent \$100,000 and has not yet had any discussions with neighbor.

Attorney David Hern, representing Desmond, said they

didn't know of too many neighbors in the immediate area.

"This is a location that is very much removed from the residential neighborhood, and Mr. Desmond's business will be located deep into the site," he said.

Donohue also pointed out that for any new all-alcohol license application they usually require a parking plan. Desmond said they are looking to have occupancy of 80 seats and space for 200 people to stand. The Board agreed that a parking plan would be required before they could approve an alcohol license, since Morse Street does not have any on-street parking.

Maria Lofredo spoke next representing Vico Ristorante Italiano at 89 Central St. The restaurant is seeking an upgrade to their existing wine, malt beverages and cordials license to the all-alcohol license currently available. If awarded, the existing beer and wine license would go back to the Town to be distributed to another applicant.

Lofredo said they want the license because they are losing customers. She said they are open five days a week for regular dining and use the other two days to host functions, and she said it's on the function rentals that they are losing the most customers.

"Many customers have expressed in the past that they would like to have the option to accompany their dinner," she said. "We'd also like to say that I do lose some customers because I don't have a full liquor license. I think this would make me a little more competitive with the restaurants in Norwood. I support everyone, and I also drive business to other restaurants when I can, but a lot of times we're just not able to compete because I don't have that option."

Lastly, Gyro and Kebab House at 1275 Boston Providence Turnpike owner Valentina Akyol said her restaurant, a family business recognized by the Boston Globe twice for its food, could use the alcohol license to increase business, established in 2015.

"We've always wanted one but we were never able to get

one," she said. "Good food requires good drink and we lose a lot of customers because of that."

She said she and her husband run the restaurant with the help of their children (when school is out). They are currently running at reduced capacity because of COVID-19.

"We are hurting right now because of COVID-19, but we are still here," she said. "We put our lives into this business and we're going to fight to the end."

The Board also discussed an extension of outdoor dining as an option for restaurants in Norwood. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said they want to give businesses the option to keep some outdoor seating during fall and winter, but they should also start picking up the outdoor dining equipment (road bump outs for sidewalk access) for those that don't want or need it.

"We've already had some restaurants request from us to pull up the barriers on the sidewalks as they're moving fully indoors," he said. "With the Board's permission, over the next two or three weeks we'd like to pull up Central Street as well - we're not sure we'll have anything for the winter there - and reopen the road. We'll definitely start it again in the spring, it was very successful."

Mazzucco and the Board agreed that businesses who want to keep their outdoor dining have the option to until Dec. 30.

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OPINION

Stay the course... what hypocrites

As I went about editing and proofing the text for this week's issue of the Norwood Record, there was one quote that kept bugging me. Even after I finished with the article in question and went on to edit others I just couldn't get this one quote out of my mind. 'Stay the course.'

'Stay the course' was advice given to the Norwood School Committee by the Norwood Board of Health (BOH) during last week's school committee meeting to keep the kids attending Norwood schools in person the way they currently are. The wisdom was proffered after a presentation provided by Sigalle Reiss, Director of the Health Department, in which she detailed that COVID-19 cases continued to rise in Norwood during the last two weeks in October, keeping the Town in the highest risk rate of exposure, or "red zone" for the third consecutive week. However, Reiss explained that there were no cases of in-school transmission or clusters in schools that would warrant the shut-down of any Norwood Public Schools at this juncture.

No one here is suggesting that the Board of Health is wrong; nor do we think their conclusions are sage. What we do feel is that it is the height of hypocrisy for each member of the BOH and School Committee to hold said discussions and make such decisions within the safe confines of video conferencing.

Remember the old war movies where the general, safely tucked behind the lines of battle, keeps ordering his troops to advance even though they are being slaughtered as soon as they step out of the foxhole? And how angry you were at the obvious cowardice, knowing full well his orders would be far different if he was leading the troops personally? Well, at this address the imagery of last week's School Committee meeting reeks of the general.

What message does it send to students, particularly high school kids old enough to understand and appreciate the potential risks of attending class in person, being told to do so by adults issuing edicts from behind the impervious walls of remote technologies? And how about the teachers ordered to 'Do as I say, not what I do?' How serious should they take a School Committee telling them there is nothing to worry about, just keep showing up and do your job?

If public officials want to keep sending kids to school in person than, at a minimum, they should conduct their business in person, under the same safety rules they have established for the kids. There is also no reason why parents of Norwood kids can't meet with the School Committee as they did in the good old days, sitting in front of them. Parents have their own obligation to represent their kids with others face to face; otherwise they're just as hypocritical as everyone else. I can't imagine agreeing to send my kid to school with any kind of trepidation, and then not having the testicular fortitude to fight for them in person due to virus fears.

This holds true for every board representing the public. You need to start meeting in person with allowances for the public to meet with you face to face. Take whatever steps you deem necessary to maintain safety, but make sure they don't exceed those provided to the troops attending Norwood schools.

The guess here is that all of the veterans honored this week would have loved to have waged their campaigns in front of television screens instead of in the trenches. But they weren't afforded that luxury, and neither should public officials be while directing the lives of others.

November 4, 2020

Dear Town Meeting Members:

As you already know, the Board of Selectmen has called two Special Town Meetings for November 12th, in the gymnasium of the High School on Nichols Street. The warrant for the first meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., contains twenty-four articles, dealing with proposed zoning changes, liquor licenses, and various financial and budgetary matters. The warrant for the second meeting, scheduled for 7:35 p.m., contains only three articles, all of which involve time-sensitive financial matters that directly affect the setting of the Fiscal Year 2021 tax rate and the funding of Town operations, including the schools.

Since the Selectmen called the Special Town Meetings for November 12th, circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic have changed, and not for the better. While Norwood in August, September, and early October was in the "yellow" and "green" zones on the Commonwealth's coronavirus map, in the last few weeks we have moved to the "red" zone, as have many nearby towns and many communities throughout the Commonwealth. Consequently, we have had to re-evaluate how we are going to conduct the Special Town Meetings and deal with the matters on the two warrants in a safe manner. Simply canceling the meetings is not legally possible, and failing to deal with the matters on the three-article warrant could have severe and damaging effects on the Town's ability to set the tax rate and fund operations. It is also not legally possible to switch the in-person meetings called by the Selectmen to "virtual" (remote) Special Town Meetings or to convert the meetings to "hybrid" meetings, in which some Town Meeting Members are physically present and some participate remotely.

The approach that we have come up with to deal with this situation is as follows:

With respect to the first of the two Special Town Meetings (the 24-article STM), the Board of Selectmen and the Town Moderator are recommending that the Town Meeting Members vote to dissolve that meeting without taking any action. The matters set forth on the warrant for that meeting can then be taken up at a new Special Town Meeting that can be planned to be held entirely remotely, probably in January or February. The delay will allow us to complete all of the steps required by state law to hold a "virtual" Town Meeting, including identifying the conferencing platform to be used for the meeting, testing that platform to be sure that it will allow the meeting to take place in substantially the same manner as if it had occurred in the usual in-person manner, and training the Town Meeting Members, Town officials, and staff on how to participate in such a meeting. More information about this will be provided as it becomes available.

With respect to the three-article Special Town Meeting, because, as noted above, the items on that meeting's warrant need to be dealt with at this time and cannot be delayed without serious damage to the Town's operations, we plan to go forward with an in-person meeting on November 12th in the High School's gym. (As at the June meeting, we also plan to have limited outside seating for those Members who prefer not to sit inside.) We expect that this meeting will be a relatively brief meeting, although we certainly do not intend to discourage or limit discussion of the matters on the warrant. Most of how we conduct the in-person meeting will be very similar to how we held the Annual Town Meeting in June, although colder weather and less daylight at this time of year may change some things. We will have further information and details about the in-person meeting in a separate mailing.

We have shared this plan with the Chairs of the Finance Commission, the Planning Board, the School Committee, and the Board of Health, along with Sigalle Reiss, the Director of the Town's Health Department, and all of those people have endorsed the plan as the best approach in the circumstances. The Board of Selectmen also endorsed the plan at its meeting on October 27th.

While we hope that as many Town Meeting Members as possible will be able to attend Town Meeting on November 12th, we also recognize that conditions in the coronavirus pandemic are unprecedented and that many people are sincerely worried about their own health and that of their family members. We know that such concerns may prevent some Town Meeting Members from attending Town Meeting. We urge anyone who is sick or doesn't feel well, who is immuno-suppressed, or who lives with someone who is considered especially at risk of serious illness because of COVID-19 to think twice about attending Town Meeting. If you have any doubts about whether to attend or stay home, you may wish to consult your personal physician to discuss your concerns. Each of us must make his or her own decision, based on available information, professional advice, and personal feelings, and each person's individual decision must be accepted as the right one for that person.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Town Meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen at wplasko@norwoodma.gov or the Town Moderator at moderator@norwoodma.gov.

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Norwood Center needs your investment this season

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Staff Reporter

The Friends of Norwood Center (FNC) is asking residents to invest in the future of Norwood's local businesses during this critical time with its new "This Fall Shop Small Norwood" campaign.

FNC organizer Charlotte Walsh said going into the

Thanksgiving season, COVID-19 numbers have spiked and have made Norwood's business community understandably concerned. Many in Massachusetts are seeing the numbers continue to spike and are worried that Gov. Charlie Baker might shut down the state again. Without a relief bill from Congress, it could be devastating to the vibrancy of the Town of Norwood.

"Local businesses are definitely the lifeblood of our Town Center, and definitely our restaurants too," Walsh said. "Norwood has become a destination place for dining out, but as the winter approaches, the dining out is going to be difficult during Covid because a lot of the outdoor dining created

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Norwood's business community needs your help this fall.

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this summer with the help from the Town is going to go away. It's really important to work hard to keep these restaurants going through the winter."

Walsh said gift cards are a great way to help out local businesses. They are basically an upfront promise to patronize a local business without actually having to decide precisely what service or good to buy from said business.

"They're no-interest microloans to a small business every time you buy a gift certificate," she said.

And these dollars are very significant to those in the community. Big box stores and online retailers only give pennies on the dollar to the local economy, while 62 cents of every dollar spent at local businesses goes right back into the local circulation. That money provides liquidity, adds jobs and has been shown to help increase charitable contributions.

Walsh said dining in might be a problem and so she said residents should consider calling up and ordering takeout.

"But the big question in the room is how are the levels and phases going to work this winter?" she said. "People are concerned that the virus could get so bad that we have to go back to lower levels of programming. Is it going to go back to 25 percent indoor dining? Close down save for takeout? We can really support our restaurants by committing to once-a-week takeout. We're working on something like that right now."

Walsh said "Take-Out Tuesdays" should be coming out soon, but stressed the importance of gift cards for all local businesses.

"The same goes for salons and barber shops. We have a lot of salons and barbershops in Norwood and a great new eyelash salon now, but again those businesses could be very vulnerable if the governor decides to rollback reopening," she said. "I just want people to kind of start thinking in that way as we progress through the fall. Small Business Saturday is three weeks

away, and all the trends point to consumers wanting to support local and in-town businesses early, and they should, because it's unknown what's going to happen throughout the holidays."

The pandemic has had a big impact on Norwood local businesses. Several restaurants have closed and some are having trouble selling their liquor licenses, since bars are closed and dining in may not be as appealing as it once was.

"The unfortunate reality is that the Town has already lost some small businesses and there are many others that are struggling to survive," said Town Planner Paul Halkiotis. "If the economic impacts of the pandemic continue for another six months, many more local businesses will have to close up shop. There are lots of safe ways to shop local. Love them or lose them."

Walsh, who owns Charles River Running on Washington Street, said the local business community is her community.

"It's personal for me," she said. "I walk up and down the street and business owners know me by my first name and I know them too. I've only lived here and had my business here for eight years, but I feel this personal relationship with the business owners there.... We all know each other and that's a really, really comforting feeling. I guarantee you no one wants to give that up and if they don't want to lose that, they need to invest in it this fall."

Walsh did point out that some new businesses are starting up in Norwood Center, including Norwood Spice, and Happy Kitchen, which is slated to take over for Bamboo Cafe. She added a new taco restaurant is also in the works.

"I think it's a fantastic sign and I think Norwood is on the map for people all over to come and dine out," she said. "All the work the Town has done with Summer on Central and the wifi on the Common and the music, I think everyone is working well together now to make this hap-

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Norwood Police wants to make sure nobody goes hungry this season

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

School Resource Officers of the Norwood Police Department (NPD) are asking residents to start giving a little earlier this holiday season, requesting folks buy gift cards from supermarkets and dropping them off at drop boxes at the Norwood Public Safety Building and at local schools.

NPD Officer Geoffrey

Baguma said the idea is to make sure that no one in Town goes hungry this year, as times are so tough for some residents.

“The holiday season is coming up in no time, and we understand the impact that food has on our community; how a lack of food has both a physical and mental impact,” he said.

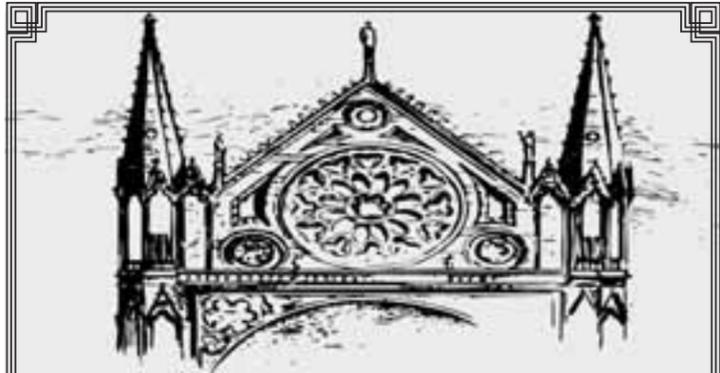
Baguma said the gift card works best, in his opinion, as fresh food can spoil and some

families need to make their food dollars stretch. A gift card lets a family buy food when it’s most useful to them.

“A gift card is a gesture that puts purchases into people’s hands,” he said. “Anything and everything is good to donate, but if you can give someone a gift card, that parent will have that additional pride and be able to go

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Helen Peterson McCloskey
Soloist

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One significant piece of information is that there were no large clusters of cases. In fact, nine households accounted for nearly half of the cases.

“We continue to see younger cases and less severe disease,” Reiss added, which was different from her last report to the School Committee two weeks ago. It is a trend statewide over the two-week period that most of the new cases are under age 39.

The age range is larger in Norwood, spanning from 2 to 95. Most of the cases hit the 20- to 40-year-old demographic, Reiss explained. There is much better testing data now than in March, which is extremely helpful.

As for what to do about the school system at this point, Reiss said the best thing to do is to keep things in place.

“I would say stay the course as really nothing has changed as far as the schools from when we spoke last,” she said. She was encouraged that there has been no in-school transmission and no spike in

the cases of school-aged children.

“I think part of the problem with describing this disease in our community is it’s sort of all over the place,” Reiss continued. “There’s no one thing we can point to. There’s no one cluster. There’s no one activity. It’s a lot of little things.”

She noted that the schools have been doing a commendable job with enforcing social distancing, sanitizing and other pandemic policies. It is other community activities such as house parties and family gatherings where precautions need to be taken.

School Committee Chair Teresa Stewart noted there has been some public confusion about when and if the schools might pivot to full remote. Norwood would have to be in the red zone for three consecutive weeks before the discussion would be brought up jointly by the School Committee and the Board of Health (BOH). This policy had been recommended by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

“Last week, DESE has come out and said that they’re not really going by the three-week trend anymore,” she said, “because of the good fact that we’re not seeing a lot of in-school transmission. Now DESE still has not clearly told us what metrics they want us to use as municipalities and committees to make decisions.”

She explained that the schools do not have to pivot to full remote learning because Norwood has been in the red at the time of the meeting for three weeks, so parents’ fears should be allayed.

Reiss added that it is better for the community to make the decision locally rather than having a “line

drawn in the sand.”

Myev Bodenhofer agreed that because there has been a successful student COVID-19 prevention rate with the hybrid model in place for seven weeks that it made sense to keep it in place for now.

“If we stay the course like we are, things are going to stabilize and stay the same,” added Board of Health Director Kathleen Bishop. “We don’t want to rush to get the kids back into remote because once they go in, it’s going to be very hard to get them back out again.”

She noted the strain on parents as well as the mental health issues for the students because of the transition.

“Just the fact that we’ve only had seven cases and no in-school transmissions shows that the program’s working and you are all doing a good job,” Bishop added.

School Superintendent Dr. David Thomson attributed the prevention to the split hybrid program, with deep cleanings of the buildings on Wednesdays. The buildings also are cleaned on Fridays and Saturdays. He praised all staff involved, from nursing to tech to health to teachers, for protecting the students and allowing them to attend in-person classes.

Dr. Joan Giblin said that at some point, the discussion should begin about when the schools should start phasing into more in-person learning, where possible. She brought up the idea of implementing that after the flu season is over in March.

“I know that we can’t get everybody in and stick with the six feet,” Bodenhofer added. “This is not something we’re proposing like it would happen quickly, and there would be a lot of discussion with a lot of stakeholders. But I do think it’s something that should be on our list to start slowly thinking about.”

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of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Inland Ecologist Aleandra Echandi to discuss methods to control the invasive species.

“She’s sort of a Mile-a-Minute expert and was responsible for introducing the Mile-a-Minute weevil to the state,” Jones said. “Though it was very cold and snowing, she was able to give us some suggestions to controlling Mile-a-Minute.”

Jones said there are some patches of the invasive vine on University Avenue, including the old conservation property and on the old golf course. She added that Echandi suggested mowing around the golf course and river area to keep the plant contained.

“And having hand-pulling parties, particularly in the spring before it starts flowering in June, and maybe segmenting up the properties so you can do one portion one year and another portion the next year and that sort of thing,” she said.

Jones said she has also reached out to the Neponset River Watershed Association to try to coordinate for future regional cleanups of the species.

“It’s definitely on their radar and are thinking about it and I think they would be willing to help support pulling parties,” she said. “We did also see evidence

of beetles eating the Mile-a-Minute, and so that’s a good sign and potentially makes it easier for native plants to compete.”

Jones said the Boston Skating Club seems interested in working with the ConCom to contain that species. She said nothing much can be done until the spring.

The ConCom also discussed a change to the plans for Lot 5 of 600 Nichols St. The property is the former home of local real estate developer Abraham Shagoury, and was recently granted a variance from the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals to place its building 10 feet from the property line of land owned by the Town (and makes it 50 feet away from the street). This also allows the building and construction crews to stay out of wetlands no-build and no-disturb buffers to the north of the property.

Jones said the applicant, Paul Eysie, is requesting a minor modification to the original order of conditions approved by the ConCom, but Jones said it is up to the membership as to whether or not Eysie is asking for more than a minor field change, and if so he would have to refile a new order of conditions with the ConCom.

Project representative David

Hern said he felt it was a minor change because it does not impact the conservation land in any negative way that he saw.

“All we’re asking for is for the Commission to note it and treat it as nothing more than a minor modification, or a field change,” he said.

Hern agreed that Eysie bought the property after the original order of conditions was put out, and so ConCom member John Gear said Eysie “knew what he was getting when he purchased it.” He said he was concerned that the construction of a leaching field would have excavating involved and may infringe on the no-build/no-disturb zones. He said because of this a more considered approach was necessary.

“I’d want to hear what the neighbors would say about that, they had quite a bit to say before,” he said. “This seems to be kind of shoehorned in here and I just don’t agree with it, but that’s where I stand on it.”

Project Architect John Glossa, who has been involved in the project since before Eysie bought the property, pointed out that a no-build zone just means no buildings.

“The only things we’re showing in the no-build zone is the underground infiltration as you said for the rooftop drainage, which was shown on the plans that were originally approved by the board,” he said. “We simply moved all that forward and away from the wetlands. My understanding is that the no-build zone means you cannot put a building in the zone, but it is clearly outlined by your regulations that you can put other things in there and it’s the no-disturb zone that has to be left in its



The mile-a-minute vines grow like their namesake, but are easily identified by their unusually regular and triangular shape.

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original condition, and we’re not showing anything there.”

Chair Stephen Washburn pointed out that the new leaching field and chamber would be about two or three feet from the no-disturb zone, which he felt could easily be impacted by the excavation of said area. He said everything else did seem like a minor modification.

Gear also said he had a problem with submitted language on the design, which stated the plans show a possible configuration for the house. He said he wanted it nailed down to something a bit more concrete than just “possible.”

Hern said that he wrote it that way because someone interested in buying the development may want to change the style of the house that goes in there without necessarily changing the effects of the building on the no-build or no-disturb zones.

Member Catherine Walsh said she agreed with Gear and would like to see the plans more nailed down and would like to see a new hearing opened so the public could weigh in.

“The plan the commission

approved several months ago showed a house that was essentially triangular in shape and that followed the line of the no-build zone boundary and the entire house was along that boundary.

By being able to slide that building forward through the front setback, we’re able to build a house that only touches that boundary in a couple of spots,” Hern said. “In fact, more of the structure is away from the no-build zone than originally approved by the commission and so we think what we’re proposing here is an improvement.”

Hern asked for approval for the particular configuration presented, and that if a potential new owner wanted to change the dimensions of the building, they would have to come back for a new approval from the Conservation Commission.

The ConCom voted unanimously to request the applicant to submit an amended order of conditions, which would require a new public hearing at a later date with public notification to the Town and abutters.

“If that’s what the board wants that’s what we’ll do,” Hern said.

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Monday, November 2

0800 Phone - Larceny Services

Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Report sunglasses and winter gloves missing. N458 notified.

1422 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address:

Austin St Female reports a man claiming to be from National Grid asked to read the meter in her home. She refused and he left. Unit reports he has left the area.

1448 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Railroad Ave Disagreement between neighbors, matter was resolved.

1618 Phone - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: Starbucks Coffee Co. - Bos-Prov Hwy Manager reports a customer threatened an employee yesterday.

1648 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Coventry Ln Female reports an unwanted male party in her apartment. Parties separated for the evening.

Tuesday, November 3

0810 Walk-In - Lost And Found

Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Party stops custodian and gives him a bicycle he found behind a business and stated he had to go and left, no further information. Bike placed in bike rack. N667 filled out a Lost and Found Entry Form-copy of same with Log Entry to Evidence Room. No identifying marks as to owner. Check of Stolen Bike entries-no matches.

1003 911 - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Delta Project House - Neponset St Resident reports she wants to kill herself because staff was rude to her. N677 reports 2 residents having an argument, separated for the afternoon, and staff has situation under control.

1250 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Greenwich Rd Resident in with a possible concern about his laptop. Pending investiga-

tion upon a further look of the laptop by IT here.

1544 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Merryfield Pl Owner came home to an open door. Officers check the house and all secure.

1627 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller seeking advice in regards to an issue with a family member who borrowed her car. Previous calls with cousin who damaged her vehicle in an out of town MVA. Requested an emergency order, officers attempted to assist, reporting party then changed her mind.

2015 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Highview St Party in the lobby requesting to retrieve property per court order. Contact with plaintiff unsuccessful. Party advised to return at a later date.

Wednesday, November 4

0312 911 - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Vinfen - Lansdowne Way Loud yelling going on in apartment. Small gathering. Advised and asked to keep it down.

0800 Phone - Well Being Chk *Report Filed Location/Address: Kings Rd Mother requests check of her son. N677 reports custody issue, son appears well cared for and N677 will file report.

0835 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Oxford Rd School Social Worker reports due to virtual learning they try to speak to each student by phone every 2 weeks. This student missed this week's check-in. Student and mother not answering phone and student has not signed-in. N669 reports no answer, mother's car is in driveway, will re-check. Caller notified.

0928 Phone - Larceny Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Report her face mask was taken out of her pocket-book sometime overnight.

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N458 notified.

0955 Phone - Lost And Found Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Rd Passing motorist turns in 3 U.S. flags attached to wooden flag poles found lying in street. He also notified someone picked 1 up at intersection of Clapboardtree and then someone else picked one up near Roche Bros. Call to Westwood and Dedham PD's-nothing turned in. Norwood Veteran's Office notified in case someone calls. Lost and Found Entry Form filled out. B.C.I. Secretary notified.

1100 911 - Malicious Damage Spoken To Location/Address: Vernon St Report door bell wire and cable wire have been cut sometime since Monday. N662 spoke to caller-she could not show any evidence of any cut wires. Also spoke to building manager there is nothing broken. Caller has mental health issue.

1120 Phone - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Brookfield Rd Brother finds his brother passed away. NFD, Norwood B.C.I., M.E., C.P.A.C., Funeral home all notified.

1323 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Rockhill St Officer advised after an ongoing issue with a neighbor. HPO options given.

1430 Phone - Well Being Chk Transported To Hospital Location/Address: Nahatan St Request check of resident whom did not answer for Meals on Wheels. N677 speaking to him through the door and believes he has fallen inside apartment. NFD sent and transported to hospital. HESSCO notified.

1639 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Coakley Middle School (Acct# 1378d) - Washington

St Caller reports he saw a man smashing the lock on a storage shed with a rock. BOLO to the cars.

Thursday, November 5

0824 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Dean St MA PC 625ZM1 towed to station by Center Autobody. N666 placed one party under arrest and transported him to the station. Refer To Arrest: 20-261-AR Arrest: Sanchez, Jorge Address: 19 Harlem St Dorchester, Ma Age: 47 Charges: License Revoked As Hto, Operate Mv With Cocaine, Trafficking In, 100 Grams Or More, Less Than 200 Grams Drug, Possess To Distrib Class A Warrant Arrest

0838 Initiated - Search Warrant Services Rendered Location/Address: Sturtevant Ave Detectives conduct search warrant.

1126 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Party in the lobby seeking advice on provisions of a court order. N662 determined there was no violation of that order, incidental contact only.

1127 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports a vehicle window was broken.

1320 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Sign removed from the yard Tuesday. Resident just wanted it reported.

1430 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Winter St Bullying issue over text.

Friday, November 6

0203 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Lenox St Matter was resolved.

1215 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St Subject checked on who was sleeping on the bench.

1458 Walk-In - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Elliot St Wellness check on an elderly female.

1519 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Rock St Caller reports damage

to a wire fence .N679 no damage and the fence is bent and not permanent

1805 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: West St Caller reports neighbors that live upstairs are being loud. N667 spoke to those individuals and they will keep the noise down for the night.

1921 Phone - Larceny Spoken To Location/Address: School St Items missing from his porch and mail. Ex girlfriend is the suspect and he has decided not to file a report at this time.

1940 Walk-In - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Dean St + Pond Ave Caller reports hearing one loud bang. Officer investigates fireworks reported in the area by teens outside.

2108 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Standish Dr Caller reports kids broke one of the shutters on her house.

2212 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Caller reports she can hear yelling from the apartment. N667 reports upon arrival all is quite, N667 did speak with them all checks out.

Saturday, November 7

0151 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Fulton St Party called 911 to report her basement door was locked and she could not get at her trash barrels. Party was advised to contact landlord.

0347 Phone - Susp Activity Could Not Locate Location/Address: Hill St NFD responded to box alarm at Neponset and Washington, report seeing a male party dressed in all black walking away from the area towards this location. Officers checked the area with negative results.

0627 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Calling party stated his upstairs neighbor is making too much noise by dragging things or walking loudly. N677 and N679 responded.

1216 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter Party advised on an ongoing IRS investigation.

1614 Phone - Malicious Damage

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Registration is required. To sign up and receive an email reminder along with the recipes, please visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. An email with the Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the program and again shortly before it begins.

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—S.G.H.

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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on December 1, 2020 at 7:00pm on the request of Steven Lore and Thomas R. Lore (Case #20-19) with respect to property located on 23 Lenox Avenue, in a G-General Residential District. This meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone <https://www.gotomeet.me/NorwoodZoningBoardofAppeal>. You can also dial in using your phone United States: +1 (312) 757-3121, Access Code:669-717-541.

This Application requests a SPECIAL PERMIT under Section 5.7.3 of the Zoning Bylaw to allow demolition of the currently existing two-story wood frame structure, concrete block garage and shed on the subject real estate and the construction of a proposed two-story house and garage on said parcel.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to allow for a rear setback on the subject property from the required setback of 30' to the proposed setback of 27.9' and, if necessary front setback variance from the required 20' to the proposed 12' for a front porch of said structure, and an area variance from the required 10,000 S.F. to the lost size of 8,549 S.F. pursuant to Section 10.2.2.

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

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CATALDO

Barbara E. (MacNeill) Cataldo, age 85 of Norwood, passed away peacefully at home Sunday November 1, 2020, with her loving family at her side. Born August 29, 1935 in Boston, she was the daughter of Mildred (Sweeney) MacNeill and Archie MacNeill. Barbara is predeceased by her husband, Anthony R (Dick) Cataldo II. Barbara worked as a Financial Assistant in the Town of Norwood. Barbara is survived by her four children, Nancy Henri and her husband Richard of Walpole, Mark Cataldo of Walpole, Cynthia Postler and her husband Christopher of Norwood, and Anthony R. Cataldo III, and his wife Denise of Norwood; 10 beautiful grandchildren Nicholas, Gabrielle, Nicole, Celine, John, Kyle, Luke, Shane, Addison, and Camryn. Her sisters Mildred Scarlata and her husband Anthony (Scal), Sally Petrucci and Edna Gately. Barbara is also predeceased by her brother William MacNeill, sister Virginia MacNeil, sister in law Carol MacNeill, and brothers in law John "Edgar" MacNeil, and Joseph Gately. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Barbara's name to the Norwood Food Pantry, 150 Chapel St, Norwood, MA 02062. Funeral services and burial at Highland Cemetery in Norwood will be private.

**FLAHERTY**

Josephine Virginia (DeRoma) 94, died October 30, 2020 at home in Watertown, MA. Born on December 31, 1925 in Walpole, a longtime resident of Norwood, also of Mashpee, MA. Josephine graduated from Norwood High School and Henry O. Peabody School Graduate Business Program. Over many decades she oversaw



A.C. DeRoma Electrical & Industrial Supply Co. Inc., in South Norwood with her late husband, John W. Flaherty. Her expertise in this field was respected by many customers in town and abroad. She was admired for her business acumen and congeniality to others in the industry and recognized for her professionalism in Electrical Magazine. In her community, Mrs. Flaherty served as a president of the PTA and was a Girl Scout Leader. A vivacious and outgoing personality, Josephine was known as "Mama Jo" to family and friends. Pool time and gatherings were often shared with great food and strong cocktails. As a sports devotee, Mama Jo enjoyed many seasons as a member of the Boston Madison Square Garden Club and followed Boston teams avidly. She is survived by three children, Joel Flaherty (wife Laura), Watertown, Kristin Chandler, Norwood, Kathleen Denizard, Dartmouth. She is the mother of the late John E. Flaherty and Shirley Anne Radcliffe. She is further survived by several great grandchildren, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Josephine's name to Good Shepherd Community Care, 90 Wells Avenue, Newton, MA 02459. KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME NORWOOD, MA 781-762-0482 WWW.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM

KOVAL

JOHN "Jack" P. Jr. of Norwood passed away on November 4, 2020 at the age of 74. Beloved son of the late John P. and Mary J. (Roslauskas) Koval. Devoted brother of Michael "Iggy" Koval of Norwood and Gregory and his wife Nancy of Franklin. Cherished uncle of Andrew Koval of Framingham and Wellfleet. John was a 1964 graduate of Norwood High



Suzanne Koval of Wellfleet. John was a 1964 graduate of Norwood High

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School. He retired from the Town of Norwood, DPW working there for many years. John was a US Air Force Vietnam Veteran. Jack enjoyed being with his family very much. He was dedicated to his family and cherished being with them, never missing a birthday, anniversary or special occasion. He was an avid sports fan and perhaps one of the greatest whiffle ball pitcher ever (Just ask him). He enjoyed music and listening to his many albums, especially the Rolling Stones. We will miss his caring, thoughtfulness and humor which he blessed us with. Due to Covid and the safety of our family and friends, services will be private. A celebration of Jack's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to a charity of your choice. KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME NORWOOD, MA 781-762-0482 WWW.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM

KUREY

Anne Marie (Saunders) Kurey, 69, of Norwood, passed away peacefully after a period of declining health on November 1, 2020 at the Briarwood Rehabilitation Center in Needham. The beloved wife of Joseph M. Kurey, she was born in Arlington on April 2, 1951 to the late Robert W. and Frances (Woodruff) Saunders. Anne is a 1969 graduate of Lexington High School and worked at Norwood Hospital as a Certified Registered Central Service Technician for 13 years until her disability forced her to retire. She is a Past President of the Distaff Side of the Colonial Craftsmen's Club of Colonial Massachusetts, Inc. She is survived by her husband Joe; son Scott Kurey and his wife Loretta of Norwood; sisters Martha Johnson and her husband James of WI, Ellen Gould and her husband John of CT; grandchildren Nicholas Kurey of CT, Michelle Kurey and Diana Kurey of Foxboro, David Barrows of Taunton, Ryan Scrima of New Bedford; great grandchildren Kaiden Kurey of CT, Lithira and Malakai Powell of MA, Nathan and Addie Scrima of MA; niece Andrea Saunders of New Castle, DE; nephews Mark Saunders and his wife Ann of Deedham, David Gould of Marlborough, CT, Richard Sveum of Monroe, IA and Robert Sveum and his wife Teresa of Brodhead, WI. Anne was predeceased by her parents, her brother Robert W. Saunders, Jr. and her nephew Stephen Gould. Due to the Corona Virus pandemic and for the safety and health of others there are no immediate services scheduled. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Barbara may be made to either The Distaff Side, % Kurey, PO Box 473, Norwood, MA 02062 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave an online condolence, please visit Anne's memorial page at www.actonfuneralhome.com

**MAHONEY**

A. Theresa Agnes Theresa (McDonough) Mahoney of Norwood, and formerly of Westwood, Dedham, and Walpole, Nov 2, age 92. Loving wife of the late Vincent G. Mahoney, and dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Her Funeral Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church in Westwood, and burial at the MA National Cemetery in Bourne were private. Folsom Funeral Home www.folsomfuneral.com

MORRISON

ANDREW Joseph of Norwood and Sebastian, FL passed away November 7, 2020 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 83. Devoted husband to the late Patricia (Gilbride) Morrison whom he was married for 55 years before her passing in 2016. Beloved and loving dad to



Mary Ruhl and her husband Chuck of N. Attleboro, Kathleen A. Morrison and her partner Richard Webber of Norwood, Daniel J. Morrison and his wife MaryEllen of Foxboro, Patricia "Tricia" Morrison and her husband Scott Wyman of MN and the late Maureen Morrison. Brother "Bud" of Donald Morrison of Derry, NH, George Howard Morrison of New Haven, CT and the late Allan Morrison, Paul Morrison and Eleanor Basler. Cherished Papa to Jennifer and Joseph Cullen, Nick Carter, Caitlyn and Nicholas (Clark), Connor and Andrew Wyman and the late David Carter. Great Papa of Cody, Lizzy and the late Owen Cullen. Also survived by his two childhood friends James "Jimmy" Ferrick of ME and John "Johnny" Deane of NH and many nieces and nephews. Andy was a member of Malden High School, Class of 1956 (where he still holds track records), the Irish American Club of Malden, Kevin Barry Pipe and Drum of Malden and the Norwood Elks. He was former owner of Morrison Electronics. Andy was proud of his Irish/Scottish heritage and one of his impressive achievements was learning to play the bagpipes as an adult. We would like to thank his late friend John Eagan for his patience and talent showing him the way. Andrew worked in Electronic Sales, starting at Durell in Somerville, then A+W Electronics in Medford, where he and Pat enjoyed perks of annual European trips. He eventually retired from the MacInnis Co. in Norwood. In his retirement, Andy enjoyed spending time in Jefferson, ME, where he and Pat had a home on Damariscotta Lake, enjoying boat rides and "Friendly" card games with the friends they made. They also had a home at Beach Cove Sebastian, FL, enjoying neighborhood get togethers and winters sitting in the warm sun. They would always let us know what the weather was like compared to here, especially when gathered for the afternoon "vespers" at the neighbors deck. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2020 2-5pm at the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood WWW.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery, Norwood with military honors. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the American Heart Assoc. 300 5th Avenue, Unit #6 Waltham, MA 02451 or the Jimmy Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284, www.jimmyfund.org/gift

PRIMPAS

Triantafili (Panos) of Norwood, MA, passed away on Oct. 30, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Ioannis T. Primpas. Devoted mother of Mary Barounis and her husband Fotis, and the late Theodore Primpas and his late wife Stella. Grandmother of John Primpas and his wife Pamela, and George Primpas and his wife Kelly, Ireni, Kristina and Juliana Barounis. Great-grandmother of Stella and Teddy Primpas. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends here and in Greece. For online guestbook, please visit www.Faggas.com Faggas Funeral Home 800-222-2586. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the above named or church or to the Metropolis of Boston Camp, 162 Goddard Ave., Brookline, MA 02445. Due to the current pandemic, there will be no visitation prior to the service. Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

ROSSI

ANNA F. (Montella) of Norwood formerly of Cranston, RI passed away on November 5, 2020 at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Anthony G. Rossi. Daughter of the late Mariano and Mary (Gemma) Montella. Devoted and loving mother of Anthony Rossi and his wife Melinda of Norwood, Linda A. McRae and her husband Kenneth of Norwood, Carol A. Santilli and her husband Mario of Cranston, RI, Lori A. Anello and her husband Joseph of Walpole, Maria A. Gorman and her husband Jack of Norwood and Lisa M. DeFlaminis and her husband Marc of Wrentham. Sister of the Late Dr. Frank A. Montella and her late twin sister Lucy J. Cunetta. Cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Also survived by 2 nieces and her bingo family. Anna loved to play bingo and she enjoyed her family and grandchildren. She also loved going out with her RI friends to dinner. She will be greatly missed by all. The family would like to thank the Visiting Nurses Assoc. of Walpole for all the care they provided to Anna. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack



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*Report Filed Location/Address: Pine St Damage to a religious statue.
 1616 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Lane Dr Caller reports juveniles playing basketball in her driveway. All parties advised.
 1834 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Access Rd + Azalea

Dr Caller reports kids yelling in the area. N669 checked the area, people outside talking.
 1842 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Wickham Way Caller reports her downstairs neighbor is being verbally abusive to her and her two year old. Officers spoke to all parties involved, advised.

1912 911 - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Fales Ave Caller reports hearing her mailbox being shaken back and forth. N666 checked the area, all appears in order.

2018 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr State Police Milton received a call from a female party stating she was in the car with a male party that took her keys and would not give them back. Caller reported that she was going to this address, no further information. Officers located her, all appears in order. State Police advised.

2209 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: St John Ave Loud music.

2222 Phone - Assist Citizen Area Search Negative Loca-

tion/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller seeks advice in regards to possible drug activity. Multiple residents state that party was outside by herself yelling. Officers searched the area, party was gone on arrival. No answer upon call back.

Sunday, November 8

0042 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hampden Dr Caller states neighbors are being very loud on their deck. N679, N677 responded.

0816 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Wilson St Husband and wife seperated.

1312 911 - Report Of Fight Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Pleasant St Disturbance between neighbors. Female placed under arrest. Refer To Arrest: 20-263-AR Arrest: Bilotta, Patricia A Address: 76 Pleasant St

Norwood, Ma Age: 54 Charges: Disorderly Conduct Resist Arrest
 1425 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Kerry Pl Female reports loud work being done at a business near her home. N677 attempted to speak to the workers, but could not locate.

1449 Walk-In - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Airport Inc - Access Rd Party advised on a past incident.

1452 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwich Rd Female reports loud yelling from neighbor's house. Units spoke to all involved, no issue.

1600 Phone - Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reports another party using the dog park threatened her dog with a knife.

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Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood. A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11am at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. A private family burial will take place at St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, RI. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. www.stjude.org KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME NORWOOD, MA 781-762-0482 WWW.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM

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to a store and be able to buy exactly what he or she wants and their family needs.”

Baguma added that it also allows parents to buy food that their children aren't allergic to or that they prefer to eat.

“It gives flexibility,” he said.

Baguma said they accept any grocery gift card.

“I went to Giftcardmall.com to get mine,” he said. “I just printed out a gift card.”

Baguma said he understands that some families may have a hard time taking what they might consider a handout. Even in a pandemic, people may be reluctant to ask for help, and he said finding ways to help those people without creating stigma is a win-win for everyone.

“We just want to provide those families with a little more pride,” he said. “That’s why we’re taking away the whole gift basket thing and just trying to take out all the stigma possible.”

Baguma said the hope is that this turns into a yearly event. He said they will donate all the cards to families in need identified by the Norwood Public Schools system.

“This will be the first of many events,” he said. “It’s going to be an annual thing, the community taking care of the community.”

He added that there are currently plans to start up a similar but separate program for the Christmas season for toys and other gifts.

“But this is specifically for Thanksgiving,” he said.

The program is running from Nov. 9 to Nov. 23. Residents can drop off gift cards at the station or they can send them with their children to their schools where each Norwood Public School building will have an area where the kids can drop off the cards.

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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.

Dear Doctor: I have a 1987 Mercedes 260E (W124) with over 250,000 miles with the original engine and transmission. I only drive it once a week and sometimes only twice a month. I am experiencing delayed starts when cold. I've learned that if I turn the ignition on but not attempt to start right away, and if I wait at least 5 minutes, the car will start. However, if I attempt to drive while cold, the engine will stall and die. So after starting the car, I let it idle until the temperature gauge reaches over 80 degrees Celsius, then the car behaves like new, like nothing happened. I have been reading on the internet that one possibility is a worn or defective fuel pressure regulator which cause fuel to spend a long time traveling from the tank to the engine. Sometimes I see a light colored smoke when first starting the car, then when warm it goes away. Can you help? –David

A) Your problem is fuel related and cycling the key or leaving it on does pressurize the fuel system. The technician also needs to check the sensor values especially the coolant temperature reading. The system in your car is old and will require a technician that can follow some testing procedures. Identifix does list a few possibilities and testing procedures. There is a cold start injector, over voltage protection fuse in the cold start relay, small vacuum leak and of course fuel pressure is critical. The complete trouble shooting flow chart is at Identifix. The shop does have to be subscribed to Identifix to access the information. Alldata will have the complete wiring system location of needed components in color to also aid in the trouble shooting.

Junior Damato, the “Auto Doctor,” has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to news@bulletinnewspapers.com and we will do our best to get them answered.

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