

## School Committee faces COVID-19 quarantine quandary due to conflicting guidelines

**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met on Wed. Dec. 16 and discussed the differing guidelines for returning from a COVID-19 quarantine issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and how those guidelines would affect return-to-school policy now that Norwood is once again in the red zone.

Health Department Director Sigalle Reiss said Norwood is now in the highest of the four categories of COVID-19 exposure, or red zone, most likely due to exposures over the Thanksgiving weekend.

After a lengthy debate and an adjournment into executive session, the School Committee voted 5-0 regarding students to “continue to follow the stricter of the two agencies – either DESE or DPH - as they are related to quarantine and testing procedures,” according to a motion made by Dr. Joan Giblin, which Superintendent Dr. David Thomson clarified.

At the time of the meeting, Thomson said that the DESE required a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test for students to return to school after COVID-19 exposure “to test out of a non-symptomatic quarantine situation,” and if a

negative test result has been obtained after the eighth day, the student can return to school after ten days of quarantine. The PCR test can analyze the coronavirus’ genetic code.

“That is what the current DESE recommendation or guideline is at this point in time,” he said. “That is what the schools will go with at this point until we sort out the situation going forward.”

He added that, during the earlier stages of the virus, the policy was “to follow the stricter standard.”

What was problematic is that the DPH listed new criteria for when people can be released from quarantine based on what is believed to be the increasing effectiveness of the antigen test. The DESE had not updated its criteria at the time of the meeting, so the Norwood Public Schools are at a stricter quarantine standard than the Town.

Reiss explained that, from Nov. 29 through Dec. 12, there was a “significant increase” in the number of COVID-19 cases in Norwood, jumping from 167 to 262 from the previous two-week period. The average daily case count average is 61.9 per 100,000.

Regarding the schools, there were 31 cases in the Norwood Public Schools including students and staff during this period. There were no cases of in-school transmission. Six cases of close contacts were identified in school, but none had

tested positive at the time of the meeting.

The changes in quarantine guidance by MPH were problematic for the committee to deal with because they contradicted what DESE had recommended. They are also multi-layered and would be hard to enforce because they depend upon citizen compliance.

Called “The 7-10-14 Rule,” the antigen test can now be used to determine the length of a quarantine as well as a PCR test, although the PCR test is still considered “the gold standard,” according to Reiss.

“We like to phrase this conversation in that quarantine is still 14 days,” Reiss said. “You still have to monitor your symptoms regardless of when you can be released from the strict quarantine of where you have to literally stay in your home for those 14 days and only go out to get tested.”

With the new parameters, you can be released from strict quarantine on Day Eight if you get a PCR or antigen test on Day Five or later and have no symptoms, and you also agree to actively monitor your symptoms until Day 14. If you do not get a test and are asymptomatic, you can be released from quarantine on Day 11 if you agree to monitor your symptoms. If someone should test negative but exhibit symptoms, he or she needs to complete the entire two-week quarantine.

The idea behind the new guidelines is to still get within



Joan Giblin



Theresa Stewart



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a 95 percent degree of preventing transmission while shortening the quarantine period to something that is more manageable for people.

“Once again, the guidelines and the recommendations that the schools are get-

**Schools**

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## Coyotes an increasing neighborhood problem

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Since the species' first sighting in 1957 in the Berkshires, coyotes have been a reality of life in Massachusetts, and according to many experts, they are becoming more and more prevalent and adaptive to life here in New England.

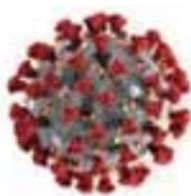
Residents all across Norwood have been reporting sightings on streets, yards and woods and, unfortunately, some residents have reported losing pets to the ever-urbanizing predator.

“We’ve lived in Norwood for about five years and we’ve always let our dogs out in the back, and we have a nice fenced-in yard and we’ve never had any issues,” said resident Cheryl Cahoon. “We’ve got a good wall and so you’re talking about at least six to eight feet.”

**Coyote**

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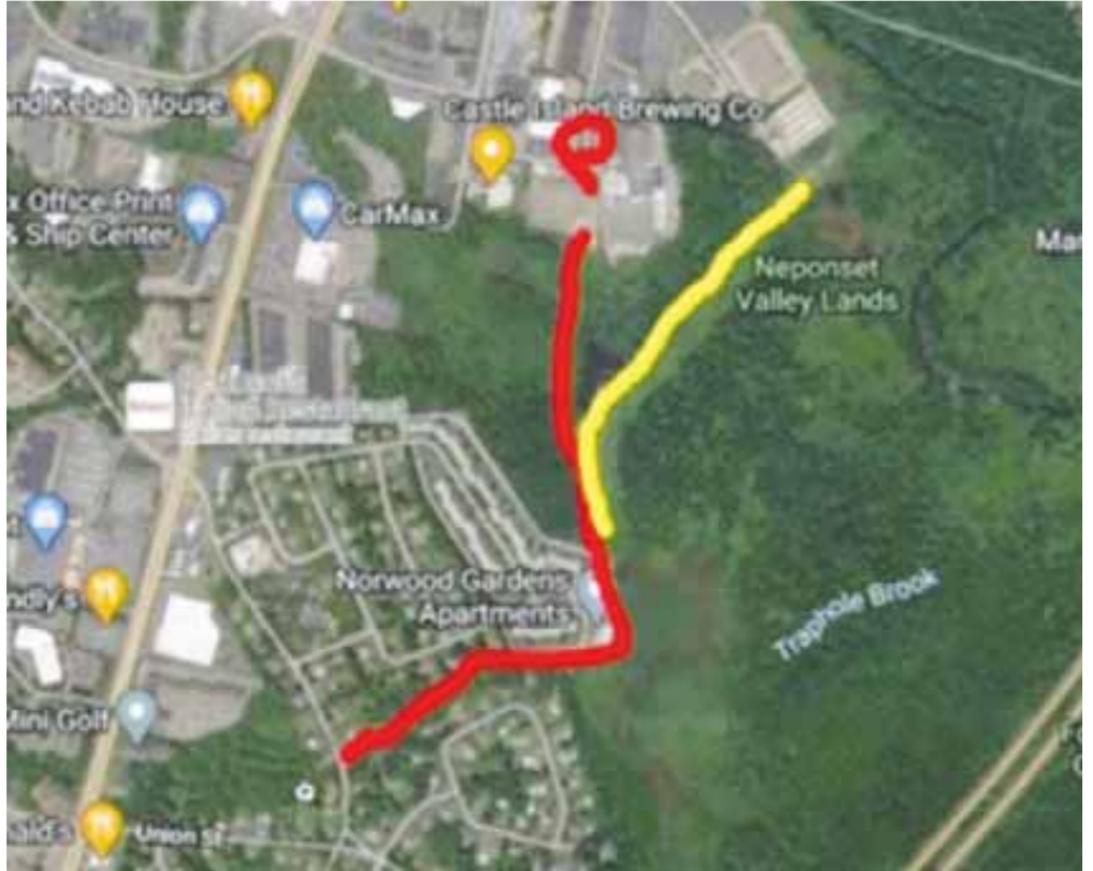
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The Trails Committee will be soon meeting for a New Year's Day walk to ring in 2021.

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# Trails considers a New Year walk and reindeer games

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Trails Advisory Committee (NTC) met on Dec. 15 in a virtual platform to discuss several items regarding the Town's great outdoors. While the weather may not seem like it's cooperating,

NTC Chair Joseph Greeley said from what he's seen, residents are itching to get outside and have some fun. He said the NTC and the Norwood Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) arm of the Norwood Public Schools have teamed up to bring residents the Reindeer

Adventure 2020 at Endean Park until Dec. 27.

The idea is basically a scavenger hunt for five reindeer who are perusing the foliage at Endean Park. Trail markers act as clues for children to find their reindeer. Greeley said he

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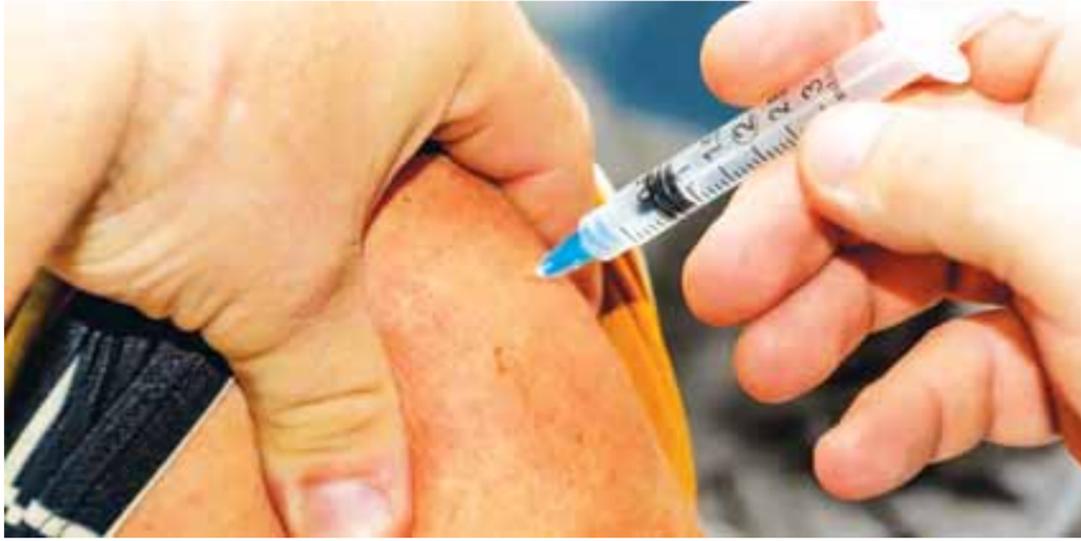
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The Health Department also still has 130 doses of the flu vaccine for residents of the Town aged over 14. COURTESY PHOTO

## Board of Health is worried about Covid

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health met on Tuesday, Dec. 15 and discussed the rising numbers of COVID-19 confirmed cases both in the state and in the Town.

Health Department Director Sigalle Reiss said the weekly state report (which comes out every Thursday and can be found at [mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting#covid-19-weekly-public-health-report](https://mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting#covid-19-weekly-public-health-report)) said that there have been 260 cases in the weeks from Nov. 26 to Dec. 12 (though at the time of those numbers coming in there were still tests being performed).

"Numbers have really risen in the last two weeks," she said. "It's a drastic increase."

Reiss said in the testing range before those two weeks, there were 167 cases, and so infection rates have been rising in Norwood and across the state. According to the state's weekly dashboard, only 43 municipalities in Massachusetts have been able to lower their infection rate.

Board Member Kathleen Bishop asked if this was "Thanksgiving starting to show," and Reiss she believes that to be the case.

"Anecdotally, we had a few cases that were linked to Thanksgiving gatherings for sure," she said. "It's due to Thanksgiving, it's due to the second surge, and you know it's like we keep saying, there's no one thing we can really point to. It's just a lot of spread in a lot of different places unfortunately."

Board Member Joan Jacobs said she was dreading the reports after Christmas.

"You can just imagine what it's going to be like after Christmas," she said.

Norwood Sanitarian Angelo De Luca went through his monthly report for the Town's food establishments. First he

reviewed the new food establishments recently approved for permits, which included DJ Dogs Food Truck at Furlong's on Fridays. He added that Cedar Market will soon have a beer and wine license and will be inspected for those sales after the license has gone through.

As far as inspections, De Luca said Seven Hens store was cutting up fruit in the walk-in cooler and selling it to customers, something for which they did not have a permit allowing them to do so.

"You need certified staff on-site to do something like that," De Luca said. "They did voluntarily discard the product they prepared onsite. They're not doing that currently and they have no plans to expand the operation to do something like that there."

De Luca said there have been no violations of COVID-19 restrictions at the time of the meeting, either in terms of residents reporting mask complaints or reports of alcohol establishments serving alcohol after 9:30 p.m. for this time period.

Reiss said for these kinds of complaints, the Health Department doesn't go out and confirm them, generally. She said they are able to go out and inspect a location during regular 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. business hours for mask and other compliance-related complaints, but for after-hours operations she said they generally look at time-stamped video or ask the Norwood Police Department to follow up if they have a car available.

"We're spread pretty thin ourselves," Reiss said. "A lot of times, to be honest, people have video these days and if we do get a complaint of service after hours people can review their video tapes and see if that was going on. We do get complaints, and some are substantiated and some aren't, some are true and some aren't, but regardless we try to follow

up on all of them."

Reiss said that establishments have to stop serving by 9:30 p.m. and have to close fully at 10 p.m.

Also discussed at the meeting was the Norwood Flu Clinics, held every Thursday for Norwood residents. As of Dec. 16, Assistant Health Department Director Stacey Lane said there are 130 doses left. Any resident 14 years or older can come and get one, but it is by appointment only. Call 781-384-9197 to make an appointment from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday.



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## Christmas pastimes

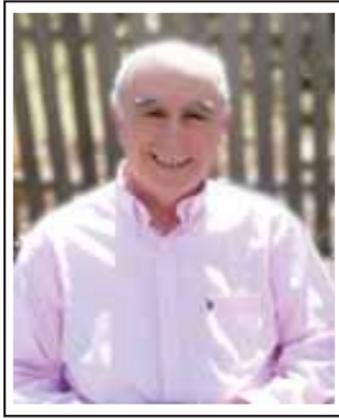
My favorite Christmas book is gone — forever! It was a thin and somewhat dilapidated paperback that, having survived numerous readings as well as hot summers and brutal winters in our attic, must have been tossed out last year after the holidays.

Most people have a favorite Christmas movie—the one they enjoy seeing on TV. Mine is so old that it is usually not reshown and reshowed, as happens to many Xmas movies: the original “Miracle on 34th Street” with Edmund Gwinn, John Payne, Maureen O’Hara, and a very young Natalie Wood.

(If you think I’m picky about the original version, I know somebody who, as an informal Dickensian aficionado, claims that the only “Christmas Carol” worth watching is the 1951 version with Alastair Sim playing Ebenezer Scrooge.)

Most people have favorite Christmas carols that they enjoy hearing over and over. They might even have renditions by their favorite recording artists. So don’t I: “Joy to the World” by the Ray Conniff singers in which there are some spectacular high notes, the less common “Mary’s Boy Child” by Anne Murray, and “For Unto Us a Child Is Born” by the Boston College Chorale.

They may even have their favorite essays/short stories. Mine happens to be taken from The New York Sun newspaper on December 21, 1912, when an editor replied to a letter by a very young Virginia O’Hanlon whether there is a Santa Claus. “Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus” actually came in handy several weeks ago when I had to paraphrase a line or two from it when the question was posed to me, “Where is Jesus?” I knew that the answer “in



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heaven” would not suffice to an inquisitive six-year-old.

Back to a favorite book, which actually did not reach that echelon until several decades ago. It’s actually a Young Adult book, according to some librarians: “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.” Written in 1971 by Barbara Robinson, the novelette is tender and hilarious at the same time as it details the actions of Imogene Herdman and her five hard-scrabble siblings preparing to participate in the annual church Christmas play.

A reading of the reviews will surprise you as to how many other adults characterize it as a great read, even inducing tears for a number of readers.

So this year there won’t be any curling up beside the fireplace in the days leading up to Christmas with some Hood’s Golden Eggnog while reading Robinson’s heartwarming words. But there will be thoughts of Imogene as well as her brothers and sisters, as the book ever so furtively touches upon the real meaning of the season.

feels this is a great activity for families looking to get out of the house for a while.

“I was out there today and it was really kind of funny, there were two families of about six or seven kids and they just couldn’t wait to get to the next reindeer on this scavenger hunt,” Greeley said.

Greeley said Marie Duffy-Kidd is managing the event on behalf of the CFCE, and that the NTC helped to organize the event.

“Marie did all the hard work including rounding up the reindeer,” Krupp said.

For more info on the Reindeer Adventure (or for some clues as to the reindeer’s whereabouts) go to <http://smore.com/nwhk3>.

The NTC also discussed an upcoming New Year’s Day hike to take place at the Neponset Valley Lands just outside of the Vanderbilt Avenue Office Park. The NTC invites anyone interested to come to the corner of Astor Avenue and Morgan Drive at 2 p.m. on New Year’s Day.

“From what I saw today that is totally passable and will

remain passable, all the way out to Sumner Street where Pezwick Park is,” said Member Lee Leach. “It’s a fun activity for both young and old. I know (NTC Member) Marguerite (Krupp) helped set it up. I hope this is one of many to follow.”

Leach said most of the trail is double wide, but would include two instances of walking through the Norwood Gardens Apartments. Greeley also pointed out that they’ve had to ask permission to walk that particular trail since some of the area goes through private property.

Leach said they have not decided on the specific route yet, as one is a little more scenic but may be impacted by the weather. For either trail, the entire walk should last no longer than 45 minutes to an hour. Greeley said anyone interested is invited to attend the walk.

Resident and NTC Member Kate Smith also gave an update on her work within the committee to reach out to Norwood Public Schools and each school’s Parent Teacher

Association (PTA) to coordinate walks with families in the trails outside the schools.

Smith said they are in the introductory phase right now, and has set up a basic presentation for members to go to upcoming PTA meetings and pitch the idea of school trail walks in the future. Basically, each school is near a trail system; the Balch is near Endean, the Prescott is near Ledgeview and Hennessey Field, the Oldham is new Germany Brook, etc., and the NTC wants to organize walks with the schools to help show young residents what Norwood’s more green areas are like.

Smith also said she walked Hennessey Field about a week prior to the meeting and was very impressed by the recent efforts to clean up the area back in September.

“I only saw one piece of glass,” she said. “It was almost as though someone else had gone to clean up some things and helped us out. I was very pleased about how things looked up there.”

## Coyotes continued from page 1

Cahoon said recently around dusk they let their small terrier Patti outside to exercise and she said they heard her barking but didn’t think too much of it.

“My husband went out to start calling her and found her out by the fence,” she said. “It’s like they killed her in one spot and dragged her to the fence but she was too heavy for them to lift... Not in a million years did we think those coyotes would be able to get over that fence and get at our dogs.”

Cahoon said she most wanted neighbors to be aware of the crafty and sly nature of these animals, and Norwood Animal Control Officer Henry Cerqueira said you would be surprised how comfortable these wild animals have gotten around humans. He said there were instances in the past where officers and hunters could lay traps, but that was done away with in the 90s. He said now he can only shoot one if it is injured or posing an immediate threat, and in the age of camera phones residents are more interested in not scaring the animal to get a photo rather than scaring it off, and that’s made them less wary of humans.

“It’s a matter of firstly eliminating the food source and, you know, people need to hate them,” he said. “People need to harass them so they’re not comfortable with being around people and houses when there’s people around. What people try to do is to take pictures of them. They’re quiet, they stay in the house, but what they should be doing is going outside and they should be yelling at them, throwing things

at them and running after them so they’re afraid of humans.”

Cerqueira said he had a recent incident where he could have shot and killed a coyote, as he’s only allowed to do so if the animal is sick or poses an immediate threat, but the animal was scared off.

“They’re very brazen,” he said. “Last Friday I had one up at the Elks Parkway and then on Sunday too,” he said. “He had the mange, he was biting himself and he was in rough shape and I was following him and he didn’t care. I called the police to come down so I could shoot him and then a couple of kids in their truck saw what I was doing and they wanted to take pictures. They scared it into a backyard and that was it. The problem is everybody’s got a phone and everybody wants to take a picture.”

Coyotes are becoming increasingly urbanized. Some have been spotted in Chicago’s Lincoln Park, others in New York’s Central Park, and Boston has a fair population growing in the city as well. The issue is some coyotes are adapting to hunt during the night and sleep in an underused space, like a sewer or garbage area, during the day, and therefore are rarely seen by humans.

“The problem is they are so smart, I mean these coyotes have coyote DNA, dog DNA and wolf DNA,” Cerqueira said. “So it’s a combination of the three species and so they’re super smart and they pack. The coyotes out west, they look like

a scrawny fox and they’re solitary animals. The animals we have up here are very smart, they’re very cunning and they’re thriving because they’re so intelligent.”

Cerqueira said that if a coyote sees an outdoor pet, generally they will sit and wait to establish the animal’s patterns.

“Let’s say you have an indoor outdoor cat,” he said. “A coyote will come around and watch the cat. He will come around day after day watching what the cat does and will take the opportune moment to grab her. He doesn’t see a cat and go after it, he’ll watch. Same thing with people with small dogs.”

He added that any resident who has had a pet killed by a coyote to call the animal control officer. He said he knows it’s a common occurrence unfortunately, but they need to know where and when it happens to be able to track incidents and the movements of said coyotes.

“My dog was grabbed last year in my backyard too,” he said. “You’d think they’d respect the animal control officer but no. They grabbed my dog and it was a tough, tough thing.”

Cahoon said there has been an outpouring of support from residents, and she said she hopes the outpouring results in people being more careful so they don’t have to go through what she went through.

“It’s just an incredible Town to live in and I’m grateful to be here,” she said.



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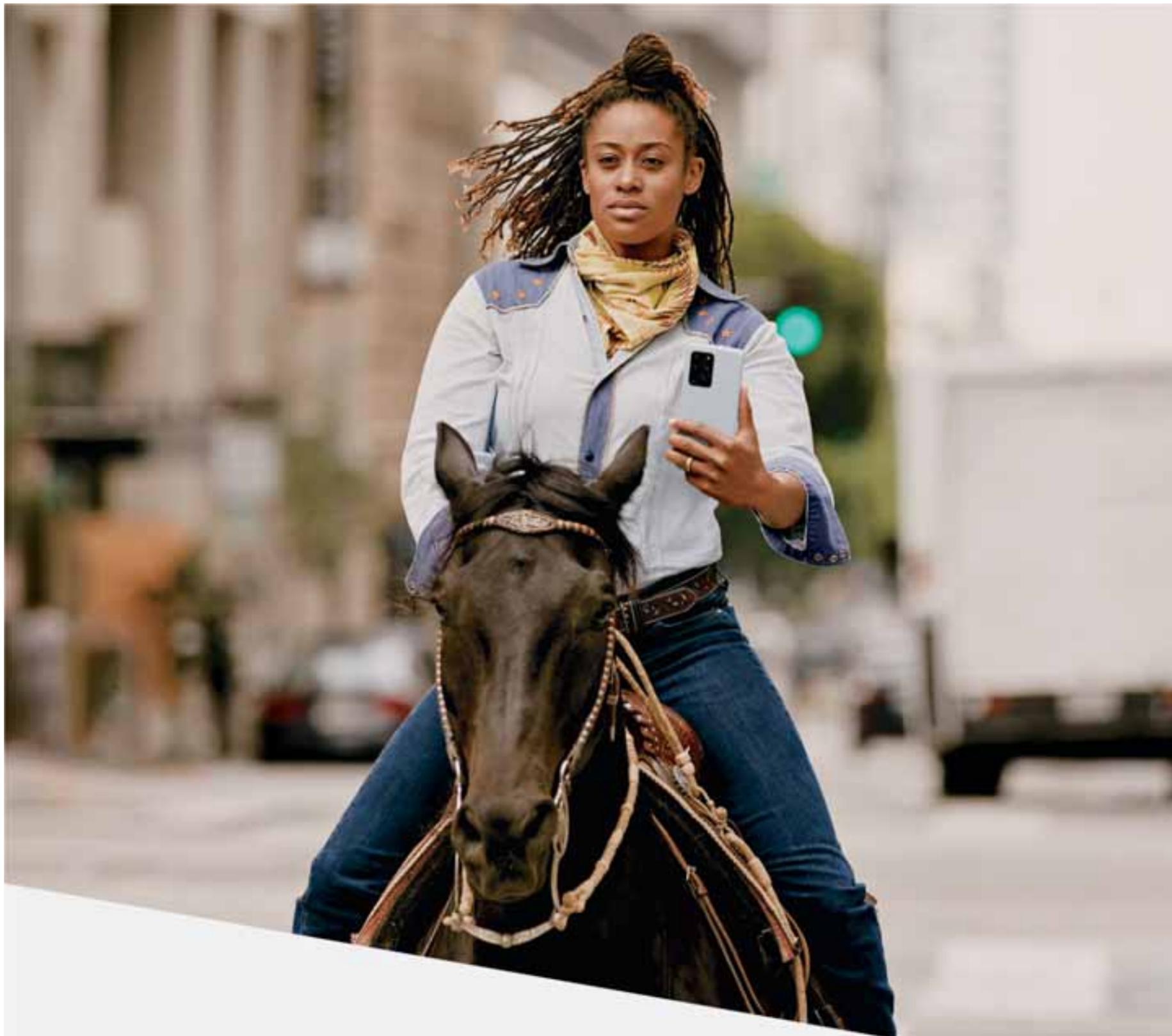
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## Should I Claim Social Security at 62?

**Dear Rusty:** I'm looking for information about retiring and starting my Social Security very soon at age 62. I'm not sure if I want to do it because I'm not sure if I can. Can you help me figure this out?

**Signed: Hesitant**



**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Hesitant:** I know it can be daunting trying to figure out whether and when to claim your Social Security benefits. I'll give you some of the basics:

First, you should know that if you claim your benefits at age 62, your benefit amount will be considerably reduced from what it would be if you waited longer to claim. At 62, your benefit will be about 28% less than it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) which, for you is 66 years and 8 months. Your benefit will continue to grow by a fraction of a percentage point each month you wait, until it reaches 100% at your FRA. You can choose to delay even longer than your FRA, and your benefit will continue to grow up to age 70 when you reach your maximum benefit amount. For you, that maximum at age 70 would be about 28% more than you would get at your FRA and about 75% more than you would get at age 62. There is a considerable financial advantage to waiting to claim.

If you continue working, and you claim at age 62 (or at any age before your FRA), you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much you can earn before they take back some of your benefits. Starting at age 62 and continuing until the year you attain FRA, there will be an annual limit to your earnings (the 2021 limit is \$18,960) and, if you exceed that, SS will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. That could mean you will go some number of months without receiving benefits until Social Security recovers what you owe because you exceeded the earnings limit. Of course, if you fully retire from work now that is not a concern, but it may influence a future decision to return to work. Social Security's earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

Your marital status also comes into play. If you are married, and your benefit as a

spouse will be more than your personal benefit will be, then there are some special considerations which might affect your claiming decision. Generally, if your spousal benefit will be more than your own benefit (from your lifetime work record), and your husband isn't yet collecting benefits, it's often wise to claim your own earlier and take the larger spouse benefit later. Of course, if you're not married you need only be concerned about your personal benefit from your own lifetime earnings record and waiting for a larger life-long benefit, if possible, is often the most prudent choice.

Those are the basic things you should consider when trying to decide when to claim your benefits. But your need for the money now, plus your health and life expectancy are also key to your decision. If you need the money earlier to make ends meet, and you won't be severely affected by the earnings limit, then claiming early can be your most prudent choice. Or, if you are not enjoying good health and have reason to believe that you won't live at least until today's average age for a woman (about 87), then that also suggests claiming early. But, if you are working and don't really need the money, and you are in good health and expect to live to a ripe old age, then waiting longer to claim a higher benefit is usually a better strategy.

The reality is that everyone's personal situation is different and there is no single answer to the question of when to claim Social Security. I hope the above gives you at least a starting point for your decision.

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ting from DESE are not in alignment with the Massachusetts DPH," Chair Teresa Stewart said. "As of today – Dec. 16 – DESE is still saying in all of their published guidance that you can test out of quarantine now if you test negative on Day Eight or after and return on Day Ten. DESE is saying you can only test out by a PCR test.

"Once again, we're in a situation where different state agencies are telling us to do different things," she added.

"One thing that seems advantageous about this new system is it is encouraging people to get tested," noted Myev Bodenhofer. "Before, if people were asymptomatic, there was kind of no benefit to them getting tested because they were still stuck in a 14-day quarantine."

While Reiss said the schools have been doing a great job in enforcing social distancing and other COVID-19 guidelines, the difficulty will be in communication about the differing guidelines because kids might not be able to return to school if stricter guidelines are upheld.

"I understand the want to make it as strict as possible," Reiss said. "But also it adds a very big layer of communication difficulty and confusion for the public if everybody's using different standards."

Thomson said that it is harder with children who tend to be asymptomatic. Also, there were only four school days before the holiday break, which would make it hard for the department to get the word out about policy changes.

"One thing with the schools is that, unlike community cases, we know we get compliance," Reiss said. "So we know we can

protect the schools."

Giblin reminded the committee that it was not scheduled to meet again until Jan. 13, so its decision would remain valid until that time unless another meeting is called in the interim.

She asked if there is a change in the accuracy in the antigen test, and Reiss confirmed that the antigen test "is better at getting the people that have it." The antigen test looks for a presence of a protein that is contained in COVID-19, and results can be obtained more rapidly.

The decision about changing the policy also had other ramifications, such as school athletics and negotiations with the teachers union. Before a change in policy could be made, the committee discussed the importance of engaging with stakeholders.

"I don't think that it would be responsible for us to change anything that we're currently doing in the schools right now in terms of return to school," Bodenhofer said. She noted that both DESE and DPH changed their standards recently, and it would be prudent to engage stakeholders about what the school policy should look like going forward in January.

NHS Principal Dr. Hugh Galligan noted that student athletes will be practicing in school over the break while communication is going out through the Board of Health.

The committee voted 5-0 that, if the high school needs to pivot to remote, athletics would be allowed to continue until the next meeting on Jan. 13 as long as there is no in-school transmission.

### Wife - Mom - Nana Gloria Rice-Stuart



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Residents gathered for the Chanukah celebration on the Norwood Common recently, a tradition started three years ago.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Rain stops for annual Norwood Chanukah celebration

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

While Dec. 12 saw some serious rain throughout the day, the weather cleared just at the right time for the third-annual lighting of the Menorah on the Norwood Common.

A few dozen residents stopped in to join in the celebration, all masked, with Chabad of Canton's Rabbi Mendy Horowitz. He said the idea of the celebration is to show light triumphing over darkness, and that certainly rang true when the rain abated.

"Here we are, it's not raining and we're ready to light the Menorah," he said. "We have a double Chanukah miracle over here in Norwood."

Horowitz said the first ceremony three years ago was started in solidarity with the 2017 Chabad of Poway Synagogue shooting in California.

"We decided that we want to add more light and joy and

what better way than adding another Menorah here in the Town of Norwood," he said.

Horowitz recounted the story of the first Chanukah, though he took a few liberties with the names of certain problems central to the Chanukah story.

"A little over 2,000 years

**Menorah Lighting**  
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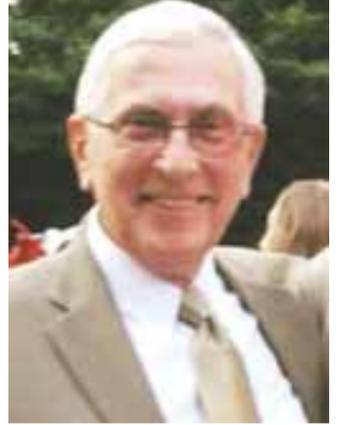


**CHERYL A.** a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away suddenly on December 13, 2020 at the age of 64. Daughter of the late Russell and Genevieve E. (Tomm) Ayoub. Loving sister of Russell J. Ayoub of Beverly and Kathi A. Ayoub of S. Palm Beach, FL. Aunt of ALexa and Taylor Ayoub. Also survived by many cousins and friends. Cheryl was a 1974 graduate of Norwood High School. Because of the Covid-19 restrictions all services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the American Heart Assoc. 300 5th Ave. #6 Waltham, MA 02451 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Kraw-kornack funeral home, norwood, ma 781-762-0482, w w w . K r a w - kornackfuneralhome.Com

**Deaths**

**KELLEY**

**David W. Sr.**, It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing today of David W Sr. known to many as "Captain Kelley." Dave grew up in Charlestown MA, attended Boston College High School, and Boston College where he played baseball. After graduation Dave joined the Marines and served for six years attaining the rank of Captain. Something he was very proud of. Dave always tried to live by the Marine Corps motto of Semper Fidelis that means "always faithful" or "always loyal." This motto stems from the loyalty that Marines have for their family, their god, their country, and the brotherhood of the Corps. First and foremost, Dave was a family man. Dave met Margaret Ryan Kelley in Sunday school and knew right away that she was the love of his life. Fifty-seven years later that is still true and was until the moment he passed on. Dave leaves behind three children, David Kelley, Jr., Todd Kelley, and Colleen Padden, and nine grandchildren: Meaghan Bowen, Matthew Kelley, Katherine Kelley, William Padden, Shaun Padden, Christopher Padden, Christian Kelley, Bella Kelley, and Connor Kelley, and two great grandchil-



dren Declan Bowen and Gavin Bowen. Dave was also very proud of his business that he operated for forty-six years, a little place in Norwood on the corner of Central and Cottage known as Lewis'. Dave often said that Lewis' was the place where everyone knows your name and he said it before the show Cheers stole it and made it famous. It was certainly true. If you go there any time you will find its hard to talk with the people you came with because you see so many other friends. Lewis' customers and employees were always part of Dave's family. We all take solace that Dave passed at home quietly surrounded by his family. There are no arrangements at this time but we invite you to leave your good memories.

**NELSON**



**Judith W. Nelson**, 78, longtime resident of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at the Dodge Park Rest Home in Worcester. Born in Winchester and raised in Norwood, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Eleanor (Arrowsmith) Nelson. Judy was a member of the United Church of Norwood and enjoyed singing in the choir. She was employed by the

Norwood Hospital and worked in the cafeteria for several years. She will be lovingly missed and remembered by her niece, Tracey Nelson-McCaie and her sister-in-law, Virginia Tinkham. In addition to her parents, Judy was predeceased by her brother, Bruce A. Nelson. There will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the United Church of Norwood, 595 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062. Arrangements are under the care of the Miles-Sterling Funeral & Tribute Center, 100 Worcester Road, Sterling. www.milesfuneralhome.com

**O'LEARY**

**Leah C.** Age 74, of Norwood, died peacefully of COVID-19 related complications on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Leah was predeceased by her husband Paul Plato, with whom she

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**Norwood Planning Board**

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
NORWOOD PLANNING BOARD**

Pursuant to Mass General Law CH 40A section 9 and the Norwood Zoning Bylaw sections 6.2Signsand 10.4Special Permits; the Norwood Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:05 P.M. via the GoToMeeting remote meeting platform. The meeting can be accessed from the following link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/718185669or> it can be accessed by calling in at 1 (872) 240-3212, access code: 718-185-669. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to accept comments ona proposed internally illuminated sign for Bank of America located in the Central Business District at 699 Washington Street. The subject property is shown on the Norwood Assessor's Map as Map 1, Block13 Lot 5. Plans and supporting materials of the proposed signs are on file in the Planning Department at Town Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Robert Bamber, Clerk

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ago, there was a spiritual pandemic in the land of Israel, where the Jewish people were faced with challenges," he said. "The Syrian Greeks did not allow the Jews to practice their religion freely. They waged war against God and against religion. And many people just said 'it's impossible, we can't fight it, we give in.'"

But Horowitz said a small group of Maccabees stood up against the Syrian Greeks.

"It took them a couple of years but they were miraculously victorious and they won the war," he said. "Just a small group of fighters. And when they came back to the temple to rededicate the temple they did not find any pure oil to light the Menorah. But then a miracle happened

where they found one jug that was pure, and it lasted for not one day, not two days, not for three days, but for eight days."

Horowitz said it is remarkable that the miracle of oil lasting longer than it should have is remembered more than the miracle of a small group of fighters overcoming a much larger adversary, at least for this story (David and Goliath notwithstanding).

"Why is that? Well it's because Chanukah symbolizes the day of religious freedom where light has the power to overcome darkness and good has the power to overpower evil," he said. "And today, this message, now more than ever, is so very important. We see

now. People had plans, vacations, all kinds of grand ideas but then the pandemic came and it all stops. Then you see that your physical possessions don't have much value. You realize the value of life, of family, of spending time together and you realize how we all are charged with the task to overcome a pandemic, and we all can come together."

Horowitz added that he meant coming together in a metaphorical sense.

"Practicing social distancing together, wearing masks and washing our hands, but for us, uniting together as one and each person starting together as one," he said. "The power of light and good slowly but surely has the power to overcome all challenges."

Horowitz said in non-pandemic times, Norwood resident and Holocaust survivor Aron Greenfield would light the candles for the ceremony, but that was just not to be this year.

"He's safe at home, I'm sure you all understand," he said. "His thoughts and prayers are all with us."

## Police Logs

### Monday, December 14

0938 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Chapel St Caller requesting check on girlfriend that he has not been able to get in touch with for a few days. Party is fine and does not wish to speak with him. Party advised of her options.

1132 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Minas Cafe Brazilian Steakhouse - Washington St Employee reports female party causing a disturbance in the restaurant. Party is known to police and was advised. Employee advised on letter of disinvite and was satisfied.

1239 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St Verbal argument between father and son. Parties were spoken to, matter was resolved.

1436 Walk-In - Civil Dispute Services Rendered Location/Address: Davis Ave Party advised on a civil matter concerning a vehicle.

1945 Phone - Assist Citizen \*Report Filed Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd Caller reports an accidental discharge of a firearm.

2232 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller concerned for a neighbor who is out in the cold, appears to be unaware of his surroundings. Party checked out OK. Evaluated by NFD on scene.

### Tuesday, December 15

1027 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Direct Tire & Auto Service - Bos-Prov Hwy Items removed from clothing donation box.

1029 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Residence Inn By Marriot - Norwood Pk S Subject advised while at BI Needham by phone. She is a section there from the Marriott last night and advised about getting help from a social worker about her housing issues.

1118 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Mys-

### Police Logs

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### St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 9<sup>th</sup> day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. My Prayers were answered.

*In gratitude for helping me.*

—S.F.

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—M. West

### Legal Notice

#### NORWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Norwood Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing under M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, The Wetlands Protection Act and Norwood Bylaw XXV, including any amendments thereto on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public Participation may be accessed through your computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/243297997>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 243-297-997

The Commission will hear a Notice of Intent from the Town of Norwood, represented by Joseph Gould of the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration (MDAR). The proposed project is the removal of Mill Pond Dam and stream relocation and restoration to restore ecological function and habitat connectivity to Traphole Brook.

Project location: William Pezwick Park, Sumner St. Assessor's map 15 parcel 26-602

Copies of request and plans are available for review by appointment or by request to [Conservation@norwoodma.gov](mailto:Conservation@norwoodma.gov). Please call the Conservation Department at 781-762-1240 or email [conservation@norwoodma.gov](mailto:conservation@norwoodma.gov).

Holly Jones  
Conservation Agent & Environmental Planner

*Norwood Record: 12/24/2020*



## 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 2014 Kia Sorento V-6. My alternator went out at 150,000 miles and I had to have a rebuilt one put on by the dealership. Six weeks after replacing the main fuse, battery and new cable ends, the car died. Got it to my local repair shop, checked the alternator out and it held a steady 12.6 volts, but the battery was shot. Since getting a new battery the car dying has become routine. I believe the ACM/alternator are bad. While driving the larger the amount of draw the quicker the car acts up. Using the driving/fog lights are the kiss of death. They are factory halogens and seem commonly to be known as juice hogs. What is your opinion? —Tom  
A) First your car is 6 years old and has 150,000 miles. Alternators batteries even fuses yes fuses do wear and need replacement. Halogen lights do draw some current but not as much as older regular lights. Replacement LED lights that plug directly into the light wire harness draw 50 plus percent less current than the halogen lights. Any time we replace a battery it is always with a battery that exceeds the factory battery. Battery life will range 3-4 years some even less. You can replace both head lights and fog lights with LED lights. When replacing directional light bulbs with LED bulbs ,a LED directional flasher may be required to get the directional's to flash at the correct speed.

Dear Doctor: I have been considering trading in my 2006 Silverado with the Duramax diesel for a new one. But with all the horror stories on the Internet forum pages about the DEF (diesel exhaust fluid) system causing problems I am reluctant. Are the DEF system problems as prevalent as I've been reading? I tow a Fifth Wheel RV when traveling and don't want the truck dropping into limp mode because the sprayers clog up. —Tom  
A) Since the emissions required the addition of the DEF system to diesel engines the first 2 years there was problems with all manufactures including off road construction equipment. Limp mode was a big problem in the early days. Today's DEF systems are much improved and failure of this systems would not be my concern. I personally own a Dodge Ram truck with the Cummings 6 cylinder diesel. Current mileage 106,000 trouble free miles. The Cummings diesel is a simple inline 6 cylinder engine with ample power to tow 2 vehicles at a time.

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- tic Scenic Studio - Lenox St Caller would like to speak with an officer about some suspicious emails.
- 1233 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Plantation Cir Family has not been heard from a subject arrested 2 months ago. Officer reports she has been located and was not interested in speaking to her family.
- 1411 Phone - Assist Citizen \*Report Filed Location/Address: Centennial Dr Package missing.
- 1611 Phone - Assist Citizen Assisted Party Location/Address: Nahatan St Officer assists a resident who lost money in the parking lot the day before.
- 1841 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Hillcrest Rd Caller would like to speak to an officer about a past call in her neighborhood. N664 spoke to her and she was advised and satisfied.
- 2110 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Bornwood Dr Caller concerned about her adult daughter's medicine compliance and statements about wanting to leave. Officers spoke to her, she checked out OK.
- 2121 911 - Runaway Child \*Report Filed Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller reports her child ran away when she arrived to pick him up from a family member's house. BOLO to the cars and surrounding cities and towns. Child located at Plymouth Drive.
- 2130 Phone - Report of Fire Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Caller reports possibly seeing a fire. No fire showing all is in order.
- 2314 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Hampden Dr Caller reports loud sounds coming from 2B. Tenant was moving furniture, agreed to stop for the night.
- Wednesday, December 16**  
20-26776 0929 Phone - Citizens Complaint Could Not Locate Location/Address: Winslow Ave GA. Reg# PBG5198. Resident concerned about a vehicle that is always parked on street overnight with oncoming storm. N666 responded to speak to owner. No one came to door. Vehicle at this time is not in violation.
- 1031 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Westwood Dialysis requested a well being on a patient. Management responded and opened the unit. Patient was home and will call his Doctor.
- 1057 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Larins - Pleasant St Caller states she dropped her car off @ Larins and decided to have the work done somewhere else for a better price. AAA picked up vehicle and dropped off with someone else and now claims it was stolen. N669 responded to Larins Auto to investigate. Civil issue and the vehicle was located at the mechanics in Stoughton.
- 1346 Phone - Death \*Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St Case worker reports her client has passed away. NFD responds. BCI & N668 respond.
- 1359 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Vanderbilt Ave Subect looking for a ride to a hotel . She then claimed she has medical issues . NFD responded and she refused treatment or \$30 for a cab from a citizen.
- 1705 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Out of state family member reports she has been unable to reach a resident. Officer reports she is OK. Caller notified.
- 1955 Walk-In - Drug Law Violation Under Investigation Location/Address: Washington St + Guild St Party in the lobby spoke with N492.
- 2009 911 - Drunk Person \*Protective Custody Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports an intoxicated party in the residence. As a result, N669 placed one male into protective custody and transported him to the station.
- Thursday, December 17**  
0529 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Across From - Mill Pond Ln Caller states the neighbors across the street are snow blowing the driveway , waking her family. N666 responded and homeowner is just trying to get out of driveway to go to work.
- 1141 Phone - Assist Citizen No Action Required Location/Address: William Shyne Cir Female reports an unoccupied plow truck parked. Party later called back to report that the driver returned.
- 1845 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Adams St Caller reports his 15 yr old son is not taking his calls and lives with his ex. Officer called and the house is in darkness and For Sale and could be vacant. Dad did speak with son yesterday
- 2158 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken Location/Address: Washington St Dispute over snow being moved on his property. All advised and the matter was resolved.
- 2332 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Nahatan St Resident without heat and also seems to have other concerns about a number of issues. Officer reports she does have heat and will call housing in the AM on her concerns.
- Friday, December 18**  
0013 911 - Susp Activity Could Not Locate Location/Address: Lenox St Clinician reports receiving a call from a female party making Q5 statements. She refused to give any information other than her first name. TLO shows the number on caller ID coming back to an address out of Somerville. Somerville PD notified and reports negative results at that address. Phone pinged to the area of Waltham. Waltham PD notified, large radius and unable to locate party. Riverside notified.
- 1040 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Saunders Rd Coyote sighting.
- 1336 Initiated - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Austin St
- 1419 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Verbal argument between father and son. Parties spoken to Norwood Police Department Page: 33 and matter resolved.
- 1434 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Kenwood Dr Party advised on a neighbor issue.
- 2056 911 - Assist Citizen Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Canterbury Dr Caller reports that she fell and requesting a lift assist to get back up. NFD responding.
- Sunday, December 20**  
0102 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Monroe St Caller reports loud music. Officers spoke with them and they turned it off.
- 0741 Phone - Lost And Found \*Complaint/Summons Location/Address: David Ter Caller reports finding a pistol on the road way. Item was retrieved and taken back to the station. N666 will file Complaint Application and report/
- 0916 Phone - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Moderna Tx. Inc. - Moderna Way Security asked news crew to leave and they will not leave. N669 reports they will leave, spoke to security. N668 and myself spoke with security personnel in regards to the media issue, they were advised on how to handle.
- 1007 Initiated - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Moderna Tx. Inc. - Moderna Way N668 checks on ME PC 2939XH in area. N668 informed reporters to move off the private property.
- 1327 Phone - Missing Person \*Report Filed Location/Address: Next Step Healthcare - Washington St Report missing patient since 1030 Hrs. BOLO to cars and Areawide 3. MBTA-Bus, MBTA-Commuter Rail(Keolis), The Right Ride Taxi all notified. Teletype sent. Boston D4 sent to Pine St. Inn.
- 1331 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Bullard St Report 2 coyotes at #29 and 2 at #39. N.A.C.O. notified-not responding unless they exhibits abnormal behavior. Caller notified.
- 1348 Other - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Home Depot - Bos-Prov Hwy N679, while on another call, is approached and party reports pocketbook stolen.
- 1404 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Barberry Ln Report on-going multiple issues with neighbor's dog.
- 1448 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Canterbury Dr Units assist in a family issue.
- 1901 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Vernon St Caller concerned for a dog that is left outside in cold temperatures. NACO notified and will contact caller.



## Thank You Novenas For Favors or Prayers Answered

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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

### St. Jude's Novena

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

### Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.  
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shared 28 years. She is survived by son Russell and his husband Joel Nolan of Somerville, daughter Katharine and her fiancé Christopher Famulari of North Attleboro, and son Dennis and his wife Jessica of Denver, CO. Beloved grandmother to Walker and Barrett. She is also survived by her loving sister Martha Angelo and brother-in-law Paul Angelo of Norwood. Leah was predeceased by her parents Dennis and Leah O'Leary and her brothers Dennis and Ralph. Born in Norwood, Leah graduated from Norwood High School in

1964 and Trinity College of Washington, D.C. in 1968. Leah then served as a Donut Dolly for the American Red Cross in Vietnam during the war. She later met her husband Paul when they were both students at the Boston College School of Social Work. They wed in 1977, and together they shared life, love, and a passion for social justice. Leah worked for the Department of Social Services for 22 years. She then opened her own adoption agency, A Red Thread Adoption Services. It became Leah's great passion in life to work with pre-

adoptive families and to help them adopt children both domestically and internationally. Through this work, her wanderlust took her to many different places. After she retired, Leah's desire to see the world and to make a difference led her to work with FEMA after several natural disasters, spending time in California and Puerto Rico. She remained active in her local community, serving on the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library Board of Trustees and as a member of the Democratic Town Committee and Progress Norwood. The family hopes to hold a Celebration of Life Memorial Service in October, with the hopes that people will be able to safely gather together at that time. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the ACLU of Massachusetts or the Child Welfare League of America.

## RAYMOND



DEAN E. (Retired Norwood Police Officer) of Norwood passed away on December 16, 2020 at the age of 76. Beloved husband of Margaret B. (O'Reilly) Raymond. Devoted father of Pamela J. Bedford and her husband Peter of NH, Lynn A. Raymond of Chestnut Hill, Allen D. Raymond of NH, Diana Young of FL, Jennifer A. Harper and her husband Samuel of CT and Dean E. Raymond Jr. of

South Boston. Brother of Reid E. Raymond of VA and the late Linda Soulard. Grandfather of Kelsey, Logan Emerson, Austin, Shaylia and Rayven. Son of the late Linwood E. and Helen G. (Reid) Raymond. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dean was a retired Police Officer working as an ID Specialist for the Norwood Police Dept. retiring in 2003. He was also a member of the Walpole Fish and Game Club, member of the Port Norfolk Yacht Club and a US Navy Veteran serving on the USS Wasp (CVS-18). Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. The family will hold a private funeral service. A graveside service was held at Highland Cemetery, Norwood Tuesday, December 22, 2020 11:45am.. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to ALS Clinic at the VA Boston Healthcare System 1400 VFW Parkway West Roxbury MA 02132.

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# Bay State Animal Cooperative fundraising with calendars

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The members of the Norwood-based Bay State Animal Cooperative (BSAC) are asking any residents of the area to help out their organi-

zation to save and protect animals.

Founder Marcia Motta said the tradition of the calendars started relatively recently and added it wasn't that hard to figure out a general theme.

"So we market our adopted parents and every picture we get from our adoptive parents I put in a folder and I try to get as many of those in the calendar as possible," she said. "I get like 200 and something. They're not just cute pet pictures either, they're all pets that we have found homes for over the years."

To get your calendar and support the BSAC, go to [Baystateanimals.org/store/products/43421](http://Baystateanimals.org/store/products/43421). Each calendar is \$18 and if you're a Norwood resident, you get a free hand delivery, no shipping.

Motta said they haven't had the rush of pet adoptions this year that many organizations have had during the pandemic, mostly because they're a small operation but also because they take a lot of time to vet the people before allowing them to take an animal home with them.

"We only rescue within our means too," she said. "For example, let's say you call me and say there's a mom cat with kittens under our porch. I would then reach out and see what we could do. We always involve the community because the point of these animals is they're community animals. People in the community irresponsibly dump them in your backyard. So we ask



people how they can help and, most people, if they're calling us, they already want to help."

Motta said that doesn't mean they just walk residents through how to foster a pet.

"Some of them will trap, some of them will foster, some will adopt, but everyone provides something and we just try to work with the community and help them to do what they can do," she said.

Motta said she's heard a lot of stories of people taking "freebie" animals off the streets, which has its own set of benefits and problems.

"Someone might just post on Facebook 'hey there's a bunch of kittens in my backyard,' and someone would just say 'I'll take one,'" she said. "It's a matter of are those people who are taking them responsible and are they spaying and neutering?"

Motta said they haven't had so many calls for strays hanging around, but she said she ex-

pects to get more calls in the spring for that, as potentially irresponsible pet owners may find a litter of kittens more than they can handle, or just that a recent stray may not get along with indoor animals.

"Which is a result of people taking in animals because they're home and have no clue of how to take care of a cat," she said.

The BSAC works with prospective pet parents to help pay for spay or neutering, help for medical care, help with trap-neuter-return instances, provides community outreach and helps to rescue, shelter and adopt pets. Motta said they mostly work with cats but have helped many other pets over the years. She said whenever they take on a new animal, the idea is to provide care and take away as much suffering as possible, even if the animal has a terminal illness.

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