



Natalie Michel said she was inundated with support for her local initiative to support the Angel Tree program from Prison Fellowship.

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When giving gets out of hand in Norwood

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Well, not exactly out of hand. It's just that when Norwood resident and NHS Alum Natalie Michel decided to give back this holiday season, she had no idea what kind of eventual impact she would have on so many lives in Norwood and the Greater Boston area.

"I opened a flood gate I didn't know I was going to open," she said with a laugh.

Michel lives in Norwood and after volunteering last year decided to

try something new.

"So last year I gave to the homeless in Boston, more than 100 coats, 85 hats and gloves, toiletries and socks and everything," she said. "So I was kind of like I really like this, and so I decided that every year I was going to give back on my birthday."

She said she heard about the Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program from a friend at her church group and decided to try it. The program lines up gift givers with children of incarcerated parents to get

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The Jain Center's incursion into Ellis Pond has been properly taken care of, according to the Conservation Commission.

COURTESY PHOTO

ConCom happy with Jain Center remediation plans

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Conservation Agent Holly Jones gave the Norwood Conservation Commission (ConCom) an update on the progress of a violation fix by the Jain Center in Norwood at the group's Dec. 16 meeting.

A landscaper hired by the Jain Center had taken logs and wood chips out of the Jain Center's Property and discarded everything on Town property, essentially right in Ellis Pond. The ConCom felt at the time that since the Ellis Pond had been so low and the landscaper may not have been familiar with the area that only corrective action was needed and not punitive action.

Jones said the pond has risen quite a bit since then and hindered the clean up, as much of the woodchips are now underwater, and there has also been

some erosion around the property as well. Jain Center representatives met with the ConCom at the meeting. Jain Center Arborist Sean Colber said that hay bales and new vegetation have been planted to stop the soil erosion problem.

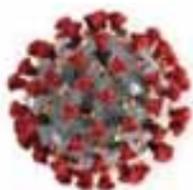
"I will say it looks a lot better than two weeks ago," Jones said. "It's much more stabilized. There are three lines of straw bales and straw waddles preventing erosion now. I had asked members of the Jain Center to go check on the area over the weekend knowing that we would have heavy rain and they did. I am much happier with the compliance on the site and the remediation efforts since the last time we convened."

Colber said he felt the site was now stable from an erosion standpoint.

Chairperson Stephen Washburn said that while he is now seeing an accept-

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Norwood artist wins Pontifical Christmas art contest

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood's own Frederick Elhayek from Saint Catherine of Siena School was one of 24 winners of the annual National Missionary Childhood Association's (NMCA) Christmas Artwork contest.

According to NMCA Director of Programs and Development Maureen Heil, the contest had about 10,000 applicants this year. Each piece of artwork, which can be found at <https://bit.ly/3nNZFAD>, was submitted by a young person in the United States for consideration to be greeting cards for Christmas celebrations around the world. These pieces can then be sent as E-greetings to anyone a potential sender would want, just by clicking on the image.

Heil said the program started more than 30 years ago, "as a follow up to our members selling Christmas seals, door-to-door to earn funds for Catholic missionaries who work with children under the age of 14. These seals always had religious/Christmas themed artwork on them and the National Office decided that it would be fun if our members' artwork was represented on the seals. As the program lost some of its popularity, we pivoted to mak-



This classic Christmas image will be adorning thousands of e-Christmas cards this year, and it came straight out of Norwood.

COURTESY PHOTO

ing the artwork in to Christmas Cards."

Elhayek said it took him a few days to create the piece.

"Had to redo it like five times," he said. "Since it was Christmas and Jesus' birth is the reason for the holiday, I picked baby Jesus in a manger and the star, to show where Jesus was born. I heard about the Christmas Star coming in December."

Elhayek said he felt really good knowing that so many people were going to see his work.

"We received the cards recently and I like them," he said. "I feel famous when I see

people using my cards. I sent my cards to my grandparents in Lebanon and all my friends here. They all loved it."

Elhayek created the piece when he was in the third grade last year. He said a usual, non-pandemic Christmas is filled with family, celebration and going to mass to celebrate the season. He said the Town of Norwood and its residents makes it extra special.

"We love Norwood, and they have nice festive celebrations that we all enjoy attending," he said.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM**

**Notice of Permit Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91
Waterways Permit Application Number W20-5889
Town of Norwood, Traphole Brook Restoration Project**

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 1, 2021

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by the Town of Norwood to perform improvement dredging associated with the Mill Pond Dam removal and Traphole Brook restoration, at William Pezwick Park off Sumner Street, in the municipality of Norwood, in the waters of Traphole Brook. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within fifteen (15) days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens of more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at (508) 946-2730. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Written comments must be addressed to: David E. Hill, Environmental Engineer, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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Boston Executive Helicopters should now be able to operate as a fixed-base operator at the Norwood Memorial Airport.

COURTESY PHOTO

NAC votes to accept and sign BEH lease, with conditions

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) voted unanimously at its Dec. 16 meeting to accept the leases from Boston Executive Helicopters (BEH) for the DC-3 Apron and the West Apron respectively.

The acceptance may be the final chapter in the Norwood Airport BEH saga, as the entity has been fighting legal battles with the Town of Norwood to become the Norwood Memorial Airport's second fixed-base operator (FBO) for about 10 years in several lawsuits during which BEH has stated it does not feel the Town has given it a fair chance at becoming an FBO. BEH claimed the Town was giving the airport's other FBO, Flightlevel, special treatment.

The legal battles culminated in a settlement agree-

ment that both parties agreed to last year, but BEH claimed the lease Norwood offered after the settlement agreement had encumbrances on the West Apron and the DC-3 Apron that would effectively, they claimed, make it impossible to operate as an FBO.

The signing of these two leases means that BEH can finally move forward as an effective FBO.

NAC Member John Corcoran said during the most recent meeting, however, he had some problems with the plans presented by BEH after representatives from the companies signed the lease. The two aprons are slated to be used for fueling, parking and taxiing, and Corcoran said BEH was required to submit a one-page, engineering-scaled plan on where tie downs would be placed for fixed-base operating aircraft and where tie downs would be for transient aircraft.

"At this time we're operating with 27 pages of different drawings, none of which were engineered scaled drawings of the property," he said. I do want to have the lease signed; I think we do need to move forward here, so long as there is a side note that we get the scaled engineered drawings that are labeled. Not just Google Earth pictures. That's my one concern or hesitation about this, but I don't think it will stop the signing of the leases."

NAC Chair Mark Ryan pointed out this is a requirement of the original lease, not a condition of signing the lease.

"There was a large file of 27 plans filed that we felt were not necessary, one

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To Our Neighbors,

We're writing on behalf of Behavioral Connections, an Applied Behavior Analysis therapy provider for children with autism. In a year that has tested us, we have all faced our own, unique challenges. For many parents, that has meant the lack of critical support and services for their children. And despite these challenges, you and your family still persevered, which is nothing short of incredible in times like these.

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OPINION

We all know the tough guy...or girl

You all know the tough guy or read about the tough guy or watched a video of the tough guy on TV or the internet. He's the guy who believes the Covid-19 virus is nonsense and orchestrated by public officials for whatever nefarious reason to lull the unsuspecting public into a sheep like lemming state. And to this guy the "pandemic" is no more than mass hysteria over just another case of the flu, easily eradicated by simply allowing the virus to run its course.

We get it; you've done your research and can cite case study after case study refuting all of the warnings from the "experts" telling you to stay home, always wear a mask and maintain a social distance for fear of risking deadly exposure. You can easily, without stopping to catch a breath, point out the myriad of hypocrisies of said experts like Birx and Newsom and point out that Fauci was wrong about this and that and how Cuomo caused hundreds of deaths out of hubris. And to sum up your argument about the death count; "hey, most of them were really old or had pre-existing conditions and so they would have all died soon enough anyway."

The tough guy is the keyboard warrior telling everyone adhering to protocols that they're weak, cowardly and dumb. The tough guy is the one walking into public markets without a face mask, telling anyone questioning him that it's his Constitutional right to do so, and "you better get that camera out of my face or I'll mess you up!" He's the guy who loves confrontation for the sake of confrontation and welcomes the debate whenever and wherever possible, preferably with a lot of people around to witness his oratorical splendor backed up with profoundly indubitable facts.

And you know what? He may be right about everything. Let's face it, there has been mistake after mistake made (remember when it was considered faux pas to wear a mask before they were deemed life saving?) And there have been well publicized hypocrisies of note by public officials and experts asking you to do as they say, not as they do. And it is true that many have died infected with Covid but not because of Covid. And no one can deny that public edicts have been handed down that have destroyed or severely damaged businesses serving the public, putting thousands out of work without empirical data. So how is the tough guy at fault?

He's at fault because he has no respect for the process. He fails to realize that mistakes were made because there was no playbook to rely on and that politics got in the way. He's wrong because he fails to appreciate the fact that everyone who died due to or with Covid were cheated of the last remaining days, weeks, months or years they had every expectation of enjoying, the value of which impossible to calculate by statistics or medical data, and he fails to share the anguish or understand the anger of the loved ones left behind having to listen to the tough guy constantly talking tough.

He chooses to ridicule those who suffer from fear based paralysis instead of trying to sympathize, and fails to calculate the value of offering his shoulder to lean on even if he doesn't share the same anxieties.

But most of all he's at fault for recognizing that the current federal, state and local officials handing down protocols are the law. They're not geniuses; in fact most of them are far from it. But they have been chosen by the people to make tough decisions, decisions they don't want to be making and fully understanding the consequences of those decisions. Only history will determine the legitimacy of each and every act made on behalf of the public, not Monday Morning quarterbacks like the tough guy.

Yes, it is perfectly okay to question authority. But the tough guy should at least recognize there is a descent and proper way to do so, and raging against the system through weak assed one man demonstrations or furiously pounding out derogatory and non constructive social media rants is anything but heroic. It's mean and insensitive.

All of us can do better in 2021, especially the tough guy. Happy New Year.

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would be sufficient and it would probably cover the DC-3 and West Aprons respectively," he said. "We look forward to getting that plan that shows the tie downs, which ones are transient and which are for fixed aircraft. Also just to have a title box so we can reference it in the future."

The original FBO was granted after an extensive

court case in U.S. Federal Court at the Joe Moakley Courthouse in Boston. The original July 2019 settlement granted BEH \$750,000 from the Town, negate any question of easements for BEH competitor and current FBO Flight Level, and allow oversight from BEH while the NAC produces a corrective action plan to stop further problems at the airport,

as dictated by the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Part 16 Complaint process.

The Town also had to go through the Federal Aviation Administration's process for fixing a Part 16 complaint, which found that the Norwood had not treated BEH equitably and fairly in its pursuit of becoming an FBO in at the airport.

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them the gifts during the holiday season they might not otherwise receive. She said originally she was lined up with 21 children, but by the end of the process she had received funds to purchase for many more kids. She wound up wrapping and delivering 180 gifts to 90 different children in the region, many of whom were outside the original Angel Tree program she started with.

She said it started out innocently enough.

"Angel Tree asks you how many kids you think you can handle and then they'll give you the inmate's information, which is either their parent or someone in their family, the caregiver's information – where the child is right now – and then the inmate's child or children," she said.

Michel said she then had to contact all parties to make sure everyone involved is okay with the program, as how families feel about each other in these circumstances can be volatile, to say the least. But when it was all said and done, she had her families to start fundraising and purchasing gifts for and what gifts each child would like.

"Once I had everything established, I ended up posting on social media. I didn't even contact any friends," she said. "I was going to put it up and see if anyone would like to give without me putting pressure to my friends and family. As soon as I put it up on my Instagram, those kids were gone in a matter of hours."

Michel said she started a chart and used the Angel Tree

model to open it up to those in need in the Norwood community.

"So many friends and family and friends from out-of-state and Norwood residents wanted to help," she said. "I was like 'oh shoot, I don't have any more kids.' I just didn't expect to have the number of supporters I had."

Michel said she then found more and more families in need and supporters who wanted to help.

"It was really overwhelming," she said. "I was in the middle of school, like finals, I'm also a nanny, and then I have a personal life too. It was a lot."

The Norwood community stepped up however, to a point that Michel had to give some gifts and wrapping away to make room.

"You don't want to know what the community brought to my house," she said laughing. "It took over my whole living room and I had to start giving some away. It was insane, I was like 'I look like Ocean State Job Lot.' It's so bad."

Michel said, however, it was a sobering realization when she found more and more residents in Norwood in need. She said only a handful of her non-Angel Tree children came from out-of-Town.

"Just witnessing how many people are in need that we don't know about and you think, Norwood, I've lived here almost all my life," she said. "You wouldn't think Norwood, it's not an affluent town like Wellesley, but you wouldn't think people are broke. Just everybody's hurting and you're hearing all these stories and you're just

like 'wow.'"

Michel said you never appreciate the need until you ask. People are not going around asking for help, and to make a difference you have to look for the need. Unfortunately, you don't have to look that hard to find so many in need of help during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I just want people to know this is not over just because we got people Christmas gifts and the food pantry is giving people food," she said. "We don't realize how many people are getting kicked out of their homes. Just so many stories of kids going to school with no coats."

Michel said as she delved deeper and deeper into the community, the ongoing need was made ever more apparent.

"Covid has taken a lot from people," she said. "I didn't want Covid to take away Christmas for kids, but I really want and hope the Town of Norwood starts stepping up again. I don't think it should just be the food pantry. We all need to start asking ourselves, 'what am I doing for the community, what am I doing for the people around me.' Because we won't know people are hurting until we ask. Your own neighbor could have lost their job or be facing foreclosure or eviction and you don't even know. So I think people need to step up and the whole conversation of asking people, 'are you ok? Can I do anything for you? Can I pray for you? Do you need help? Can I do anything for you?' I think that's something huge people really need to start doing."

For more information on Angel Tree, please go to <https://bit.ly/3aKHAzi>.

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—K.M.

Correction

In last week's Norwood Record, the story "Coyotes an increasing neighborhood problem," a quote from Norwood Animal Control Officer Henry Cerqueira mistakenly read "It's a matter of firstly eliminating the food source and, you know, people need to hate them." The quote should have read "people need to haze them." We apologize for the error. Furthermore, Cerqueira wants to be clear that there is no reason to hate an animal for being whatever kind of animal it is and doing what it does, even if it takes a beloved pet.

Leah O'Leary gave it her all

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood resident Leah O'Leary passed away from COVID-19 complications on Thursday, Dec. 17. There have been several publications of her extensive obituary detailing a life marked with accomplishments, lasting connections and loved ones left behind.

Obituaries are, by their very nature, cold and standardized. By their very nature obituaries have a tendency to follow a script, thereby making it seem like most everyone followed similar paths, and this is party true of Leah O'Leary.

Leah's son Russell Plato said both his parents, Leah O'Leary and Paul Plato (also deceased) were strong-minded, caring individuals. After graduating Norwood High School, O'Leary went to Trinity College in Washington D.C. and then signed up to serve as a Donut Dolly during the Vietnam War.

"You know, we all knew who she was," Plato said. "She talked with us about her time in the war. It was definitely a significant experience for her and she thought it important to share the details with us. Both of my parents were social workers, focused on child welfare. Taking care of kids was a core aspect of who they were."

The Donut Dollies was a program set up by the American Red

comprised of 627 United States women – most of whom in their early 20s – who volunteered during the war from 1965 to 1972. They were officially known as the Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas program. Unofficially, they were the Donut Dollies, In actuality, doughnuts had little to do with their daily duties. The program originated as a morale booster, having mobile kitchens come around serving doughnuts to service members. However, the doughnuts didn't last long, and shortly thereafter all that was left was Kool Aid. But the morale boosting continued, and it was during this time that Leah met her husband Paul.

O'Leary's sister Martha Angelo said O'Leary spoke fondly of the time she spent in Vietnam.

"She had a wonderful experience there, although she came back very depressed, like many of the people who came back from Vietnam during those years," she said.

Plato said it didn't dent her sense of responsibility to the world, however.

"Social justice remained an important part of her life," Plato said. "It took different forms but it was a common thread."

Plato said she also did post-masters work at the Heller School at Brandies University toward a Ph D. in social policy. O'Leary and Paul both worked in social



Leah O'Leary

services until Leah retired to start her own adoption agency, called A Red Thread Adoption Service, in 1999 and supervised field work for students at Boston College and Boston University.

Angelo said she and her sister grew up in a household that cared about the world, and she was never surprised when her sister would take up a cause.

"Our father was an attorney and he practiced law like a social worker and so we were molded by those values from an early age," she said. "A trajectory of caring for others for her just sort of made sense. And she loved the arts and the theater and she loved people, I have to say, she was like an Irish storyteller."

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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 6.2 Signs and 10.4 Special 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/718185669> or 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 on a 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, Block 13 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.

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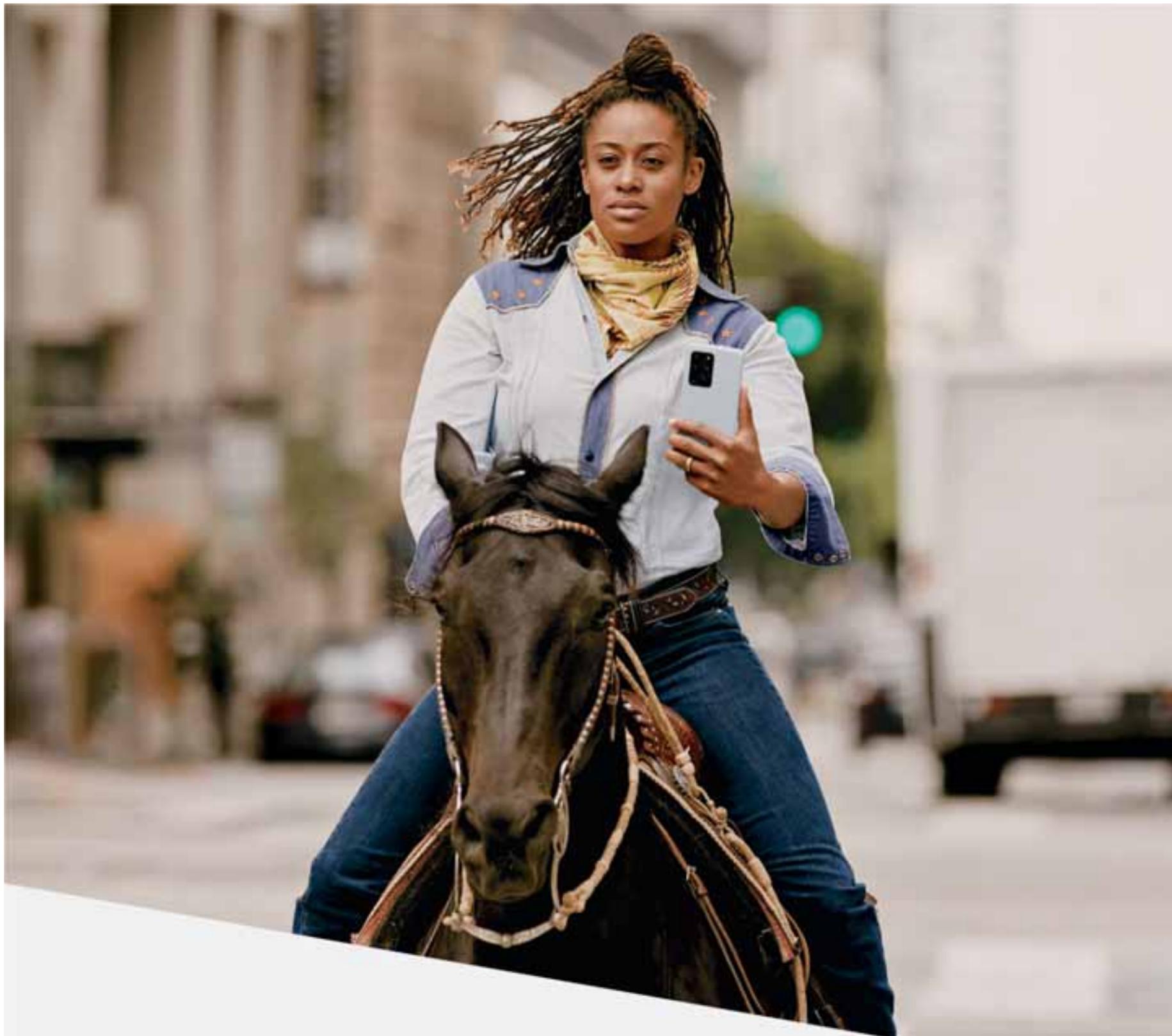
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Most Town Offices will be Closed to the Public December 28 - January 18 Norwood - Beginning Monday, December 28, we will be closing Town Hall to the public for a period of three weeks to comply with Governor Baker's recent orders, with a

tentative reopening date of January 19 based on COVID-19 numbers.

Consistent with most communities in Massachusetts, Norwood experienced a significant spike in COVID-19 numbers after Thanksgiving, and we

are, unfortunately, expecting the same with the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Closing Town Hall and other Town offices to the public will allow us to have more employees work remotely during this period, which should reduce the spread

of COVID-19.

Although most Town offices will be closed, Town staff in all departments will be available via phone and email. Here is more information about each Town building:

Town Hall – Town Hall will be closed, but Town staff will be available by phone and email. Residents are welcome and encouraged to contact the Town Hall switchboard at 781-762-1240.

Council on Aging (Senior Center) - Effective Monday, December 28th all indoor programming will pause until Tuesday, January 19th. Grab and go lunch and the bus will continue to operate. Staff will be present in the building and available via email or phone at 781-762-1201.

Civic Center – The Civic Center will remain open to the public. Residents may still contact the Civic Center at 781-762-0466.

Public Safety Building – No change in operations or hours.

Morrill Memorial Library – The Library will be closed to the public. There will be no patrons allowed in the building, so notary and passport services will not be available. Curbside pickups will continue. Residents may still contact the Library at 781-769-0200.

John J. Carroll Administration Building (DPW) – The DPW administration building will be closed to the public. DPW services will continue as normal. Residents are welcome

and encouraged to call the DPW switchboard at 781-762-1413.

Airport – The Norwood Memorial Airport will be closed to the public, but Airport staff will be available by phone and email. Residents may still contact the Airport at 781-255-5615.

Norwood Light Broadband (NLB) – The NLB building will be closed to the public. NLB services will resume as normal. Residents are welcome and encouraged to call the NLB switchboard at 781-948-1150.

Service Impact
The trash and recycling schedule will not be affected by these closures. However, the trash and recycling schedule has been affected by the holidays. Please see the Town website for more information.

Between December 28 and January 18, residents and business owners will NOT be permitted to pay taxes, utility fees, recreation-related fees, and parking tickets in person. Taxes, utility fees, recreation-related fees, and parking tickets may be paid online or checks may be dropped off at Town Hall using one of the two secure drop boxes.

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I'm 66. When Should I Claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty: I'd like to get advice on when I should begin taking my Social Security benefit. I turned 66 in October of 2020.

Signed: Pondering Retirement

Dear Pondering: Deciding when to claim your Social Security benefit is a personal choice which should consider several factors, most importantly:

- Your need for the money at this time
- Your current health and expected longevity
- Your marital status

Since you have already reached your full retirement age (FRA) for Social Security purposes, you are no longer subject to the "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn. So, working won't affect your monthly SS benefit amount in any way. But it could influence your decision on when to claim, because if working enables you to delay claiming Social Security until after your FRA, your benefit amount when you eventually claim will be higher.

In October 2020 you started earning Delayed Re-

tirement Credits (DRCs) at the rate of .67% for each full month you delay past your FRA. That means that for each full year you delay claiming, your benefit will be 8% more. You can earn DRCs until you are 70, at which point your Social Security benefit would reach maximum and be 32% more than it would be at your FRA. But delaying only makes sense if you don't urgently need the money now, and if you expect to enjoy at least average longevity (which is about 84 for a man your age today). If you delay until age 70 to claim, your "breakeven age" (the age at which you will have collected the same amount of SS money as if you claim now) will be about 83. And if you live longer than that, you'll continue to enjoy that higher SS benefit for the rest of your life, and you'll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits.

A higher benefit at an older age can be quite beneficial to offset inflation and is especially helpful if you're married and your wife outlives you. If you are married and you predecease your wife, she will get 100% of the benefit you are receiving at your death, if that is more



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

than her own benefit from her own lifetime work record and if she has reached her own FRA when she claims her widow's benefit. So, for example, if you claim now at your FRA, your widow later will get your FRA amount when you pass. But if you delay past your FRA to claim, when you pass your widow will get the higher benefit amount you are receiving because you delayed claiming. In other words, when you claim your Social Security benefits can, if you are married, affect the benefit your widow will get if you die first.

So, the bottom line is this: In deciding when to claim

your Social Security you should consider your current financial needs, your health and expected longevity, and your marital status. Carefully evaluating the above factors will help you to decide the best age at which to claim your Social Security benefits.

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able effort from the Jain Center to rehabilitate the landscape, there was definitely some room for improvement.

“I feel like we’ve been ultimately forgiving and understanding about this and done our very best to work as a community and team to resolve this issue,” he said. “But I was feeling very underwhelmed with the response, in particular related to the wood chips in the water and I was disheartened to hear that after such a lengthy period of time was provided there was not even a grassroots effort made to remove these chips. We are in a position that if something was not done and done soon, there could have been a compromise to maybe the water quality or water flow or other erosion-related concerns along that shoreline or

embankment. I was relieved to hear that there was such a significant improvement to the site with the latest visit.”

The issue was first brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission back in the early fall. Colber said the site will be checked four times a year to make sure the vegetation planted and the rest of the area itself has not been permanently effected.

The ConCom also discussed a problem with teens creating bike paths within the Westover Parkway greenspace inlet near the George Willett School. Jones said she originally brought it up at the last meeting, since the Town had received some complaints about the trail approaching a wetlands area, but added that it had been addressed.

“Truly the highlight of my week last week was going to meet with about 15 children who were making a trail in the woods by the Westover Parkway,” she said. “We had gotten some complaints, and the trail wasn’t going into a wetlands area yet, but it may have been on its way there.”

Jones said after meeting with the children and discussing the issues of wetland encroachment, they turned the trail right away from those danger zones. She said they had asked her for permission to create a trail on the land so they would be completely in the clear of it, but Jones said it’s not ConCom-controlled land.

“So they’re in the process of reaching out to the Board of Selectmen to get official permission, but I’m confident they’re not disturbing wetland areas and I’m excited about their biking so far,” she said. “So it was a very fun last Thursday afternoon meeting up with these youth, who were probably aged 10 to 12, in the woods. One of my favorite potential

violations.”

The Commission also voted unanimously to deny a confirmation of an order of wetlands resource boundaries (also known as an Order of Resource Area Delineation [ORAD]) for the applicants at 83 Morse St., 83 Morse St. LLC.

The applicants were looking to extend an order issued in 2008 and most recently extended in 2018 until Jan. 31 2021. Lawson & Weitzen Lawyer Kristina Engberg represented 83 Morse, and said they were looking to extend the order until 2024. Jones said the current owner purchased the property in 2016 and has been looking for ways to develop it since then.

“They are interested in using this ORAD in doing so,” she said. “I’m sympathetic to the request in part because the Neponset River flows through 83 Morse St. and it is largely channelized in this area, which means it’s not likely the wetland resource boundaries have changed substantially since 2008, but ultimately I would advise the commission against extending the resource area de-

lineation. It has been used, contrary to the statement in the letter, for many filings, including and open project right now for a gas line installation.”

Jones said her main concern is that the river is not channelized throughout the entire site and if there are areas where the mean annual high water line has changed since 2008, the Town and the applicant should know that, especially if the applicant is looking for new ways of developing the property. It would also be in the interest of the Town, since the ConCom could have the delineation checked or remapped before 2024 if they so chose to deny the confirmation order.

“They still can have the ability to accept the delineation on plans if you choose to, but if you don’t extend it it gives you the option to peer review the delineation again, to have me review the delineation or ask for a new delineation if you think it may have changed since then,” she said. “Not accepting it would give the commission a bit more flexibility, and it is quite old at this point.”

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member Katie Neal-Rizzo said O’Leary brought that same kind of passion and intensity to her volunteer work at the organization.

“Leah wanted to be involved with every subcommittee, attending as many meetings as possible,” she said. “She attended our green team meetings and wanted to go door to door herself to tell people about the unfixed gas leaks in Town we’ve been tracking. She told us about her past activism and inspired us to keep fighting for people’s rights. At our holiday party last year she came in second in our Norwood History trivia game. Her sense of humor was infectious and she was always making us laugh.”

Plato said that interested persons should mark their calendars for October 2021, as the family hopes to hold a memorial service, as not as many people who wanted to attend her service this year could do so safely.

“She would have turned 75 this coming Oct.21, and we thought that might be an opportunity to have a memorial, and really celebrate who she was and the impact she had on others,” he said.

Plato said his mom’s death is a stark reminder of how things are right now. He said she most likely caught the virus while visiting the hospital about another cause about a month before her death in November, when the COVID-19 numbers were first starting to rise.

“It was not a bad hospital, I’m sure they were following all the protocols, but they’ve got some very sick people and they’re very busy,” he said. “I can tell you right now that many people at that hospital spend a good amount of time waiting around in the hallways before a room opens up because of capacity constraints.”

Plato said everyone should be as careful as possible. He said he and other family members were present when O’Leary passed; something that many family members of COVID-19 patients have not been able to do.



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 2006 Hyundai Azera. The FM stations work but the AM stations come in very static. Is it fixable? –Pauline

A) The main cause for static and poor A/M reception is the antenna and or ground in the antenna assembly. If the antenna is hard to access there are many universal antennas that you can buy at any auto radio store or online. They sell a simple to install and can attach to the inside of the windshield. Some even require a 12 volt power supply to clearer reception.

Dear Doctor: I have a 2004 Chrysler Pacifica 2004. I replaced my engine heads and I put my timing belt by the marks. When I try to rotate my camshaft one full cycle manually a turn, my piston hits the valve. When the timing mark is off on the crankshaft 2-3 tooth with timing belt on it’s OK. What can be wrong? If all 3 mark are correct on the camshaft and crankshaft engine is hit the valve. –Krasimir

A) For whatever reason the camshaft timing is off. The camshaft timing could be off 180 degrees, the timing sprocket maybe off the crank shaft timing may be off, I would like you to subscribe to Alldata and print out the pictures and procedures for timing belt installation.

Dear Doctor: I feel a wobble in the accelerator pedal of my 2012 Nissan Rogue when I press down on it and go between 15 to about 30 mph and then it goes away. The tires, the lower control arms, both front axles and the front hub bearings are all brand new, and the pads and rotors were replaced about a year ago. The vehicle has 80,000 miles on it and I have heard about people having tons of issues with the Rogue CVT transmission. Do you have any idea what this could be? –John

A) The CVT transmission has been a big problem in Nissan vehicles the mileage failure usually starts around 60,000 miles. BEFORE you spend any more money find a qualified ASE technician or call the local AAA office for a AAA approved shop in your area. Nissan has extended the warranty on the CVT transmission on most vehicles. When a wobble can be effected via the amount of pressure put on the gas pedal drive axles and transmissions come to mind, not tires or control arms.

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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COSTELLO

Michael J. of Cumberland, RI passed away December 24th. Beloved husband of Mary Gemba-Costello. Father of Christopher Costello of Cumberland, RI. Brother of Stephen P. Costello and his wife Margaret of Norwood, Martin G. Costello and his wife Kathleen of Attleboro, and Mary T. Bishay and her husband Bahig of Norwood. Son of the late Patrick and Barbara (O'Donnell) Costello. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass was at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. Burial in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Vincent DePaul, 547 Washington St., Norwood, MA 02062. For complete obituary and guestbook, see www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home (781) 828-0811.

DOHERTY



JOSEPH of Norwood passed away peacefully at home on December 22, 2020 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Frances T. (Doyle) Doherty. Devoted father of Mary Ann Graham and her husband Robert of Uxbridge, Joan Giffels and her husband Kenneth of Mansfield, Cathy Casey and her husband Seán of Cohasset, Barbara Doherty of West Bridgewater and Elizabeth Doherty and Erich Prinz of South Boston. Son of the late Joseph and Ann (Joyce) Doherty. Brother of the late

Mary Frances Scannell, Rev. William J. Doherty MS, Walter Doherty and Barbara Doherty. Cherished grandfather of Mary Beth, Michael, Timothy, Allison, Jennifer, Kevin, Kathleen, Patrick and Josephine. Also survived by great grandchildren Luke and Audrey and many nieces and nephews. Joseph was a retired Pharmacist for the Dept. of Correction for 36 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #252, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Norwood Elks and Norwood Retiree's Club. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Norwood, MA. A funeral mass was held on Monday December 28, 2020 at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood. Burial at Highland Cemetery Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation P.O. Box 421 Norwood, MA 02062. **KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME, NORWOOD, MA 781-762-0482 WWW.KRAW-KORNACKFUNERALHOME.COM**

FERRARI

Nancy H. passed away on December 18, 2020 at The Glenview at Pelican Bay. A resident of Naples, Florida (formerly of Brighton and Norwood). Nancy's passion was spending time with family and friends and for the past 18 years she opened her home and was always happy to host her children and grandchildren, new friends and old. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, a loving mother and grandmother, and a loyal friend. Nancy is predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Joseph L. Ferrari Sr.; and is survived by her daughter, Donna M. Saulnier and her husband Michael of Arlington VA; sons, Joseph L. Ferrari, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Belmont MA, and Timothy R. Ferrari and his wife Jessica of Naples, FL; her grandchildren, Jeffrey & Nathalie Saulnier, and Mia & Ella Ferrari; and her sister Roberta Rossetti of Arlington MA. Inurnment will be in Bourne National Cemetery in Bourne, MA in a private family ceremony at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the NCH Center for

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Philanthropy, 350 Seventh Street N., Naples, FL, 34102.

KELLIHER



Dorothy (Sweetsir) Kelliher, 88, of Norwood passed away December 20, 2020 surrounded by her loved ones. Born April 28, 1932 to Clarence and Gladys (Grover) Sweetsir. Dorothy was born and raised in Hyde Park. She went on to move to Norwood after marrying her adored Malachy in 1954. Dorothy made her home and lovingly raised four children and cared for many others, including her many grandchildren. In later years, she was actively involved in the Norwood Senior Center and volunteered at the Pine Street Inn. Dotty met her great grandchild; saw a granddaughter get engaged to a wonderful, kind, loving man; and was reunited with her true love. She may well have described this as the best Christmas ever. Dorothy was the beloved wife of the late Malachy Kelliher. She was the loving mother of Timothy Kelliher and his wife Patricia of Plymouth, James Kelliher and his wife Carol, Debora Clarke and her husband Jeffrey, all of Norwood, and Malachy Kelliher of North Attleboro; cherished Nana of Katelyn, Martin, Maeghan, Stacey and Brian Kelliher, Jeffrey and his wife Michelle, Daniel, Michael and Melissa Clarke, and Jennifer and Malachy Kelliher III; great grandmother of Malachy Kelliher IV and Rylee Clarke; and many nieces and nephews. Dorothy was predeceased by her caring siblings Walter Sweetsir, Ralph Hurlbert and

Edna Martin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dorothy's honor to Friends of the Norwood Council on Aging, 275 Prospect St., Norwood, MA 02062. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Norwood. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. GilloolyFuneralHome.com

SCOLLINS

EDWARD J. of Norwood passed away on December 24, 2020 at the age of 79. Beloved husband of the late Carol A. (Travers) Scollins. Devoted father of Paula F. Curley and her late Husband Charles Z. of Norwood, Kristin A. Gillette and her husband Michael of Norwood and Edward J. Scollins Jr. and his wife Lisa of Wrentham. Brother of Helen Cronin of Acton. Son of the late Edward F. and Helen (Griffin) Scollins. Cherished grandfather of Caroline Curley, Brian Curley, Michael Curley, Kaitlin Gillette, Danielle Gillette, Ryan Scollins and Abigail Scollins. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Edward was a member of the Port Norfolk Yacht Club in Dorchester for many years. All services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Rettsyndrome.org 4600 Devitt Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45246. www.rettsyndrome.org **KRAW-KORNACK FUNERAL HOME, 1248 WASHINGTON STREET, NORWOOD, MA 02062 781-762-0482.**

YANCEY



Robert George "Bob, Beau", 90, passed away, while surrounded by his three sons, on Monday, December 14, 2020 at his cabin in Sagle,

Idaho. A celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Bob was born on November 3, 1930 in Spokane, WA to George and Ruth Yancey. During the early 1940's the family built a remote cabin on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille where they would spend time with friends, boating, fishing, and making improvements to the cabin. Life at the Lake honed Bob's woodworking and ingenuity skills, as handcrafted furniture and other items from those years remain in the family to this day. Bob graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, Washington in 1949 and became one of 13 family members to attend Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington where he earned his bachelor degrees in both mathematics and physics in 1953. At Whitman, Bob joined Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and was very active in financial and social activities, choir, stage productions and multiple honor societies. Following Whitman, he began graduate work at Harvard School of Business, before enlisting in the United States Army. Bob served in the counterintelligence corps while stationed in Munich, Germany. Following military service, he returned to Harvard to complete his M.B.A in 1957, and began a career as a financial operations manager with the Raytheon Corporation in Massachusetts (Ma). While at Raytheon, Bob met the love of his life Joan O'Brien of Andover, Ma. Bob and Joan married on September 17, 1961 and raised three boys in Norwood, Ma. The family cabin on Lake Pend Oreille always remained Bob's favorite place. Nearly every year the family traveled to visit the cabin, the lake and surrounding mountains and eventually prompted Bob's sons to all move west. Bob retired in 1992 after 35 years with Raytheon and sadly, after 38

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Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

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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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years of marriage, Joan passed away in 1999. Bob moved to Sandpoint in 2005 to be closer to his sons and eventually took residence at the Luther Park Retirement Community. In 2006, he built a new family cabin with his three sons adjacent to the original family homestead on Lake Pend Oreille. For over 10 years, Bob enjoyed his family and friends at Luther Park and spending more time at the Lake with his sons and their families. Bob was a most loving husband, extremely proud of his family and loved being with his grandchildren. He spent hours researching and recording family genealogy and enjoyed skiing, Kokanee fishing, woodworking, and build-

ing crafts for friends and family every Christmas. He is survived by his three sons Robert and wife Krista Yancey of Burien, WA; Scott and wife Cathy Yancey of Eagle River, AK; Mark and wife Sarah Yancey of Sandpoint, ID, two grandchildren Grace and Alden; brother Richard Yancey (late wife Maryanne) of New York City; two nieces, Leslie and Jennifer, nephew Richard, their children, and his dear friend Joan Vater. Bob "Beau" Yancey will be truly missed by all his friends and family. Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint is handling the arrangements. Please visit Bob's online memorial at www.lakeviewfuneral.com and sign his guest book.

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—S.F.

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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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm** on the request of Sheraton Hotel (Case #21-01) with respect to property located on **1125 Boston Providence Turnpike, in a M-Manufacturing 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 6.2.6.1(b) of the Zoning Bylaw to allow Four Points by Sheraton Hotel to replace their existing 3'-7" H x 5'-1/4" non-illuminated free-standing sign cabinet with a single sided 4'-5" H x 6'-3" W electronically activated changeable message board which will be used to display the names and dates of events taking place in the Tiffany Ballroom and any other relief deemed necessary by the Board.

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

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