

The ZBA approved three conversions from commercial units to residential units near the corner of Walpole and Winter Streets last week.

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## ZBA approves conversion at Winter and Walpole Streets

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) met virtually last week on Tuesday, May 5, and discussed a request from the owners of 81 Winter St. and 34-36 Walpole St. for a conversion of three units from office space to rental.

The three buildings, along with 87 Winter St., create a small complex in a J shape

from Walpole St. to Winter Street. Attorney David Hern represented the proponents, Matthew and Robert MacDonald, and said that the request would be an extension of a nonconforming use, since the office units – two of which were dental offices and one was a disused office space – have been in place since the 1960s (save 36 Walpole, which was built in the 1900s) and were allowed by right when they were built.

“Now they don’t propose any changes in terms of the layout of the site and they propose no changes in terms of the dimensions of the buildings; these changes relate to the actual use and they’re hoping to eliminate the commercial use,” Hern said.

When built, the buildings were only allowed to have three dwelling units, but the

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The Neponset Valley Humane Society is looking for foster homes and permanent homes for their furry clients.

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## Neponset Valley Humane Society needs your help

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

In the times of COVID-19, pet rescues, adoption agencies and animal shelters across the country are seeing the demand for new pet adoptions spike dramatically, as residents sheltering-in-place find they want to do it with a small furry companion.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, rates of pet fostering – taking care of shelter pets waiting for a permanent home – has also increased across the country. Here in Norwood, the Neponset Valley Humane Society

(NVHS), is seeing its resources, financially and operationally, strained.

The all-volunteer organization primarily shelters animals – mostly cats – who are waiting for their “forever home” through a foster care system. Organizer Cathy Tainter said they’ve definitely seen a huge uptick in adoption requests and calls for help.

“We have been inundated with requests for adoption and we’re only a couple of volunteers who do the operations,” she said. “It’s hard to keep up responding to rescue calls and

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## Sustainability Comm. is “halfway there”

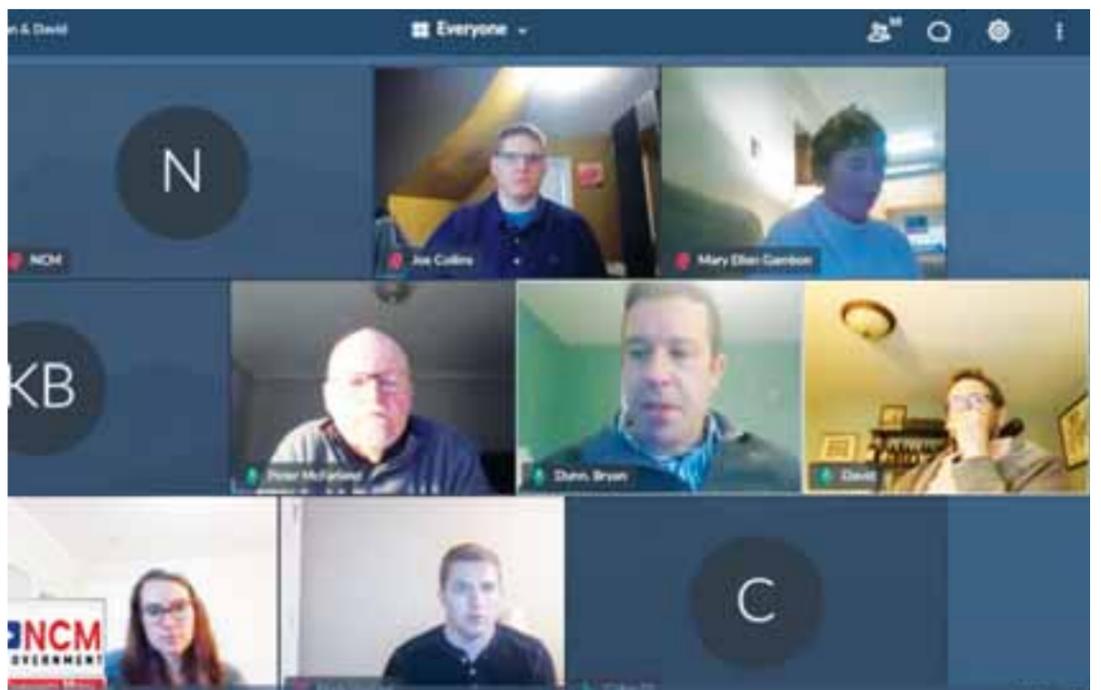
**Mary Ellen Gambon**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Sustainability Commission’s subcommittees each reported on Monday that they were about halfway through their goals of gathering information that will be compiled into a report which will eventually be presented at the Fall Town Meeting.

Bryan Dunn spoke about the three videos that he recorded as part of his work on the Education and Outreach Subcommittee. Posted on the

Town’s webpage, each page speaks to a different issues regarding sustainability. The first page introduces the Sustainability Commission and its mission; talks about the effects of climate change; and describes the societal impact of issues like throwing plastic into the ocean, which causes damage to the ecosystem. It goes on to talk about the positive progress Norwood has made and will continue to strive for with the concerted effort of a Sustainable Commission.

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The Commission met to discuss what strategies its members could use in the coming months to raise awareness of sustainability issues in the Town.

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# Town and Country



Ellen, Senior Center bus driver, delivering some goods to the elderly.

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## HI GUYS, OUR "EXCEPTIONAL" SENIOR CENTER

During the difficult time of lying low, many of our seniors don't have the ability to go out on their own and shop, as they sit home in fear due to what they see and hear on TV. Thankful for Director Kerri McCarthy, incredible bus (super nice) driver, Ellen, and the rest of Kerri's team, our seniors are receiving above and beyond what some of them have expected. Just a few examples; special deliveries of food and other supplies, phone conversations to help the lonely, bus pick up service for those that are able to get out for a little while. The team's attitude plays an integral part of one's daily, sometimes lonely, life. Hopefully, life will return to a normalcy very soon for everyone. Thank goodness for the Norwood Senior Center!

Did you know that the Center offers an incredibly delicious, freshly made, boxed food every day available at noon. Drive up with your car and you are handed your order. Some days they serve more than 80 cars; the line moves quite swiftly. Of course, you must order in advance and you are a winner for a mere \$5. WOW... If you don't have a computer to check the events in Town, call 791.762.1201 EX.5 for a menu.

## SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR A VERY SPECIAL GENTLEMAN

Our Town's Jim Schmidt celebrated his 97th birthday. The Senior Center made sure his special day was remembered. They drove by Jim's home and did the shouts, waves, and threw the kisses that he truly deserves. Jim is quiet about everything he does because he wants no special attention, but we can't keep the fact quiet that Jim is revered as a hero in WWII, always helps out at the Center when asked, is the retired camera man/ film-maker for years of events at the Center, works out, and doesn't look anything near his age! God Bless you Jim, many more!!

## IN MEMORIAM

We send sincere condolences to Our Town's Leo McInerney, his wife Andrea and all their family due to the passing of Leo's mother, Mary Sullivan McInerney. Mary was born in Our Town 95 years ago. Memory Eternal.

## TO MASK OR NOT TO MASK

The head of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases since 1984, Dr. Fauci, spoke a short time ago stating that wearing masks due to the China virus was absolutely unnecessary. He changed his mind and now says it is. Other than the masks there is so much going on, we don't know what to believe no matter who says what. What we can believe is that masks, ventilators, etc., that were ordered and shipped to America from communist China are now being reported to be defective. Was not one person thinking of the consequences when making such a ridiculous request to the very government that started it all?

## THE GOVERNOR SPEAKS

Gov. Baker has now made it mandatory for all Mass. residents (over the age of 2) to cover their faces with masks or scarves whenever outside or with groups of individuals. Why now? What took so long if it is so necessary?

## THE KIDS ARE HOME

The younger school age children are now with their parents much longer during the day. It might be a nice experience to introduce them to some beautiful light classical music. They can still listen to what they usually do. Classical music is an incredible meditation that surrounds one with feelings of power, joy, and relaxation for the mind and body. Listening to the best is to enjoy the best. Give it a try, you might like it too!

## TAKING NECESSARY ACTION

A local child has already had a 'tick' embedded into his skull this month. This summer many more will suffer the same fate. Our people will also suffer from, EEE, Lime Disease and possibly the curse of the 'Murder Hornet.' Doctors state that supposedly recovering from EEE, or Lime doesn't mean you are home free, many suffer medical issues for the rest of their lives. Look up the new 'Murder Hornet.' It will eventually make its way here from the west coast. When Rachael Carson wrote the book, 'Silent Spring', the nation covered in unprovable fear. Shortly thereafter the government, without deep study, banned the use of DDT. Since then, how many Americans have died or suffered the ill effects of an unnecessary disease? The above diseases were not prevalent in those days due to proper care by the government. In the good old days in Norwood, Norfolk County would inform us of the hour they were to spray and to close your windows for a very short time. We did it and we were never affected by the DDT or the deadly bugs. The spray was an extremely light misty fog that evaporated almost immediately. It didn't even sit on water. Why should young and old suffer and sometimes die when we

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You can still see what local Norwood artists are working on, as virtual gallery tours are becoming more numerous.

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# Art Association gearing up for the fall

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Usually, around this time of year Norwood Art Association (NAA) president Frances Downey would be preparing and organizing for the annual Art in the Park at the Norwood Town Common.

“Which we’re not going to have this year,” she said.

Downey said the event usually happens in June but, because of the pandemic, they have had to cancel it this year. She said it just wouldn’t have worked in a social distancing environment, but she said they are still moving forward with

the Inez Reardon Memorial Scholarship Fund distribution, which usually happens at the Art in the Park event.

“Every year we give out a scholarship to a student at the Norwood High School, and we are currently reviewing the submissions and we’re going to make our choice next week, with the final announcement coming next month,” she said.

The scholarship was recently named for NAA co-founder Inez Reardon, who passed away about two years ago. Downey said she dedicated her life to the organiza-

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**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.  
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can use DDT? Wake up America, we citizens deserve better in this great country! The existence of deadly insects seems more important to the government than the health and welfare of we the people. In the literature that I have read, it seems as though it was never reported that a human being had suffered from the safe yearly use of DDT.

### SAD NEWS

My beautiful, happy, sweet angel, Rae-Rae, had to be put to sleep last week. My house is forever empty without her, and so am I. She was my best buddy, but I do know that her special soul sits in heaven with the angels and the Lord.. I will never forget the feel of her incredible presence in my life!

### SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

To the classical musical lover, “Adagio for Strings,” composed by Samuel Barber,” brilliantly and musically follows the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001. The music follows the events as if the theme was purposely written many years ago waiting for the horrific event by low-life evils to occur.

### IMPORTANT

Our Town residents may call the Citizen Information Center for Norwood, Mon. thru Fri. from 8AM to 4PM at 781.352.2363. Questions about Town services, food assistance, payment assistance, SNAP, unemployment apps., etc. will be taken by Town employees working remotely and will be happy to help you.

### BYE GUYS,

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#### "Municipal Parking Lot Reconstruction"

The Norwood Town Hall building is closed due to COVID-19. Bids are to be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, Fedex, UPS, or delivered to the Town Hall mailbox located beneath the Town Hall tower at the corner of Nahatan Street and Washington Street. Bids must still be delivered prior to 11:00 A.M. Call 781-762-1240, x106 or x107 to confirm delivery.

The bid opening will be held via GoToMeeting. Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/324031069> or dial in using your phone at 1+(224) 501-3412, access code 324-031-069. The bid opening will be recorded and posted on the Purchasing website: [purchasing.norwoodma.gov](https://purchasing.norwoodma.gov). It will also be videoed by Norwood Community Media.

Bidders must be pre-qualified to perform the work described in these specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 29, Section 8B and Chapter 90, Section 34. The bidder does not need to request pre-qualification from MassDOT.

The complete bid package may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department during regular business hours at (781) 762-1240, x106 or x107. Documents can also be obtained electronically by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>. The bid must be filled out and signed as directed herein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the General Manager, endorsed with the name and address of the bidder, and marked, **Municipal Parking Lot Reconstruction, CONTRACT #NPW-20-07"**.

A certified check or bid bond, with acceptable surety in favor of the Town of Norwood and equal to at least five percent (5%) of the bid, must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) days of notification of award furnish the Town a performance bond and labor and materials bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the bid.

Bids shall be prepared, considered, and the contract awarded in accordance with all statutes governing such contracts (MGL Chapter 30 and Chapter 149 as amended). Every General Bid shall be on forms furnished by the Town. Bids submitted on other forms may be rejected. The award of the contract shall be made within 30 working days after the opening of General Bids, Saturdays, and Sundays excluded.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not properly equipped to undertake and complete the work. The right is reserved to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids in accordance with the provisions of MGL as amended.

The Town of Norwood notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, gender, color, creed or national origin in consideration for an award. Contractors shall take Affirmative Action to negotiate with qualified minority or women-owned subcontractors in accordance with MGL Chapter 193. The MBE/WBE goal is 10.4% combined for construction projects.

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BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

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## Doctors without . . . school loans

If this coronavirus has any silver lining, it is in the hope that we now appreciate nurses and doctors, among others, even more so—not just the risk factor but their grueling, on-their-feet 12-hour shifts. While one can become a full-fledged nurse by matriculating at a four-year institution—and with all the debt that such an education can incur—doctors are in a much more difficult financial position early in their careers because of all the time after graduating from college that they must spend in medical school and, if they specialize, in training after that.

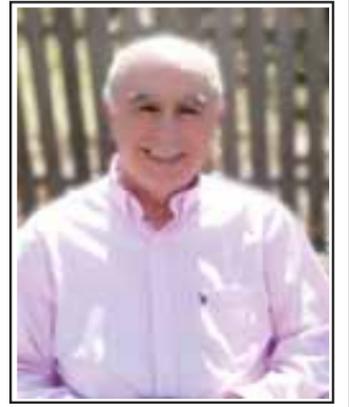
A few years ago a wonderful philanthropist gave to New York University a huge amount of money such that all attendees in its medical school would incur no tuition charges. Anyone thinking of a medical career devoid of hefty tuition fees is no doubt thinking of plunking down an application to NYU.

This sets a wonderful precedent. Perhaps other medical schools with huge endowments should follow suit. Locally, it behooves Harvard, Tufts, and Boston University—as well as UMass Medi-

cal School in Worcester, some 50 miles away—to consider doing the same. Unless the institution has a huge endowment—Harvard comes quickly to mind—the idea of making medical school free will add significantly to those institutions' expenses.

It's regrettable to think that in this day and age some very talented college graduates might be tempted to eschew medical school because of the huge costs disguised as loans. Even in normal times, that is, before the COVID-19 laid claim to the American nation, scheduling a meeting with a doctor even here in Boston was not without problems: there just are not that many physicians of any specialty who were available for non-emergency appointments on short notice in our hospital-abundant city. The simple fact is that all of America needs more doctors.

There are a number of professions these days who members regularly pull in \$150,000 with minimal, if any overtime. These workers do not have huge college debts to pay off. Wouldn't it be nice if the federal government resolved to pay the medical school tuition



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of all our future doctors, so that they wouldn't have to wait until years into their practice that they have finally paid off all their prohibitively high college loans? This is not to lower the bar for acceptance into medical school but to encourage our best to consider joining this life-saving occupation. Good doctors are worth every penny, and every time one retires or dies in the prime of her/his career, the loss is terrible to existing, as well as future, patients because it takes so long to train and ultimately replace that doctor.

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inclusion of the fourth office commercial unit seems to be a mystery.

"I don't know how this happened and my clients don't know how this happened, but along the way there were four units built and those four units have been used since the early 1960s," Hern said.

Hern acknowledged that his clients had come before the ZBA before to do something similar to this property in late 2018.

"The building inspector's decision was upheld when he issued a cease and desist order regarding a medical or dental practice on the prop-

erty back in 1973," he said. "I don't know what happened after that, and my clients don't know what happened after that other than the commercial use continued in the nearly 50 years since that decision was enacted."

Hern said both dental practices have closed shop, as they both retired, and he said he felt the change to residential properties would make for fewer cars coming in and out of the property. Originally, Hern and his clients came in with a request for zoning relief on parking, but also showed that according to the Zoning Bylaw, they had one more space than required at 22 spaces for the properties and the additional residential units. With the additional unit in three buildings a piece, there would be a total of 12 two-bedroom units in the entire complex (including 87 Winter St., which was not up for any changes at the meeting) and three one-bedroom units.

Residents Joe Alferi and Candance Albert, who live at 80 Winter St., said despite the applicants showing they have adequate parking under the bylaw, they feel it does not take into account that each

two-bedroom unit would have two cars.

"We're looking at the parking situation every day and there's currently nine apartments and you're looking to add three more two-bedroom apartments in locations that are currently vacant," he said. "I don't see any way there's near enough parking for all those apartments and that's a huge issue of concern."

"It's already crammed, I feel as if it's been where there's been decades of making extra money because of zoning's leniency," said Albert, who was then reminded by Hern that the owners have been paying taxes on the existing nonconforming commercial units. "It would be nice though if this owner of these apartment buildings invested more in the people staying there. I see people walking outside with their laundry because they don't have a place to do their laundry there."

Hern asked that the relief request for parking be withdrawn, since it was established by the Board that the applicants did not need it. The Board voted unanimously to both extend the nonconforming use and accept the withdrawal without prejudice of the parking relief request.

## 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. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—J.R.G.

# Norwood resident wants to take your picture for charity

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

Norwood resident Veronica Monterosso is the Senior Graphic and Web Designer at the Home for Little Wanderers, a local charity for young children.

Recently, many residents from all of over the country have been participating in a front porch or front steps program, for which participants put on their Sunday best and go out to their front steps or front porch to get their picture taken.

Monterosso read about the program and, as a freelance photographer herself, thought it might be a good idea to go out and brighten the lives of folks with family photos, help the Home with some extra donations, and give her a reason to get out of the house once in a while during the pandemic.

"I thought it was just a great way to connect photographers and their communities," she said. "I recently heard about the Front Steps Project through social media and discovered it was started

by two local photographers in Needham."

And these two photographers created a program now trending across the globe, as more than \$1 million has been raised from the idea. Recipients of the funds include animal shelters, local hospitals, the United Way, front line workers, local businesses and more. The primary organizers of the group include Cara Soulia, Caitrin Dunphy, Topher Cox and Kristen Collins, who said they just wanted to help raise funds for their local communities during the pandemic. They said they never expected the project to have such an impact. To check out the original project, go to [thefrontstepsproject.com](http://thefrontstepsproject.com).

Monterosso said she chose the Home as her designated fundraising location not only because she works there, but because she believes in the work they do.

"I want our communities to know that their donations really makes a difference. The Home's programs and services continue to operate during the pandemic and are



The Front Steps Project is looking to help local organizations as well as residents in need of a nice family portrait.

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providing the critical services our youth and families need during this crisis," she said. "The Home is going above and beyond as the need for our services has become even more apparent and new needs are emerging every day related to the crisis. As we have always done throughout our

### Front Steps

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# Waters responds to COVID-19 with faith

Waters Church has started a helpline and food pantry for those in need that includes all kinds of food and home items like diapers and baby formula, according to Shane Parsons, Executive Pastor. Anyone who is in need can call us for help at 508.695.1300 or submit requests at WatersChurch.tv. "We want to continue to serve our community and let everyone know that they don't have to be afraid that we are here for them," Parsons said.

Waters Church will be holding a Drive-In Food Pantry this Saturday, at their Norwood location; Drive In Food Pantry - FREE Helping people in need from our community Sat, May 16th 9am -12pm Waters Church Norwood 668 Walpole St, Norwood, MA Please pre-register at: [www.WatersChurch.org/events](http://www.WatersChurch.org/events)

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tion. Residents can go to the group's web site at [NorwoodArtAssociation.com](http://NorwoodArtAssociation.com) to help donate to the scholarship fund, which is sustained by fundraisers like Art in the Park, local contributions and the Ernest J. Boch Fund.

"We still have some funds from Art in the Park last year as well as proceeds from our other shows," she said. "The NAA takes a little of that for operational costs and puts the rest towards the scholarship. Membership fees help too."

This would have been the 43rd annual Art in the Park, but Downey said they are looking for other ways to help Norwood artists show their stuff. For instance, the group's gallery, located at the Winsmith Mill, is currently closed, but they are offering virtual tours of artists' galleries online at the group's Facebook page at [facebook.com/Norwood-Fine-Artists-Gallery-Studio-367591436680226/](https://facebook.com/Norwood-Fine-Artists-Gallery-Studio-367591436680226/).

"We have been putting up tours of the gallery and also featuring artists from the gallery who have art there and we'll take one of the artists' names and put up a bunch of their paintings on social media," she said. "Ellen Little, she sort of runs the gallery there, is featuring three artists now... She is moving forward with efforts to keep people thinking about art and the gallery and artists, and we all share that on our own Facebook pages too. If anybody sees any art they want to purchase, they can do that directly too."

All of these features can be found at the group's web site at [norwoodartassociation.com](http://norwoodartassociation.com), along with a sign up page for the group's newsletter.

"We just revamped the web site and it's pretty cool," Downey said. "There's links to people's personal websites, and we have bios of our artist members. There's probably about 15 people on there."

One artist in particular said she's amazed at the work the association is doing as well as with the outpouring of support from residents and local businesses.

"I am constantly impressed by the contributions at the gallery and I know that much of

the work there is framed or repaired by other local businesses, such as Custom Art Framing on Central Street in Norwood," said Kristen Capezio. Many small businesses share a symbiotic relationship and it's no different in the art world. During times like these, the activities of one section of an industry can have a ripple effect on others. Everyone must do what they can and buying local is an important step to keeping the businesses we love afloat."

Right now, Downey said they are mainly planning the group's fall and winter shows, which are held at the United Church of Norwood in the center of Town.

"Hopefully, things will be up and running by then," she said. "Who knows, we don't really know how long we're going to have walk around in masks and social distance, but we're looking forward to having the weather warm up at least."

Downey said they've been encouraging their members to stay active in art.

"We've talked to some artists and it's been really difficult for some of them. These are really creative people, but you can kind of lose your focus sometimes when things are like this," she said. "We're encouraging people to keep art in their hearts and just keep things going and share their joy."

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The second video focuses on the success stories of neighboring communities, including Brookline and Lexington. Topics revolve around emergency preparedness, buildings, health, land use, energy, transportation and food, among others.

The third video talks about "One New Thing," an outreach campaign to make residents more aware of the role of sustainability in protecting Norwood and the environment. A survey follows the videos, to which Dunn said he has received more than 40 responses.

Other members contributed ideas as to more video outreach that could be done via Facebook and other social media platforms. Chair Peter McFarland talked about making a video clarifying what is and isn't recyclable, such as textiles and food containers. He added that high school media classes might be interested in doing video projects on the topic as senior projects.

"There's a lot of show and tell, as far as that goes," he said. "We can get a video out so people can see it. It's more tangible than just talking about stuff."

Heather Miller suggested that residents could submit videos of their "One New Thing," which could then be compiled by the committee. She said that it was a good idea not to put it out now while people were still at home due to the pandemic.

"It sounds like we need a need a little bit of a marketing strategy, for lack of a better term, on how to launch this effectively, in a coordinated way so that it's not just piece meal," Dunn said. "I know that (committee member) Joe (Collins) obviously can take care of the Town side, but then also that we're doing it on social media and other places. We just need to figure out what that looks like."

McFarland suggested that the survey could continue to be posted on a weekly basis with added content.

The Solid Waste Subcommittee had no new updates to report since last month's meeting, but Miller said she was "pretty far ahead," being more than halfway complete with the committee's goals. She also said the Resiliency Subcommittee is "halfway there." Likewise, the Energy Subcommittee has not met recently, but is still about 50 percent complete in meeting its goals.

Dunn said that the Public Health Subcommittee is "similar to the Energy Subcommittee."

"We have the goals and the strategies pieced together," he said. "We still all haven't met at the same time. We're about 50 percent of where we need to be."

McFarland noted that COVID-19 has "brought public health to a point of emphasis,"

highlighting "the interrelationships between transportation, housing, jobs, food and education."

Members also reflected on what the pandemic has taught them, especially about working from home, efficiency, the ability to gather in groups digitally via Zoom and the benefits to the environment by keeping traffic off the roads.

"This pandemic has kind of exacerbated some of the public health issues and brought them to light," Dunn said. "It puts a premium on why some of this needs to be addressed. Hopefully as we start to open up, there will be more research as to who was affected. We know that anecdotally, and that will be something we want to keep that in mind as we move forward."

"The more that we can plan for things and be prepared the better, especially at the local level because we're seeing how much we depend on our Town and our community around us," Miller said.

"I think that this pandemic has taught a lot of people what they can and can't handle, for good or bad," McFarland said. "I think that a lot of people will come out of this stronger. I think a lot of people did more than they could ever imagine."

The next Sustainability Commission meeting will be June 15 at 7 p.m.



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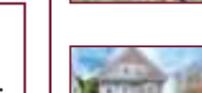
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# DEATHS

## BARRY

Thomas Francis of Norwood, age 83, died Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the UMass Memorial Medical Center following a brief illness. Tom was born March 5, 1937, the son of the late Thomas Francis and Sarah Marie (Coughlan) Barry. He grew up in West Roxbury and was a teacher of Business Math and Computers at Dorchester High School for 35 years. Tom leaves a sister, Rosemary Swanson of West Hartford, CT, and brothers, Jim Barry of Gainesville, FL, and John (Ed) Barry of San Francisco, CA. He was predeceased by the spouses of each of his siblings, Gustav Swanson, Juanita Barry, and May Pon. Tom was an attentive uncle to twelve nieces and nephews who were a large part of his life, visiting them for holidays, baptisms, graduations, weddings, and many other occasions. Most of these nieces and nephews have had children, keeping Tom very busy with celebrations. Sarah, Tom's mother, passed away when he was a teenager, and his father later remarried Marie (Driscoll) Barry. In Marie's later years, after she returned to the Boston area, Tom became her primary healthcare advocate and visited her often. After graduating from Boston Latin School in 1954, and Boston University in 1958, Tom moved to Norwood, where he resided most of his adult life. Here, Tom became a lifelong member of the Catholic Alumni Club, and served as President for several years. Tom also sang with this club, singing for liturgies and nursing homes. As a child, Tom loved music and was known to sing along with Mario Lanza. Later, Tom joined the church choir at St. Theresa of Avila in West Roxbury and subsequently became a longtime valued member of the choir at St. Catherine of Siena in Norwood. An avid golfer and tennis player, Tom would often gift younger friends and relatives with new and used clubs and racquets to encourage their participation. We will remember Tom as a wonderful man who was always looking to help others, from feeding stray cats in the neighborhood, to helping students in extracurricular activities, and honoring his many friends and relatives with their accomplishments. Due to COVID-19, a private family Service will be held. Further information is available at [www.mollofuneralhome.com](http://www.mollofuneralhome.com). A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the staff at St. Mary Health Care Center in Worcester, MA for the excellent care they provided to Tom over the past two years. We would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at UMass Memorial Medical Center for their excellent care for Tom during his final six days. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to St. Mary Healthcare Center in Tom's honor.

## BINGEL

Michael J. Age 69, of Norwood, MA, succumbed to the COVID-19 virus on Monday, April 20, 2020. Mike resided at the Charlwell House Nursing Home in Norwood for the last 6 years where they assisted him with his struggle with Early Onset Dementia. Formerly of Needham and Boston, he was born on June 6th, 1950, to the late Walter and Abigail Bingel. He is survived by his siblings, Walter J. Bingel, Jr. and Gloria of Derry, NH, Peg Hurley and Bob of Billerica, MA, Bob Bingel and Patty of Wrentham, MA, and many nieces and nephews. Mike served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War Era and traveled throughout the world during his tour of duty. He loved bringing home gifts from the many countries he visited. He later worked as a Draftsman in the Electronics Industry. Mike loved to go fishing and en-

joyed hiking in New Hampshire. He was a Patriots and Red Sox Fan. He was well known for his sense of humor and his very infectious laughter. The family would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the nurses and staff at the Charlwell House for all their kind and thoughtful care. A private Graveside Service will be held. A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date. An online guestbook may be found at [rjrossfuneralhomeinc.com](http://rjrossfuneralhomeinc.com)

## CALLANAN

Marie (Ferrick) of Norwood, formerly of West Roxbury and Mission Hill, died May 4th, 2020. Beloved wife of the late John W. Callanan for 68 years. Loving mother of Gail Sebet and her husband Bill of Westwood, Lynne Greeley and her husband Kevin of Norwood and the late John W. "Jace" Callanan, Jr. and Richard "Cal" Callanan. Mother-in-Law of Joan Callanan of Franklin and Paula Callanan of Needham. Devoted grandmother of Kristen, Michelle, Matthew, Sarah, Charlie and Christopher and cherished great-grandmother of Aly and Jace. Sister of the late Francis "Buddy" Ferrick. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Due to current health concerns, Services and Interment will be private at this time and a Celebration of Life for Marie will take place at a later date. Donations may be made in Marie's memory to the Greater Boston Food Bank, [www.gbfb.org](http://www.gbfb.org) H o l d e n - D u n n - L a w l e r [www.hdlfuneralhome.net](http://www.hdlfuneralhome.net)

## CHANDLER

Mary Katherine "MK" (Sheehan) of Norwood, formerly of Dover, Walpole and New Seabury, MA, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on May 3rd at the age of 84 after a courageous battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. The beloved wife of the late Robert X. Chandler, MK was a loving mother to her 7 children; Colleen McCormick and her husband Stephen of Medfield, Julie Chandler of Medfield, Nancy Chandler Drinkwater and her husband Craig of Franklin, Lynne Chandler Spirito and her husband Nick of Milford, Dennis Chandler and his wife Janet Love Chandler of Norfolk, Thomas Chandler and his wife Kim Ambrosini Chandler of Franklin, and Michael Chandler of Millis. MK was also the very proud grandmother of 20 loving grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Born in 1935 in Chicago, IL, to Mary Jule (Sullivan) Sheehan and John Sheehan, MK had an older brother, the late Patrick Sheehan of Barrington, IL. MK graduated from St. Xavier Academy in Chicago before attending St. Mary's College. MK met the love of her life, Bob, on a blind date at Long Beach in Michigan after college. They married in 1959 and settled in Elkhart where they welcomed the 4 girls into their lives. They moved to Albany, NY in 1964 where they welcomed the 3 boys into their already hectic lives. In 1969 MK and Bob moved the family to Memphis, TN, then moved again in 1973, settling in Dover, MA, where they lived for nearly 20 years. A self-proclaimed "Domestic Engineer," MK dedicated her life to raising, loving, teaching and imparting strong morals and values to her 7 children. The most important of those being love and commitment to family and friends, always. While raising her children, MK made a lasting impression on countless other children who were friends, teammates, boyfriends and girlfriends. Always with a smile and open arms, MK welcomed into her home all of her children's friends and later, their spouses, her entire life. Whether they were visiting her home in Dover or

the summer home in New Seabury, MK always had room and a meal for one more or 2 or 3. Everyone was welcomed the same way, like family. A lover of flowers, cooking, music and dancing, MK was a lady of grace and dignity. She believed strongly in always looking your best to face each day, no matter the circumstances. A devout Catholic and believer in giving back, MK spent countless hours as a volunteer at Norwood Hospital and the food pantry in Mashpee. MK also enjoyed her many wonderful days with her walking group of friends at New Seabury and her lunches at Mcmenemy's in Falmouth and shopping at the Christmas Tree Shop. MK was a loving wife, amazing mother, mother-in-law, friend, grandma and great-grandma and she will be missed more than words can express. We love you Mom and while we will never move on, we will move forward in your honor and memory. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in MK's memory to Benchmark Harbor Staff Fund, 40 Clapboardtree St., Norwood, MA 02062. As a result of the current COVID crisis, a private family Funeral Service was held followed by a private family Burial at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. A Mass of Remembrance will be held at a later date. For online guestbook, [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com) George F. Doherty & Sons Needham 781 444 0687.

## DEAN

John M. "Jack" Age 75, died May 4, 2020 from complications from COVID-19 in Norwood, MA. Jack was raised in Mattapan, MA, the only child of Sarah (Maloney) and John M. Dean. He attended Boston Technical High School (now the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics & Science), and received his BS from Boston College, where he spent many of his later years cheering on Eagles football and basketball teams with his children and grandchildren. He married Rosemary (Cooney) in 1969 and made a home in Norwood and later Walpole, MA, raising two daughters. A whiz with numbers, it was only natural Jack would spend his professional life as a banker. He began his career as Treasurer of Weymouth Savings Bank and went on to be Vice President of People's Savings Bank in Brockton. He eventually retired from Saugusbank (now North Shore Bank) in 2006 after 14 years as President and CEO. He remained on the Board of Directors until 2017. Jack was also an active Rotarian and a member of the Brockton Rotary as well as past president of the Saugus Rotary. Sports and outdoor activities were a big part of Jack's life. An avid runner, Jack almost never took a day off from hitting the pavement come rain or shine. While he could boast having completed numerous marathons, it was his 20 years running the Falmouth Road Race of which he was most proud. There was nothing he enjoyed more than finishing a late afternoon run in the blazing heat in Falmouth where he spent his summers, and then cooling off in the ocean at Surf Drive Beach followed by a frosty beer. Jack also enjoyed a round of golf, spending time on the links at the Cape Cod Country Club. He participated in frequent low-key weekend tournaments as a member of the Falmouth Men's Club with his foursome, a group of close friends with a penchant for pink golf shirts, who became known as the Pink Flamingos. Jack did a lot of traveling. Whether a short car ride or a long plane ride, Jack was sure to agree to the trip strongly suggested by his bride, quietly listening to her lengthy monologues of historical facts on the location. Jack had perfected the look of genuine interest while actually dreaming of his re-

turn to his recliner at home and the newspaper. A die hard Red Sox fan, Jack took his children and grandchildren to many a game at Fenway Park, but his truly favorite way to follow the boys of summer was on the radio with Joe Castiglione in an armchair at his Cape house, which he affectionately referred to as The Summer Wind. In addition to his wife of almost 51 years, Jack is survived by his two daughters, Jennifer Vrettas and her husband William of Milton, and Alicia Petersen and her husband Thomas of Milton. He was the much loved Papa to Taylor, Brady, Jocelyn, Reiley and Lucas. Jack also leaves behind many adoring nieces and nephews, as well as a very tight group of sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, who will miss his dry wit. All Services are private due to COVID-19, with burial taking place at St. Francis Cemetery in Walpole. A Celebration of Jack's Life will take place at a later date. Contributions in Jack's memory may be made to the Saugus Rotary Club, where they will support Interact, Youth Exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership programs. Donations may be sent to: Keith Harris, 140 Central Street, Rowley, MA 01960. Gillooly Funeral Home, NORWOOD, 781-762-0174 [GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://GilloolyFuneralHome.com)

## FARES



Marcelle Nassar of Norwood, Massachusetts passed away on April 29, 2020 at the age of 92. Mrs. Fares was born in Dhour El Choueir, Lebanon in 1927 to the late Victoria and Chukri Nassar. Sister of the late Dr. Salwa C. Nassar, Helene and Yvonne Nassar. Beloved wife of the late Youssef Fares. Devoted mother of the late Rima Fares Dagher, Lina Fares and her husband Dr. Pierre Naccache of Montreal, Canada; Rula Fares and her husband Sami Harb of Norwood, USA; Dr. Samar Fares and her husband Samir Mokaiesh of Paris, France. Cherished grandmother of Ziad

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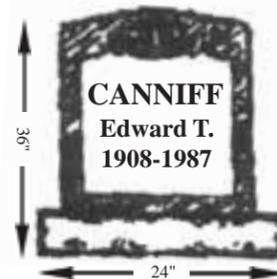
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An evening special registration session will be held at the Municipal Building, Room 32 on Friday, May 29, 2020 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This is the FINAL REGISTRATION SESSION prior to the Annual Town Election.

Daily registration of voters will be conducted at the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

A mail-in registration form is now available at Norwood Morrill Memorial Library and the Norwood Post Office.

You may also register to vote on-line at [sec.state.ma.us](http://sec.state.ma.us)

Qualifications to register to vote are that the applicants must be 18 years old on or before election day and must either be born in the United States or be a Naturalized Citizen.

### NORWOOD ANNOUNCES TESTING PROGRAM

General Manager Tony Mazzucco, Public Health Director Sigalle Reiss, and Norwood Hospital President Salvatore Perla wish to share with residents that the Town of Norwood, in partnership with the Hospital, is now providing COVID-19 testing for Norwood residents.

The Town has secured 1,000 tests designated for Norwood residents.

Any resident with symptoms or who believes they have been exposed and would like a COVID-19 test should schedule an appointment by calling 781-278-4499 and asking for the Norwood Community Testing program. Pre-registration is required. This is not a walk-in clinic.

"We are very grateful for this partnership with Norwood Hospital to make these tests available to the residents of our community," General Manager Mazzucco said. "As a result, residents will now have a means of testing that is more widely available and close to home."

Testing is for individuals who have not previously received a test. Any resident in need of a re-test in order to be able to go back to work should contact their physician.

Testing is offered Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., by appointment only, at Norwood Hospital's testing facility at the rear of the hospital campus, located at 800 Washington St.

Residents should make sure to bring their insurance card if receiving a test. Health insurance will be charged, but there is no out of pocket direct cost for residents.

Proof of residency is required. Residents are asked to bring a photo ID, license, light bill or lease.

The Town will cover the costs for a limited number of uninsured residents. There are no additional fees collected by the hospital for the test.

Results are expected in 48-72 hours after the test is given. The Norwood Health Department will contact residents with their results from the Community Testing Program. For those who test positive, the Department will ask those individuals to isolate at home and will conduct contact tracing to quarantine close contacts.

A COVID-19 test is a snapshot in time; it does not clear you from future infections or release you from a 14-day quarantine. Everyone should still stay home when sick, wear a face covering when unable to maintain social distancing, wash hands and clean frequently touched surfaces.

This program should not replace the following existing testing procedures: \* Working with your primary care doctor to arrange testing if you have symptoms; \* Visiting emergency/urgent care for an evaluation; \* The Foxboro testing site, specifically reserved for first responders and essential grocery store workers only; \* Other facilities that have access to State coordinated testing, such as the National Guard testing program or the Fallon testing program.

### WATERS CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Waters Church is offering a Drive-In Food Pantry this Sat, May 16th, 9am -12pm that is free to the community. The church is located at 668 Walpole St, Norwood, MA. Please pre-register at: [www.WatersChurch.org/events](http://www.WatersChurch.org/events)

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### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO HOST CANDIDATES FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Norwood is holding a Candidates Forum on Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 PM. The event will be carried live by NCM on the Government Channel. These are Board of Selectmen candidates only. No in-person audience is allowed but the public can submit questions to be asked of the candidates to [lwnnorwoodma@gmail.com](mailto:lwnnorwoodma@gmail.com) no later than 5/26.

Naccache, Mayss Naccache and her husband Dr. Scott Carroll, Nadim Naccache, Raja Harb and his wife Anna Posner, Dr. Jena Harb and her husband Mark Russell, Rima Mokaiesh, Zeina Mokaiesh. Great grandmother of Layla, Youmna, Joseph, Maya and Emma. Expressions of sympathy may be made in memory of Marcelle to the Alzheimer's Association, MA Chapter, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. All services will be private. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) 781-762-0482.

### GROH



Elizabeth L. "Betty" (Burke), 80, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 10, 2020, with her family by her side following a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Born in Norwood, she was a daughter of the late Alphonsus and Marjorie (Holman) Burke and lifelong resident of the town. Beloved wife of the late James P. "Butch" Groh of Norwood. Loving mother of Susan DiTomasso and her husband Daniel of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of Laura and Daniel DiTomasso Jr., of Norwood. Devoted sister of Mrs. Marjorie Hooper and her husband Alfred of Wrentham, Thomas Burke and his wife Mary of Marshfield, Robert Burke of Norwood, and Noreen Burke of Panama City Beach, FL. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Mrs. Groh was a proud graduate of Norwood High School Class of 1957 and St. Catherine's School. She cherished time spent with her family, friends, and feline companions. She loved to travel

prior to her illness. An attentive mother and grandmother, she enjoyed time spent in her yard gardening. After many years of service, she retired from Sovereign Bank in 2009. Interment will be private in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. A celebration of Betty's life will take place at a later date. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st St, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131 or [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org), The Animal Rescue League of Dedham, 55 Anna's Pl, Dedham, MA 02026, or to the charity of one's choice.

### HAWLEY

Timothy Neil Age 68, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2020. Born July 2, 1951 in Norwood. He was predeceased by his father, James J. Hawley. Tim graduated from Norwood High School in 1970 and subsequently went to Massasoit Community College and received an Associates degree in Computer Science. He worked many years for International Paper Company and then American Steel and Aluminum. Timothy is survived by his beloved mother, Marguerite C. (McDonough) Hawley of Norwood; his loving children, Timothy J. Hawley & his wife Nikki of Walpole, Michael P. Hawley of Foxborough, Paul J. Hawley of Foxborough; his grandchildren, Ashley, Megan and Colin Hawley; his siblings, James J. Hawley, Jr. & his wife Lauris of Windham, ME, Christopher P. Hawley of Barnstable, Marguerite A. Hawley & her husband Eric Iida of Newton, and his nephew Timothy Hawley of Maine. Graveside Service will be held privately at Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Timothy's honor to United Cerebral Palsy of MetroBoston at <http://www.ucpboston.org/ways-to-give/donate-now>

### KINNEY

BERT F. of Stoughton formerly of Norwood passed away on May 6, 2020 at the age of 97. Beloved husband of the late Imelda L. (Stevens) Kinney. Devoted father of Bert M. Kinney and the late Cathy Phillips Kinney of Sanibel, FL, Jeannette M. Dailey and her husband Joseph of Stoughton, Colleen B. Kinney of Attleboro, Suzanne I. Martin and her husband Thomas of Norfolk and Paula J. Brennan and her husband Joseph of Naples, FL. Brother of the

late Ray Kinney. Cherished grandfather of Matthew, Ashley, Aaron, Brendan, Kyle, Justina, Phillip and the late Gregory, Amanda, Ryan, Michelle and Melissa. Also survived by 9 great grandchildren. Bert was a retired Aviation Mechanic at the Norwood Airport and also was a teacher for East Coast Aero Technical School and Wentworth Institute in Boston. He was a former member of the Hot Rod Club in Dedham and a member of the Collins Foundation. Bert was a WWII US Navy Veteran. A private burial will take place at Knollwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or Constellation Health Services, 180 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) &81-762-0482.

### McDONOUGH

Phyllis Anne (Condon) Age 90, of Norwood, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 4, 2020, with her family at her side. Beloved wife of the late Charles C. McDonough, her high-school sweetheart with whom she enjoyed 23 years of marriage until his untimely passing in 1975. Devoted mother of Catherine McDonough and her husband Joseph Hudson of Cummaquid, Charles McDonough and his wife Joanne of Hanson, Patrick McDonough and his wife Susan of Norwood, the late David McDonough and his wife Sandy of Walpole, the late Faye McDonough, Joseph McDonough and his wife Jeanmarie of Norwood, Michael McDonough and his wife Barbara of Norwood. Loving sister of the late Catherine Driscoll. Cherished grandmother of Charles of Billerica, Patrick of East Walpole, Natalie of Norwood, Michael of Norwood, Brian of Norwood, Allison of Norwood, Sara of Mansfield, Lauren of Norwood, Joseph of Norwood, the late Jolena. Great-grandmother of Noah, Jodon, and Mackenzie Faye. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Burial at Highland Cemetery in Norwood will be held privately. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Please visit the Funeral Home website for the register book and pending Memorial Service information: [www.GilloolyFuneralHome.com](http://www.GilloolyFuneralHome.com) In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made in her memory to The Hundred Club: [100clubmass.org/donate](http://100clubmass.org/donate) Gillooly Funeral Home Norwood 781-762-0174.



## 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.

### 2019 Alfa Romeo Stelvio

Who would have thought that I would be driving an Alfa Romeo super performance AWD SUV called Stelvio Quadrifoglio? I never knew that Alfa was building an SUV. The Stelvio is the top of the line in every way possible. This Alfa will not only keep up with the competitors, it will pass them by. The Stelvio is built in Italy along with the engine and a lot of components, the transmission is built in Germany.

This is a real performance built SUV, not just an SUV with bolt on performance goodies. The body is well rounded, no sharp edges. Entry level is low enough for most drivers and passengers. The Stelvio seats 5. Front power seats are firm heated and ventilated. Power comes from a 2.9 liter 505 horse power twin turbo V/6 via an 8 speed multi mode automatic. The multi mode also includes engine management including a great sounding exhaust in performance and race mode. There are light weight carbon fiber parts in the SUV including the main drive shaft. A remote starter and push to start button on the steering wheel like a Ferrari. When you push the start button the engine comes to life and lets you know, I am alive and waiting your command. Wherever I parked the Alfa people asked, what is it and how did I like it? The large 20 inch alloy wheels are staggered in width and have a super large opening design allowing full view of the large braking system, and colored painted calipers. The large brakes took some time to get used to, a light touch was all that was needed at any speed to bring this Alfa to a stop. The large 7 inch display, interior lay out, and the design seemed to be built for American buyers. The ride can be soft and quiet or loud and firm, depending on the system control position. This is a multi purpose SUV for all occasions. Unlike other SUVs, the Stelvio is equipped with summer type tires that are very smooth and quiet. Like most manufactures they equip vehicles with most options and Alfa is included. EPA 17 city 23 hwy 19 combined. Base price starts \$80,245 destination \$1,595.00. The list of standard and safety equipment is long. The option list starts with the tri coat red paint, driver assistance, convenience package, Brembo ultra high performance brake package, dual-pane sunroof, heated rear seats, dark 20 inch alloy rims, gloss red brake calipers. Total MSRP with all options \$96,540.00.

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# Humane Society

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getting back to people and trying to figure out how to do adoptions safely. All of the cats that we rescue that are adoptable go into foster homes."

Right now, Tainter said the group needs more financial donations, primarily because spring is in the air.

"This is kitten season and we just rescued two feral moms who gave birth to 10 kittens and several other moms and kittens," she said. "Luckily they are all being cared for, and they all will be tested, spayed, neutered and vaccinated. This time of year, our food and medical costs rise exponentially."

Tainter said donations are especially helpful in this time of great need, because while demand has been high, the financial strains the COVID-19 pandemic has had on many pet owners has left many pets abandoned in the wild. Tainter also said that they need donations for food and other medical services, which can be made directly on the group's web site at <http://www.neponsethumane.org/>. She added they will accept animal surrenders as well, but want people to know about other resources out there so that surrendering might not be necessary.

"If people are out of money and can't feed their pets, they should reach out directly to us and other rescues to see if there are ways to help, so they don't have to give up their pets," she said. "There's a huge impact to everybody with this outbreak, and obviously people come first, but pets are part of the family and people are struggling to try to figure out what to do. We're willing to help as long as we have the food and financial resources to do so. We're glad to help, though and we'll do as much as we can now."

The Massachusetts Humane Society, Tainter said, would also be a great place to start, and residents in need can email at [MassHumane@aol.com](mailto:MassHumane@aol.com) or 781-335-1300. MSPCA.org is also a great resource.

Tainter said the organization is also having difficulty not only keeping up with adoption requests, but figuring out how to do them properly. She said normally adopters first meet their potential pet. Tainter said when these meetings take place it's not just a one-way conversation.

"Generally we schedule meetings at a foster home, where the person goes in and spends time with the cat and talks to the foster people about their experience with the cat," she said. "Obviously, we don't want that happening now, and we're struggling with that a little bit. If you're a shelter, you can do things a little differently, but because it's in somebody's home, it's a little more challenging. We've been successful in finalizing adoptions with people who have seen pictures and/or video where they can also talk to the fosterer on a Zoom meeting or something like that."

The NVHS is also carefully screening potential adopters. She said the organization wants to make sure potential adopters can handle the responsibilities of owning a pet.

"People think, 'oh, I'm home and I could have a pet now,' which makes adoption requests more frequent lately, but they really need to think through whether they will have enough time when the pandemic is over. Adopting a pet is a lifetime commitment. There are many resources online that provide the questions and information to help them really think through whether adopting is something they will commit to for the life of their pet.

"It's very stressful for the animal to have to be re-homed into a foster home and then go through the adoption process again," she said. "They're not disposable, we expect people are making a lifetime commitment. We know life changes happen, and we understand that and we will always try to help. If someone is looking to adopt, especially a dog that needs more attention during the day, they need to think very carefully. Over the years, numerous people have called for help to surrender an animal because they realize they don't have the lifestyle to provide the proper care, and with this situation, sadly there's probably going to be more of that. It's just not fair to the pet."

Tainter said there are, however, ways to help and test out the idea of a pet.

"I would encourage those people to foster," she said. "They not only help save an animal by providing a loving, safe home, they can determine if adopting a pet fits with their 'forever' lifestyle."

## April Citizens of the Month!



**Grade 8:** Vinamra Kalaignar Anusha, Daniel Morrison, Alan (AJ) Helmar (missing), David DeMattia (missing)

**Grade 7:** Colleen Brady, Micaela Brown, Ashlyn Bower

**Grade 6:** Isla Wilson, Caitlyn Hamwey, Joe Dipierro (missing)

Congratulations to the April winners of Dr. Philip O. Coakley Middle School's Citizen of the Month. Citizens of the Month exemplify the school's mission statement and are chosen by teachers and staff. Because of our remote learning situation, we met through a Google hangout meet to take a group photo. Also pictured are the school's Principal, Dr. Fraczek and the Committee chairpersons Mrs. Lori Porter and Mrs. Laurie Norris.

## Front Steps *continued from page 5*

220-year history, we are responding and adapting to the current climate to ensure our children and families receive the uninterrupted care they depend on."

The Home serves young children from birth to age 22, and then even sometimes beyond. It was started in 1799, known then as the Boston Children's Services. Later, it morphed into an orphanage, the New England Home for Little Wanderers, after the Civil War and became part of the Orphan Train movement. While its services may have evolved over the years, the mission is still very much dedicated to helping children in need. The Home provides residential care, special education, transitional youth services, clinical support, family support and more.

"Every day, our staff is doing whatever they can to help children feel connected, to make them feel like they belong," Monterosso said. "They help them to overcome trauma, abuse and neglect and I wanted to do something more, especially now when children need our services most. I decided to start The Front Steps Project in my



Proceeds from the photo shoots go directly to local charities in need.

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hometown of Norwood, and surrounding towns with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting The Home's Covid-19 Relief Fund. "

Monterosso said she has been asking Norwood to step up during this time of crisis, and get a nice family photo out of it in return.

"So far I have taken photos for seven families in and

around Norwood, as well Rhode Island," she said.

Monterosso added that the whole idea of the Steps project is to stay safe, and so social distancing is definitely a must for any photo shoot.

"The Front Steps Projects documents how families are experiencing staying home together during the pandemic," she said. "I take the photos from an appropriate distance away to ensure I am following social distance guidelines."

To set up a photograph session, go to [dancingfig.com/#contact](http://dancingfig.com/#contact). To donate directly to the Home, go to [TheHome.org](http://TheHome.org). For more information on the Front Steps Project, go to [thefrontstepsproject.com/](http://thefrontstepsproject.com/)

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# Town recognizes local businesses for PPE production

Town of Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco would like to recognize a number of local businesses who have adjusted their regular operations to assist in producing medical supplies and protective gear during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses and organizations from multiple industries, along with local residents, have assisted in making a number of protective supplies, including face shields, masks and hand sanitizer. Other businesses have donated equipment for these supplies as well as N95 masks, gloves, disinfectants and more.

Americad Technology, a local manufacturer, has produced and donated 735 face shields.

MS Walker, a wine and spirits company, has made and donated cases of hand sanitizer.

Steel Art Co., a steel fabricator, has produced and donated 800 full face shields.

Lustra Cleaners, a dry cleaning company, is making face masks.

The Norwood Walmart store and Manager Albin Shkreli have donated approximately 90 yards of cloth to be used for making face masks.

Modern Pest Control's Norwood branch has donated N95 masks.

Keady Pest Control has donated gloves and masks.

The Rojo's car wash location in Norwood has donated 6,000 gloves and will be donating more in the coming days.

Ocean State Job Lot has donated 200 surgical masks as well as a large amount of material for masks.

The location is also donating material to anyone who enters its store if they will make masks for first responders.

All local Norwood hotels have donated water, cleaners and disinfectants and have made available room offers for frontline and essential workers.

Multiple local dentists have donated medical grade disinfectant, masks, gloves, tooth brushes and more.

Additionally, Candy Ellis, a local nurse, has donated N95 masks, medical gowns, medical grade disinfectant and surgical masks. A local group of residents has also made and donated thousands of masks.

In the coming weeks, Boch will also finish its production of 1,000 KN95 masks for donation.

Lt. John Cody of the Norwood Fire Department has coordinated the donations. MS Walker, Americad, Steel Art and Rojo's contacted the fire department to see where their products could be put to use. Lt. Cody secured other donations by visiting local businesses and

explaining the needs of first responders, healthcare workers and other facilities in town.

The medical supplies and protective equipment donated thus far have been distributed by Lt. Cody to Norwood Hospital, along with the four nursing homes and two assisted living facilities in town.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic has brought along with it many challenges, it's been really won-

derful to see all the people stepping up to help however they can," General Manager Mazzucco said. "We'd like to express our appreciation to all of the local businesses and their employees, as well as our residents, who are using their equipment, materials and skills to help provide these critical supplies. Of course, this list is not comprehensive as so many people have donated whatever extra supplies they had,

and all of the donations have been deeply appreciated. We'd also like to recognize Lt. Cody who has worked to secure, coordinate and distribute these donations."

The town would also like to recognize local businesses who have contributed to COVID-19 relief through generous donations to the Norwood Fund, which include, but are not limited to, Diorio Engineering and Norwood Bank.

## Woman's Club feeds the NFD



Members of the Norwood Woman's Club bringing lunch to the Norwood Fire Dept. on May 7, 2020. left to right Pat Cavanaugh, President Phyllis Spiro and VP Susan Ingles.

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