



The Route 1 Corridor Study has been put on hold for public hearings at least for a little bit, but Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said they are still working on the plan.

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The Board of Selectmen and hopefully several other boards will start meeting again soon.

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Town still hopeful for Route 1 Corridor Study

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While the meeting scheduled for last week was canceled amid growing concerns over the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, the Town of Norwood is still looking to implement new zoning rules for the Route 1 Corridor to make it more consistent and less of the ad hoc zoning puzzle it is today.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis said that while the cancellation of the meeting was a setback, he is confident the planned rezoning of Norwood's largest commercial center will go ahead. He said the Town is working with consultant Ted Brovitz, with whom the Town has worked before on the Mixed-Use Overlay District.

"He's got another partner from another consulting firm working on this as well and I want to say at this point they are more than halfway done with the project," Halkiotis said. "They have assessed existing conditions and analyzed all kinds of data that we were able to assemble for real estate activity and the fiscal impacts of the properties along Route 1, and they've started to look at a table of use regulations; the uses that are allowed by right, not allowed and those that trigger a special permit."

He added he believes they will reach the deadline for Spring Town Meeting, but whether Town Meeting will be ready for them is another matter.

"With the uncertainty about what's going on now with COVID-19 there

has been some early discussion about pushing back some of our normal spring activity like town meeting and maybe the election, which by the way is still set for April 3," he said. "The spring Town Meeting may be pushed back depending on how things play out with COVID-19, but one way or another the consultant says they are ready. It might get postponed to the Fall Town Meeting, but at this point and time no decisions have been made."

Readers may remember this study was commissioned after Town Meeting approved a moratorium of new open lot storage facilities in the Town for one year, from July 2019 to July 2020. These facilities were popping up with some frequency in Town for use by the auto dealerships. Halkiotis said while this is a symptom of the patchwork zoning they're looking to fix with this rezoning, it's not the only big problem with the corridor.

"For me, this started four years ago after getting involved with the Town and reviewing the way zoning works and the zoning map and how the districts are laid out, which takes a little time for a planner in any community to get an understanding of. But after a while it became apparent there were different zoning districts along the Route 1 Corridor."

Halkiotis said he had spoken with several real estate attorneys, among them Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting regulars David Hern and James

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Town Government starting back up

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While the self-quarantine of Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, Superintendent of Schools David Thomson and several members of the Board of Selectmen had Norwood's Town Government in a bit of a holding pattern, things are at least going to start getting back to normal.

Mazzucco said they will start necessary and required meetings back up soon but, where possible, in a limited

capacity.

"We'll follow the state and other cities and towns," he said. "We'll have some digital meetings this week and the Board of Selectmen will meet at the end of this week. Most meetings will be starting up again next week with a combination of digital and in-person as needed, though there will be few if any meetings of boards or committees that don't have statutory responsibilities."

Mazzucco added that he is feeling

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Norwood businesses coping with close order

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker ordered this week that gatherings of 10 or more are banned, schools to close and restaurants can no longer have sit down service for the foreseeable future.

In Norwood, that translates to some tough times for some businesses, but many are staying open and are ready to serve residents in whatever way they can.

Common Cafe owner Maria Avramidis said the shut down has hit her hard early. Only one day into the ban on Tuesday, she said her regular breakfast rush was almost gone.

"We are open for business if this continues, we want to give it a try and

see if people are coming in or not," she said. "Being St. Patrick's Day, we had a lot of orders placed in advance and so we had a lot of orders getting picked up for dinner, but I don't know what's going to happen. Breakfast is very slow. I was hoping since people were stranded in their homes they would get the idea that 'okay, we have choices, we can go get breakfast and bring it back home,' but we haven't seen that yet."

At Nick's Package Store, Partner Helen Abdallah Donohue said they haven't seen much of a downturn in business.

"But our business is just a very small business, and it's largely an office for the real estate rentals we have," she said. "Most of the customers we have are

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Norwood Public Schools urges social distancing during break from school

Superintendent David L. Thomson would like to notify parents of Governor Charlie Baker’s announcement to close all public and private schools statewide until April 7 and provide information about the importance of social distancing during this time.

Norwood Public Schools will be following the mandate put forth by Gov. Baker’s office and all schools will remain closed until April 7.

The reason for the continued closure of schools is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to practice and promote social distancing.

Parents should be sure to talk to their children about proper hygiene and prevention methods and about the importance of social distancing until further guidelines are provided by state officials about the status of the virus.

Social distancing — maintaining a distance of approximately 6 feet from other people — has proven effective at slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Families should practice social distancing with their children and follow these guidelines from state and local health officials: Families should not hold “play dates” and those in need of childcare should limit the number of families involved as much as possible. Practice social dis-

tancing techniques with children and have them practice among themselves. Clean and sanitize toys, video game controllers and all touch surfaces regularly. Social distancing will help to minimize exposure among people, especially given that COVID-19 is highly contagious and people may be contagious prior to exhibiting symptoms. As the weather continues to improve, outdoor gatherings are viewed as safer, but social distancing techniques should still be practiced, and all sports/recreation equipment and toys should be cleaned regularly.

Teens are included in this group, and activities like bike riding and hiking/walking are viewed as safer alternatives to gathering at movie theaters, retail stores and other indoor venues.

“Though this is a challenging and unique situation, these measures are taken to keep students, staff and their families healthy,” Superintendent Thomson said. “We urge everyone to do their part and take the practice of social distancing seriously while schools remain closed.”

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath, and can appear between two and 14 days after exposure, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Any-

one who experiences symptoms and believes they may have the virus is advised to contact their health care provider. For more information from the CDC for those who may have the virus, go to <https://bit.ly/3b3SxJa>.

School officials also wish to encourage students and staff to follow recommended preventative steps from the DPH: Practice good hand hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds including under your fingernails. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol content) can be used when soap and water are not available.

Keep your hands away from your face. Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing with a tissue and discard it immediately. Cough into the sleeve over your elbow instead of your hand. Wash your hands often when coughing and sneezing. Stay away from people who are sick and stay home when you are sick. For more information, visit the DPH website by going to mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19#-overview- and the CDC’s website by going to cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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—C.O.

Norwood Neighbors Helping Neighbors looking to go viral

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

While all the advice from federal, state and local officials has been to distance yourself from others, Norwood locals are banding together to help one another, at least online.

Last Thursday, resident Rachel Webber announced the creation of the Norwood Neighbors Helping Neighbors Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/norwoodneighborshelpingneighbors/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/norwoodneighborshelpingneighbors/)), which she said is a catch-all resource for residents either looking to help out or looking for help during the COVID-19 outbreak.

As of the date of publication, the group already has 710 members and doesn't show any signs of slowing down. The basic idea is if you have extra items in your home you think people could use, you post them. Or if you're making a grocery run, you ask if anyone locally needs anything they could drop off for them. "Let's utilize this page to offer services, products as well as people who are looking for specific things to help them get through. We will persevere through Covid-19!" the page description reads.

There's no real category for the items listed. Someone on Monday posted they have an extra office chair they'd be willing to donate for those who are forced to work from home, another offered up their arts and crafts materials and many have offered to grab

extra items on their grocery runs. Hair products, books, board games, local information and ideas to occupy young children are all up for grabs on the web site.

"I just thought Norwood needed it, I mean we're such a small Town and there are shortages everywhere," Webber said. "I thought it would be great if people could help each other."

The initial panic buying of last week left many store shelves empty and Webber said they were able to help many residents out.

"Immediately people were very concerned about toilet paper and bottled water and cleaning solutions, and I feel the store shelves were not prepared to have the stock people needed," she said. "Now, if I had an opinion I would say disinfectant sprays and wipes are what people are looking for the most, and they don't seem readily available."

Webber said now that the site is up and running, residents have taken over and she doesn't really need to facilitate any more, but that doesn't mean she's idle. She said she is also using the bandwidth from the Facebook group to ask residents to give to the Norwood Council on Aging and Senior Center.

"I reached out to them to see if we could offer services, but the Town put out an announcement that donating money and gift cards was the best way to help the seniors, to make sure they have food and food delivery," she said.

"As we all know, people who are immuno-compromised and our seniors are very much at risk for COVID-19 and many don't have family or the support some of us younger folks do, so my concern was do they have their medication and something to eat? I think it's great that the Senior Center is spearheading that to ensure that people have what they need."

As of the date of publication, 25 people have raised \$1,155 for the Senior Center. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/donate/238015320575320/196133318382013/> for more information on how to donate and what the need is.

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OPINION

Think of the babies!

These are trying times, of this there is no doubt. This pandemic will surely be one of the great tests of our national resolve. People will die and there is going to be, at best, a recession of our economy, if not an outright damnable depression. Americans will more than likely experience hardships the likes of which most of us have only read about in newspapers or watched on the nightly news. The only question left is whether or not the United States of America has the backbone to persevere.

Okay, now that that's out of the way, it's time to lighten up!

This newspaper has no doubt that not only will this greatest country on earth come through this bent but not broken; we will actually grow stronger. All of us will, through intense introspection, discover what we are made of. The joke currently making its way through social media (God, we hate that term) is that the Coronavirus will forever be known as the "Boomer Remover". Man is that cold, huh? Well, this boomer thinks our time to shine is now. Some within our ranks will be among the casualties, of that you can take to the bank (unlike your paychecks) but it will be the boomers who will lead by example. Our responsibility is not only to make sure the final days of the Greatest Generation are as comfortable as possible, but to demonstrate to Gen Xers, Millennials and Gen Z that we're not ready just yet to sink down into our recliners and pull the blankets over our heads, well not until at least 7 p.m. anyway. We may not be able to answer the first responder calls like we used to, but if we can't be directly on the front lines, minimally we will make sure those answering those calls have all the support they need.

How? By sucking it up and stop lamenting about every little thing. So what if we can't buy toilet paper. Improvise. Not throwing away those mismatched socks doesn't seem so hoardish now does it? And for those disgusted by this weekly rag, well now it really is worth the paper it's printed on! We will have Gen Xers' backs when the times get tough, both monetarily and psychologically, because they will most certainly need their moms and dads during these darkest hours, perhaps more than ever. Boomers' contributions to this cause may not be primarily on the front lines, but significant those contributions will be.

And to the Gen Xers? Your job is to be the muscle, to do the heavy lifting. You need to take care of those boomers who can't take care of themselves. But most of all, you need to make babies! That's right, by next December and January we boomers want to be awash in babies. How do you think boomers got their moniker? Let's face it, if you're quarantined there is only so much video gaming and Netflix binge watching you can do. Just shut off the TV and put on a little Barry White (don't laugh, the man is a procreative icon) and do your part to Keep America Great! (sorry, didn't mean to spoil the mood).

And to the Millennials, your job is to stay in your safe spaces and, whatever you do, DO NOT make any babies! You guys are simply not ready. More to the point, your parents and grandparents are not ready. The good news is that all competitive activities have been suspended, meaning all the manufacturing efforts currently directed at building your participation trophies can be repurposed toward more useful efforts, like getting a jump start on building all the nursing homes you're group is going to require by the time you turn 30.

The next year is gonna be rough, but we will get through this. We always do...

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Not as famous as D-Day

In years—nay, decades—to come, March will be remembered as the first month American citizenry hunkered down to avoid and, worse, fight the coronavirus. March 13 will also be recalled as the date on which the president declared the country's 61st national emergency.

Considering the present and looking at the past, March 24th is not a famous March date around Boston. The 17th is much heralded because of St. Patrick's Day and, more important historically, Evacuation Day, when the British packed it in and left Boston for good. We Americans frequently do not know what it means to have our community occupied by enemy forces, but most of the world knows that feeling of foreign occupation.

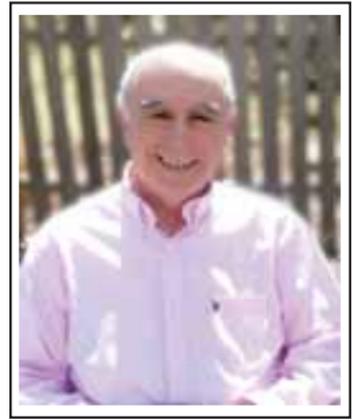
The movie "The Russians Are Coming! The Russians Are Coming!" is a fictitious account—and comical at that—of the Russians landing on Martha's Vineyard. Except for Attu in the Aleutians, perhaps no other American community has had opposition occupy our homeland. In our imagination we can envision the excitement of Bostonians in 1776 observing the British warships depart from our city after living here for a while, possibly giving rise to the Third Amendment within the Bill of Rights, which places restrictions on the quartering of soldiers in private homes without the owner's consent (The amend-

ment was a response to the Quartering Acts passed by the British parliament during the buildup to the Revolutionary War, which had permitted the British army to lodge soldiers in private homes.)

December 7, June 6, August 6, and August 9 are dates with which hopefully all high school seniors are familiar as they relate to World War II. March 24, 1945, is a date that is not stressed or even taught, but it marks the day that the largest single-day airborne drop ever occurred.

Code named Operation Varsity, the push across the Rhine River took only 4 hours to land almost 20,000 Allied soldiers, most of them American from the 17th Airborne Division. Almost 1600 transports, 1300 gliders, and 240 B-24's delivered the soldiers and 133 howitzers and 1800 tons of ammunitions as well as medical supplies, gasoline, and communication equipment.

We here in Boston were staggered by the amount of people killed and hurt in the Marathon bombing, but the numbers pale beside those who perished on March 24: 430 from the 17th Airborne, 347 from a British airborne unit, 73 American and British glider pilots died as well as 16 medics. The Eighth Air Force lost 109 bomber personnel, the RAF 23, and power air crews of our (Army) Air Force lost 41 with four times that missing in ac-



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Not all casualties resulted from ground action, which resulted in 3000 Nazi prisoners of war: transportation in gliders was fraught with danger. Moreover, the drops from Liberators had to be from a somewhat low altitude, subjecting the planes to deadly anti-aircraft fire.

Congratulations to any ball players who during this seemingly abbreviated school year made the varsity teams of any sport in their high school. But to those remaining, aging World War II paratroopers, the word "varsity" has a different meaning: Operation Varsity conjures images of America's (and Britain's) painful push to quash Nazi superiority. May our medical people do the same to quash the coronavirus.

Registry of Deeds Covid-19 update

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Releases Updated Statement Regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus). Updated as of 3/16/20.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has remained open for business. However, the logistics are evolving in this very fluid and unprecedented public safety crisis involving COVID-19. Our top priority is for the health and safety of our employees and visitors. As we have encouraged our own employees, if you have symptoms related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) or think you have

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The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in attempting to help avoid the potential spread of the coronavirus has temporarily restricted and prohibited access to our closing areas, our public research terminals and to the Registry of Deeds Record Hall until further notice. This is effective as of the beginning of business on March 17, 2020.

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Norwood following ban in latest COVID-19 update

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The Town of Norwood has announced several services will be reduced for the time being in light of Gov. Charlie Baker's statewide ban on gatherings.

According to the Town, the Town Hall will be closed from March 16 until March 20 due to the "ongoing COVID-19 crisis," following the declaration of a global pandemic from the World Health Organization and the declaration of a national emergency by the federal gov-

ernment.

According to the Town, the Senior Center will remain open for pick up meals Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The facility will be otherwise closed to the public, but the bus there will continue to run daily but with limited riders. Taxi coupons are available and can be purchased by mail or calling the Senior Center. AARP has also announced it has temporarily postponed all appointments until further notice. Staff will still be available and can be

contacted at 781-762-1201.

Essential and well-being programs and certain small-group programs for seniors are continuing including: card games, blood pressure clinics, taxes and SHINE appointment, outreach appointments, lunch will be available for takeout and the medical equipment loan program.

Last week, the Norwood Public Schools announced it will also be closed for the time

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Hilliard.

"They told me stories about how that zoning was not very carefully planned out, and the way it had developed over time and how there were some real flukes with the zoning of Route 1," he said.

For example, he pointed to one area where retail is not an allowed use, the plaza currently containing Chipotle, Super Cuts and Verizon in the Home Depot/Stop and Shop shopping center.

"Every time one of those units turns over, they have to go back to the ZBA to amend their special permit," he said. "There are other zoning districts that don't allow car dealerships, and yet there are car dealerships in those districts.

"There are four different zoning districts, including residential," Halkiotis said. "We started to look at it a couple of years ago knowing in the long run we'd have to fix it and make all the zoning consistent. That was the genesis of it, but what developed later was the situation with the open lot storage of vehicles."

He said it first started with the development of the plaza at Kerry Place, by Dean Street on Route 1, where Work Out World and Monkey Sports currently do business. Ernie Boch Jr.'s auto company had originally put in Direct Tire and Auto Service and an Advance Auto Parts Store. The request for a third parcel of land, however, was for open lot storage.

"At the Public Hearing Ernie Paciorkowski, the Chair of the Planning Board at the time, said to the attorney representing Ernie Boch Jr. that this was a prime site for a restaurant or a store. When the Planning Board had approved the subdivision and the two initial buildings there (Advance Auto and Direct Tire), we thought we were going to get something better than (open lot storage) in a key location on

Route 1," Halkiotis said. "That got the wheels turning."

Open lot storage takes valuable land and removes most assessed and related property taxes. While it supports car dealerships and businesses, it takes potential tax revenue from the Town and can limit growth.

"There's no real estate tax revenue generated, and the properties and parcels along Route 1 are valuable properties," Halkiotis said. "And we saw more and more open lot storage applications."

Boch is not the only dealership on the Automile and it's not the only operation looking to create open lot storage in the Town. Halkiotis said that only manufacturing zones allow open lot storage as of right.

"The remaining undeveloped manufacturing land is now being used to store cars," he said. "That wasn't the highest and best use of the land."

When developers started moving inland from Route 1, more problems developed. On the west side of Route 1, running parallel, there is a rail right-of-way, usually used by freight trains, that eventually connects with the Franklin Line of the MBTA at the Norwood Central Station. The rail bridges do not allow for car carriers which means that getting to the western side of Rte 1 open lot storage areas is more difficult and creates more traffic on the side streets and neighborhoods of the Town.

"We'd rather see them stay on the Automile, and that's another reason for the time out (moratorium)," Halkiotis said.

Halkiotis said Brovitz and his team have been working to find the best place for open lot storage, as well as other fixes, like increasing the buffer zone between residential and commercial properties on Route 1.

"We don't plan on impacting any residential properties," he said. "On Route 1, we would

also like to make sure that as properties redevelop over time, each one of them builds a sidewalk adjacent to their property to provide better pedestrian accommodations along that road for those people who work in the corridor and might want to run a couple doors down to get a sandwich. Occasionally the state comes up with a grant program so we can do some longer segments."

He added they want to encourage improvement of the overall landscaping, as well as requiring businesses along Route to have more consistent signage.

"We're not thrilled about some of the signage along the road. Some signs are out of scale and too tall or too big and so we'll probably look at some sign regulations," he said.



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If you are planning to

pick up Grab & Go meals from the Norwood Public Schools this week, please fill out the following order form: <https://bit.ly/391Kj2X>.

To stay updated on Norwood COVID-19 issues, go to NorwoodMA.Gov for the latest information.

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very well and ready to get back to Town Hall.

"I've never felt better," he said. "I should be back in the office by the end of this week or early next week."

Norwood Board of Health Director Sigalle Reiss said that while many necessary services will remain in place, the holding pattern will continue until further notice.

"Town Hall is closed, but we do have a skeleton crew to provide basic services," she said. "We have people working to answer questions on the phone lines about exactly what services we can provide. For example, we sell the sharps containers for people who use injections at home and need a container to dispose properly of sharps. For something like that, we have

to make an appointment."

She said if it's not absolutely necessary, don't come to Town Hall.

"Obviously, things that don't need to be done shouldn't be done unless there's an urgent need," she said, adding that veteran services and many health services are still offered. "There are always some urgent issues that need to be dealt with. The electricity needs to be on, the water and sewer needs to flow and so we want to keep those portions of the Town running."

Reiss said they are taking everything week by week.

"But it's going to be a long haul and we should be ready to practice this social distancing for a while," she said. "If it's shorter than a few weeks I'll be excited, but I don't think anybody can put a number on it."

Reiss also said the Board of Health has been granted emergency powers regarding keeping restaurants and food services to only offering take out and no sit down service, per the statewide ban. She said enforcement would occur only if necessary with the Norwood Police Department.

"We're really hoping everyone abides by it and we don't want to get into enforcement," she said. "First, well just talk to a business. Some people just don't understand it and need a direct conversation. A lot of it comes down to proper communication and everybody wants to do the right thing. We can all do our part and stay home to practice social distancing and we can have a positive impact on this to flatten the curve."



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largely local people who walk over and most of them have a routine. They come and they get the same things they always get.”

Donohue said it is troubling but the business has survived since Prohibition and she said, so far at least, the Blizzard of 78 was worse.

“We had people walking from a very long distance to buy alcohol,” she said. “Another wonderful thing about this business is it was a general store before the repeal of Prohibition. We have gas lights and when there was an emergency or the Blizzard and it took a long time for the electric lights to come back on, we just put our gas lights on...But the way that this whole situation is occurring now, I think it’s just a shame and it’s hard for the people around here who have to go through this. The Blizzard was one thing; no one had control over that, but not having control over spreading viruses?”

Perry Makarios over at Spot! Bagels said on Thursday there was some effect on the business.

“We’re still open for take out,” he said. “But we’re definitely not as busy as we should be, but we’re still kicking. I think it will get to a point where people will start falling into a

depression or get stir crazy you know, from staying home too much. But I guess you got to do what you go to do. We’ll stay open as long as we can until we hear otherwise.”

The Senior Manager at New England Comics Nate Michado said they are going to stay open, and he said board games and table top role playing games are still available.

“The reaction among my customers has been very rational, and very calm,” he said. “No one’s overreacting at all.”

Norwood True Value employee Jim Kane said he’s seen a bit of overreactions. He said all the hand sanitizers, rubbing alcohol and disinfectants have been continuously cleared out, but curiously many of the store’s other types of soaps and cleaners are still on the shelves.

“We’ll be open, we haven’t heard anything different. The manager is a guy by the name of Len Hunt, and he’s in the Falmouth Store and I don’t think the virus is allowed to go into Falmouth,” he said with a laugh. “We’ve been wiped out though for two weeks. Somebody bought the masks as they were being dropped off for delivery; they never made it to the shelf.”

He said they carry painter’s masks and those went off the

shelves too.

“The M-90 masks everybody’s going crazy about? I think two weeks ago we had two boxes of the real basic ones and then the M-95s and we haven’t had any since,” he said. “So we were wiped out of masks first, then all the cleaners and then all of the rubbing alcohols, and all the toilet paper. I don’t get that. What are you supposed to do with toilet paper?”

Norwood Convenience and News owner Kiran Mehta said they will also be staying open.

“Everything is going to be closed down here and now I can see it’s really slowing down, I can’t see anybody out there,” she said. “We are open as long as we can.”

The order Baker gave out does not apply to grocery stores or pharmacies, and said that places that do not provide essential services can remain open.

Donohue said she had been to the Shaw’s in Town and there were at least then a lot of empty shelves.

“People seem obsessed with toilet paper, I saw two women come out of CVS laden down with two huge packages of toilet paper,” she said.

Schools are ordered to remain closed until April 7 at least.

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being. The date of re-opening will be evaluated on a regular basis, and NPS officials have said they are expecting additional information from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

“Please know that we recognize that the time to act is now so that we can have a greater and more positive impact on public health and safety in Norwood,” NPS Superintendent David Thomson said in a statement. “I would respectfully ask that all students exercise social distancing and refrain from group in-person interactions to reduce the opportunity to spread the virus. To be clear, this is out of an abundance of caution, particularly out of sensitivity to families and staff who have underlying conditions that make them more vulnerable to complications should they become infected. Our teachers and staff will continue to develop distance learning options during this time to continue our student’s learning. I would ask for patience while we continue to work on these learning opportunities. Please note that these will not totally replace classroom instruction but will endeavor to ensure knowledge is retained and academic progress continues.”

It probably goes without saying, but the Recreation Department will also be closed until further notice and all activities and programs have been postponed. The Morrill Memorial Library will also be closed as well.

For more information, go to the Town’s COVID-19 informational page on the Town’s website at [http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/health/coronavirus_\(covid-19\).php](http://www.norwoodma.gov/departments/health/coronavirus_(covid-19).php)

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Monday, March 9

0754 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports a box was left at the end of his driveway with compost/manure with his name on the box. N664 sent. See report.

0910 Phone - Power Outage Electric/Light Dpt Notified Location/Address: Worcester Dr Caller reports power outage. Squirrel hit transformer on pole between # 4 and #8 Worcester Rd., no fire. N669,NFD,ELD responded. ELD will handle same.

0953 Phone - Susp Person Written Warning Location/Address: [Nod 381] Dean St Car Wash - Dean St Subject in traffic talking to himself. W/M White Hat , Black Coat. Advised and will be meeting later with a CIT Officer.

1048 Phone - Vandalism *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St SRO will file a report.

1309 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Riverside Community Care - Pleasant St Staff reports unwanted party. Courtesy

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transport to Riverside Emergency Services at 190 Lenox Street.

1407 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Caller reports white male with green jacket sleeping on bench across from Cedar Market. Party known to PD and party was advised.

1446 911 - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Rock St Unresponsive male transported.

1521 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Caller reports a disturbance at 304. Officers report teens having fun.

1641 Phone - Assist Citizen Civil Matter Location/Address: Juniper Dr Caller upset neighbor juveniles damaged her window with a ball while outside playing. Officer advised all parties.

1726 Phone - Assist Other Agency Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwood Hos-

pital - Washington St Norwood ER looking for a 17 yr old male that was about to be discharged and just left the hospital. BOLO sent to the cars. Dedham also contacted to check his residence. N669 spoke to hospital staff and was advised the patient was getting released shortly.

1817 Phone - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports his brother was not feeling well last night, he went to check on him today and he is not answering the door. Maintenance was contacted to gain access to the apartment, FD notified and responding. N668 reports BCI,CPAC,and ME office all were notified and declined. May Funeral home picked up the deceased, they will be making arrangements with an Rhode Island funeral home where that person will be serviced.

1908 Walk-In - Stolen Lic Plate *Report Filed Location/Ad-

dress: Washington St Walk in reports her license plate is missing from her vehicle. MA PC 88C390 entered into NCIC.

2017 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Prescott School (Acct# 1383d) - Richland Rd Loud music while playing basketball.

2103 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports male party kicking doors of businesses and yelling. That party was spoken to and moved along, business checked out secure no damage.

2122 Phone - Malicious Damage *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Washington St Caller reports male party threw a brick at his windshield. As a result that party was placed under arrest and brought to the station by N664. At 2223 Hrs the prisoner was transported to the hospital. N666 on board and N669 following. Refer To Arrest: 20-87-AR Arrest: Fitzgerald, Thomas C Address: Homeless Homeless, Ma Age: 33 Charges: Assault W/Dangerous Weapon Motor Veh, Malicious Damage To C266 §28(A)

2221 911 - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Hampden Dr Caller wishes a party to be removed from residence. That individual left without incident, all parties advised.

dress: Tea Lights - Fulton St Located and disposed.

0746 Phone - Power Outage Services Rendered Location/Address: Worcester Dr A squirrel went up a light pole causing an outage. ELD notified and responded.

0750 911 - Animal Complaint Could Not Locate Location/Address: Burger King Restaurant - Bos-Prov Hwy Small dog unattended. Dog ran into woods in rear of Analog Devices, owner and NACO notified. 0846 Initiated - Assist Other Agency Assisted Party Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St

1626 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St + Cottage St Subject yelling at pedestrians and motorists .Subject checks out and heading home .

1716 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop *Report Filed Location/Address: Dean St MA PC 1AAY59. Operator provided false name stating he was Dayton Wright. The operator's correct identity was later determined. See summons for further information.

1740 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports a white van pulled in the lot and threw a bag in the woods. N669 reports it was a back pack that was in the woods, the owner was notified and will be picking it up at the station.

1749 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Alden Park Apts. (365,367,371 Block) - Washington St Caller reports she is concerned about a resident there that is changing oil it appears, she is concerned about the environment. N667 spoke to that party he was fixing his muffler, no issues.

1754 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Female sitting on the wall at the entrance /exit may need medical attention.N668 reports she is nursing a small cut to her lip after biting down on it.

1934 Phone - Well Being Chk

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Grateful thanks. —K.B.

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

Miracle Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen.
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Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 2006 Ram 2500 4x2, 5.9-liter six-cylinder engine, and more than 350,000 on the odometer. The mileage calculator says I'm getting 30 mpg although it actually gets about 18-20 mpg. What do I do? —Mark
A) It does not matter what the engine size is when an owner is checking gas mileage via the dash cluster mileage they all differ some more than others. The computer gets the information from the fuel level sensor then calculates through the the mileage traveled.
Q) Dear Doctor: I have a two part question. I lease a 2017 Mini Cooper convertible until next March. I have all weather run-flats and due to highway potholes I have had to replace my tires four times over the last two years. For this winter, I am considering changing out the run-flats to snow tires. Can you recommend tires that could work on this car? (I have to put the run-flats back on when the lease is up). Secondly, I'm contemplating buying it when the lease is finished as I love my car -- and due to some damage on the hood from I believe a rock that would cost me big bucks upon returning it to the dealer. Is it possible to get a good deal on purchasing the car rather than once again leasing a newer model? —Joann
A) You can change out the run flats for conventional snow tires if you like or buy run flat snow tires. The brand you buy is up to how much you want to spend. Winter tires have a different rubber compound and do not get hard in cold weather, they stay flexible.

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*Report Filed Location/Address: Railroad Ave Caller concerned about her parents and Dad may have some issues over a job loss. N661 spoke to that party and its going to be a husband and wife issue.

2037 Walk-In - Complaint Of Mv Spoken To Location/Address: Central St Walk in reports MA PC 85T260 was driving erratically. N667 spoke to that party and they were advised.

2043 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Prospect Ave Caller reports his son is acting out and would like to get him some help. N678 reports that party was calm upon arrival he cooperated with his dad and is going to go to the hospital.

Wednesday, March 11

0031 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Area Search Negative Location/Address: Murphy Field - Lenox Ave Caller reports dark colored sedan driving up and down the street and hitting their brakes. N678 checked the area with negative results.

0557 Initiated - Traffic Enforcement No Violation Location/Address: Trinity Community Church - Walpole St Hands free enforcement.

1133 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Rock St

1250 Phone - Threats *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St SRO Murphy will file a report.

1321 Initiated - Traffic Enforcement No Violation Location/Address: Washington St + Upton Ave Hands free enforcement, no violations.

1414 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Balch School Acct# 1379d - Washington St Officer returns with one found on the field by DPW.

1648 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Balch School Acct# 1379d - Washington St Principle

from the school reports two female students did not return to school for after school activities. Units searched the area and the two students were located. 1838 Phone - Assist Other Agency Area Search Negative Location/Address: Mylod St Walpole PD called to report a resident may have stolen his dad's locked firearm without ammunition. Could be on a blue bike or foot. W/M late 30's , brown hair blue sweater. House is the East Walpole side and Norwood line. Units assist Walpole PD at Bird Park and surrounding areas. Officers also will check stores that are open and advise clerks. T Police along bus and train operators advised.

1948 Initiated - Motor Vehicle Stop Citation Fine Location/Address: Washington St + Concord Ave Scooter. This operator is suspended for OUI breath refusal. He was cited for all his violations and advised he could not operate a scooter, moped, or any other vehicle on a public way. He stated he understood.

Thursday, March 12

0053 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance *Report Filed Location/Address: Monroe St Caller reports neighbor is arguing with her son. All parties were spoken to and advised to stay inside for the night.

0325 Phone - Susp Activity *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St Nurse reports patient is in ICU in possession of a needle and other drug paraphernalia.

1348 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Washington St Report client made suicidal statement. N678 spoke to her, said in frustration on trying to get benefit check, apt. in order, she states she is ok.

1416 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Express Employment - Astor Ave Party in lobby reports they will not give him his paycheck. N669 reports he damaged a building in Boston and told them they could take it out of his check, so they did, advised.

Friday, March 13

0058 Walk-In - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St Party in lobby reports she has not seen her child since she dropped him off at McDonald's on Broadway at 3:00pm Thursday. Seeking assistance. N664 responded and assisted in tracking him down. See report

0850 Phone - Well Being Chk Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Next Step Healthcare - Washington St Patient, known to PD, states multiple problems. Call to nurse's station-they will go check on him. 0949 911 - Report Of Gas Leak Police & Fire Notified/Respond Location/Address: Pleasant St Report smell of gasoline. NFD handled same. 1244 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Washington St Party seeking advice on drug addiction. N664 spoke to him, advised, and courtesy transport to Spectrum in Westborough,MA. S/M 23259 1337 hrs., E/M 23548 1535.

1756 Phone - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Heather Dr Caller heard the sound of glass breaking. N663 states the wind blew a door into a window causing that glass break.

1814 Initiated - Civil Dispute Services Rendered Location/Address: Yew Dr Party retrieves belongings under police supervision as stipulated by court order.

2307 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Wedgewood Dr + Deerfield Rd Jeep parked outside the home for several hours. Officer spoke to operator of MA PC 9CN425, he is living in the area and stopped to make a phone call.

Saturday, March 14

1435 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Ivy Cir Advice given and Trespass Ordered entered.

1854 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports a white van looks like he may be dumping trash. N678 spoke to that individual and he had just pulled over for a minute. All checks out.

Sunday, March 15

0039 Phone - Auto Theft *Report Filed Location/Address: Napper Tandy's - Day St (MA. REG# 6RR143.) Caller reports his vehicle stolen out in front of Day St. Sports Shop sometime after 21:00. N678,N663,N664 responded, area checked, nothing found. Bolo on Bapern 3. N678 returned with caller and filled out stolen vehicle report. Entered into CJIS.

0143 Phone - Susp Vehicle Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Folan Ave Caller reports an unknown vehicle idle for approximately 20 minutes in front of his house. N665 responds. 0251 Initiated - Susp Vehicle *Protective Custody Location/Address: Nichols St + Sherwood Dr MA.(vt)31674. N668 reports suspicious vehicle. N663 responded. As a result, N663 returned with male party in protective custody for N668 1356 Phone - Civil Dispute No Action Required Location/Address: Landry's Bicycles - Bos-Prov Hwy Report customer yelling profanities because a refund cannot be processed until tomorrow. 1358 Hrs- customer left, staff did not want to talk to police.

1514 Phone - Disabled Mv Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Walpole - Rt 95 Cell caller reports a female out of car DMV RT 95 near exit 10. Transferred to SP Foxboro.

1546 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Spoken To Location/Address: Edgehill Rd Kids on dirt bikes advised to stay on private property.

1744 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports a stolen package. Officer to make contact over telephone. Officer located that package, was delivered to rear door.

2137 Phone - Found Syringe Services Rendered Location/Address: Everett St Caller reports a few syringes on the ground. N669 retrieved and disposed of those items. 2332 Phone - Disturbance Area Search Negative Location/Address: Olivadi - Guild St Caller reports two people arguing.



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Library Events

NOTE TO OUR READERS:

Greetings from the Morrill Memorial Library programming team. Thanks so much for your interest in our programs at the library. At this time, we are suspending all meetings and programs through Friday March 20. We are postponing programs that were scheduled until a later date, when we hope to be able to reschedule them. The library will remain open normal hours. Please reach out if you have any questions, we look forward to hearing from you. And in the meantime, please visit this page on the Town website for more information and current updates.

ESTATE PLANNING DEMYSTIFIED

Come to the Morrill Memorial Library for an informational session on planning for your financial future on Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. Local attorney Alexander Matulewicz and his paralegal, Amy Strand, will explain Wills, Trusts, POA, Healthcare Proxies, and general Estate Planning in clear, understandable language. In addition to making sense of these often confusing but critical topics, Alex and Amy will gladly answer all your questions. To register for this program, please visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200, x110 or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

CHAIR YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

Yoga is back! A volunteer from the Isha Foundation will return to the Morrill Memorial Library on Saturday, April 4 from 11:00 – 12:00 noon to offer a free chair yoga class for beginners. You will learn Isha Kriya, a simple 12-18 minute practice to help you meditate effortlessly. The Isha Foundation is a non-profit organization aimed at achieving well-being through yoga and meditation. The class is open to anyone age 12 and over and is limited to 25 people. No previous experience is necessary. To sign up, please visit our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

ENSEMBLE LYRAE TO PERFORM

The Spring 2020 Musical Sundays series will continue with a special concert by the award-winning Ensemble Lyrae on Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m. These five talented musicians—a pianist and four vocalists, including Norwood's Grace Allendorf—will perform works by Mark Adamo, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Franz Schubert, Eric Whitacre, and others. Joined by guest artist Naoko Sugiyama, Ensemble Lyrae recalls favorite stories from childhood to adulthood. From classic fairy tales like Cinderella, Hansel and Gretel, and Sleeping Beauty to more modern favorites such as Lord of the Rings and Goodnight Moon, including poetry by c.c. cummings, this all-ages program presents a broad selection of literature for the audience to explore through music. To register for this concert, made possible through the library Endowment Fund, visit our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

NORWOOD'S "NEW BURYING GROUND"

Did you know Norwood has acquired another cemetery, in addition to the Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries? On Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morrill Memorial Library, the Old Parish Preservation Volunteers (OPPV) will present an illustrated talk on Norwood's "New Burying Ground," founded in 1826 when a group of South Dedham citizens purchased land to inter their dead. Known to South Dedham residents simply as the "New Burying Ground," this Pleasant Street site was later placed under the auspices of the East Walpole Cemetery Association. Just last year, the Town of Norwood acquired this privately-owned cemetery, 80% of which is located within the borders of Norwood.

This presentation will focus on the history of the cemetery, some of its notable graves, and the work that needs to be done. The program also kicks off the spring season for the OPPV, a charitable organization whose goal is to preserve and raise awareness of Norwood's Old Parish Cemetery, established in 1741. The spring schedule of OPPV's Saturday morning work sessions, at which volunteers of all

ages are invited to help, will be announced at this time. To sign up for this event, go to norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar, call 781-769-0200 x110, or stop by the library Reference or Information Desk.

TIME FOR THE ESSAY CONTEST

Spring is around the corner and so is the Morrill Memorial Library's 9th annual essay contest. Time to get out your pen and paper, iPads or laptops. This year the three levels are as follows: Level 1 (3rd and 4th grade), Level 2 (5th - 8th grade) and Level 3 (9th grade - Adult). The prompt is the same for all levels: "If I could switch lives with any character in a book for a day, I would be _____ because" Each submission MUST include the entry form, and be 1,000 words or less. The contest is open to Norwood residents only for Level 1 and Level 2, and Norwood residents and surrounding towns for Level 3. Anyone interested in entering the contest may stop by the library for the details and the entry form, or find them online at www.norwoodlibrary.org. To qualify, the essays need to be submitted between Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 30th, 2020 (by 11:59 pm), by email to nling@minlib.net or dropped off at the library's Outreach Department. Three prizes will be awarded in each category. The first, second and third prizes are \$35, \$25 and \$10 dollar gift cards to Barnes & Noble, in that order. A celebration will be held in the Simoni Room on Monday, June 15th, from 7-9 pm. Any questions, call the Outreach Department at (781) 769-0200 x228.

Obituary policy

The Bulletin Newspaper publishes obituaries from information supplied by funeral homes. Relatives and friends also may supplement information by e-mailing to news@norwoodrecord.com by Monday at 1 p.m. Photos also will be accepted.

DEATHS

NICHOLSON

MARY E. (Dillon) of Norwood passed away on March 15, 2020 at the age of 93. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence J. McLaughlin and Paul Nicholson. Devoted father of Barbara R. Asher of Norwood, Maryjane McLaughlin of FL, Lawrence J. McLaughlin and his wife Rene of Franklin, John M. McLaughlin of Norwood, Stephen W. McLaughlin of Norwood and Gayle A. McCracken and her husband Paul of Norwood. Cherished grandmother of 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Mary was a member of the Women's Community Committee of Norwood and an active member of St. Catherine's and St. Timothy's Church prayer group. The family will be holding a private service and burial. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Women's Community Committee Inc. 1091 Washington St. Norwood, MA 02062.



PELLOWE

WILLIAM F., a lifelong resident of Norwood passed away on March 13, 2020 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of 54 years to Martha A. (Foley) Pellowe. Devoted father of William R. Pellowe of Japan, Thomas E. Pellowe of CO, John F. Pellowe of Norwood and Maura E. Pellowe and her husband Patrick Hughes of Norwood. Brother of Richard Pellowe and his wife Betsy of NV and the late Bette Pellowe. Cherished grandfather of Kara, Hana, Bryn, Sara, Liam and Finn. William was a 1954 graduate of Norwood High School, member of the Norwood ELKS and a member of the Norwood Retired Men's Club. He was also a 39-year employee of the Boston Gas Company. A private burial will take place at Highland Cemetery and a funeral mass will be celebrated at a later date at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Norwood. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Saint Catherine of Siena School 249 Nahatan St. Norwood, MA 02062. US Air Force Korean War Veteran.



SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Center will remain open for older adults to pick up to-go-meals Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The facility will be closed to the public. The bus will continue to run daily, but with limited riders. Taxi coupons are also available and can either be purchased by mail or by calling the Senior Center. AARP has temporarily postponed all appointments until further notice. Staff will still be available and can be contacted at 781-762-1201.

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About the Dreaded "IRMAA" Provision

Dear Rusty: About a month or two ago I was notified that my Social Security was being reduced from \$1,583 a month to about \$1,283 a month - a \$300 deduction! They said it was because my income was over the limit on my last return. I filed my taxes "married - filing separately" because my wife has her own income. If we had filed jointly, I would not have had the reduction. My question is why wasn't this told to us when we filed our Income Tax last year instead of a last-minute thing? I am a 77-year old and a 100% disabled veteran, which probably has no effect on this, but wanted to add that information. Any light you can shed on the matter will be very much appreciated. Signed: Irritated Senior

Dear Irritated Senior: First, I want to thank you for your service to our country. Allow me to explain what I believe happened. Your net (not gross) Social Security benefit payment was probably reduced as a result of a rule known as "IRMAA" - the "Income Related Medicare Adjustment Amount." This is a supplement added to your Medicare Part B premium as a result of higher income, and a higher Medicare premium would mean a lower net Social Security payment.

Although filing your taxes separate from your wife does mean a lower income reported to the IRS for you, it also reduces the clip levels at which the IRMAA rule kicks in. For those who file income tax as an individual, IRMAA applies if your "provisional" income from all sources, including IRA or 401(K) withdrawals and half of your SS benefits for the tax year, exceeds \$87,000. For those who file taxes jointly as a married couple, IRMAA ap-



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plies if your combined income is more than \$174,000. Incomes above those clip levels result in corresponding higher IRMAA premiums, up to a maximum of \$491.60 (for 2020). So apparently your income for your filing status exceeded one of the higher IRMAA clip levels, which resulted in your monthly Medicare Part B premium going from the standard \$144.60 to an IRMAA premium about \$300 higher. Note that if your income in a subsequent year falls below the IRMAA clip levels, your Medicare premium will also go down to the level appropriate for your more recent income level.

As far as why you weren't told this in advance, neither Medicare nor the IRS (nor any other Government agency) will advise you in advance on such matters; the onus is upon you (and your tax preparer or financial advisor) to understand the implications of your income on your Medicare premium as well as your income tax obligation. You may want to speak to your tax advisor to see if there is a tax-filing option for eliminating the IRMAA. Once again, thank you for your service to our country, and I hope the above clarifies what happened to your Social Security benefit.

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NOTE TO READERS: Due to the uncertainties of public gatherings due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, please check with any of the organizations listed below before going to an event to make sure it is still being held. Thank you.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

The Norwood Woman's Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday April 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 572 Nichols St. Norwood. Kim Larkin will inform us about tea and chocolate, trivia and more. A light lunch will be served. We welcome potential members as guests. Our luncheon on May 12 will be at the Lafayette House. Meal choices are beef or fish. Cost \$30. Checks made out to Norwood Woman's club can be brought to the meeting. For more information contact Trina at 781-762-8173 or Nancy at 781-762-8892.

Divine Mercy Sunday The St. Catherine of Siena Church, 547 Washington St. Norwood, will be holding a Solemn celebration for Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, April 19th from 1-5pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 1-2:30 pm in the chapel and the school gym. The recitation of the Most Holy Rosary will begin at 2:10pm followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church. Celebration of Holy Mass in honor of the Solemnity will be celebrated at 3 pm and will include veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Mass and homily offered by Rev. Thomas Sullivan. Concelebrating priests: Rev. Stephen Donohoe and Rev. Anthony Medeiros. All are welcome.

GARDEN CLUB TO HOST PROGRAM ON TREES AND SHRUBS

The Norwood Evening Garden Club will host Joann Vieira, the state-wide Director of Horticulture for The Trustees of Reservations on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. at the Carriage House behind the First Baptist Church, 71 Bond

Street, Norwood. The public is invited to attend for a small donation. Refreshments will be served.

Vieira is passionate about plants – trees and shrubs in particular – and will share some of her favorites, along with tips on sourcing and growing them. Come and learn more about distinctive trees and shrubs that will add interest and sophistication to your garden year-round. And learn which ones are fragrant, which ones have interesting form or winter presence, which ones have beautiful flowers and/or foliage and which ones are well suited to New England gardens.

The Club, open to novice and expert gardeners, draws its members from Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, Dedham, Medfield, Randolph, and Stoughton. For information about the Norwood Evening Garden Club, visit www.NorwoodEveningGardenClub.com.

PRO GROUP WANTS TO HELP YOU PLAN FOR RETIREMENT

In partnership with the Neponset River Regional Chamber, The PRO Group (PRO) will be hosting its first meeting on Tuesday, March 24th from 7-8:15pm at the Chamber office. This is a new, free community offering and you need not be a Chamber member to attend. The focus of PRO is to encourage and support people to Do More of What Makes You Feel Alive! – Becoming the Person YOU want to be in Retirement. If you are thinking about retiring in the near future, have begun the transition to retirement, or are retired and looking to do more, these monthly meetings may be of interest to you. The presenter for the first evening will be Ms. Betsy Ross, LICSW, CGP, an experienced life coach, who will speak about moving through this time of transition successfully. Discussion will follow her presentation. Pre-registration is preferred by calling the Chamber at 781-769-1126 or at nrrchamber.com. The Address is 520 Providence Highway, Suite #4, Norwood. Park and Enter through the rear of the building – parking lot is lit.



MEDICAL MARIJUANA: HEALTH RISKS AND BENEFITS

Dr. John Halporn of Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital will present a perspective on the use of marijuana as a medication. Join us for discussion on the health benefits, risks and developments of this novel therapy.

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