

## NFD reunites webbed-foot family



Norwood Fire Department Group 4 Engine 3 had a hard time getting their ducks in a row this week. Around 9 a.m. on May 15, Norwood Fire Dispatch received a call reporting a number of ducklings trapped in a storm drain. Lieutenant Murphy and Firefighters Hogan, Griffin, and Farrell responded to the address on Essex Road. After a short time they were able to remove the grate and with the assistance of the animal control officer were able to reunite the ducklings with their mother who was anxiously waiting near by.

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## NPS food services lauded

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee at its May 13 meeting praised the Food Services Department for providing for the needs of Norwood's students both before and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eli Norris, Director of Dining Services, described several successful initiatives during the school year to the Committee. But then, "the wheels fell off of our school year" when the coronavirus hit, sending the department into overdrive to meet changing needs.

"Once it was official, we sprang into action," he said, noting contingency plans were in development for weeks. "School was canceled on a Friday. We were up and running with a meal service on Monday."

The Balch and the Callahan were able to open immediately, only because they had successfully implemented a summer meals distribution program the year before.

Grab and go meals are now distributed at all elementary schools from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday for any Norwood student under age 18. On Fridays and for holidays, there are enough meals given for the weekend. There are cold options and meals that need to be reheated at home.

"As of today, we're at about 77,000 meals," Norris said, noting the need increased dramatically. There were more than 44,000 meals served in April, and 17,142 May meals in six days as of May 8.

At the request of Town Manager Tony Mazzucco, family style dinner trays also have become available. As of May 6, 11,925 servings have been distributed. Norwood Bank made a generous donation to the program, the team said.

Long said that "Norwood is rising above the pack" as far as districts with meals served and the overall budget.

"I think because of the dedication of Eli and the Norwood team, and how quickly they were able to ramp up and also to get the support of the community, 25 to 30 percent of the kids enrolled in school are eating on a daily basis," she said. Averages in other districts she monitors are 10 to 15 percent.

Because of increased labor costs and other factors, the budget sustained a loss of \$23,059 in March.

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The Town is moving to reopen bidding on the Forbes Hill property.

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## Forbes Hill sale process restarts, bids due by June 15

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Forbes Hill estate is back on the market, as the Town recently released an invitation for bids on the real estate recently and held a pre-bid conference earlier last week.

Developer Anthony Gaitan said he represented himself on the pre-bid conference, and is working with Robert Drury. Howard Rappaport, of Continental Properties (which made a bid last year), and Andrew Hontoon of Channel Core Residential also joined the Pre-Bid Conference call on May 13.

Not on the call was developer

Roberto Feliz, who originally won the contract last year but was unable to fulfill the financing requirements in time to secure ownership and move his project forward. He pitched a \$250 million medical mecca, intending to make Norwood the one-stop shop for all medical needs. Feliz said he is still intending to do so and added he will be resubmitting his bid.

"We remain 100 percent committed to purchasing/closing on the Forbes Hill Estate and immediately proceeding to the horizontal and vertical re-development into the Medical City of Norwood," he said. "Our plan is to present to the town a closing date this

week. We have been talking to the town officials and have been more than thankful for their support during this long process."

According to Purchasing Agent Catherine Carney, bids for the project are due by June 15 to the Purchasing Department. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, bids will need to be mailed, where at 11 a.m. on June 15, a Bid Opening public process will take place, set now for a virtual meeting on Zoom.

During the conference, Town Planner Paul Halkiotis went over the Town's zoning surrounding the property, which

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# LWV hosting virtual Selectmen candidate forum

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood chapter of the League of Women Voters will be hosting a virtual Candidates Forum for the Board of Selectmen race on May 28, at 7 p.m. The forum will be carried live on Norwood Community Media, both on TV and its online streaming platform (NorwoodCommunityMedia.org). To garner community involvement, the League is requesting residents submit questions to be asked of the candidates.

The League stated they wanted to focus on the Selectmen's race because it's the only one contested. LWV President Courtney Rau Rogers said the purpose is to inform residents as much as possible about the four candidates prior to Election Day. The candidates include Amanda Grow, Debbie Holmwood, Helen Abdallah-Donohue and Matthew Lane.

Residents will have to submit their questions no later than May 26, and they can send them to LWVNorwoodMA@gmail.com. Rogers said they wanted to keep things as simple as possible, as this is the first time

they've held a forum this way. She also said it would make things easier to organize, since usually at the group's live events they have a moderator who keeps order during proceedings.

"When we have in-person events with an in-person moderator, we have League people screening the questions and combining the questions that are the same or too similar," she said. "Most people who come to our live events know what questions they're going to ask in advance anyway."

Rogers said they are bringing in Cape Cod resident and League member Flo Seldin to assist in the process.

"I know her from working on state issues. She's moderated League events over her decades of service to the League," she said. "She's a real veteran of this kind of thing in so many ways."

Rogers said they are hoping for a large audience since residents can tune in and watch live or watch it later on NCM's website. Rogers said that for the sake of viewers' sanity, they would not be showing speeches from those running in the uncontested races. Usually, she said, during live events uncontested

candidates are given about two minutes to speak to the residents about their issues." To streamline the event," she said, "we will still publish statements of the candidates in the uncontested races."

The statements will be available on the Norwood League of Women Voters Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lwvnorwoodma/>.

Both current Selectmen Allan Howard and Paul Bishop have decided not to seek reelection, so there are two seats up for grabs between the four candidates.

Abdallah-Donohue is a familiar face to residents and the Board of Selectmen, having held the office for several terms in the past. Her family has also held multiple offices in Town including both her sister and father being former Selectmen, and her recently deceased husband Paul Donohue having been a mainstay on the Planning Board.

Matthew Lane stated on his website he and his family moved to Norwood in 2011 and wants to focus on transparency in the Board of Selectmen chambers, as well as

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# Selectmen try to establish revised outside dining regulations

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, May 19, and discussed outside dining regulations.

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco and Town Planner Paul Halkiotis explained the current thinking behind the proposed new temporary regulations that could assist the Town's struggling restaurant industry with expanded seating capacities by utilizing areas outside of their shops in this age of social distancing.

Selectman Bill Plasko disagreed with many of the temporary regulations, leading the Board to vote to table the issue until Plasko, Mazzucco and Halkiotis could sit down and review his concerns and come up with alternatives to the proposed ideas. The Board also voted to hold an official Selectmen's meeting as soon as possible once those issues have been ironed out.

Halkiotis said social distancing guidelines will make it much tougher for restaurants when they reopen with public seating, currently only able to provide takeout and delivery-only services during the COVID-19 pandemic if they so choose.

"Restaurants that have already suffered economic harm from being closed over the six to eight weeks will realize less revenue when they reopen," Halkiotis said.

Halkiotis said many restaurants of a larger nature might have an easier time doing this, like those on Route 1, since they already have large parking lots, large areas of greenspace or other spaces that would allow for social distancing at tables. He said these temporary draft regulations were sent to the Planning Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works and the Health Department.

"The idea being that restaurants wouldn't have to wait for us (the Town) to come up with new regulations," Halkiotis said.

Currently, the Board of Selectmen have jurisdiction over outdoor seating, and restaurants would have to go through a complicated process to access approval. The new regulations would be a bit more streamlined, and, as presented, would allow the Selectmen Chair to give immediate approval to the applicant. The Board would then be able to review that decision and oppose it later if need be, but the idea is that because the Board meets only twice a week during the summer months, restaurants would not have to wait potentially two weeks for a decision on their application.

Halkiotis said there would be a review process headed by the Health Department by which relevant departments, like the Fire Department or the DPW, could then sign off on before the application reaches the Selectmen Chair.

Plasko said his problem came from issues stemming from parking. The process would allow restaurants to place Town-purchased plastic Jersey barrier-type blocks to create a sidewalk bump out into street parking where applicable.

"It does come at a cost but we feel it is justifiable, and we feel we can make it work to help out some of our businesses," Mazzucco said.

That would be needed if a restaurant wanted to use the side-

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# OPINION

## Everyone take a seat and relax

Paralysis by Analysis is a common expression used when something that should be fairly simple turns into something far more complicated due to people over thinking things, as was the case with the Board of Selectmen's failure to render a decision on outdoor restaurant seating at Tuesday's virtual meeting. Selectman Plasko was correct in stating that outdoor seating is already being utilized in areas including Washington Street, but then went on to state all the problems associated with formalizing the process including sloping roads that will make setting up tables and chairs difficult and uneven brick borders which would make utilizing that space for anything other than its current aesthetic purpose unlikely. And, of course, parking was a dominant issue. His logic, while unassailable in its own right, is a perfect example of paralysis by analysis.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis, appearing a bit exasperated by the continued discussion of what should have been pretty straightforward approval, said as much during the meeting only to be handily rebuked by Selectman Tom Maloney, which was really unnecessary. Mr. Halkiotis has a heck of a lot more experience in these matters than any Selectman taking part in the meeting on Tuesday and his opinion should carry considerable weight.

Will issues arise when area restaurants establish seating on the sidewalks to try and resuscitate their suffering businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Will there be times when seniors and the handicapped may be temporarily impeded and delivery drivers to businesses may need to rethink their normal routines? Yup, but we humans are a resilient bunch. It would be unimaginable to think those having a cup of coffee while enjoying the sun at the same time wouldn't immediately jump up and make their space navigable to those needing extra help. This writer has seen it on Washington Street already on multiple occasions. And more often than not, pleasantries will be exchanged while doing so which will create even more of a community feel.

This kind of seating happens virtually everywhere else, why should Norwood be any different? Downtown Boston isn't the only example of where outdoor, somewhat chaotic seating is used. Take a drive through Dedham Square or Walpole where the sidewalks aren't nearly as wide, yet neighbors look out for neighbors and everybody just seems to get along. And yes, those neighborhoods are currently a lot more vibrant than Washington Street in uptown Norwood, which is a shame.

No doubt there will be an occasion or two when pedestrians will voice complaints relative to their traversing Norwood Center which may require someone in an official capacity to address the issue with the restaurant owner. And no one is suggesting that unsafe conditions be allowed to exist unchallenged. However, the benefits of this kind of seating will far outweigh the inconveniences of the few. And it's not like every restaurant is going to be moving their whole operations outside. No one knows how many, if any, will utilize the concept but it is an example of the Town trying to support its business community in the few ways then can.

There is no playbook when it comes to obstacles presented during this current pandemic. Sometimes decisions have to be made without thinking through every conceivable problem associated with a good idea. Public officials can think things to death with worries over liability and what's actually fair to every single person. In times like these sometimes you need to throw caution (not reason) to the wind and see how things work out. This is one of those times.

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## Dentists vs. professional athletes

Remember the old joke about a dentist's favorite time? No, it's not five o'clock at the end of a workday as referenced in The Vogues' 1965 song "The Five O'Clock Whistle," nor is it the five o'clock mentioned in Sheena Easton's "The Morning Train," nor the five in Dolly Parton's "9-5." The answer to the joke is "tooth hurty [two thirty]."

If you're looking for any other feeble attempts at dental humor in this piece, don't bother: there aren't any.

During this pandemic it was revealed that the typical Massachusetts dentist makes about \$192,000 annually. This is a just income for someone who had to spend years in dental school as general practitioner before possible specializing. Of course, dentists and their co-workers have been out of work, for the most part, for last several months.

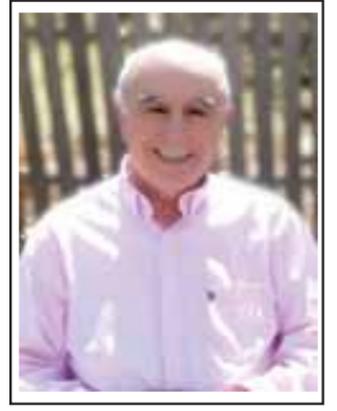
When dentists as well as their assistants and hygienists

come back to work, they are at serious risk because of the very close quarters with their patients, who still have to breathe by exhaling without wearing masks.

The disconnect here is that the lowest paid professional athletes in the four major American sports are compensated significantly more handsomely. I don't know about you but the person who relieves mouth disfigurement and pain most in my life over the years is not the one catching baseballs and forward passes as well as shooting pucks and three-pointers.

The lowest wages in the National Football League are \$375,000; National Basketball Association \$898,000; National Hockey League \$700,000; and Major League Baseball \$563,000.

The next time anybody you know somebody has a mouthful of hurt or crookedness, watching sports on television or in person won't do much, if anything, to alleviate



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Joe Galeota

the condition: it's much better to schedule an appointment with somebody who has D.D.S. or a D.M.D. after their last name, even if they are paid only a fraction of what the average professional athlete makes.

Am I saying that professional athletes—as well as movie actors, television personalities, and singers—are overpaid when compared to dentists? You be the judge.

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was clearly redefined in an overlay district the prior year. Halkiotis said the Town is ready for development. That development, however, has to fit in with the overlay designations. Drury asked how receptive the Town is going to be on proposals once the bid is cleared, and Halkiotis said the Town is ready to get this done.

"The Board of Selectmen is going to work with anyone who is doing their due diligence and showing that they're moving forward with all the permitting requirements," he said. "If

we're working with someone who we know is working hard to get to that end point along with us, I think the Board of Selectmen will be very reasonable."

Carney said she agreed, but pointed out the Town created the overlay district to be able to dictate what kinds of development would go there.

"Knowing Paul Halkiotis, Paul is very much a cooperative kind of guy, but we do have other boards involved with this," said Carney. "We want to see this property sold, we want

to see this property developed. It's just sitting there right now. I don't see the Town putting up roadblocks, but we have to follow what the Board of Selectmen and various boards are requiring of us."

While the Overlay required several stipulations for new development, there was one major point that essentially drove the whole process: no more than 175 units of housing on the property. The Town bought the property to stop a higher-density 40B project from going in there, and paid \$13 million to do so (which is also the minimum bid price for the property).

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walk for seating, as a certain amount of space is required for access to public ways like sidewalks for walking and wheelchair access.

"I could see a significant loss of parking spaces," Plasko said. "While we think we're helping the restaurants by increasing the seating that was taken away, the parking would

be needed for those customers and parking for everyone who is a tenant Downtown. We don't have enough parking now on a good day... I think this becomes too drastic and I think you lose too many spaces."

Halkiotis said he didn't feel parking would be an issue, as the municipal lots would be available to Downtown diners.

"I will remind some of you that there are more than 800 parking spaces in the Downtown," he said. "When we had this conversation with the Chamber of Commerce, we talked about this being a trade-off. The businesses would be trading off onsite right-in-front-of-their-business parking spaces in exchange to have the opportunity to have more seating."

Halkiotis pointed out that

this outdoor seating would not be a requirement, and it would be up to the businesses themselves to submit a reasonable application. He said he didn't believe that an application from a restaurant for more than one or two spaces would be approved, and the loss of parking would be minimal.

"They do al fresco dining all over the world and they don't have these discussions to allow it, I think we need to be more practical here and move on," he said.

Mazzucco also said that every restaurant would have to come up with their own plan on how to implement outdoor seating and if they would need the sidewalk bump out for outside dining. While most of the Board seemed to indicate they were amenable to some form of this process moving forward, the item was tabled for the time being.

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# FinCom discusses revenue shortfalls, but a healthy budget

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission met on May 14 and went over the current estimates in revenue and revenue shortfalls for the fiscal year of 2020.

“I think for this year, we’re going to be okay,” said Town Accountant Thomas McQuaid. “Obviously the big question on revenue is next year.”

According to McQuaid, the departmental receipts, which include revenue generated from motor vehicle excise taxes, ambulance fees, licenses and permits etc., there could be some extra money. According to his projections, based on revenues from the past 10 months (as the fiscal year ends June 30), he is forecasting a budget surplus of \$453,048.

COVID-19 has hit the meals taxes and hotel room taxes hard, and McQuaid said he has been as conservative as possible in his estimates.

“There’s just not a lot happening in meals or hotels so I’m just being very conservative here in saying we’re only going to get \$50,000 over a two-month period for the meals tax and \$50,000 for the hotel tax,” he said. “So I’m anticipating a shortfall there of \$605,000. Put collectively, it’s a net positive.”

The total budgeted amount for departmental receipts is \$15,238,835, with an estimated surplus of \$453,048.

McQuaid said, however, utility payments are a little more difficult to estimate and quantify just looking at prior revenues, but he said using his best estimates there is also a possibility that water service is looking like it could have a surplus of \$75,763 from what was budgeted (about \$16 million). For the light and broadband budget brackets (the services provided by Norwood Light), it’s a little more murky.

“What appear to be deficits for both light and broadband really are not, because I’ll remind people that we overestimate the purchase of power so that we have flexibility at the Light Department

in case there’s a spike in costs to buy the power. We do this so that they don’t have to run back to Town Meeting and get it,” he said. “They overestimate the cost and put the like amount in revenue.”

McQuaid said that because of that, the current estimate sheets show a deficit of about \$3.3 million.

“But we also anticipate about \$10 million in cost savings, so we should generate, like we usually do, about \$7 million from the Light Department,” he said. “So we’re kind of really right on schedule. I didn’t bother doing that with Broadband but it’s a similar analysis.”

McQuaid said the Town is also taking measures now to stem any shortfalls for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, including delaying the purchase of \$2.7 million worth of capital equipment, or one-time equipment purchases.

“We’re delaying any decision on capital equipment aside from some small items like school vans and other things that we need to get,” he said. “We’re going to delay any decision on capital until the fall (Special Town Meeting) and any capital that we do proceed with, we’re going to borrow and, obviously, we have really good borrowing rates.”

McQuaid said he’s hopeful that the \$2.7 million savings and any free cash the Town will have at the end of this fiscal year will be able to provide a “pretty good cushion” for financial problems in the future.

“I think everyone knows we’re putting another \$540,000 into the Stabilization Fund and we’re putting another \$700,000 into the Override Stabilization Fund,” he said. “So we have, I think, pretty good reserves.”

McQuaid said that if you assume the meals and hotel taxes would be similarly budgeted next year, FY21, at around \$2.3 million, and even if the worst-case scenario should happen – that no revenue is collected from those sources – the Town still has enough set aside.

“Even if we got zero from that, which would be about a

\$2 million shortfall, and I don’t believe it’s going to be that bad, but there’s potential there,” he said.

McQuaid said he is also thinking about the state, from which the Town has been getting about \$15 million every year in recent years.

“Depending on which article you read, potentially the state local aid could go down by 20 percent,” he said. “If we took a hit at 20 percent of \$15 million, that would be \$3 million, and so if we had that \$3 million hit and this \$2 million potential hit, that’s \$5 million, we’ll probably have that covered by Free Cash. But if not, we have the money that’s going into the Stabilization Funds as well. Personally, that’s worst-case scenario.”

Norwood Treasurer Mark Good said for property taxes, the Town isn’t looking too bad either, with \$80 million collected out of \$82 million budgeted, but they will not know the true extent of any shortfalls until June 30.

“I think our next point of measure will be when they’re actually due now, which is June 30,” he said. “The collections have slowed down, and that could be because people are waiting until June 30 to pay that.”

FinCom vice chair Robert Donnelly said they would keep an eye on that and said he felt the group should meet again before June 30 to stay updated on property tax collections.

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# BOH discusses options for opening Town wide

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Health Department Superintendent Sigalle Reiss met with the Norwood Board of Health on Monday, May 18, and talked about reopening the Town, as per Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker's announcement on the same day.

Reiss said the reopening will be governed by the Health Department, as the enforcement of business closings was.

"It will be a joint effort between the MA Department of Labor Standards (DLS) and multiple boards of health to enforce the reopening guidelines and orders," she said. "We're looking at construction sites and manufacturing opening, but they do have very restrictive guidelines and protocols they have to follow to maintain social distancing, sanitation and hygiene requirements for employees. All of that will be enforced by local health

departments in conjunction with the DLS. They really want us to be working together, notifying each other as we get complaints. We saw a little bit of that with the earlier orders from the Governor."

Reiss added that all existing essential businesses will have to follow these new restrictions

whether they are from customers, employees, wherever they come from, we and the DLS have to investigate," she said. "It's a tiered enforcement, where they want us to do a verbal consultation with a first violation, and then a written redirect is what they call step two, and then we can fine them up

and desist order.

"And then we'd have to go through the court system," she said. "Hopefully, we don't have to get to that point; Norwood's businesses have been pretty compliant, and so I hope that continues. I think most things will be resolved in that first step, because most of it will be

"Most of those cases are in nursing homes and essential workers, and so those are the people out and about who we expect to be getting those positive cases."

Reiss said they are seeing large numbers of testing, which she said she felt was a good sign.

"We have the community testing program, where any Norwood resident can get a test, and we really encourage people who have symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has a case to get a test," she said. "The number to do that is to call the hospital at 781-278-4499. You'll have to call and make an appointment. We always say, the more we test the better it is because we can identify cases, isolate them and quarantine their contacts to slow the spread."

Reiss said while testing numbers have been relatively low, she feels there are adequate numbers of tests available, but wanted to remind residents that they should only get tested for certain reasons.

"I know we keep hearing

*"While we're seeing increases in our total number, we are seeing a decrease in our cases week by week, which I think is a great sign."*

**- Health Department Superintendent Sigalle Reiss**

and guidelines in their existing workplaces. Enforcement of these guidelines, both for businesses coming online and those now open, would be complaint-based.

"We really don't have to go out and inspect every facility before it opens, but we do have to respond to complaints,

to \$300, three times, before escalating to the next level."

Reiss said they would probably imitate other fine structures in the Town (since the fine can be "up to" \$300 for three infractions), in that it would start at \$100 for the first fine, \$200 second, etc. After that, they would escalate to a cease

either confusion or not understanding how the guidelines apply to your specific business."

For a more detailed look at how the state is looking to reopen, go to [mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts](http://mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts). Reiss also broke down COVID-19 tracking, tracing, testing and numbers.

"While we're seeing increases in our total number, we are seeing a decrease in our cases week by week, which I think is a great sign," she said.

**BOH**

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## Ask The Doctor

*Junior Damato began servicing vehicles in 1969. He owns an 8-bay center in Middleboro, MA. Junior is an ASE-certified Master Technician, ASE-certified L-1 and ASE-certified Natural Gas.*

Q) Dear Doctor: I currently own a 2010 Ford F-150 XLT with 183,000 miles which I bought new. Great truck. Still runs very well. But I've twice been diagnosed with what the local Ford dealer tells me are "swollen lug nuts." I've been driving for more than 30 years, regularly maintaining all my vehicles, and I'd never heard this phrase before. What can you tell me about swollen lug nuts? Sounds like Ford should issue a recall or pay for the replacement lug nuts. Kerry

A) Swollen lug nuts are more common than you think on various makes and models. The cause is the poor second layer chrome or polished cover over the regular lug nut. This does not happen to 1 piece aftermarket replacement lug nuts. Your pick up is 9 plus years old and I agree swollen lug nuts are not acceptable. I have seen swollen lug nuts in the snow belt area on vehicles 5 years and some times less. Corrosion builds up between the lug nut and the lug nut cover. Make sure you replace the lug nuts with 1 piece lugs available at most any auto parts store.

Q) Dear Doctor: My wife has a 2016 Honda HR-V. Around once a week the Smart Entry System icon comes on, and stays on for a couple of days and then goes off for about a week and then comes back on. This has been going on for months. We even changed the batteries in the remotes. Every time we want to bring the vehicle to Honda the icon is off. What do you think is the problem and would Honda be able to see why the icon is coming on even if it is not on when I take it to Honda? John

A) There has been many complaints on this problem and most of the vehicles take multiple of pushes on the button to start the engine. I do not know why the dealer does not suggest the start stop switch. The cost is modest and worth the shot in my opinion. The most common fault is the actual push button switch. If you want to find an independent shop check with the local AAA office. They should have a list of AAA approved shops and all have to employ ASE technicians and most if not all have access to Alldata and Identifix.

Junior Damato, the "Auto Doctor," has agreed to field auto repair questions from Bulletin and Record readers. Please send your questions to [news@bulletinnewspapers.com](mailto:news@bulletinnewspapers.com) and we will do our best to get them answered.

## Candidate Forum

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education, as he has been serving on the Norwood Middle School Building Committee to navigate the replacement or renovation of the Coakley Middle School.

Amanda Grow is a Town Meeting member who was appointed to represent District 7 in Town on the Rules Committee, and has worked with State Sen. Michael Rush as well as the League as a Director of the Board. She stated she wants to use data-driven methods to ensure the Board works to its full potential.

Debbie Holmwood is a veteran of the Norwood Planning Board for years and has worked to ensure that developers and officials know where her priorities lie: trees, trees, and more trees. Holmwood's advocacy for greenspace aside, she has also coached youth soccer for 15 years and helped to spearhead the Town's eventual inclusion into the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act in 2016.

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# DPW roadwork starting up

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

Norwood Department of Public Works Superintendent Mark Ryan said it's time to start opening some holes.

Opening of the underground, that is. Ryan said road work for roadway resurfacing, water main replacement and water main cleaning and relining will start up again soon, and residents should be on the lookout during this time of change.

State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said at the beginning of May that while the roadways have had 50 percent fewer numbers of vehicles on the roads during the lock down, 28 people have died in car crashes in April 2020, as opposed to 27 in April 2019.

Gulliver said at the time he felt a cavalier attitude was to blame for the increase in accidents on the road, and Ryan said he's been keeping up with that and has informed road crews to be extra cautious.

"We have seen that (accident statistics), but with the detours we'll have set up and the Norwood Police Department details at each worksite I think we're in a fine spot," he said. "Hopefully, that won't continue in our work

areas."

Ryan said the funds for some of the work for road resurfacing and the water main relining and cleaning will have to be partially come from a vote at the upcoming June 22 Town Meeting, but said the sewer relining funds were allocated last year. He said they will also be doing work on the Dean Street Bridge, which was approved and allocated last May, as well as the Sharon Water Main Replacement project, funded by the Town of Sharon to facilitate emergency water services in case of contamination or loss of service on the Sharon Norwood line. That project is being fully funded by Sharon.

Ryan added the repaving of municipal parking lots, also approved last year, will start soon once approved by the relevant public entities, like the Board of Selectmen.

For road resurfacing, Ryan said they are looking to resurface in total three miles of roads, out of the Town's 10 miles. Those roads include the following:

Berwick Street Bond St - Winter Street to Walpole Street Chickering Road Walters Road East Cross Street - Neponset Street to Route 1 Edgell Road - Glendale Road to Dean Street Lau-

rel Road - Valley Road to Holly Drive Lenox Street - Shaw's Plaza entrance to Avalon Apartment entrance Maple Street - Nahatan Street to Vernon Street Nichols Street - Bond Street to Elliot Street Prospect Street - Pine St to Prospect Avenue Railroad Avenue - Pleasant Street to Cleveland Street Ridge Road Rosemary Street Wheelock Avenue

For water main work, the Town is replacing water main and water services on Sumner Street, from Route 1 to Union Street and Union Street from Route 1 to the Sharon Town line. There will also be water main cleaning and lining on Prospect Street from Prospect Avenue to Winter Street.



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0843 Phone - Malicious Damage

\*Report Filed Location/Address: Garfield Ave Report 2 incidents of tires being slashed.

1406 Phone - Sex Offenses \*Report Filed Location/Address: Engamore Ln Report of past assault.

1421 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High School Alumni Association - Nichols St Report organization president received e-mail stating the account was compromised and to send them money. N661 reports "spam" e-mail, computer is not compromised and no money was sent.

1430 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Codman Rd Report deposit and additional money taken to purchase a dog via internet, sale found to be fraudulent.

1521 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Services Rendered Location/Address: Heather Dr Female caller reports that her neighbor is parking his boat on the street. Party was spoken to and he moved in into his driveway.

1658 Phone - Fraud Services Rendered Location/Address: Dan O'brien Kia - Bos-Prov Hwy Ongoing investigation with KIA, see 20-358-OF. Information forwarded to BCI.

1818 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Norwest Dr Caller reports loud music. On going issue with neighbors. Party agreed to turn down music and advised to contact management.

2059 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller requesting check of male party possibly sleeping in their car. MA PC 76D330. Party checks out and sent on their way.

**Tuesday, May 12**

0821 Initiated - Trespassing Spoken To Location/Address: MBTA Railroad Tracks - Nahatan St N662 comes across female, possibly shoeless, walking tracks. N662 locates her at Railroad Ave, she is ok, warned and sent on her way.

1049 Phone - Larceny \*Report Filed Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Report victim of mailbox phishing and then an altered check.

1238 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Petco - Bos-Prov Hwy Customer reports 2 kids in store without masks and when confronted, using profanities and may escalate into a physical confrontation. N669 reports spoke to party in MA PC 1AMD17 and he is leaving and advised of the mask decree.

1359 Phone - Citizens Complaint Taken/Referred To Other Agency Location/Address: Gus's Barber

Shop - Washington St Report business is open for business. Call to Health Dept.- they will handle same.

1438 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Highview St Report on-going neighbor problems, today neighbor came onto his porch wanting to fight him over a new bicycle of the caller's niece. N663 spoke to all parties, matter resolved for now. Caller requests extra checks of his home.

1440 Phone - Disturbance Spoken To Location/Address: Central St Report of a Mercedes with its headlights on in parking, there were also 2 females in what appeared to be a verbal argument standing near the car whom then left towards Central St. N667 reports RI CPTF830. N667 reports owner of car works at office in building, giving a friend a ride home, owner of car was having an animated cell call.

1447 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Lewis Ave Party in lobby requests police accompany him to his home while he retrieves some belongings because he thinks neighbors are out to get him due to the past incidents at this home. Units stood by until party got his things and left to go out of state.

1648 Phone - Hit And Run \*Report Filed Location/Address: Norwood Post Office - Central St Caller reports her car was hit while she was in the Post Office.

2138 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Coakley Middle School ( Acct# 1378d) - Washington St MA PC SN23HM. Party was walking his dog and checks out.

**Wednesday, May 13**

1609 Phone - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Supreme Gas (Dba) S&amp;H Supreme Norwood Gas - Broadway Walker concerned about the driver of a black BMW in the gas station and his sobriety. Subject checks out and no issues.

1610 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Highview St Caller seeks advice in regards to ongoing neighbor issue.

1712 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Walnut Ave Caller concerned for a family member. Officers spoke to her, all is well.

2125 Walk-In - Loud Party Area Search Negative Location/Address: Railroad Ave + Fulton St Walk in reports a loud party in the neighborhood.

# Police Logs

**Thursday, May 14**

1018 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Mill Pond Ln LTC notice served.

1403 Walk-In - Fraud \*Report Filed Location/Address: Ace Locksmith - Washington St Attempted fraud.

1410 Initiated - Drug Law Violation \*Report Filed Location/Address: Municipal Lot - Nahatan St + Broadway As a result of a B.C.I. investigation, Units stop MA PC 76V740 and MA PC 1VSR51. N490 reports parents came to scene to pick up their kids and the vehicles. N495 to file report.

1423 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Fr Mac's - Vernon St Report 2 subjects hitting golf balls in the park. N664 moved them along.

1436 911 - Hang Up Call Confirmed Accidental Location/Address: Gay St Upon call back-answering machine comes on, message left. N677 sent to area 9-1-1 map places phone. N677 reports elderly male accidental dial, daughter is with him, all ok.

1615 Walk-In - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Pleasant St + E Cross St Party reports kids yelling, unsure if playing or in distress.

1644 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Upland Rd Verbal dispute gone on arrival over the lack of face protection RE: Covid-19

1814 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Jr High North/ Savage Center (Acct# 1376d) - Prospect St Caller reports a bunch of people playing basketball. N662 spoke to those individuals and were advised of the recourse if the health department was to be notified.

1825 911 - Susp Person Services Rendered Location/Address: Post Office - Central St Report of a female screaming and using obscenities. Riverside clinician responded, party refused services. Officers advised her.

1857 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Westover Pkwy + Nichols St Caller concerned for a person who seems unsteady on their feet. Officers spoke to him, checked out OK.

1901 Phone - Citizens Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Pleasant St Caller reports a big gathering at a residence. N664 spoke to those individuals and they were standing at a safe distance and also wearing masks.

1950 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Plimpton Ave Walk in reporting his neighbor is going in his mailbox.

N678 spoke to that party and he was advised.

2053 911 - Susp Activity Services Rendered Location/Address: Guild St + Broadway Party yelling outside. Officers spoke to her, she is OK and took a train to Boston.

2227 Phone - Kids Gathering Area Search Negative Location/Address: Norwest Woods - Chestnut Hill Realty - Norwest Dr Caller concerned about young unsupervised youths at the playground.

2320 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Juniper Dr Caller reports kids outside playing basketball, being loud. N664 spoke to those kids and they will head in for the night.

2338 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Rock St Caller reports her 14 yr old daughter will not come in the house. N678 reports issues has been resolved.

**Friday, May 15**

0456 Phone - Larceny \*Arrest(S)/Made Location/Address: Limey's Pub - Washington St Caller reports a male was taking mail out of mail box by Limey's Pub then hopped in a gray Ford Focus and fled s/b on Washington St. Bolo to cars. N667 locates car in S.Norwood.(Ma.Reg# ( 9 D B 8 4 2 )

N664,N666,N678,N668 responds. Don &amp; Wally's towed vehicle. N663 transport 1 back to station, st.mil:32457 @ 5:31/ending mil:32459 @ 5:34. N667 returns with 1 st.mil:1226 @5:30/end.mil:1227 @5:33. Refer To Arrest: 20-122-AR Juvenile Arrest Age: 16 Charges: Burglariou Instrument, Possess Break Into Depository Unlicensed Operation Of Mv Turn, Improper Lights Violation, Mv Receive Stolen Property -\$1200 Conspiracy Refer To Arrest: 20-123-AR Juvenile Arrest Age: 17 Charges: Burglariou Instrument, Possess Break Into Depository Receive Stolen Property -\$1200 Conspiracy

1015 Other - Report Of Fight \*Report Filed Location/Address: Winslow Ave Past fight, SRO will follow up.

1326 Phone - Noise Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Party spoken to regarding loud music.

1432 Phone - Warrant Of Apprehension Spoken To Location/Address: Creative Construction Solutions - Prospect St Subject not home.

1523 Phone - Neighbor Disturbance \*Report Filed Location/Address: Norwest Dr Female reports an argument with her neighbor. N677 reports it was an argument over stealing cable tv.

1710 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Yew Dr N678 stands by until detail arrives to keep the peace.

1746 Phone - Kids Gathering Spoken To Location/Address: Norwood High School - Nichols St Caller reports a group of kids on the football field. N669 moved those kids along.

1841 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Spoken To Location/Address: Garfield Ave + Monroe St E Caller reports MA PC 5070ZA driving fast in the neighborhood Officer clear after checking the area. Not long after a caller reports the vehicle is parked near the courts at Callahan. Officer advised him and sent him on his way.

1849 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Vernon St Caller reports bees in her front yard. Hive located at #262 NACO responded.

2131 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Prospect St Caller reports 3 young males standing in his driveway, when he confronted them they took off up the street. Area search negative.

2310 911 - Disturbance Spoken To

Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Caller reports a female outside her apartment yelling. N664 spoke to that party and she was calmed down and has returned to her apartment.

**Saturday, May 16**

0804 Phone - Disturbance \*Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Female party causing a disturbance. NFD transported to an evaluation.

1044 Phone - Assist Citizen No Action Required Location/Address: Cottage St Caller reports an argument with his father. Upon arrival, he does not wish to speak to officers.

1721 Phone - Malicious Damage \*Report Filed Location/Address: Endean Gardening Club - Mylod St Caller reports damage to the fence that surrounds the garden.

1733 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Papa Gino's Nahatan - Nahatan St Female caller uneasy with the adult males and comments made to her outside on the patio. View also shows a man flailing his arms in punching a motion with two others there. Officers report no fight and subjects leaving the area.

1812 911 - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Plymouth Dr Caller reports his friend may have relapsed and he is concerned for his well being. N679 spoke to the party in question and he was sleeping and appears fine.

**Sunday, May 17**

0023 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Quick Stop - Washington St MA PC 5HS170.

0953 Phone - Well Being Chk \*Report Filed Location/Address: Highview St Father request check of son after a Face Book message. NFD transports to hospital for evaluation.

1050 Phone - Complaint Of Mv \*Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Norwood Gardens - Hampden Dr 2 calls for a Jeep, white and an Acura, blue, speeding, stop sign violation, beeping horns. N664 locates them entering parking lot at 1415 Bos-Prov. Hwy. N678 reports verbal argument, parent, properly licensed, took MA PC 329B80. N678 to file a Complaint Application and report.

1144 Cellular - Unwanted Party Spoken To Location/Address: Cottage St Son reports father will not let him back into home. N669 reports son is back in home, the unwanted female friend of son was sent on her way.

1200 Phone - Complaint Of Mv Services Rendered Location/Address: Ridgewood Dr Report MA PC 8LD523 was speeding and when confronted, threatened caller. Party was advised, extra checks will be done.

1605 Phone - Susp Vehicle \*Report Filed Location/Address: Harrow Rd Caller reports his daughter was out for a walk when a vehicle stopped to talk to her and made her feel uncomfortable. Officers searched the area for a small black

1636 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Marlboro St Party reports a found syringe.

1817 Phone - Drunk Driver \*Arrest(S)/Made Location/Address: Cross St + Lenox St Caller reports a person passed out behind the wheel of a Chevrolet Silverado. As a result, N678 placed one party under arrest. N667 transported him to the station. Refer To Arrest: 20-124-AR Arrest: Mitchell, Brian R Address: 152 High Rock St Westwood, Ma Age: 61 Charges: OUI-Liquor Or .08%, 2nd Offense Negligent Operation Of Motor Vehicle Stop/Yield, Fail To Refer To Accident: 20-88-AC 2158 Phone - Noise Complaint Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Lincoln St Caller reports two females yelling in the road. Officers checked the area with negative results, all is quiet.



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**SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION**

The Board of Registrars wishes to inform the residents of the Town of Norwood that a special registration session has been set for the June 8, 2020 Annual Town Election.

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

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Registration is appreciated but not required. For details on accessing the program via Zoom and to sign up and receive a reminder email, please go to our events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. If you do not have a computer but would like to listen to Jeff's presentation, call 929-205-6099. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 860 6184 5821 followed by the # sign.

**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 test-

ing 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.

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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 lwnorwoodma@gmail.com no later than 5/26.

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## DEATHS



**MARGARET S. "Dollie"** (Barbarisi) of Norwood passed away on May 16, 2020 at the age of 92. Beloved wife of the late Fred B. Byers. Devoted mother of Margo A. Byers and her fiancée Leo Remiesiewicz of Fairhaven and Pamela Walkiewicz and her husband Robert of Chatham. Sister of Robert Barbarisi of Harwich and the late Carmine Barbarisi. Cherished grandmother of Meredith Taylor of Plainville and Diane Byers of Chatham. Great grandmother of Elliot Taylor and Evan Taylor. Dollie was a former member of the Norwood Mother's Club, Norwood Catholic Women's Club and the Norwood PTA. A private funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at St. Catherine of Siena Church Norwood with a burial at St. Joseph Cemetery W. Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc. 309 Waverley Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) 781-762-0482.

### GALLANT



**Dale W. 52** of Norwood, MA passed away peacefully on May 9, 2020 surrounded by family. He was born in Somerville and a graduate of Somerville High School. He spent his career working as a service advisor at several different car dealerships. Dale was a kind, patient, loyal, and forgiving man who always found the best in people. He was quick to help out anyone in need. His hobbies included cars, guns, electronics, technology, food, music, the ocean and traveling. He spent many vacations in Prince Edward Island with family and Aruba with friends. He had a passion for the sport of hockey. An avid Bruins fan who watched from home, attended games at the Garden, and traveled to away games with family and friends that were his family. He was his wife Carolyn's biggest fan and supporter for marathons, fundraising and all of life's journeys. Carolyn was his number one cheerleader and support during his courageous battle with cancer. Together they were an amazing couple and team that shared a true bond of love. His charismatic personality was a gift that his family and friends will

treasure. He is survived by his loving wife Carolyn Collins, his father Wallace Gallant and mother Patricia of Prince Edward Island, Canada, his brother Todd Gallant and wife Julie of Portsmouth, NH, his sister Heather Roderick and husband John of Somerville, MA, his daughter Demi Nigro and husband Carmine of Danvers, MA, his son Reid of Peabody, MA, his granddaughter Lorea Nigro and many nieces and nephews. Thank you to Team Tenacious D, the very best support system anyone could ask for. We are beyond grateful, blessed and humbled by your outpouring of love, support and compassion during his illness. Thank you to the exceptionally caring and professional staff at Massachusetts General Hospital. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dale's Name to Marisa's Mission, Inc. P. O. Box 850061 Braintree, MA 02185, [www.marisas-mission.org](http://www.marisas-mission.org) which is based in Braintree and helps those living with cancer or to The Fisher House [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org) which supports our veterans and Gold Star Families. [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

### LEARY

**Mary N. (LaMalfa)** of Norwood, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on May 12, 2020 at the age of 91. Beloved wife of the late Arnold B. Leary. Daughter of the late Frank and Anita (Giagalone) LaMalfa. Sister of the late Joseph LaMalfa and Stefina F. Forte. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Mary was a graduate of the Boston Public Schools. She was a former member of the MS Society of Boston, Roslindale Historical Society and she was the founder of Chips, which was a Boston based volunteer service org. A private Burial will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury. 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.

### REARDON

**Anne Catherine "Nancy"** (McKinnon) born on New Year's Day 1934. She was raised in Norwood, MA as one of four daughters of the late William C. and Catherine (Costello) McKinnon of Sidney Mines, Nova Scotia and Galway, Ireland. A graduate of Norwood High School in 1951, and Burdett College, Nancy worked for Sylvania Electric providing her the opportunity to travel to Europe in 1960 and embark on a cross country trip where she worked for them in Palo Alto, California. Upon her return to Norwood she bumped into John E. Reardon, a former altar boy at Saint Catherine of Siena Church, whom she had noticed as a young girl at St. Catherine's School where they both attended. They were married a year later on November 21, 1964 at St. Catherine of Siena Church. John and Nancy raised their two children, Carol and John, in Walpole, MA, and provided many memorable family

summers on Cape Cod in West Dennis, MA. Nancy is preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, John E. Reardon, her two sisters, Florence Desmarais and Joan Haynes, and a nephew, Paul Desmarais. Loving Mother of Carol Hawk and her husband Jud of Basalt, CO; Commander John Reardon, USCG (Ret.) and his wife Suzanne of Chester, MD. Devoted and beloved grandmother to her 4 grandchildren, Caitlin Anne Hawk, Jake Hawk, Jack Reardon and Brendan Reardon. Nancy will fondly be remembered by her sister, Maureen Bradway and her husband Brad of Norwood, MA; brother-in-law, Allan Haynes of Walpole MA; numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews and a few great grands; her friend & caregiver Lisa Marquis, and her team of caregivers at Heritage Park Care Center in Carbondale, CO. A private Memorial for family will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Norwood, MA, with her husband and near her parents. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com) Published in The Boston Globe on May 14, 2020.

### REICHERT

**FLORENCE A. (Venis)** of Norwood passed away on May 7, 2020 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Charles F. Reichert. Devoted mother of Janice O'Malley and her husband Jim of Greensboro, NC, Judith Fiatarone of Millis, Steven Reichert of Norwood, J. Scott Reichert of N. Attleboro and Joanne Woolfall and her husband Jim of Nashua, NH. Sister of the late Rosemary O'Neil. Cherished grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Daughter of the late George and Mary (Kalinowski) Venis. Florence was a graduate of Dedham High School. All services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to VNA Care Fund Development Office, 199 Rosewood Drive, Suite 180 Danvers, MA 01923 or to the Perkins School for the Blind, C/O Perkins Library 175 North Beacon St. Watertown, MA 02472. [www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://www.kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com). FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED 781-762-0482.

### SHER

**Gerald A.** of Norwood, passed away after a month-long, valiant fight with Covid-19 on May 8th, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, with his loving family by his side. He was 71 years old. Gerry was born in Winthrop on November 1, 1948. He grew

up in Revere and earned a Bachelor's degree from Salem State College and an MBA from Suffolk University. Gerry worked at the offices of the Boston Herald for over 30 years. His passions were woodworking, making furniture for his family, photography and traveling, especially his cross-country trips on his Harley with his beloved wife, Susan. Anyone who met him, loved him instantly and he made an impact on this world like no one else quite could. Above all else, Gerry was a family man, happiest surrounded by his children and adoring grandchildren. "G," as they called him, could often be found attending many sporting events and Irish dance competitions. Gerry was the dear and devoted husband of 47 years of Susan (Ramey). Their 47 years of wedded bliss brought them their loving children, Aimee (Sher) and William Monteith of Walpole, Alison Sher and Joseph McDonagh of Braintree, Katie

Sher of Norwood, Matthew and Teresa Sher of Fort Worth, TX, as well as his loving grandchildren who called him "G," Jack, Maeve, Michael, Savannah, Isla, Eamon and Alana. He was the dear brother of Robert and Rhonda Sher of Murrieta, CA and brother-in-law of Ellen Correia of Wrentham. He is also survived by his nephew and many nieces and cousins. Gerry was predeceased by his parents Hyman and Gertrude Sher, his mother and father-in-law Julia and Edgar Ramey Sr, and his brothers-in-law Edgar Ramey, Jr and Lionel Correia. Contributions in memory of Gerry Sher can be made online via [bidmc.org/give](http://bidmc.org/give) or by check made payable to "Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center" with "Gerry Sher/Covid-19 Vaccine Research" on the memo line. Donations can be mailed to: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Office of Development, 330 Brookline Ave. (OV), Boston, MA 02215. A celebration of Gerry's life will be held over the summer at St. Mary's Church, East Walpole, MA. Guestbook available at [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com) Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600.

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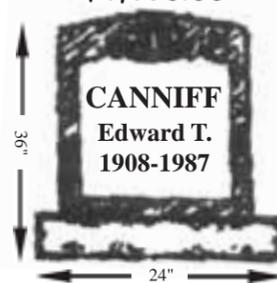
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that there isn't enough testing, but testing is pretty widely available," she said. "If you have not had any contact or don't have any symptoms, a test doesn't really tell you anything."

Assistant Health Director Stacey Lane said there are two different types of tests, those that test if you currently are infected, known as diagnostic testing or swab testing, and those that show if you've had the virus in the past, called antibody testing, which is a blood or serum test. The diagnostic testing is used primarily if one is showing symptoms, so that health professionals can determine whether a patient is experiencing COVID-19 or another illness. The antibody test is used to find antibodies of the virus, and can tell if one has already had and recovered from the virus.

Lane said that antibody testing can help, but has little immediate use for health professionals.

"What happens is if the test comes back positive, it doesn't tell us much," she said. "It tells us that you may have been exposed at some point, you may have had the disease at some point, but we don't know when. So what happens is, you just get that test, it comes back positive, we have to put you in isolation and then we have to quarantine all your contacts. If you do want to get that test, it's not that it's not a good test, but it's just that it's early on in the game, it's a new virus to us and so we really don't know how to interpret the serologies."

She said for many diseases the medical community has had time to study, like measles for instance, doctors can reasonably say what it means when you have antibodies to a virus and how you can proceed. For COVID-19, that information simply isn't available yet. Some antibodies stay in the immune system forever and allow for basic immunity to the virus in the future, some don't, and some viruses mutate to the point antibodies no longer work.

But for Norwood residents, Lane suggested getting both tests, if one is so inclined to get either.

"So that way, it at least gives us more information," she said. "If you do have antibodies and then have a negative nasal swab test that shows that you had this infection sometime in the past and we will not have to put you in isolation. But if you do not get the nasal swab test and just get the antibody test, it doesn't tell us much."

Member Joan Jacobs said she had a question regarding the diagnostic nasal swab test.

"Is this the one that goes way, way up your nose?" she said.

"It goes up your nose," Lane said with a laugh. "But Joan, that's a good point because some people say, 'oh, I don't want that swab going up into my brain. I would rather have a blood test.' I would suggest you don't do that, or just do both. You can get the blood draw, but also get the nasal swab, just so we have a clearer picture of what's going on."

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But it rebounded quickly as the program got into motion and through community support.

"We will definitely end up in the black for the program this year, thanks to all these extraordinary measures that the Food Services Department has been taking since the COVID-19 hit," Long said.

Although no one is certain of what the upcoming school year holds, the team is strategizing for safe ways to serve meals, she explained. They may be served in class, in a cafeteria with social distancing or with take-home meals.

Long explained that coolers and carts may need to be purchased shortly as part of a contingency plan.

Before COVID-19, Norris said the department had a number of achievements. He announced the first department-driven scholarship will be awarded shortly to a graduating Norwood senior who is planning to enter the hospital-ity field. The \$500 was earned through a variety of department fundraisers over the course of the school year.

Community engagement included a free Thanksgiving dinner, where Superintendent Dave Thomson and school principals served more than 175 meals. The department was able to partner with Polar Beverage in Worcester and Norwood's American Patriot Sales, Inc., which donated the drinks and food, respectively, that Food Services Dept. members prepared.

On the school side, the department worked to connect classroom, gardening and kitchen experience at several elementary schools.

"Some of the hits this year were 'Seed to Table,' where we planted basil into little milk

cartons at the Cleveland and the Willett, and then we sampled the basil tofu stir fry," he said. "Another of the themes is that we made a green monster kale smoothie over at the Callahan, which was a lot of fun."

Outside of the Prescott Elementary School, students planted and harvested tomatoes and cucumbers from the raised bed gardens. A class at the Callahan grew a tower garden, charted its growth, and then got to eventually dine from the fruits of their labor with the help of the department.

One initiative begun was the Discovery Kitchen mobile teaching cart program, Norris explained.

"It's designed to roll right into a classroom or a small space, and it gives students hands-on experience with fresh ingredients," he said. A monitor shows students what is being prepared. Then tables can be extended from the side of the cart so students can get involved.

At the High School, nutritionist Kelsey Massis described the success of the Student Choice program. Students went to various meal stations and were then able to vote on selections they would like to see on the menu. Similarly, at the Coakley Middle School, the cooking elective students became student ambassadors, doing prep work for food items that would be prepared for sampling by the students. They then chose which items would be presented for the actual voting by the students and served samples.

"It was a great way for it to come from students, to have their peers be involved with what was on the menu," she said. More than 800 samples were served, with bok choy and flame winning the contest.

All schools contributed their food scraps to the composting program as a way to help the environment. The scraps were sent either to the Town's composting center or to local farmers at an average of 21 gallons a day, or approximately

105 pounds.

Thanks to a FUTP 60 grant received a couple of months ago the High School received a grab and go breakfast cart. New England Patriots player Chase Winovich visited the school to celebrate the kickoff.

"I just want to say thanks to you for an amazing year up until the wheels came off the wagon and the entire world changed," said member Maura Smith. "Beyond that, I think that I can say confidently on behalf of the committee and the rest of the community that you all and the ladies that are working to hand out those meals are nothing short of heroes in my mind."

In other news, the School Committee voted 5-0 not to opt to participate in the school choice program, which is an annual decision. Thomson cited increased enrollment by Norwood residents in its schools, with some schools reaching their capacities.

"Choice students, once enrolled, are the system's responsibility until graduation or age 22 for special education students, and may pose overcrowding in certain schools or courses," Thomson said. "The income stream for choice students is on a declining scale, with less income per pupil this year than last year."

Also, Thomson said that Norwood will be receiving \$345,607 as part of the CARES Act. That money will be used to close learning gaps. On the downside, there has been no DESE guidance on how to proceed on the opening of the upcoming school year as yet.

In addition, because the Boston Marathon will be rescheduled for Mon., Sept. 14, that will be a state holiday. That will need to be added to the school calendar, Thomson explained.

"I don't know what to call it, Patriot's Day, Fall Patriot's Day, Marathon Monday," he said. "I'm not quite sure."

Member Dave Catania made a motion that the calendar be adjusted, should the Marathon go forward. It was approved 5-0.

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### Public Hearing Notice

Town of Norwood

Application for Alteration of Premises of  
Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License

Application has been made to the Licensing Board of the Town of Norwood for alteration of premises for Lewis' Restaurant and Grille, Inc., 86-92 Central Street, Giuseppe Tropeano, General Manager of the AAB License under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 12 for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be drunk on the premises, and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140 Common Victualler License.

Present description of premises: 86 Central Street rear; dining room, store room and refrigerator room in basement. 88-92 Central Street; two dining rooms and kitchen on street floor – all rooms used for food and drink – three entrances and exits.

Altered description of premises: 86 Central Street rear; dining room, store room and refrigerator room in basement. 88-92 Central Street; two dining rooms, kitchen and patio on street floor – all rooms and patio used for food and drink – three entrances and exits.

Public hearing on this application will be held Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. This meeting will be conducted virtually via GoToMeeting. Please email selectmen@norwoodma.gov for public participation information.

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