

FinCom considers future COVID-19 consequences

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Finance Commission (FinCom) met last week for its regular Wednesday meeting where Norwood Town Manager Tony Mazzucco gave an update on the emergency Norwood Fund and other funding for unexpected issues that have recently come up in the Town.

“How are we doing?” asked FinCom Chair Anne Marie Haley.

Mazzucco said collections for the Norwood Fund have gone down, but they have been able to continue to distribute funds to residents in need. He did note that the Mustang Food Pantry recently closed its doors due to a lack of demand, which is a good thing, but added the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Norwood at 150 Chapel St. is still going strong, with no indications of insufficient items for residents.

Mazzucco said they have seen a slight uptick recently in requests for COVID-19-related funding.

“In terms of COVID-19 expenses, there was sort of a short-term hold off because we wanted to be able to close out the (fiscal) year, but now we’re seeing more personal protective equipment and supplies are needed along with other assistance, so we’re going to start to see our Covid-related expenditures go up,” he said. “We’ll be able to apply in October or November for Covid-related funds. We are hoping the state will widen some of the uses of the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act money.”

Mazzucco said the state actually tightened restrictions on the use of



Town Manager Tony Mazzucco

that money more so than the restrictions on funds from the federal government. He said, as an example, that the Town needs more vehicles and that CARES Act funding could be used to help in this because the Town is trying to keep one person to one vehicle to help reduce COVID exposure. He said he is hopeful that the state will ease those restrictions because he feels there are a lot of unforeseen costs to safely reopening that they just hadn’t considered yet.

“There are going to be a lot of costs we don’t know about yet when it comes to opening our buildings, opening the schools, and things start to come up, so we’re hoping they’ll allow flexibility,” he said. “I’ll give them credit though, they have been very flexible to date about what we can use our CARES Act money for.”

Mazzucco said he believes how-

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Town’s Covid stats better than state’s

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The Norwood Board of Health met on Monday, July 20 for its regular meeting and discussed the most recently-released COVID-19 infection numbers from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The numbers are released every Wednesday on the state’s website.

Health Department Director Sigalle Reiss said the numbers are trending down for Norwood, but the data system has recently been changed, and so direct week-to-week comparisons are no longer possible. Reiss said the percent positive in Town is at 1.7 percent, which is far lower than the state’s 2.25 percent comparatively. She said over the last two weeks there were about 10 reported cases.

“Considering how much we reopened, that’s a good thing,” she said. “We know what’s happening all over the country, but here in Massachusetts, things are looking good. Knock on wood.”

Reiss said they are currently working with the Norwood Public Schools District (NPS) to figure out what reopening of the schools might look like. She said the state requires that each district complete three separate plans for going back to school: one for online only learning, one for in person-only learning, and one for a hybrid, during which time to increase social distancing, half of the students in each school go in for a week or so and the other half stays online. She said the department has to compile these plans and then get them back to the state by Aug. 10, after which the NPS will announce which plan they’re going with based on state recommendations.

“We’ll be having conversations with



Town Sanitarian Angelo De Luca

the schools, but it is up to the school department,” Reiss said. “It’s an incredible undertaking to write these plans, go through the logistics, the bus system, work out the teacher set up - it’s such a complex system.”

Reiss said that because young kids are far less likely to contract the disease and because teens are far less likely to have serious symptoms, social distancing will be most serious for the adult faculty and staff.

“One thing we have really worked very closely with the schools on, and there was some guidance today with the state department that advises and regulates schools, is about what to do when there’s a positive case,” Reiss said. “Because there will be positive cases.”

Reiss also informed the Board that the regular Household Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Sept. 26. She said there will be social distancing at the site, traffic direction and cashier positions will be peopled by those who are at low-

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"Piano man" becomes national phenom

Mary Ellen Gambon
Staff Reporter

One man's trash can become another man's triumph – at least for a mystery piano player from Mattapan who happened to stroll into a Norwood antique shop on Saturday, July 11.

John Thomas Archer went on an impromptu shopping trip with his girlfriend to ReMARKable Cleanouts at Winsmith Mill Market when he spotted a Steinway piano and asked if he could play a tune.

"The moment I walked in, I saw the piano," said Archer, who is self-taught on a keyboard. "The sign on top said that you couldn't play it unless you wanted to buy it. I didn't have the means, but I asked if I could just play one song."

Store owner Mark Waters said employee Melissa Rediker was struck by Archer's polite demeanor. Journey's "Don't Stop Believing," the first song he ever learned, sprung from his fingertips. Rediker captured the performance on video. Once she uploaded it to the store's Facebook page, it went viral.

"I hadn't even intended to go in there, but my girlfriend really wanted to, so I did," said Archer, a 23-year-old architecture student at a local college during a phone interview on July 16.

"I don't want to give the name, because people have been trying to track me down since this occurred," he said.

"It was amazing," Waters said. "People just wandered in off the street to hear him. I didn't get to see him Saturday, but I was so moved by his talent."

After Archer left, the search for the "mystery piano man" began in earnest. Waters said he hoped to either donate the piano to Archer or allow him to play at the shop whenever he wanted. Others offered to donate a piano. Waters reached out via social media to find Archer, whose girlfriend alerted him. Archer returned to the store on July 15 for a media opportunity, encore performances and a surprise from Waters.

"His girlfriend said she saw it on Tik Tok," Waters said. "I don't even know what Tik Tok is."

From July 11 to July 15, the video clip received more than 12,000 views on Facebook and more than 36,000 hits on Twitter, according to The Boston Globe.

"Juli McDonald, a reporter from WBZ, was the one who tracked down where John lives," Waters said. "But the way the story spread, everyone wanted it. I wanted her to have something special."

Waters planned on donating a Steinway piano worth \$3,000. Because of McDonald's efforts, he let her be involved in the presentation to Archer.

"I can't believe this is happening," Archer said of the phenomenon his impromptu concert has created. "My performance was on ABC on 'World News Tonight!'"

Archer added he received a call from ABC offering a performance spot on a primetime television show "in the near future."

"I never had any formal training at all," Archer continued. "I only started playing when I was 15 because a guidance counselor believed in me. He taught me how to hold my

hands and all of the positions. After that, I wanted to understand the chords and the progressions."

Archer always has been intrigued by the performing arts from a young age.

"People have often called me an old soul," he explained. "I have always had a creative spirit. I wrote my first song at age eight. I am an artist and poet as well."

Although he thought of studying music in college, Archer decided to pursue architecture professionally.

"I saw a television show about crazy houses," he said. "I wanted to use my creativity to learn how to build houses that would be innovative and dynamic."

Archer's favorite musical genre is soul, he said. He tends

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John Thomas Archer, left, with ReMARKable Cleanouts owner Mark Waters.

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risk for COVID-19 and there was also a discussion on the possibility of accepting credit and debit cards for payment.

Sanitarian Angelo De Luca also gave the Board an update on his inspections, and said he is busiest responding to COVID-19 mask and social distancing compliance complaints. Jacobs asked when De Luca does compliance inspections for masks and social distancing, to which De Luca said he keeps a random schedule.

"To be honest, it does vary," he said. "There is no preset time we go out to do investigations. When I do go in, if any establishments are

wearing masks, I see to it that they're wearing them properly. Sometimes they won't have it over their noses."

This, he added, is a violation. De Luca said he has also done first inspections on two new establishments; The Golden Bull Butcher Shop and the Juice Bar Norwood, both on Washington Street. Board Member Joan Jacobs pointed out there had been problems at the previous butcher shop at Golden Bull's location, and asked if De Luca would step up inspections to ensure compliance. He said he would do the three maximum inspections permitted each year.

Reiss also said the Town is currently in the process of digitizing most of its filing procedures and processes to make transactions more smooth and possibly safer in terms of COVID-19, since in-person transactions would decrease. She said all payments and applications for Health Department Permits, as well as most permits for Town transactions, would soon be available online.

"It's a huge undertaking," she said. "And that's just our portion of it, I can't imagine what happens in the IT Department and the whole implementation phases."

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Norwood 150th planning delayed by Covid

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The celebration planning for the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Town of Norwood will be a bit delayed, but not stopped, by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Planning for the celebration began formally earlier this winter, with a public meeting to brainstorm ideas and get a sense of what residents in the Town would like to see. Board of Selectman member Thomas Maloney said they are now starting to work on the most important aspect of this, which is raising money.

“We have definitely been sidetracked by the Coronavirus. We haven’t been able to get a big group together as we did earlier in the year, and we’re just trying to get organizational matters in shape so we can at least get a committee together,” Maloney said. “In terms of fi-

nancing, we might ask Town Meeting to establish a revolving account, funded by private donations, to collect money. I really think the Town could do it.”

The idea is that instead of establishing a new nonprofit (Town officials are of the opinion the original nonprofit started for the Town’s 125th anniversary would suffice) and going through the regulatory hoops associated with that, the focus should be more on the creation of a memorable celebration. So Maloney said right now, Assistant Town Manager Bernie Cooper is looking to establish the prerequisites for a revolving fund proposal to be placed on the fall Town Meeting.

Maloney said that would be much more expedient than re-establishing a nonprofit for the celebration, and it would also most likely not hinder any transference of funds from the old nonprofit either.

“I don’t think we’ll have

any problem transferring the money,” he said. “Bernie is working actively on this now too and I am and we’ll be putting together some more information on all these items including financing, branding and organization.”

Maloney said while meetings to discuss ideas for the celebration aren’t scheduled just yet, residents are encouraged to email any of the Board of Selectmen with “150th” in the subject line and they will get those ideas to the appropriate people.

Maloney said they are

also taking into consideration the possibility the COVID-19 pandemic may stick around longer than anticipated. While Massachusetts is doing better than the country in terms of infection rates, and Norwood is doing better than the state average (see Board of Health article for more details), he said he knows that is no guarantee.

“Yes, we are mindful that the time frame is uncertain so we are sort of projecting best-case and worst-case scenarios,” he said. “For the moment we’re in Phase 3 of reopening in Massachusetts,

and everybody seems to understand what that means in terms of the protocols in personal behavior, and it seems to be working out in Norwood and other parts of the Commonwealth.”

Maloney added, however the pandemic goes, they will get some sort of celebration ready to celebrate 150th anniversary of a Town that doesn’t look a day over 100.

“We continue to soldier on here in Norwood and hopefully the vaccine comes very soon and we can move on to Phase 4,” he said.

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to like older R&B music. Yet some of the artists he enjoys playing the most are John Legend and Adele.

“My idol is Elton John, though,” he said. “Right now I am working on playing ‘I’m Still Standing.’ That song really inspires me.”

Archer said he grew up “all over the Boston area” and primarily settled in Mattapan and Dorchester. He attended the Roosevelt K-8 School in Hyde Park, the Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester and graduated from Brighton High School about five years ago.

The conversation was repeatedly interrupted, as Archer received phone messages and Tweets from well-wishers across the country. While on the phone, he received congratulations from a friend in Miami. He also got an offer to have his new Steinway tuned for free once it is delivered, a \$600 value.

“This has really been a miracle,” Archer said. “I am so grateful for this outpouring of love. And I am so thankful to Mark and for him being willing to reach out to me to make this donation and become my friend.”

“I really wanted to donate the piano to him,” Waters said. “There is so much negativity in the world right now. It was amazing to see what a positive effect this young man has on everyone.

“All of this stuff in here is just stuff,” he added. “What good is a piano if it is just going to just sit in here? It means the world to him. That’s where it belongs.

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OPINION

Same old ways don't cut it anymore

Last week during the Selectmen's meeting Town Manager Tony Mazzucco detailed organizational changes he had made recently, and at least two Selectmen expressed discomfort with his willingness to make these changes without public input. Both Selectmen David Hajjar and Helen Abdallah Donohue felt Mazzucco's decisions bypassed long-standing traditions of getting buy-in from both public officials and residents, and hoped in the future Mr. Mazzucco would seek input before instituting changes. Both Hajjar and Abdallah Donohue are wrong, and the Town Manager succinctly explained why.

During the meeting, Donohue asked Mazzucco when these decisions to reorganize are made if there is any public input phase at all. This is how Mr. Mazzucco responded: "So it depends, but remember if everything was to go to public input then we wouldn't have officials who you pay to actually manage Town functions and oversee the Town's operations, and it depends on the degree of the change," he said. Mazzucco was right on the money here. Of course, no one, not even a Town Manager should have unfettered authority to make big changes to organizations, the key word being "big". Mazzucco went on to explain further, using a unilateral decision to disband the DPW as a "big change" example that would certainly require public input, perhaps a charter change and a vote at Town Meeting. However, said Mazzucco, "Smaller changes shouldn't slow up progress because of formalities of public input. It really relates to the level of service and the impact on the organization and the community as well" Mazzucco said, and he's right.

The genesis of this discussion was undoubtedly due to Mazzucco's seemingly unilateral decision to create a fulltime Town Environmental Planner to replace the current part-time Conservation Agent. Two Conservation Commission members, Cheryl Doyle and Joseph DiMaria, announced their retirements sometime after the announcement, presumably because they didn't like the decision, which is their right. Abdallah Donohue was also against the move saying, "When we make these changes we have public hearings and we get input from the public," she said, which is exactly why this Town is slow to react to too many issues. Everyone knows when issues like this arise at Town Meeting members race to get called upon to "Move the Question." Quite frankly, a lot of what TM is asked to deal with is inconsequential, which causes smaller attendance and a lot of yawning during these "important" matters.

Many times this newspaper has questioned the effectiveness of Norwood's form of government. It hasn't changed since the Town's founding, yet residents should consider how the world around it has. Barring a change in its Charter, at a minimum elected officials need to understand and appreciate their limitations and let the Town Manager manage. In cities and towns governed by a mayor, if residents don't like the job being done the solution is to vote him out of office. In Norwood's case, if the consensus is that Tony Mazzucco is failing to live up to expectations, than the choice can be made not to renew his contract. But don't tie his hands while he is here by wasting time insisting the public needs to have input on issues most probably don't care enough about to be involved in and comfortable enough that the Town Manager is more than capable of handling on his own.

Mazzucco is correct when he says that Norwood doesn't have a formal plan in place. "We don't have an organizational strategic plan, and that's something I'd really like to have in the next year or two for the Board to take on," he said. "It's a complex process, but most organizations have a strategic plan or a five-year plan."

Perhaps if Norwood had a strategic plan in place the epic disaster of the dense, multi-unit rental housing Norwood is now saddled with would never have happened. To try and defend the last decade of Selectmen leadership and the way things are always done around here is ludicrous. Sea change is necessary and it needs to happen now.

NORWOOD CAN'T AFFORD THIS LOSS

To the Editor:

When the Board of Selectmen purchased the 27 acres of the Forbes Hill property along Route 1A, the Board never really meant to keep it for the Town of Norwood itself, its residents and others, did it?

When the Board put together the so-called Forbes Hill Task Force, it made sure its majority members would vote to sell in order to get the \$13 million purchase price back. And when members of the Task Force went through the motions to get citizen input, it displayed an astonishing indifference towards its own survey as it ignored the results of the 677 respondents who took the time, energy and care to complete it with nearly 70% indicating some combination of preserving Forbes. After a great marketing campaign by the Board and the Task Force, unfortunately, Town Meeting voted to sell Forbes.

It appears Town Officials don't recognize or appreciate the aesthetic beauty of Norwood and the distinctive characteristics of its significant buildings and places. Unlike the visionaries of old, noting George H. Morse, George Willett, William G. Upham,

George H. Morrill, Walter Tilton and William Cameron Forbes, to name but a few who designed and built this town, modern day leadership only wants "to grow" by putting gigantic apartment complexes and/or townhouses and multi-storied overlay districts that not only spoil the land, but also increase the density in this already dense town that's only 10.6 square miles in size. There is hardly any conservation land or open space left in Norwood other than the 21 acres of farmland owned by a private party near Route 95.

One needs to know Norwood's history in order to understand the continuity between what was, what is and what will be. Norwood has several beautiful buildings and significant places and Forbes is one of them. The woods are so prominent and so visible along Route 1A and should not be replaced with nine buildings housing 175 rental apartments and a large life science building, irreparably harming and ruining this pristine parcel that is Forbes.

There is a tremendous cost to rapid development and to this town's natural and economic resources. Perhaps people forget or don't know, but 44 acres of land have been devoted to the "open lot stor-

age of unregistered cars" by auto dealers that provide no significant income for Norwood. Not only that but the town made an extremely poor decision in 1998 when it broke its contract with New England Power ten years early, and the cost of the lawsuit with appeals to include termination, late, local, Boston and Washington attorneys' fees totaled more than \$120 million. Moreover, the price of the new DPW went from \$11 million to \$18 million in costs because it took 10 years to determine to finally build it at its present location.

So, the \$13 million for the purchase of Forbes could be absorbed by Norwood business and residential taxpayers as they already are still paying for these previous financial decisions that should be expiring soon. As prices of Norwood real estate skyrocket, the \$13 million will look like a drop in the bucket. Unfortunately, there is no master plan of Norwood and should be for land preservation, growth management and other concept plans in either the long or short term. Once this great asset of Forbes is gone, it will be gone forever, and who will be responsible for its loss?

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ever that there will be situations where the funds would not be immediately applicable and the Town should start thinking about those situations now so they can be ready.

"We don't know what the burn rate is going to be going forward, and one example of that is PPE for the schools with masks," he said. "Kids are going to have to go to school, if they go to school in person with masks. Well, of course we're going to have a supply available for students, but what's the burn rate? Are the schools going to have to give out five a day for kids who forgot their masks or dropped their masks or whatever? Is it 50 a day? Five-hundred a day? Nobody has ever done this before, we have no earthly idea whether we'll need a \$2,000

mask line, a \$20,000 mask line or a \$100,000 mask line. So that's what we're hoping for in the flexibility of the CARES Act."

Mazzucco said the issue came down to recurring costs and how those costs could be funded, at least in part, with CARES Act funds. He also pointed out that if a viable vaccine is approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), then it will be up to local health departments across the state to distribute those vaccines.

"We are in discussions now on how to do that," he said. "CARES Act funding may go to that, we would hope that the federal and state government would cover that, but there may be unforeseen costs at the local level that they wouldn't

cover, whether it's mobilization costs or temporary staffing costs or anything along those lines, so that's an issue."

Mazzucco said they are also watching for funding from the state in regard to mail-in voting. According to the recently-passed law in July, all residents who were registered to vote by July 1 will receive a mail-in ballot application for all upcoming elections. A second mailing will be sent out in September for all voters who had not already applied for mail-in voting. He said the Town may be on the hook for some funds related to the election that the state may not cover, and they are watching for that decision. He said the most election-related expenditures that could reasonably be estimated to cost is about \$50,000, so he said it wasn't a huge concern.

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Let's Talk Norwood hosting drive-in movie this weekend

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The Norwood groups Let's Talk Norwood and the Norwood United for Peace and Justice announced this week they will be hosting a drive-in movie free for residents this Saturday starting at 8 p.m.

The screening, featuring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Kevin Hart odd-couple comedy Central Intelligence, is, according to representative and newly-promoted Norwood Police School Resource Officer Geoffrey Baguma, just something the groups wanted to put together to let residents get outside for a change. The idea was to host an event to bring some simple joy to residents during the age of COVID-19.

"So what we've been doing leading up to this is putting together events to give Norwood the ability to come together through education and social issues," Baguma said. "It started with wanting to make all residents of Norwood feel comfortable in their own Town, or felt like they were a part of Norwood instead of just guests. The whole thing is about opening things up for discussion and the first two events really revolved around race."

Baguma said he knows these are heavy and possibly

dicey issues, but he, Let's Talk Norwood and Norwood United for Peace and Justice wanted to get people talking in a civil manner so as to help create a solution, at least in Norwood, and make these issues less stigmatized.

"This shouldn't be an uncomfortable subject," he said. This event is designed to get people to laugh.

"It doesn't have anything to do with race, but we're going to have artwork on display and different educational components where people can go around and learn things together," he said. "The movie itself is a light-hearted, icing-on-the-cake kind of thing to give the Town something to do on a Saturday night when, for the most part, everyone has been stuck inside for a very long

time."

Baguma said they will have 60 parking spaces available to view the movie and ten picnic tables set up for a kind of family picnic atmosphere.

"The event is going to be open at 8 p.m., so people can walk in and take a look at the educational materials and the art, and the movie will start at 9 p.m. with a total event end time of about 11:15 p.m.," he said. "We really are just looking to have people come out and have fun and maybe experience something different."

For more information on Let's Talk Norwood and for tickets, go to <https://linktr.ee/Letstalknorwood>. For more information on Norwood United for Peace and Justice, go to <http://bitly.ws/96f6>.

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Should My Wife Claim at 62? Will She Get Widow Benefit?

Dear Rusty: I am almost 64 and still working, and I plan to work until about 66 or 67. My wife is 62. Should she go ahead and file for her Social Security? Is it true that she can draw on my SS after I pass away?

Signed:
Inquiring Husband

Dear Inquiring Husband: The answer to your first question (should your wife claim at 62) isn't simple, because it depends upon a number of things.

Is your wife working? If so, and she claims before her full retirement age, she'll be subject to Social Security's earnings test, which limits how much she can earn before they take back some of her benefits. If your wife starts collecting at age 62 and exceeds the annual earnings limit (\$18,240 for 2020) SS will take back benefits equal to half of what she exceeded the limit by. This is true until she reaches her full retirement age (66 1/2 if she was born in 1957), although the earnings limit goes up by about 2.5 times and the penalty is less in the year she reaches her full retirement age (FRA).

Will your wife be eligible for a spousal benefit from you when you start collecting? If so, and she claims at age 62, her eventual spousal benefit from you will be less than 50% of your full retirement age (FRA) benefit because she took her own benefit early. Whether your wife is eligible for a spousal benefit depends upon whether her own benefit (from her own work record) at her FRA (regardless of when she

claims) is smaller than half of your benefit at your FRA (regardless of when you claim). If it's not, she won't get a spousal benefit. If it is, she'll get a spousal boost on top of her own benefit but claiming at age 62 will mean a smaller spousal benefit.

Your wife's age 62 benefit amount will be 27.5% less than her benefit would be at her full retirement age, and that reduction is permanent. And Social Security benefits are taxable if your combined income (married, filing jointly) is more than \$32,000. If your combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000 then 50% of your wife's SS benefits will become part of your taxable income, and if more than \$44,000 then up to 85% of your wife's SS benefits will become part of your taxable income. My point is, with you still working, your wife's SS benefits will almost certainly add to your income tax obligation.

I'm not trying to dissuade your wife from applying; rather only making you aware of the potential consequences of her claiming at age 62, or at any time prior to her full retirement age. If she needs the money now and the above points are not a concern, then applying at 62 could be the prudent choice. But you and your wife should consider the above before deciding if she should claim at age 62.

Regarding your second question, if you should predecease your wife, and if the benefit you are receiving at your death is more than your wife is already receiving (or is entitled to receive) on her own, then she will get a survivor benefit from you. If she has already reached her full retirement age when that



Russell Gloor
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

happens, she'll get 100% of the benefit you were getting. If she hasn't yet reached her FRA, she can still claim the survivor benefit, but it will be permanently reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month earlier than her FRA. However, if she hasn't yet reached her FRA, she can also delay taking her survivor benefit until she reaches FRA to get 100% of your benefit (instead of her own). Remember, she gets her survivor benefit, or her own benefit, whichever is higher (she doesn't get both).

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Norwood's Ms. Fix It celebrates with Pantry donation



Norwood Food Pantry members joined Ms. Fix It herself Susan Marshalsea.

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

Norwood's own Ms. Fix It, Susan Marshalsea Jacob,s celebrated 125 years of business in the Town by giving back to the community and to other local plumbers.

Many businesses are feeling the hurt right now, so Jacobs said she felt giving everyone a small pick-me-up to give back for the 125 years of support was a no-brainer.

I'm the plumber who drives that pink truck," she said. "People know I do a lot of fundraising for various non-profits and I kinda just came up with the idea last fall on the Anniversary thing - I actually have the first Jacobs MA License in a frame, which is cool, as I am fifth generation of Massachusetts Master Plumbers."

Cindy Zaft of the Ecumenical Food Pantry at 150 Chapel St. in Norwood said she was amazed that Ms. Fix It was able to donate \$1,000. She said the pantry had to stop taking donations for a bit so they could free up space.

"We just don't have enough space to rest food for 48 hours

PHOTO BY RON MARSHALSEA III

for sanitizing," she said. "But we've been able to put together a standard menu of perishable and non-perishable food items and we're purchasing food specifically for that arrangement and we're doing fine financially."

She said they started taking donations again a few weeks ago after the closing of the Mustang Food Pantry.

Marshalsea said she also set up a raffle for other plumbers in the area, giving away items that would most likely come in handy for plumbers these days.

"It seemed natural to make the prizes a new toilet, disposal, faucet, filter system, tools, etc.," she said.

Volunteers from the Food Pantry came out last Thursday to collect the donations and help out with the raffle, which both Zaft and Marshalsea said went off without a hitch.

Zaft said the best thing residents looking to help can do right now is to donate to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

"We also have Paypal on the website," she said. "But the Greater Boston Food Bank is one of our biggest suppliers. Right now, we're doing fine and people can check back with us in a couple of months again in terms of cash, but the Greater Boston Food Bank supplies us with a huge amount of food. It really is the group most in need of cash donations."

For more information on the Norwood Food Pantry, go to <https://norwoodpantry.org/>. To check out the Greater Boston Food Bank, go to <https://www.gbfb.org/>

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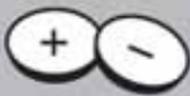
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VIRTUAL HOME SELLERS WORKSHOP

Thinking about selling your house but aren't sure where to start, particularly during these uncertain times? This seminar for home sellers may be for you! Join James Troiano and Susan Goltz from Coldwell Banker in Sharon for a virtual presentation on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. Topics discussed will include understanding your home's value, preparing and pricing your home for a successful sell, For Sale By Owner vs. hiring an agent, current market conditions, open houses, negotiating and accepting offers, home inspections, and closings. In addition, James and Susan will be happy to answer all your questions.

Registration is required for this no-obligation, informational workshop. To sign up and receive Zoom access instructions, please go to our online events page at norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. An email with the Zoom link will be sent to you the day before the program as well as shortly beforehand.

HIDDEN TREASURES OF BOSTON, PART III

Boston tour guide Jay Bazzinotti will present his third and final illustrated "Hidden Treasures of Boston" presentation on Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. A member of the First New Hampshire Regiment of Reenactors, Jay will appear in full uniform and talk about even more little known landmarks and monuments in and around Boston. Much of the city's rich and fascinating history is invisible not just to the casual visitor but also to those who have lived here all their lives. Registration is required. To sign up for "Hidden Treasures of Boston, Part III" and receive an email with program access instructions, please visit norwoodlibrary.org/morrillcalendar. An email with the Zoom link will be sent to you a day before the program as well as shortly beforehand.

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BUSH

Beverly A. (Germano) of Norwood, formerly of Canton, passed away on July 17, 2020 at the age of 76. Beloved wife of Benjamin B. Bush. Devoted mother of David J. Bush and his wife Phoebe of Norwood. Sister of Orlando "Landy" Germano, Jr. of Boston and the late Joseph Germano. Aunt of Deborah, Cindy, Meredith and the late Heather. Daughter of the late Orlando and Grace M. (Vitelli) Germano. Beverly graduated from Canton High School and then went on to graduate from Boston College. Beverly was a retired School Teacher at Millis High School, working there for many years. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA 02062. At the request of the family, all other Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to a charity of your choice. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. 781-762-0482 . kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

HOLZMAN

Herbert S. of Foxboro, formerly of Framingham and Norwood, age 86, passed away on July 12, 2020 and had private burial services on July 15. Herb was the loving husband of the late Mary C. Holzman; beloved father of David & wife Deb Nielsen of Tyngsboro, Julie & husband Patrick Geoghegan of Foxboro and Robert of North Attleboro; devoted grandfather of Katherine Coakley, Emily Holzman and Maura, Erin and Nora Mary Geoghegan. Son of the late Esther and Simon Holzman and brother of the late Lewis Holzman. Predeceased by daughter-in-law Cheryl Holzman. Former Honeywell and Wang Executive. Contributions may be made in Herb's

memory to Alzheimer's Association, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent to the Geoghegan family, 26 Villa Drive, Foxboro, MA 02035. No Services will be held at this time. Gilloolyfuneralhome.com

LEFEBVRE



Mary A. (Rightnour), 81, of Norton, formerly of Norwood, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2020, with her children by her side. She was born December 12, 1938 in Florence, Alabama and was the daughter of the late Robert and Catherine (St. John) Rightnour. Mary's early life required frequent moving due to her father's occupation, the family later settled in Cresson, PA. Due to her mother's early death, she devoted several years helping raise her two younger brothers. Mary taught lessons at Arthur Murray Dance Studio and also graduated from secretarial school. She worked various accounting jobs before meeting her future husband Jerry. Mary was the beloved wife of 47 years to the late Gerard Lefebvre. They enjoyed many years of playing tennis, volunteering at school functions, and as Presidents of the PTA. They worked side by side for over 28 years in the insurance agency they started together. Mary was the beloved mother to

her children Thomas and Catherine. She is survived by Thomas Lefebvre & wife Linda of Norton and Catherine McLaughlin & husband Dennis of Wrentham. She was the cherished sister and sister-in-law to her brothers Robert Rightnour and wife Mary Kay, David Rightnour and wife Joan, Thomas Rightnour and wife Mary Beth. She was the loving sister-in-law to Rita and Dennis Malloy, Gertrude and Fern Vigeant, Lucille and Rene Pigeon, Therese and Fred Depot, Claire and Robert Johnson, Lillian and Carl Arcisz, Alfred and Kay Lefebvre, Edouard and Jeannette Lefebvre. Grammy will be greatly missed by her adored grandchildren, Olivia and Luella Lefebvre and Caitlyn and Dennielle McLaughlin, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family wants to thank all the caregivers from Kindred Hospice for their compassion, dignity and support through this difficult time. Services will be held privately at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mary's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, <https://www.alz.org/nca/donate> Gilloolyfuneralhome.com

MELISH



William Paul of Wrentham, formerly of Norwood, passed away on July 16, 2020 at the age of 92. Beloved husband of the late Priscilla M. (Conley)

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Melish. Devoted father of Daniel P. Melish and his wife Gioconda Limanek of Watertown and Peter A. Melish and his wife Jennifer Alden of Somerville. Cherished grandfather of Isabella Melish, Michaela Melish, Otis Alden-Melish and Greta Alden-Melish. Son of the late Stephen and Della (Bunotovitch) Melish. Brother of Sandra Melish of Norwood, Stephen Melish and the late Frederick, Eleanor and Stella. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. William was an active member of the Wrentham Senior Center and Meals on Wheels. He enjoyed bowling and working with machines and tools. William was a US Air Force, Korean War Veteran. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington Street, NORWOOD, MA 02062. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Wrentham Senior Center, 400 Taunton Street, Wrentham, MA 02093, www.wrentham.ma.us or to Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118, www.rosiesplace.org Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. 781-762-0482.

PLUNKETT

Geraldine C. of Lynn, passed away on July 18, 2020 at the age of 75. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph W. and Jane C. (Kelly) Plunkett. Loving sister of Carol E. Shevory and her husband Joseph of Dedham and Kevin J. Plunkett and his wife Cynthia of Dedham. Also survived by 10 nieces and nephews and 18 great-nieces and great-

nephews. Geraldine holds a Master's, an RN and several music degrees. She taught Pharmacology at N. S. C. C. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 8 am, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 am at St. Mary's Church, Dedham, MA. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday morning from 8:00 am-9:30 am. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to The Listening Place, 36 Michigan Ave., Lynn, MA 01902. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home. 781-762-0482 kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com

RYAN



John Patrick, 88, of Norwood passed away at his home on July 12, 2020 surrounded by his family. Born July 6, 1932, John was the son of the late Luke and Elizabeth (McGowen) Ryan of Norwood. John is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years Diane (McManus) Ryan; his lov-

ing children, Deborah Ryan and her husband Chris Basile of North Carolina, John Ryan and his wife Claire-Marie of Norwood, Christine Ryan of Dedham, Paul Ryan and his wife Suzanne of Norwood, and Sharon Ryan of Norwood. John is also survived by his seven adoring grandchildren Carly, Justine, Johnny, Luke, Ben, Ronan, and Sean, and his brother Charles Ryan and his wife Rosemary of Towaco, NJ and their children Lisa and Robert. John was a regional sales manager with Nestle Food Company for over 30 years. He also worked for the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds for 18 years. John was a decorated veteran of the United States Navy who proudly served on the USS Missouri during the Korean War. John was active in town government, serving as a member of town meeting, the board of selectman, and a long-time member of the school committee. Additionally, John was actively involved in Norwood Little League and the Knights of Columbus; and he was an avid golfer. John was an amazing individual and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A private visitation will be held at Gillooly Funeral Home in Norwood. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, with a burial to follow at Highland Cemetery in Norwood. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's memory to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379. Gilloolyfuneralhome.com

Police Logs

Monday, July 13

- 1050 Phone - Motor Vehicle Accident *Report Filed Location/Address: CSX Railroad Bridge - Morse St Report that a white box truck, no logo, unk. plate, hit bridge westbound, passenger hit windshield, truck reversed direction and left Pleasant St. towards Walpole. BOLO to cars and South District. DPW notified for debris. CSX Railroad notified.
- 1200 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Wilson St Caller from Florida reports a scam call attempt. She was asked to ship the payment to Wilson Street . She was advised to call her local police. Officer left a message with the resident since he was a recent scam victim, 567-OF 1302 Phone - Missing Person *Report Filed Location/Address: Lansdowne Way Report brother has not been heard from for 4 months.
- 1425 Phone - Unwanted Party Services Rendered Location/Address: Engamore Ln Report sister is at apartment building ringing her doorbell. N663 reports sister is back from out of state and looking to use this address to get her bank card delivered. Caller does not want this to happen.
- 1458 Phone - Assist Citizen *Report Filed Location/Address: Dean St Box of ammunition damaged by a flood.
- 1529 Phone - Noise Complaint No Action Required Location/Address: Silver St
- 1604 Phone - Susp Activity Spoken To Location/Address: Norwest Dr Management concerned about a female sitting on the curb and looking for a ride. Officers report she called a friend for a ride. She left other friends at Norwest after a disagreement.
- 1753 Phone - Animal Complaint NACO/WACO notified Location/Address: Walpole St Caller reports a bunny trapped in a water drain on the side of the road. NACO notified.
- 2021 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Spoken To Location/Address: Oldham School - Prospect St Caller reports seeing juveniles on the roof of the building. Upon arrival, N670 states there were juveniles there but they were not on the roof. They were moved along. 2042 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: Hill St Caller reports her neighbor did not answer the door for his cleaning service today and has not responded to her tonight either. Officers made entry with NFD. Party evaluated on scene, checked OK.

Tuesday, July 14

- 0053 Walk-In - Debris On Road State Dpw/Norwood Dpw Notified Location/Address: 1378 - Bos-Prov Hwy Party in lobby reports she hit a deer. N667 reports it is up against jersey barrier. Mass. D.O.T. notified. 0357 Phone - Disturbance Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Dean St Report ex-girlfriend is banging at door to home looking for a mutual friend. N664 reports a white minivan left VFW lot as officers arrive, all quiet now. Also see Call#: 20-14228 0525 Hrs. today. 0525 Phone - Disturbance Services Rendered Location/Address: Dean St Report female has returned and bothering landlord now. Units checked area for Dodge, minivan, white-GOA, N664 advised on Letter of Disinvite. Also see Call#: 20-14225 -357 Hrs. today. 0558 Phone - Disturbance *Complaint/Summons Location/Address: Dean St Caller reports female returned. Don and Wally's tows LA PC N552344. Father came and picked up daughter. N664 to file a Complaint Application and report.
- 1019 Phone - Unwanted Party *Report Filed Location/Address: Dean St Landlord reports an unwanted party in this apartment. N663 spoke to all parties involved, matter was resolved. The subject was allowed to pick up personal items and go.
- 1219 Phone - Well Being Chk Area Search Negative Location/Address: Lenox St + Nahatan St Subject with a black top seems agitated and moving in and out of traffic . See 20-14257
- 1543 Initiated - Citizens Complaint Services Rendered Location/Address: A&J Automotive/ Also Atlantic Gas Station - Washington St Party advised on MV complaint.
- 1803 911 - Assist Other Agency *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Neponset St Caller reports a female party walked away from the group home. N668 located that party a short distance away. FD notified for a section. 1859 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St 15 year old caller reports his ex girlfriend will not stop calling him. N669 spoke to her parents, also SRO Murphy will be notified.
- 1905 Phone - Drunk Person Spoken To Location/Address: Hampden Dr Resident is DK and wants keys. Officers report the matter is resolved and he is home with family for the night.
- 2040 Initiated - Susp Vehicle Spoken To Location/Address: Ellis Playground - Codman Rd N669 spoke to that individual and all is in order. 2118 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Nichols St Caller reports kids being loud. N662 spoke to some teenagers in the lot and they were advised to keep it down. 2139 911 - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Boch Toyota Scion - Bos-Prov Hwy Caller reports he struck a deer on the road. N678 spoke to that individual and he is ok and the deer fled.
- 2155 Phone - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Avalon - Lenox St Caller reports 2 male parties that were carrying guns. N668 reports that they are filming a video and the guns are fake.

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—R.M.

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Wednesday, July 15

0059 Phone - Well Being Chk Spoken To Location/Address: E Cottage St + Washington St Caller reports male party sleeping on the bench. Party checks out and will be moving along. 0515 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Caller reports female party appears to be changing her clothes in the open. N663 reports she was clothed, party checks out and is charging her phone. 0546 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Gazebo - Town Common - Washington St Another call for female with

clothes laid out on the gazebo area and appears to be washing herself. Officers spoke with her, she gathered her belongings and went to the bus stop. 0848 Phone - Disturbance *Arrest(S)Made Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller reports that one of her family members is WMS positive and at this address. Units spoke to all parties involved and placed one female under arrest. S/M 26939, E/M 26942. Arrest: Connolly, Amanda Address: 400 Engamore Ln Apt. #101 Norwood, Ma Age: 29 Charges: Warrant Arrest
1019 Phone - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Olde Derby Rd Female party found inside

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her home. Funeral home & ME notified.
1540 Phone - Report Of Fire Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Ellis Ave Report of a fire inside a trash can.

Thursday, July 16

1112 Phone - Susp Vehicle Services Rendered Location/Address: A&J Automotive/ Also Atlantic Gas Station - Washington St Report MA PC 1AYT25 in lot, unknown why. Call to owner, son has car and he will call him. N669 reports car moved, all set.
2110 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Longwood Ter Caller reports male party dressed in black approached her 14 y/o daughter and asked if she or the dog wanted a treat. Officers checked the area with negative results. N678 advised child and parents.

Friday, July 17

0805 Walk-In - Larceny Civil Matter Location/Address: Venice Cafe - Washington St Party in lobby reports his friend told him about some scrap metal behind this business so he went and took it but it was not being thrown away. N664 spoke to all parties, civil matter, they will try and settle it as items were already scrapped and recall police if needed.
0939 Phone - Malicious Damage Fire Dept Notified/Responded Location/Address: Marlboro St Home health aide reports that her elderly client fell and injured her leg.
1226 Phone - Death *Report Filed Location/Address: Engamore Ln Caller, looking through window, reports friend appears unresponsive on chair in apartment. NFD, Norwood B.C.I., M.E., C.P.A.C., Funeral Home all notified.
1505 Phone - Well Being Chk Services Rendered Location/Address: Meadow St Resident reports an elderly woman has shown up at her home. N664 to home. N666 to 764 Neponset St. N664 reports door bell system did not work so family did not realize she got out of home. They went and picked her up. 1731 911 - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Buckminster Dr Caller reports

someone in a blue uniform carrying a folder was banging on the door. Area search negative, believed to be a maintenance worker on scene to fix a door.
2108 911 - Susp Person Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Landlord reports a person sleeping there that he does not know. That party was a friend of a tenant and fell asleep on the patio furniture.
2223 Phone - Kids Gathering Spoken To Location/Address: Hillside Ave + Lenox St Group of juveniles carrying backpacks, possibly intoxicated. N664 spoke to several juveniles who are waiting for a ride, no intoxication.
20-1453 2255 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Oolah Ave Passerby reports man outside on the phone challenging the other half to fight. No one outside upon officer's arrival, all quiet in the area.
2258 Phone - Susp Activity Area Search Negative Location/Address: Rock St Caller heard noises in her back yard and then saw a person on the trail behind Shaw's about a half hour later. Area search negative, caller advised.

Saturday, July 18

0207 Phone - Susp Person Area Search Negative Location/Address: Nahatan St Caller reports seeing a person going through neighbor's yard across the street with flashlight. N678, N677 responded. Area checked as well as Anne's Rd. and heading towards Westwood, Nothing found. One male party heading to his home at Nahatan St. was talking on cell phone which possibly was the light, caller saw.
0808 Phone - Malicious Damage *Report Filed Location/Address: Mckinley Rd Report car's rear windshield smashed.
1022 Phone - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Union St Concerned about his treatment by employees at the landfill. All advised and N668 will follow up Monday with a Supervisor. Misunderstanding over the rules and a communication barrier.
1406 Phone - Civil Dispute Spoken To Location/Address: Work Out World - Bos-Prov Hwy Report member will not

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leave after being asked, upset over someone not wearing a mask. N663 reports matter resolved. 1458 Phone - Mischief (Kids) Area Search Negative Location/Address: Csx Railroad Bridge - Dean St Report 2 kids up on top of bridge running around. N663 reports no one there upon arrival, multiple kids in Stonebridge Apts. lot outside playing. 1718 Phone - Noise Complaint Could Not Locate Location/Address: Junior High North - Savage Center - Prospect St Caller on Silver Street heard loud music coming from the general area.
1821 Phone - Assist Citizen Services Rendered Location/Address: Upland Woods Cir Party advised on harassment prevention order. 2123 Phone - Loud Party Spoken To Location/Address: Hemlock St Music will be turned down.

Sunday, July 19

0003 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Tremont St Music turned down.
0920 Walk-In - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Lenox St Report items missing from apartment. N667 reports no evidence that anything is missing, mental health issue, and N667 will contact Riverside to get some help for resident.
1823 911 - Assist Citizen Spoken To Location/Address: Beacon Ave Caller reports he left the rooming house voluntarily and would like some of his belongings. N662 reports that family member has picked him up. 1839 911 - Unwanted Party Gone On Arrival Location/Address: Vernon St Caller reports a male party walked into his residence. BOLO for MA PC 1DAJ68 was sent to the cars. N666, N668 searched the area for that vehicle. N679 reports the caller knew the male party that walked into his house and just wanted him to leave.
2029 Phone - Noise Complaint Spoken To Location/Address: Wilson St Caller reports a group making obnoxious noises near the playground. N669 responded and spoke with juveniles.



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TOWN OF NORWOOD ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL – PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal of the Town of Norwood will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 7:30 PM** on the request of Paul. W. Eysie (Case # 20-13) with respect to property located on 600 Nichols St., in a S-2 Single Residential District. The meeting will be conducted digitally using GoToMeeting. Public participation may be accessed through a computer, tablet or smartphone <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/528316941>. You can also dial in using your phone, United States: +1(408)650-3123, Access Code: 528-316-941.

This Application requests a VARIANCE under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Section 4.0 of the Zoning Bylaws to allow :

- The creation of two lots – Lot 2B and Lot 2C- having less frontage and less lot width than required.
- Relief from the front setback requirement as to Lot 5.
- Such other and further relief as the Board may deem necessary or appropriate in the circumstances.

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

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Dear Doctor: I have a 2018 Ford F-150 that has constant frozen door latch problems. It has been to the dealer four times with no resolution. Have you heard of any remedies to correct this problem? –Diane

A) First you need to find what portion of the lock is freezing up if this is the problem. Could the door rubber seal also be a problem? I would start with a large can of WD-40 spray. Open all doors and be liberal and spray the entire latch area inside the door, next spray all the door and trunk rubber seals, the out side door handle moving linkage that goes into the door is next. Wipe off any WD-40 over spray, IT WILL NOT harm the paint finish. Do not spray WD-40 on the windshield, clutch brake gas pedal or rubber floor mats. You can also coat all the window channels to make the windows glide easier.

Dear Doctor: We have a 2004 Mitsubishi Outlander with 175,000 miles which we love, purchased new, is running great, and we plan to keep it as a spare car. It's used weekly for an hour-plus of continuous driving. We had the timing belt changed at 88,000 miles. What do you recommend in terms of changing the timing belt again, and any other maintenance advice? We change the full-synthetic oil every 5,000 miles or two to three time a year. –AJ

A) Timing belts are very important especially if the engine is an interference engine. The water pump can also be part of the timing belt replacement in some engines. There are also pulleys and tensioners. There are companies that offer a timing belt kit with all the components. A drain and transmission fluid refill and of a transmission filter replacement is applicable. All the other drive line fluids and brake and power steering fluid would also be a good idea.

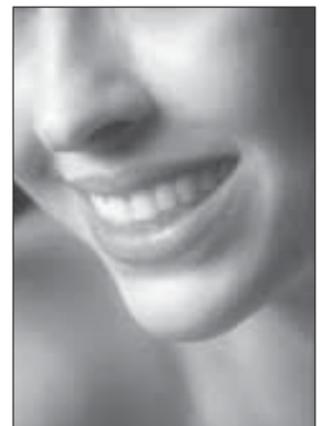
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NRWA stresses infrastructure improvements in the future

Jeff Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The flooding caused by the massive rainstorm on June 28 in Norwood is still being cleaned up in some places, and Neponset River Watershed Association Executive Director Ian Cooke said there are more storms like this on the horizon.

"It was an extraordinary rainfall event," he said. "It was at least, for that one hour, a 1 percent per year precipitation event, otherwise known as a hundred-year storm, although that term can be confusing in a lot of ways."

Cooke said the name may suggest that if a storm like this has already happened, it likely won't happen again for another hundred years. But that is what's called a gambler's fallacy. The idea is that if one was playing roulette and for the last five spins it landed on red, then the next spin is more likely to be black, which is not the case within reasonable probability. It has a one-in-a-hundred chance every year of occurring, regardless of how often it's happened before. So, Norwood is by no means out of the woods for extreme flooding in the future.

Cooke said Norwood's large amount of pavement and impervious infrastructure makes such

storms more difficult to deal with.

"There are definitely things that can be done to reduce that impact," he said. "For example, if you were building Norwood Center today, individual developers would be required to do things to capture and slow down the runoff, but Norwood was built a long time before those rules were in place. It's definitely hard to un-ring a bell as it were, but there are definitely things you can do, especially if you can do them incrementally over time to try to build in features to help capture or slow down water and give it a place to kind of hang out that's not going to be completely destructive."

Cooke said the NRWA also has a subcommittee called the Neponset River Stormwater Partnership, which works with several towns along the Neponset River to try to brainstorm for specific areas.

"We try to find places that would be good sites on public property for stormwater retrofits, you know find spaces where you can let the water go off to the side, sit there and both get cleaner and slow down," he said. "We've been making some progress with that in Norwood, but certainly there's plenty more to do with



Plans for reopening the Norwood Hospital are still uncertain, even after almost a month after the June 28 flood shown above.

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Norwood's infrastructure."

Cooke said Norwood is not deficient in its stormwater management, but like many old colonial Massachusetts towns, the initial civic planning just didn't take stormwater management into account.

"This is a challenge in all our communities, and it's definitely a challenge towns need to focus on because storms like what happened in Norwood are becoming more and more common in New England, and are going to become even more so," he said. "Since 1958, the size of heavy downpour rain events in the northeast has increased 71 percent, so there's already been a significant shift in precipitation patterns and that's something that's going to continue over time."

Cooke said the biggest challenge Norwood faces, like every other town, is that it doesn't own all of the property.

"In most communities, most

pavement and other hard surfaces are mostly privately owned, something on the order of 60 to 70 percent in most of our communities," he said. "So Norwood can't solve this dealing with only the property it owns. Officials really need to engage property owners, particularly when sites are being redeveloped."

He said currently, the Massachusetts Wetlands Act requires much more stormwater management infrastructure for completely new developments, which take out bushes, trees and other absorbent materials. But for redevelopments, the focus is more on cleaning the water rather than slowing it down.

"So one of the real weak points in the state rules now, which the Town generally follows, is that if you have an existing developed site and your redeveloping it, the rules don't say 'hey, we should try to get

this back to the amount of runoff that would happen if it were natural.' They say 'just don't make the flooding any worse than it already is,'" he said. "Over the long term, that standard needs to be tougher. When we're redeveloping, we need to make flooding better, not just the same."

And to the state's credit, they're not just sitting around. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced in January of this year that it has convened a Stormwater Advisory Committee in preparation to updating the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

"We'll see what they end up doing, but it's an area we're encouraging all of our communities to really think about, and even maybe going beyond what the state requires," he said.



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