

## First Responder Parade successful in Norwood



First responders from Norwood, Canton, Sharon, Norfolk, Foxborough, Mansfield, Walpole and more came to the First Responders Parade at the Norwood Hospital on Tuesday. The parade was to show support for hospital staff and first responders facing down the COVID-19 outbreak..

PHOTO BY JEFF SULLIVAN



Norwood Town Planner  
Paul Halkiotis

## Saint Streets lot entering final stretch

### ConCom talks new position

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Conservation Commission (NCC) met last week to discuss several issues.

Town Planner Paul Halkiotis discussed the new Environmental Planner job, a full time position the Town is creating.

“We have been in the process of restructuring the Town’s land use departments for the last two years,” he said. “Back in July of 2018, General Manager Tony Mazzuco asked me to take over supervising Al Goetz, the Conservation Agent, and in the fall of 2019 our Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the (Zoning) Board of Appeals budgets were combined under one community development budget. What we’re here to talk about tonight is the next phase of that process.”

Halkiotis said the current Fiscal Year 2021 budget includes the Environmental Planner as a full-time position, and will absorb the Conservation Agent position as well, which is currently a part-time position. Halkiotis said in his experience, a part-time agent is an abnormality.

“As you know, I’ve been doing this kind of work for many years and I’ve worked for many communities, and in all the towns I’ve worked for I’ve worked closely with the conservation agent,” he said. “Norwood is the only town I’ve ever worked in over the last 34 years that had a part-time conservation agent.”



The Norwood School Committee met last week and discussed, among other things, capital project purchases.

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## School Committee approves budget requests narrowly

Mary Ellen Gambon  
Staff Reporter

The School Committee met on Wed., Apr. 22 and approved the four capital outlay expenditures totaling \$363,000 recommended by Superintendent Dr. David Thomson at the past two meetings in a 3-2 vote, with COVID-19 playing a factor in the decision.

“We received questions about what if we had to be remote or partially remote in September and needing more devices to accomplish that at the elementary level,” Thomson said of questions directed to himself and Technology Director Joe Kidd at the previous meeting. He explained that there are

still 600 Chrome Books available to be borrowed after outreach to parents and students from principals and teachers.

He added that Town Manager Tony Mazzuco has offered low- or no-cost Internet service to students who do not currently have access. Also, Thomson said the department is scheduled to purchase 525 iPads this summer.

“The early childhood folks are not relying on devices in kindergarten right now,” he said. “There’s a developmental piece of that, which a lot do not feel is necessarily good for kids at that age.”

Thomson stressed the four requests he made are priorities: the four vans at a cost of \$300,000 each; the new district-wide VOIP voicemail phone system, the

cost of which will be paid upfront by the Town; projectors and interactive whiteboards for the high school classrooms to replace the current ones, which are outdated; and the \$18,750 for a computer science lab for the Pathways program.

“If we didn’t need the things that are in that capital request, we would not have asked for the things that are in that capital request,” he said.

The van request is one that cannot be delayed, as one van broke down the day of the meeting.

“There’s no way in heck we are go-

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ing to put that on the road, even though it passed the last inspection," he said, noting the last purchase was in 2008 of one-third of the fleet.

Also, Amazon has bought a large number of vans, making the turn-around time for purchases longer.

"If we wait until October, we might not get the vans until March, and that's just not doable," he said.

The Windows 10 machines and software are necessary in order to continue the Pathways program for students studying healthcare, which began last year, Thomson explained.

"That is an important program for our high school, and important for the population that we serve," he said. "We have a good number of people who have kids who have enrolled in that first year, and we're looking to see that increase next year. To have them not be able to partake in that second-year curriculum ... That's only about \$19,000-\$20,000. That's not a huge ask right there."

The current interactive whiteboards "are not supported anymore," Thomson explained. It can be more expensive trying to find replacement parts.

"If they break, we cannot get a bulb, we cannot get a projector that's the same kind, they all work differently now, and they have evolved," he said. "Could we possibly band-aid it together for a number of months? But then you're actually spending more money to fix something when another part is going to break. And again, it's an investment in the future."

The request for the school's portion of the expense of the phone system will be made in the fall, but the work needs to be done in the summer.

Member Dr. Joan Giblin asked about how the funding process worked for the phone system.

Kidd explained that the School Department was approached by the Town to do a unified Cloud-based phone system.

"That takes the initial investment way down, because we're not buying the equipment," he said, noting the original cost would have been \$175,000 if the department had done a separate system. "Our up-front cost is almost \$60,000. The Town has found money to pay for that. So we might not be asking for any money for the VOIP. We just haven't taken that ask off until it's paid for."

He added that the Capital Outlay Committee had originally approved the \$175,000 at its meeting.

"But until it's paid for, it probably wouldn't be prudent to take that ask off," he explained of the \$60,000, even though it may not need to be paid by the School Department.

"How do we go about mak-

ing sure that we have accurate, up-to-date information?" Giblin asked.

Thomson said that oftentimes, capital requests come in under budget, and the money comes back to the Town.

"I'm having trouble understanding why that's on our capital outlay if the Town is paying for it anyway," Giblin continued. "I am a little bit frustrated with that. Let me ask one question: Who's credit card is the vendor taking? Is it the Town's credit card, or is it our credit card to get this project started? We can fight about who's paying the credit card bill later."

"The Town," Thomson said. "We will update it when we have a known answer. It's a big placeholder because we originally looked at buying the hardware and having it in-house."

He added that it showed "good fiscal stewardship" to partner with the Town on the system.

"I think so many things are shifting and have happened in the past six weeks," said Chair Teresa Stewart, "and that's what's leading to some of the confusion and frustration and some miscommunication between Town and School."

She added that "had COVID-19 never unfolded, we would not be having this conversation," as the Capital Outlay Committee had approved the requests. But because the Budget Balancing Committee (BBC) mentioned in a meeting last month that Mazzucco didn't want to move ahead with capital requests until the fall because of budget concerns due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Committee had to reconsider the capital outlay projects.

Member Myev Bodenhofer made the motion to approve the four expenses requested which was seconded by Dave Catania and voted for by Stewart. Giblin and member Maura Smith voted against the motion.

"I am not in any way, shape or form arguing that these are not things that are needed," Smith said. "But I do think, where I'm coming from in terms of good financial stewardship ... I am just not comfortable asking for anything additional at this point that's outside of the realm of emergency spending."

Thomson also announced that the schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year.

"I think I share everybody's feeling of loss and not being able to come back together as a school community and work with our kids. I think everybody is grieving."

In the next few weeks, the schools will be planning for "transition and closure events," he added, "trying to honor those traditions as best we can."

# McQuaid to stay on, Talbot lot to see changes

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, April 28 and discussed whether or not to accept the withdrawal of Town Accountant Thomas McQuaid's letter of retirement.

McQuaid announced his intention to retire on Jan. 6 of this year, and Selectmen at the time wished him well. But, seeing as the Town, like everywhere else in the country, is going through a bit of upheaval, McQuaid has offered to stay on for another year and withdraw his intention to retire.

Selectmen voted unanimously to let McQuaid stay on and then to start the process of finding his replacement next year. The plan is to let McQuaid finish up this fiscal year and next fiscal year to allow for continuity in the budget. Town Manager Tony Mazzucco said it works out beneficially for the Town, since they want to line up the hiring after the end of a fiscal year. He said that also allows the new hire to get a grip on the Town's budget before a Town Meeting vote can be taken, and it allows any candidate that is currently working for another Town to leave with their replacement waiting in the wings.

Selectman Bill Plasko said they had several applicants they wanted to interview, but he said he had a feeling those applicants would want to wait until the State of Emergency from the COVID-19 outbreak has been lifted as well.

"I believe the manager has received 17 applications and as I've looked through them personally there are quite a few qualified candidates on paper and they appear to be very interesting," he said.

The Board also voted unanimously to accept the plans for repaving and maintenance of six of the Town's seven parking lots, excluding

the Talbot Lot, which they held for further discussion until next week. Norwood Department of Public Works Director Mark Ryan said the other six parking lot plans were pretty standard and had few if any changes to the layout of the lot. The Talbot lot, located behind Babel's Paints, was another story.

"So the area in front of Babel's can accommodate a landscaped island with some trees, about six trees there, but when you get to the back lot, what do we really want to do with that?" Ryan said.

Ryan presented one scenario to the board, but he said the DPW has several others. He said the big question for this lot is spaces versus aesthetics; you could improve the landscaping with the addition of more trees and greenspace, but at the cost of parking spaces. Ryan said with the approval of the Mixed Use Overlay District in the Downtown General Business area, he felt that more spaces would be necessary as the Town is encouraging more development with fewer regulations on density.

Ryan also said there are a few other layouts the Board should consider, hence the vote to discuss further next week.

Selectman David Hajjar said he would also like to see some screening at that parking lot. "For me personally, I'd like to see some bushes along the fencing that separates the parking lot from the houses on Cottage and Maple Streets, just to provide a better view and give some protection to the neighbors," he said.

The Board also voted unanimously to allow the Norwood Fund to continue to accept and expend donations up to 30 days after the end of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State of Emergency. Mazzucco said this would allow the Town to take care of those still experiencing the economic impacts of

the COVID-19 outbreak after the State of Emergency.

Mazzucco also gave his report for the Board, which included the recent First Responders Parade that took place from the Norwood High School to the Norwood Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

"We had a parade today that was organized by NFD Chief George Morrice and the Canton Fire Chief (Charles) Doody," he said. "It was a parade going past the hospital to show thanks for our first responders, and I'm sure that anyone in Town today heard the parade. A lot of folks came out to see it and they maintained their social distancing. We heard from folks at the hospital and they were very appreciative of it."

Though Mazzucco said there was one aspect of the parade that didn't go exactly as smoothly as it could have.

"My apologies to the board, we were probably supposed to obtain a parade permit and we neglected to do so," he said. "We will, next time, make sure we secure the appropriate parade permit. There were about 25 to 30 apparatuses from a number of communities in the area that took the time to drive through the community and by Norwood Hospital. I got to ride in a fire truck with Chief Morrice. The community was appreciative and I believe the employees at the hospital were appreciative as well."

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# Corona Madness

By Lillian Flynn Dennis

**Editor's Note:** This poem was submitted by Kerri McCarthy of the Norwood Senior Center on behalf of the author Lillian Flynn Dennis. Ms. McCarthy thought it would be a nice message from the Senior Center. We agree.

Shelter in place  
That's what they say  
So that's how I've spent  
This long boring day  
I watched Christmas movies  
That I've seen before  
My library books I finished  
And I can't get any more  
My Lysol spray is running low,  
My toilet paper too  
The stores are out of everything  
So what am I to do?

Wear gloves and a mask  
If you need to go out  
But where can I get some  
I want to shout  
I need to stay calm  
For my blood pressure's sake  
What would work best for me  
Is a LARGE PIECE OF CAKE

Shelter in place  
So what else is new?  
Think I'll have a cookie  
Well, maybe even two  
The cookies are all gone now  
And I've had a piece of pie,  
Why didn't I buy some Hershey bars?  
I think I'm going to cry  
I've washed my hands so many times  
They now are really raw  
Holding anything hurts so bad  
I'm drinking through a straw

Well, let's just keep our spirits up  
Don't let yourself despair  
For those who are sick with this virus  
We all should say a prayer.  
Look forward to the time when  
This darn thing finally ends  
And we are back at the Center  
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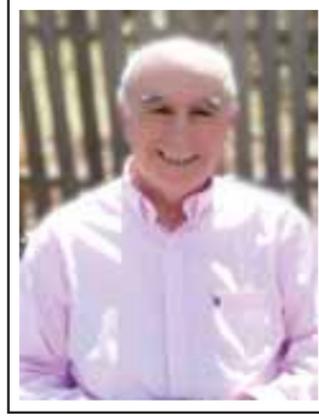
## My heart goes out to . . .

My Kind of Town  
Joseph Galeota During this pandemic I feel for those grieving the loss of loved ones without the consolation of being with them as they pass and without the solace of wakes and funerals. There are also heartfelt feelings for those still struggling valiantly to recover from the disease and for those who have lost jobs and businesses.

But beyond those very tragic losses mentioned above, there are others in no particular order to whom my heart goes out:

. . . college and high school seniors who have missed proms, prize nights, and graduations

. . . college and high school athletes who have missed the culmination of winter sports and the entire season of spring sports



My Kind  
of Town/  
Joe Galeota

. . . high school sophomores and juniors who have missed dancing at their sophomore semis and junior proms as well as visiting college campuses

. . . college and high school actors and musicians

whose plays/musicals are undermined after months of practice

. . . middle school students and kindergartners who have missed their "graduations"

. . . participants in dance recitals, science fairs, and debating tourneys . . . children missing the unbridled exuberance of that last day of school . . . partygoers denied anniversary, birthday, and Kentucky Derby celebrations

. . . stressed patients awaiting dental procedures and elective surgeries for knee and hip replacements, tonsillectomies, etc.

. . . future motorists anticipating their driving exams

. . . potential lifeguards missing their Red Cross training

Galeota

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BY: Tony Mazzucco, General Manager

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# Board of Health considers enforcement, local COVID trends

**Jeff Sullivan**  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Board of Health (BOH) met virtually on Tuesday, April 28, and discussed how the Town is enforcing the non-essential business closure order from the state.

Town Health Director Sigalle Reiss said the department is working with businesses to find compromises where possible and inform those who are not following closure guidelines that they're in violation of the order from Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker.

"We've been doing our best to enforce the Governor's orders, but compliance has not been 100 percent," she said. "We do follow up on all complaints we get, contact the business and try to stress the importance of closing."

Reiss said a conversation has usually been all that's required, but if more than talk is needed to keep a business closed, then the Norwood Police would be called. She added that the department is aware that every business is different, and the closure order may be confusing, so they're trying to be as understanding as possible.

"They keep adding to the frequently asked questions on the state website to try to clarify, but it's not always clear what is essential and what isn't," she said.

She added that when busi-

nesses do open up non-essential operations, she is fairly confident that social distance barriers, free sanitizer, face coverings and personal protective equipment will be recommended or required.

Norwood Health Department Sanitarian Angelo De Luca said most complaints have been about the face mask or covering recommendation from the state.

"It is recommended that people wear face masks or face coverings, but it is not required, including for a food establishment," he said. "The companies themselves can make their own requirements of staff wearing coverings, but it is not a requirement at this moment."

Reiss said the Town could consider a requirement for public places, as Somerville, Cambridge and Brookline have done, but more discussion would be needed for that.

De Luca also pointed out that for pre-cooked food, chefs, food handlers and drive-thru workers are not required to wear gloves.

"So I just want to make sure residents understand that food gloves are to be worn when they're handling ready-to-eat food," he said. "However, if they're handling pre-packaged

food, if they're giving you food from a drive thru in a box or a bag, they don't have to wear gloves. We've gotten many complaints about it, but they don't have to. So any food that is ready to eat that no longer requires any cooking or cleaning, they do not have to wear gloves. A lot of residents disagree with that and I understand their concerns, but I just want to get that across to residents, it's not required."

Reiss also pointed out that gloves don't really solve much, and that they can get dirty just like bare hands.

"The more effective precaution is frequent hand-washing," she said. "That's how things are going to be transmitted, from contaminated hands or gloves and (then) touching your face. We really just have to go back to the basics of hand-washing."

De Luca also said they are allowing restaurants to sell groceries take out style as well, but he said they want any restaurant wishing to do so to contact the Health Department to make sure regulations managing such institutions are followed.

Reiss said the regulations are basically the same precautions and advisories they make grocery stores follow.

De Luca added that when

the state does decide to open up non-essential businesses again, he would want to start doing inspections on the food establishments that have been closed during this time, since he has been inspecting those that have

stayed open much more extensively.

Reiss also went over the number of cases the Town is seeing. She said currently they

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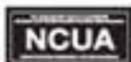
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Halkiotis said that even in 1987, when he was working for the Town of Duxbury, the municipality had a population of 6,000 residents and a full-time conservation agent position. He added many other towns he worked for had a full-time agent and a conservation staff.

Halkiotis said that the Town's human resource department did a study of 14 comparable communities and found that in terms of human resources dedicated to conservation, Norwood came in dead last.

"Coming in last is not where I think the leaders of the Town of Norwood want to be in any department, and it's certainly not where I want to be in the department I'm managing," he said.

Halkiotis said there is currently money in the budget to keep Goetz on, as well as conservation secretary Ramanda Morgan (who currently works part-time for the Commission and for the Zoning Board of Appeals) to train this new person once the position is filled. Morgan has opted to leave her ConCom position and Halkiotis said both he and Town Manager Tony Mazzucco felt this was the right time to implement a change, as finding a replacement for Morgan's 10-hour a week position with her knowledge and experience when it comes to what conservation commissions do would be more than a little difficult.

In other news, Halkiotis also gave the NCC an update on the status of the Saint Street Lot near 84 Morse St. Town Meeting voted last year to purchase the property using Community Preservation Act (CPA)

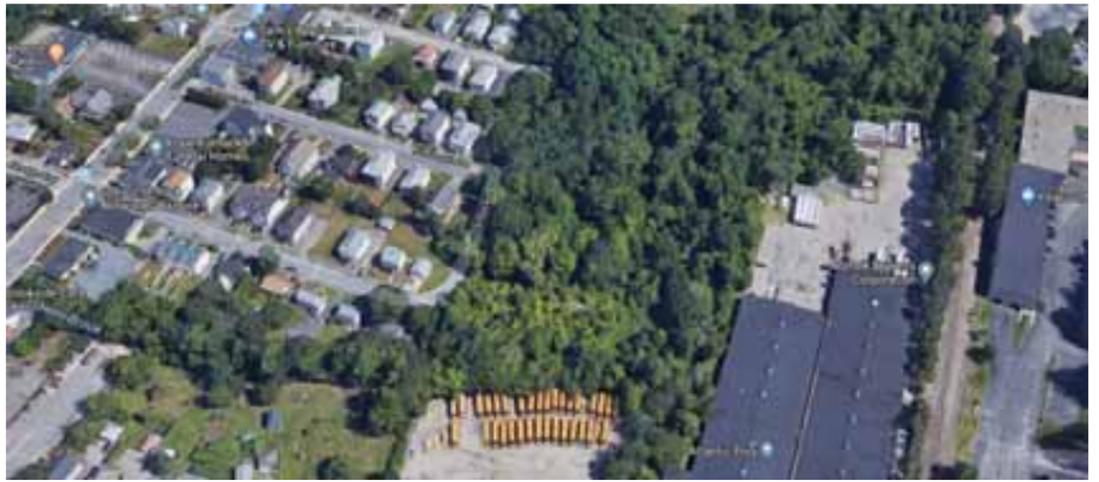
funds after DCD Realty offered to sell the property for \$338,000. DCD wanted to put hundreds of parking spaces at 84 Morse St. for Boch Automotive, to the protest of several officials and dozens of residents. A compromise was made resulting in the Town being offered a section of what was originally going to be the a part of the parking lot.

Now, Halkiotis said they are moving into the final stretches of the process for purchasing that lot.

"Happy Earth Day," he said. "We have made great progress working with Town Counsel and the seller of the property at the end of the Saint Streets."

Halkiotis said two things need to happen before the Town can start planning for the space to be used by the public for passive recreation. First, Halkiotis said the actual execution of the purchase and sales agreement, approved by unanimous vote by the Board of Selectmen earlier this month, is within a few weeks of happening. He said he and Town Counsel David DeLuca have been working with the property owner to finalize the property transfer.

"Everything is in place and the details are being ironed out," he said. "All we need to do at this point is schedule the closing. I talked to David about how that actually happens in this virtual world we're living in now, and he says that it happens online. The deed has been sent back to the seller. The seller has been asked to sign the deed, then send it to Town Counsel for signature on our end and then it will be recorded at the



The Saints Street Lot is nearing final purchasing by the Town, which means recreation could start there as soon as the stay-at-home advisory is lifted.

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County Registry of Deeds."

Halkiotis said the other thing they need to do before they can start working on creating a passive recreation site would be to finalize the Conservation Restriction of the property.

"I've been working on the Conservation Restriction, which is a requirement for any properties that are purchased using Community Preservation funds."

Halkiotis explained that the Conservation Restriction is a detailed legal document that clearly states what activities are allowed or not, which in this case basically means passive recreation for a waterfront property. It will also mean little to no development will be allowed on the property. He said the restriction has to be sent to the State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for approval. The draft has been sent to DCR for the review process to begin.

"It could take up to three months," he said.

Halkiotis has been working with the Wildlands Trust for a time to put together the Conservation Restriction, and

he said they basically started with a boiler plate application and filled in the details for Norwood and the specific parcel.

"That also means they'll be enforcing the Conservation Restriction in the future," he said. "The title of the property will be held by the Board of Selectmen."

Aside from the DCR, the NCC has to vote to approve the restriction as well, and Halkiotis said he will be sending the NCC a draft shortly so it could be voted on at the commission's next meeting. He said he hasn't sent it to the NCC yet because he wants any changes the state needs to do to be completed first, so no extraneous votes need to be called later.

"I don't want to have to give it to you and ask you to read it, and then come back and look at minor amendments made later," he said.

In other news, Conservation Agent Al Goetz and Halkiotis both gave an update on the Traphole Brook Mill Pond Dam removal project, which is run by the state. According to Goetz and Halkiotis, the Massachusetts Environmen-

tal Protection Agency (MEPA) has jurisdiction over the project, but has been joined by the Neponset River Watershed Association (NRWA), residents of Norwood and the NCC.

The idea for the removal is to increase water flow, which will decrease the water temperature, thereby increasing its oxygen level and hopefully bring back trout and other wildlife to the area.

Halkiotis said there was a scoping meeting held by MEPA recently and as far as that meeting went, the dam removal seems to be on track.

Goetz said that though he wasn't able to join the scoping meeting due to technical issues, he did talk with MEPA representative and head of the state's side of the project, Chris Hirsch.

"Chris and I pretty much agreed on two major things, one is that the next plan generated has to move the brook so that it's on the border with both Town Conservation land and private land, not all on one or the other," Goetz said. "The other issue is not to exclude the homeowners on the other side, they want some of this project and we want some of this project."

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# Norwood hosting bi-weekly food drive

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

While the Norwood Food Pantry has been, by all accounts, doing its best to handle the needs of residents during this trying time, the Norwood High School has stepped up its efforts to help as well.

Now called the Norwood Mustang Food Pantry, the once-impromptu distribution is now on a temporary bi-weekly basis, hosting food collections every other Friday starting May 1 at Door 13 (leading to the cafeteria) of the High School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., with distribution occurring the following Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The drive, originally organized by teachers at the Norwood High School, has hosted two collections and distributions before the Town took over to help streamline the process. Co-Founder and NHS teacher Cindy Derrane said it's been amazing to see the Town come together like this.

"A big part of the reason I would never leave is the way that the Town is such a community," she said. "I feel like times like these bring out the best in people... I've been in the Town of Norwood for 28 years and it's

such a special place. I can't thank the whole community enough for the way they rally around each other anytime there's a crisis, and this time was no different."

Derrane said, however, it did not mean there was no apprehension on her part and other volunteers' parts when they started.

"I think people who had not participated in a food drive before were kind of skeptical that we'd get the turnout we would, but with the volunteers we got from the get go, we just knew," she said. "From the bottom of my heart, I can't thank the community enough."

Derrane said the collection on May 1 is for nonperishable foods, mainly for sanitary reasons.

"The collection has to sit for 48 hours and we sanitize whatever we can," she said.

Derrane said the Town also gets a delivery of perishable items and more nonperishable items from the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) and Loving Spoonfuls. Those items are paid for with donations from residents and organizations, so if you want to support the Mustang Food Pantry that way, come to the collection on May 1 or call the Town Hall at 781-762-1240



Hundreds of pounds of food was donated at the last drive, and organizers are hoping the Town can do it again.

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for more information on how you can donate.

Former Norwood Recreation Department Superintendent Gerald "Gerry/Jerry" Miller said he's now helping to run the pantry as it has shifted to the Town side of things. He said he was present at the last collection and distribution day, and said he also felt overwhelming pride for his Town.

"We were pleasantly surprised," he said. "We had literally hundreds and hundreds of bags of food stuff dropped off and Cindy and her crew were there and we came in to supplement."

He said it's fantastic what they've been able to buy for perishable foods from the GBFB and Loving Spoonfuls.

"Stuff like potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges and even milk, and thanks to (Norwood Public Schools Facilities Manager) Paul Riccardi, we were able to use their coolers," he said. "Last week, we had close to 90 vehicles and we were able to serve 400 people. We have to adjust the donations according to the number of people they have in their families. We distribute the bags based on that number."

Miller said that about 80 percent of what they gave out at the last distribution was donated from Norwood residents, and 20 percent was from monies from the GBFB and Loving Spoonfuls.

"We would have had much smaller bags and not been able to give as much if we had not had

all those donations," he said.

And Miller said they're getting donations from unexpected places. He said last Thursday he got a call from Xaverian High School Track Team member Matt Kerns who had some good news.

"The track team had this idea to have a food drive and they got a bunch of donations, about five vehicles filled, and they were having trouble finding a place to donate them," he said. "So they called me and we unloaded it all and they had probably about 50 percent of what we picked up in the donations two weeks ago. It was a great donation."

Miller said Kerns challenges the other High School teams and team members in Norwood to donate this Friday.



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# Airport approves hunting, gives update on operations and CARES Act

Jeff Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Norwood Airport Commission (NAC) met virtually on April 23 to discuss several issues facing the airport.

In what might seem a strange request for the NAC, three applicants requested approval to hunt with bows on the Norwood Memorial Airport's property. Norwood Police Officer Michael O'Brien, along with William Mulvey and Jake Bennett are all requesting to hunt on the property, and Norwood Airport Manager Russ Maguire said the commission has authorized hunting in the past, but with four major conditions.

"The first being that the Norwood Police Chief supports the individual who is requesting to hunt, second is that all hunting would be in observance of all Commonwealth of Massachusetts hunting regulations, third would be that a hunter or hunters can only gain access to airport land beyond the security fence by lawful entry and cannot trespass onto private property," he said. "And the fourth condition is that these hunters must advise in writing in advance of when they expect to hunt."

The NAC voted unanimously to approve the request as long as those four conditions are met.

Maguire also gave his report during the meeting. He said the ongoing health crisis has made some changes to the way business at the airport is conducted, but they are still operating. He said on March 16, the Welch Administration Building closed to the public, and they are practicing social distancing and are cleaning as many vehicles as they can.



While deer on the runway has not been reported to be the reason for allowing hunting at the Norwood Airport, three residents are requesting permission to bow hunt at the property.

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"As an air transportation hub, we are deemed by the federal government to be an essential service, so we continue from an airport management standpoint. We show up five days a week and we're on-call for the off hours as well."

He said air traffic, landing and fuel flow have decreased greatly since the start of the stay-at-home advisory, and he said more negative impacts are probably on the way.

Maguire also gave a run through of what the airport could expect from the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed on March 27. He said \$100 million was earmarked for general aviation airports like Norwood.

"My understanding right now is that Norwood Memorial Airport, as a federally-obligated public use airport for general aviation, has available to it up to \$69,000 in grant monies under

the CARES Act," he said. "We obviously have to go through the application for assistance with the FAA, and we're still waiting on that document."

Maguire said it's a reimbursement program and the airport would be required to use it only for operating expenses or new development. He said they would use it to cover payroll going back to Jan. 20, 2020, which might use up all \$69,000 Maguire said they could use from the CARES Act funds. The NAC voted to authorize Chair Mark Ryan to sign said FAA documentation once it arrives to begin the process for those funds.

The NAC also voted unanimously to expend \$30,000 for a solar and battery-powered riding lawn mower, but Maguire said the Massachusetts Department of Transportation would be footing the bill and reimbursing the airport for it.

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have a total of 366 confirmed cases as of the date of the meeting (Tuesday, April 28), which is up 56 from last week's 310 cases. Health Department Assistant Inspector Stacey Lane said the Town is now employing 16 people to do contact tracing with anyone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Reiss said they originally started contact tracing with the first case back in February, when

Town Manager Tony Mazzucco had a confirmed test, but that was only with a handful of people.

"Those 16 people interview people who tested positive, ask who they were in close contact with two days before symptoms started. We also ask them for their phone number and we ask those people (the original infected person came into contact with) to quarantine for 14 days," she said.

She said at the start of contact tracing, there were about 30 other people they would have to call to follow up with and inform them of procedure, but she said now those numbers are down to three or four people and they're usually people sharing a residence with the infected person.

Reiss said the contact tracing is extremely important, as the state has estimated that without any social distancing and other precautions, one infected person on average would infect four more, and continue exponentially. She said with mitigation efforts, the infection rate is about 1.25 people infected per one person infected, which is why they need the contact tracing, as it helps to reduce that number further. She said the goal is to get the infection rate below a one-to-one ratio.

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**Russell Gloor**  
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

**Dear Inquiring Wife:** Your husband isn't eligible to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" because he is already collecting his own Social Security benefits and because he is past 70 years of age. But he should probably be receiving a spousal benefit from you because his benefit is so much lower than yours. From what you've written, you both claimed your Social Security benefits when you were 62 years of age. That means you both took a 25% cut in benefits from what you would have gotten at your full retirement age (FRA) of 66.

Spousal benefits are based upon FRA benefit amounts, even if you claimed benefits earlier. So, since your FRA benefit amount would have been about \$1164 and your husband's FRA benefit would have been about \$330, by my calculations he should now be receiving a spousal benefit of about \$516 instead of his benefit of \$263.50. The computation for that is: Take half of your FRA benefit amount (\$582) minus your husband's FRA benefit amount (\$330); the difference (\$252) is added to his own current benefit (\$264) to get \$516 as his possible spousal benefit (note the actual numbers from SS may vary somewhat). This probably means that when you claimed your benefit two years after your husband claimed his, your husband didn't apply for his spousal benefit (and it wasn't

awarded automatically by SS).

I suggest your husband contact Social Security as soon as possible and make an appointment to apply for his spousal benefits. Since he has been entitled to that benefit for some time now, he can also request 6 months of retroactive spousal benefits which they will pay in a lump-sum and adjust his monthly benefit to what he is entitled to as your spouse. There is also a possibility that, when you filed, SS failed to notify your husband he was eligible for a spouse benefit, in which case he may be able to collect his spouse benefit back to the date he became eligible. Your husband should contact Social Security directly at either 1.800.772-1213, or at your local office (find it at [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator)) to make an appointment to apply for his spousal benefit from you. And, usually, this application can be accomplished over the phone.

Please note that all of the above assumes that your husband's current benefit isn't being reduced due to a non-covered pension which causes the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) to lower his benefit amount, and which would cause the Government Pension Offset (GPO) to severely alter, or even eliminate, his spousal benefit.

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- Undoubtedly there has been much that has been overlooked. There are other examples of pain in these horrible times. Please forgive me.

## Norwood Police welcome hybrid cruisers



The Norwood Police Department announced this week that the new hybrid vehicles are painted, at the station and ready to serve. NPD Chief William Brooks asked for their appropriation at last year's Town Meeting and the hope was then to reduce fuel costs, just as oil hit \$0 a barrel.

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Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 2012 Camry. When the sun is bright, the radio and navigation screen is impossible to read until I get in shadier spot. It seems the screen is flat and should be indented into cabinet or there should be protruding sides to screen to block light. What can I do? The auto body shop said they see this problem but there's nothing they can recommend. I haven't seen my radio stations or navigator on a sunny day since I bought this can new. Can you help me? —Jean

A) You are not alone my wife had the same complaint on all her Camrys. First make sure the setting is either on automatic or day time, next try adjusting the light and contrast settings. There is a company called Nushield that may help. A small piece of cardboard or plastic cut to fit over the screen held on with velpro or even slid into the CD slot if you have one. Having windshield tint installed about 6 inches from top down if legal can help and if equipped with a sun roof, make sure the shade is closed.

Q) Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Mercedes-Benz SLK230 Kompressor with about 80,000 miles on it. I only drive it 2,000 or 3,000 miles each year during the summer months. It has about 80,000 miles. It's kept in a garage for six or seven months. From time to time during the last several years the turn signal lamps and hazard lamps stop flashing. The lamps light up but don't flash. A couple years ago my mechanic used a nail file to scrape some corrosion off of some device – perhaps a relay switch. A couple times it happened after I parked in the hot sun. Flashers were working when I parked, but ceased to flash when I restarted the car. The dealer proposed replacement of a group of devices that are stored closely together. He said it would be a \$15,000 or more fix. Absurd! Do you have a suggestion? —Rich

A) The technician will first check the Identifix web site, then also look on Alldata to look at history on other 1998 SLK 230s. There is an ECU next to the battery that does control the system. Removing the ECU and opening it up to clean all the connections may be the answer.

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.

# DEATHS



Barbara M. (Carchedi), Age 88, passed into eternal life on April 21st, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family. A longtime resident of Norwood, Barbara was the daughter of the late Dominic and Mary (Cirillo) Carchedi. Beloved wife of John R Clinton, married for 66 years. Along with her husband, she is survived by her children: Russell Clinton and his wife Neide of Dennis, Joseph Clinton and his late wife Ann of Norwood, David

Clinton and his wife Joyce of Wrentham. She was the proud grandmother of Megan Schneider and her husband Colby of Brentwood NH, Keriann Clinton McDonough and her wife Brianne of Waltham, Jenna Clinton and her fiancé Jonathan Buote of Plymouth and Jared Clinton of Wrentham. She was the sister of the late Kay Coughlin and the late Carmela Sawyer and sister to Joanne Nelson, Joseph Carchedi, Ralph Carchedi, Lorraine Coyne, Mary Jane Bruce. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as several cousins. Barbara was born in Watertown, MA on October 8th 1931. She graduated from Norwood High School, class of 1949 and later studied nursing at Massasoit College. Barbara raised her family in Norwood and worked at Polaroid before retiring after 22 years. She was a devoted Catholic and Eucharistic Minister at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood. Barbara loved the ocean and had wonderful memo-

ries of family trips to the Cape and Nantasket. She loved fashion and style which was shown in the clothes she wore and the cars she drove. Barbara loved dressing up her three boys when they were young and taking them on trips into Boston. She also had a great passion for animals and cared for many dogs over the years. She loved her dogs and her grand dogs. She will be remembered by her love for her family and the fond memories that have filled our hearts. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home Norwood, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the MSPCA 350 South Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130. <https://www.mspca.org/donate-now/> Due to the current health crisis, there will be a Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Barbara's life at a time to be announced in the future at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood, MA.

of service. Peggy will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family and generosity to others. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held in Peggy's honor at a later date. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be made to the International Rett Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 706143, Cincinnati, OH 45270 or visit [rettsyndrome.org](http://rettsyndrome.org)

## GIORDANO

Frank of Norwood, passed away on April 19, 2020 at the age of 85. Son of the late Joseph and Maria (Mazzotta) Giordano. Brother of the late Bruno Giordano. A private Burial will take place at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA. Frank was a US Air Force Korean War Veteran. Arrangements by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, NORWOOD, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to a Veteran's charity of your choice. Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home [kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com](http://kraw-kornackfuneralhome.com)

## MOLINARI

Cynthia Maria (George) of Norwood, April 25, 2020. Dear and devoted wife of Paul Molinari. Beloved sister of Muriel Salami and her husband Joseph of Westwood, Thomas "Tim" and his wife Anne of Boston. Loving aunt of Joseph D. Salami, Jr., Marcia Khan, Lisa Leary, and Stacey Sotir. Cynthia's funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [stjude.org](http://stjude.org) 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105, or to Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church, [ourladyofthecedars.org](http://ourladyofthecedars.org) 61 Rockwood St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. Photo obituary and [www.KfouryFuneral.com](http://www.KfouryFuneral.com) Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home West Roxbury 617-325-3600.

## O'CONNELL

Timothy of Norwood, Died Sunday April 12, 2020. Born in Cambridge, Tim was raised in Cambridge, graduated from

Matignon High School and earned his undergraduate and Masters of Education from Boston State. He was a longtime teacher in the Boston Public Schools, retiring in 2002, having taught at Boston English and Boston High. Tim was a founding member of the Boston Teachers Union. Tim was very active in the Norwood community. He coached the Norwood Little League Red Sox team for over 35 years, with Norwood's only State Championship in 1997. He directed the Knights of Columbus Norwood Council 252 Bingo Night for the last 20 years and is a former Exalted Ruler of the Norwood Elks Lodge 1124. Beloved husband of the late Joan Ann (Callinan) O'Connell. Loving father of Timothy M. O'Connell and his wife Elizabeth of Arlington, Sean P. O'Connell and Christopher S. O'Connell, both of Norwood. Grandfather of Emma Joan O'Connell. Visitation and service were private, followed by interment in Highland Cemetery, Norwood. A public service will be announced. Donations in Tim's memory may be made to Norwood Little League, 31 Marion Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062. Dolan Funeral Homes of Milton and Dorchester are honored to have assisted the O'Connell family with funeral arrangements. Please send the O'Connell family a sympathy message at [www.dolanfuneral.com](http://www.dolanfuneral.com)

## ROMAN



Marilyn H. (McDargh), 85, formerly of Boston, Norwood, and Westwood, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2020, surrounded by family, after a long illness. She was the devoted wife of 59 years to Chester of Westwood; Loving

## Deaths

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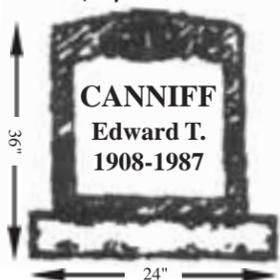
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*Grateful thanks. —K.B.*

### St. Jude's Novena

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

### Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked You for many favours. This time, I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it, dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within Your own broken heart where Your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become Your favour, not mine. Amen. Say for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.

—D.J.

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Sealed Bids will be received not later than 11:00 A.M., on June 15, 2020, in the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 for the following:

**Sale of Town-owned property consisting of 26.87+/- acres of land with the 23,475+/- sf Forbes Hill Mansion. The property is listed on the Town Assessor's maps as Map 14, Block 9, Lot 1A.**

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

The bid opening will be held via GoToMeeting. Forbes Estate Bid Opening (Will Be Recorded) Mon, Jun 15, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.  
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The bid opening will be recorded and posted on the Purchasing website: purchasing.norwoodma.gov. It will also be videoed by Norwood Community Media.

Assessed Value – Assessed value is \$10,678,200 based upon the assessment of the Town of Norwood Board of Assessors.

Minimum Acceptable Price - \$13,000,000.

Any housing development for this site, whether as a whole or segregated into parcels, will only include housing dwelling units no greater than 2-bedroom units.

The complete Bid package may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Department, Norwood Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, Norwood, MA 02062 by calling (781) 762-1240, x106 or x107 between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or electronically by registering and downloading online at: <https://bids.norwoodma.gov>.

A pre-bid conference will be held on May 12, 2020, at 11:00 A.M., via GoToMeeting. Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone at: Pre-Bid Conference for the Sale of the Forbes Estate (Will Be Recorded) Tue, May 12, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EDT)

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The pre-bid will be recorded and posted on the Purchasing website: purchasing.norwoodma.gov. It will also be videoed by Norwood Community Media. A site inspection/tour of the land and the mansion is not scheduled at this time. Bidders interested in a site visit must contact Catherine Carney at: CCarney@norwoodma.gov or 781-762-1240, x107.

The Bid must be filled out and signed as directed therein, sealed in an opaque envelope addressed to the Purchasing Department, endorsed with the name and address of the Bidder, and marked, "Sale of Forbes Hill Property – Contract #NGM-20-08". An original and three (3) copies of the Bid are to be submitted.

A certified check or bank check, made payable to the Town of Norwood in the amount of **\$25,000.00**, must be submitted with the Bid to purchase the land.

The Bid shall be prepared, considered, and be submitted on forms furnished by the Town. The sale made in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 30B. The successful Bidder will be required to enter into a Purchase & Sale Agreement with the Town. The Purchase & Sale Agreement will include terms for payment of a minimum deposit amount of 5% of the purchase price or \$650,000 (whichever is higher) and timely date for closing and transfer of title to the property, along with other mutually agreed upon standard terms and conditions of sale. This purchase & sales deposit shall be non-refundable. The timely closing and transfer of title shall be within 90 calendar days of the award of the bid, unless an extension of up to 90 additional calendar days is given by the Town at the Town's sole discretion. This time period is for the Purchaser/Developer to obtain the necessary/required permits in order to obtain project approval. Any extensions provided to the Purchaser/Developer shall be at a cost of \$2,750 per calendar day and is not credited towards the purchase price. The Purchaser/Developer shall pay for any extension within 3 business days of an approved extension.

The Town shall have the right to reject any and all offers or parts thereof and to waive any defect or irregularities as to form or cancel the bid, therein in accordance with M.G.L.

The Town of Norwood notifies that all Bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex or national origin or handicapped status in consideration of a sale.

BY: Tony Mazzucco  
General Manager

Norwood Record: 4/30/2020, 5/7/2020



Norwood Bank President John Galvani and Norwood Town Manager Tony Mazzucco posed for a photo with a check for \$60,000 (at a safe social distance) to fund the Evening Family Meal program for the Norwood Public Schools.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Bank helps to feed families

Town of Norwood General Manager Tony Mazzucco is pleased to announce that Norwood Bank has made a \$60,000 donation to help fund the town's weekly family meals program for the months of May and June.

The program, run through the Norwood Public Schools, was originally the idea of Norwood's Incident Command Team. It provides free grab-and-go dinner meals to any Norwood family with students in the Norwood Public Schools or home-school, or other school families with children under 18 years of age.

The meals are available for pick up from any of the community elementary schools on Wednesdays.

All meals are prepared and packaged "family style" and are distributed cold, with heating and cooling instructions provided. Meals contain 8-10 servings, potentially lasting more than one day.

Norwood Bank is also making a separate

\$5,000 donation to support the fund.

"This is an incredibly generous gift, and will feed hundreds of families in town," General Manager Mazzucco said. "This family meals program is unique to the Town of Norwood, and it means so much that a community business such as Norwood Bank would get behind it. They've really stepped up by making this donation."

Employees of Norwood Bank first raised the idea of contributing to the fund, and the Board of Directors asked President John Galvani to reach out to General Manager Mazzucco.

"Many of our employees have children in the school system," Galvani said. "We've been helping a lot of our customers with loans through the new federal Paycheck Protection Program, and donating to the meals program was a way for us to go one step further and help our customers' entire family."

## Deaths *continued from page 10*

Mum to sons Timothy and his wife Deborah of Walpole, Kenneth and his wife Diane of Norwood and daughter Amy Albert and her husband Alan of Walpole; Proud Grammie to Jason and Emily; Cherished sister of Nancy Rowean of East Walpole; Beloved Auntie to many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her best friend of over 70 years, Julia McPherson, of Newton. Born September 27, 1934 Marilyn graduated Norwood High School in 1952 and then attended Henry O. Peabody in Norwood and became a certified secretary. She worked at Wiggins Airport, Norwood and Hartney Tree in Dedham, before staying home to raise a family. Marilyn helped build the family's business, which began as Roman Jewelers in Dedham and eventually Roman's Hallmark. Marilyn claims she was the one to first bring Hallmark Cards to Dedham in the 1970's! The business grew to three locations including Millis and South Weymouth. Marilyn loved sending and receiving Hallmark cards. She loved being of Irish heritage, even if it was "just a wee bit". She also

loved being a "New Englandah". Marilyn and Chet, in their retirement years, would often head "Down the Cape" on a whim for some "chowdah" or for a "lobstah roll". Marilyn loved her friends and neighbors, especially on Lane Drive, where she raised her family. She was one of the First Members of St. Timothy Parish and remained faithful throughout her life. She will always be remembered for her kindnesses and her generosity. We are grateful to many who helped us along the way during our Mom's illness. We would like to extend huge THANK YOU'S, especially to Linda Lincoln and all of our Roman's employees, past and present, who became like family and enabled us to take care of our Mom at home for years; Our dear customers, who became our friends and not only patronized us, but lent support, prayers, and concern for our Mom for many years; Our friends at St. Timothy Parish- priests and community; Right at Home staff and caregivers, for giving excellent care for so many years; Roche Bros. Westwood cashiers and baggers,

who would ask for our Mom each time we would shop for her. She loved Roche Bros. and so do we! ; Westwood Police Fire and Rescue thank you for your service and for helping us keep safe!; Charles McInnis, M.D. and Joanne McInnis, R.N., and finally, at MGH: Dr. H.D. Rosas and Diane Lucente, M.S. - your knowledge was paramount in getting my Mom the care she needed. We appreciate all of the cards, notes, and prayers from friends and family, all throughout her illness. Not only did it keep my Mom buoyed, but us as well. The Roman Family will always be grateful! Burial will be private. A Memorial Mass will be held in the future at St. Timothy Parish. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Marilyn's name to St. Timothy Christian Service Fund, c/o St. Timothy Church, 650 Nichols Street, Norwood, MA 02062. In Marilyn's honor, wear your favorite Irish knit and/or her very favorite color: gray...as her hair turned gray, she started to dress in gray to match! Correspondence can be sent to the Roman family at 26 Milliston Road, Millis, MA 02054.