



NORGATE NEWS

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A Report to Norgate Neighbors from President Jim Vermeulen



You can see that there has been plenty of activity going on in Norgate as we put your dues to work enhancing the value of our neighborhood and improving safety. In September the brick pillars that mark the entrance to the community at the corner of Norgate Road and Northern Boulevard were carefully scraped, primed, and painted in their traditional colors of black and white. Parts were ordered for the repair of the two light fixtures atop those pillars. In October, an electrician repaired the pillar lights, and on November 1st, workers from W-C-M Iron Works installed two new, laser-cut, wrought-iron NORGATE signs on the newly painted pillars. If you recall, one of the signs was stolen last year and the other showed its age from many decades of wear and tear. The smaller pillar at the intersection of Norgate Road and Dennis Street has also been scraped and repainted.

Our association has partnered with Veronica Lurvey, the Councilwoman for the Town of North Hempstead's 4th District, covering Norgate, who reached out to Town agencies to get crosswalks repainted, traffic signs throughout the community straightened, and streetlights repaired. We are also working with the Nassau County Police Department's 6th Precinct to get the police to focus more on speeders and drivers running stop signs throughout our community.

Last month, Councilwoman Lurvey, at our request, convened a meeting at Town Hall of a panel of representatives of various groups whose responsibilities and actions have an effect upon the Norgate community. The panel consists of Councilwoman Lurvey, the Commanding Officer of the 6th Precinct, the Superintendent of the Manhasset Public Schools, a town traffic engineer, representatives from the town highway department, and the officers of the Norgate Civic Association. The plan is for this group to meet several times a year to discuss ongoing and new issues as they arise and to check progress in addressing them. The hoped-for results of our first meeting will be an increase in the attention of the police to Norgate's recurrent traffic problems and a partnership between the NCA and the school district to address issues as they arise and to cooperate on matters of mutual concern.

Later this month NCA officers will meet Dr. Vincent Butera, the Superintendent of the Manhasset Union Free School District and members of his staff to discuss and work together on issues of noise, traffic, unruly behavior on school property, and maintenance of Memorial Field. Norgate residents who have issues or concerns pertaining to the School District should contact Teresa Amato, the Secretary of the NCA, at tamato@northwell.edu, who will be taking the lead in the Manhasset School District/Norgate Community Partnership. Norgate residents with school issues should please go through our Norgate committee and not act alone.

As you can see, we have accomplished a lot in a short time, but there's more to come. We're planning a Fall Clean-up morning, a Holiday Get-Together, and some holiday decorations to mark the upcoming season. I ask all residents of Norgate to work together to improve the beauty of our community—whether it's just individual home touch-ups, or working together on the upcoming events. It is crucial that we keep our positive community momentum going and for that our neighborhood needs both your participation and your dues. If you have not yet submitted your dues, please do so as soon as possible by dropping off your contact info form and check at the home of NCA Treasurer Jim Pelzer or by mailing it to him in the enclosed envelope. If you've paid already, many thanks. Be sure and read Jim's financial report below.



Once again, thank you all for your support. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and be on the lookout for the Norgate Holiday Party flyer later this month.

Jim Vermeulen, President

Fall Clean-up

On Saturday, November 16th at 10 AM, we'll meet at the corner of Norgate and Highmeadow Roads and, under the guidance of Robin Road resident Eric Breitweiser, who has done such a wonderful job with the gardens that run along both sides of Norgate Road from the pillars at Northern to Highmeadow, we'll prepare them for their winter rest. We'll rake leaves, mulch, cut back any overgrowth and, as time permits, also clean the rock gardens at the ends of Robin Road, Highmeadow, and Normandy. The NCA will provide apple cider and donuts! Bring rakes, gloves, gardening tools, paper leaf bags, etc. Many hands will make light work and you'll get to meet and greet your neighbors. Total time estimated at no more than an hour or two. Rain cancels but, in that event, our rain date will be the following Saturday, November 23rd, same time, same place



Treasurer's Report

At the end of June 2019, the NCA had \$5,505.64 on deposit in its checking account at Apple Bank. Since then we have incurred expenses for painting; electrical parts for, and repairs to, the pillar lights; fabrication and installation of the NORGATE signs on the pillars; and miscellaneous printing and administrative costs, for total expenses of \$2,798.96. Norgate has 57 homes in its territory. To date, 24 families have paid dues of \$100 each, resulting in income of \$2,400. The NCA bank account now holds \$5,106.68—a balance that the NCA officers believe should not fall below \$5,000 to serve as a contingency fund for unforeseen expenses.



The essence of civic involvement is volunteerism—the gift of time and effort to preserve and improve the community. But while NCA officers and block captains give their time freely, the services we need to keep the common areas of the community in good repair and to support neighborhood events for Norgate residents are not inexpensive. Norgate needs your contributions and the NCA will put them to good use. To those who have not yet paid their dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. And thanks to the following families who have already contributed:

Norgate Road Nos. 28, 34, 44, 50, & 59;
Highmeadow Road Nos. 19, 39, 42, & 45;
Robin Road Nos. 14 & 15;

Normandy Lane Nos. 4, 16, 22, 35, 41, & 48;
Dennis Street Nos. 16, 54, 60, 66, 72 & 91;
Memorial Place No. 86.

Concerns, Comments, and Suggestions



It bears repeating that the upkeep of the homes in Norgate, the traffic on our streets, the beautification of common areas along Norgate Road, and activities on Memorial Field and the secondary school campus affect the quality of life in our community and the value of our properties. The Executive Board needs your input on these issues so that the officers can convey your concerns to the School District, Town Hall, the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations, the police, and state and town code enforcement officers.

Contact the NCA by e-mail at Norgate@manhassetcivic.org or visit with your Block Captain or one of the NCA officers to share your thoughts and concerns. The association will follow up for you. There's a lot that we can accomplish together!

Keep up with Community News

The latest news of interest in Manhasset can be found on the web site of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations at www.manhassetcivic.org and on the NCA's tab on that site. The sites of the *Manhasset Press* (<https://manhassetpress.com>) and the *Manhasset Times* (<https://theislandnow.com/category/manhasset-107>) also contain valuable info.



Contact the Norgate Civic Association by e-mail to Norgate@manhassetcivic.org or visit with an officer or your block captain to share your thoughts.

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Norgate Road	Connie Bruno	25 Norgate Rd.
Normandy Lane	John Polcari	42 Normandy Ln.
Robin Road	Carmen Lin	42 Highmeadow Ln.

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