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## *Sun sets for Sunset Chapels — New BMW Dealership to Arise in its Place.*

Construction fencing went up during the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> to surround the site of the former Sunset Chapels funeral home on Northern Boulevard. Asbestos abatement will be performed in the old building before it is demolished over the coming weeks. Site development work is expected to begin shortly after demolition of the old structure. It will involve removal of certain trees and bushes that line the borders of the lots under development and regrading of portions of the property. Construction of the new building is expected to take a year or more, following which new plantings will be installed to screen Norgate residences from activity on the BMW site and the noise, lights, and activity along Northern Boulevard.

The history of the proposed redevelopment of the Sunset Chapels site was recounted in the Fall 2022, February 2023, and Summer 2023 issues of the Norgate News, which are all available on the NCA tab of the web site of the Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations at <https://www.manhassetcivic.org/nca/>.

We have established a good working relationship with the owner of the site and hope to work with him and his company to address any issues that may arise during construction. Email the NCA at [norgatecivicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:norgatecivicassociation@gmail.com) with any concerns as they come up and we will attempt to address them with the owner.

When construction is complete, we expect that a handsome, new BMW dealership building will occupy the site and that the dealership will prove a good neighbor for years to come.



*Artist's rendering of new building.*

### ***Plans for the coming year.***

The NCA Executive Board met and considered sponsoring an active series of events in the coming months. More information will be provided by email and/or flyer as plans are finalized. They include:

- Light the Night holiday event – street-front luminaries, refreshments, and holiday music. Sunday evening, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Cabin Fever Social – February.
- Earth Day Clean-up – April.
- Ice Cream Social – May.
- Annual Meeting – June. Perhaps at a surprise location.
- Block Party/Community Outdoor Gathering.
- Community Tag Sale.



### ***Beware of Porch Pirates!***

Recently a valuable package was stolen from the front step of one of our resident families. Here are some steps you can take to prevent porch piracy:



- De-clutter your front porch.
- Remove packages as soon as they arrive.
- Request signature confirmation upon delivery.
- Sign up for delivery alerts.
- Report package thefts to the police and the NCA.
- For greater security, ship to a local pickup location (see, e.g., [Ship to an Amazon Pickup Location - Amazon Customer Service](#)).

### ***NCA Expenses and Dues.***

An active schedule of NCA events and upkeep of the columns at the entrances to Norgate will only be possible with financial support from our residents. The Norgate columns are more than 80 years old. Annual cycles of winter cold and summer heat have cracked their brick veneer, which must either be repaired or replaced entirely. You'll find a dues notice with this edition of the Norgate News. Contributions from all our households are needed to undertake the necessary work in the coming spring and to fund community events. Please join with your neighbors in supporting the NCA.



### ***Happy Holidays!***

Neighbors are an important part of our lives, especially during the holidays that end one year and start the new. Neighbors can provide us with social support, friendship, and a sense of belonging in our community. They can also help us celebrate the festive season by sharing traditions, gifts, food, and joy. Neighbors can make us feel more connected and less lonely. Neighbors can also help us cope with any challenges or difficulties that we may face during the holidays, such as stress, illness, or loss. Neighbors are not just people who live next to us, they are also people who care for us and enrich our lives.



We wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season.

— The Executive Board of the Norgate Civic Association