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# Moreau Community Center project paused

Expansion put on hold  
for asbestos concerns

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SOUTH GLENS FALLS – The parking lot expansion project at the Moreau Community Center (MCC), which involved the purchase and razing of the house at 9 New St., has been put on hold following the discovery of potentially hazardous insulation material.

“After receiving clearance from a licensed asbestos handler, a small amount of vermiculite was found during the demolition,” read in part a statement issued by the MCC Thursday. “We will be seeking bids for asbestos remediation of the remains of the building as soon as possible.”

While not dangerous on its own, vermiculite is a naturally occurring, lightweight, odorless, fire-resistant mineral used in many products as an insulator. However, most of the vermiculite used in the United States from 1919 to 1990 came from a mine near Libby, Montana, where a deposit of asbestos was also found.

“So, the vermiculite from Libby was contaminated with asbestos,” reads a statement on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s website. “Vermiculite from Libby was used in the majority of vermiculite insulation in the United States and was often sold under the brand name Zonolite. If you have vermiculite insulation in your home, you should assume this material may be contaminated with asbestos and be aware of steps you can take to protect yourself and your family from exposure to asbestos.”

Real estate records show that the house on New Street was built in 1910.

“MCC is working with an NYS asbestos consultant and has filed the paperwork to complete this process as soon as possible,” the statement from the community center concludes. “We appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding while we navigate the process of removing what remains of the house.”

Representatives from the MCC could not be reached for further comment on Friday morning.

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What remains of 9 New St. in South Glens Falls.

# Single-family home proposal receives backlash



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A portion of the wooded area on Platt Street in Glens Falls that is expected to be transformed into a 12 single-family home neighborhood.

## The plan would include cutting down a wooded lot in the area

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GLENS FALLS – A proposed development that would build 12 single-family homes on forested, undeveloped land near Platt Street and Katherine Street has drawn neighborhood concern over environmental and privacy impacts.

Cerrone Builders is the developer for the project, which will need to cut down a significant portion of tree cover that neighbors argue shields the houses from East Field noise.

“There’s 100 trees back there, and they’re going to be mowed down and paved? I can’t even imagine,” said resident Giselle Howell. “I’m totally on board with development [in general], but this

is a delicate little area. We’re not real happy. I would hate to see it go through.”

“I’m concerned for the environment. Wetlands are able to get carbon dioxide out of the air [better] than dry lands. We have industries that surround us. I don’t know if you spent time in that area. The traffic is horrendous. It’s constant. They’re speeding between Katherine and Platt [streets]. We have 18-wheelers going through,” said resident Audrey Charron, referring to the Ames Goldsmith plant down the road, which refines, recycles, and fabricates silver products.

“You want to bring in 12 new homes to this? That [wooded area] is a buffer between us and the baseball fields, the playground, and East

Field, which are all beautiful, and they deserve to be there, but it’s also our park. I think a lot of people are saddened,” Charron continued.

Project engineer Tom Center defended the build of 12 single-family homes on previously undeveloped land as fulfilling a city need. “I’m from the East End, grew up on Prospect Street. This was my paper route as a kid. I’ve been to some of the East End Rising [committee] meetings and listening to try to come up with unique ways to try to get new single-family homes into the city. This has been a subdivision for some time,” Center said.

Center added that the project could also establish sidewalks that

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# Volunteer musicians brighten lives at Glens Falls Hospital

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GLENS FALLS – Music can liven up a room and add some positivity to places that might be overwhelming or frightening. Glens Falls Hospital has added a number of volunteer musicians in recent years who are doing just that.

The hospital has a variety of musical volunteers, from those who play in the public areas, such as the lobby spaces and waiting room areas, to those who come to perform at the holidays, and a number of hospital staff members who volunteer their time to play music.

“It’s amazing to see, because folks just enjoy hearing it,” said Tom Lyons, the director of Volunteer Services and Amanda’s House at Glens Falls Hospital. “And it’s also a conversation piece; folks will engage with them. It’s a nice, pleasant distraction.”

It’s a really great experience for everyone involved, Lyons said. The people who come to the hospital or visit someone at the hospital and the staff all enjoy the music, he said, and the volunteers all get a lot out of it too.

“Post-pandemic, we were looking to really rebuild the whole volunteer program, adding music into the mix just seemed like a natural thing to do,” Lyons said. “It’s something we had done in different ways over the years, but adding them to the public areas and the common areas, we just thought it would be a nice addition to the space for our visitors, patients, and staff as well.”

Lyons said the hospital is looking to grow its number of volunteer musicians, particularly the musicians who play in the lobbies and waiting room areas of the hospital. Lyons said anyone with a musical talent who would like to volunteer some of their time can find out more about getting involved by

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