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Dear Neighbors,

The [Manresa Association](#) is continuing to work on behalf of area neighbors as plans progress with Manresa Wilds. We have regular communications with representatives from Manresa Wilds and City Hall leaders, as we focus on issues that will likely impact our neighborhoods.

Work is underway in the Northern Forest, which is Phase 1 of development on Manresa Island. Trees and brush have been cleared. Invasive species are being removed. Clean fill will be brought in to establish the base for a new roadway and trail network. The Northern Forest is expected to be completed and open to the community next year. The Manresa Wilds team has been very responsive when we've approached them with questions about the work being done, and they promised to keep us informed as things progress.

Manresa Wilds' District Application will be filed with Planning and Zoning in the next couple of weeks. (As you may know, that property is currently zoned for residential, which was granted to Argent Ventures, the previous owner of Manresa Island.) There are designated districts in Norwalk that dictate what can be done on a property. There is no existing district that covers the scope of what Manresa Wilds is planning, so a new district will need to be established. There will be subsequent applications for Manresa Wilds when more detailed plans are developed for the buildings and uses. It will entail a process of reviews and approvals for each of the applications.

The Manresa Association continues to work on issues that are of great concern to area neighbors. Manresa Wilds had addressed many of the matters we raised, and the changes are reflected in their [Concept Plan](#), which was presented in February. Yet traffic and parking remain among the top issues, and these are areas that we need to address with the City of Norwalk.

Manresa Association Board Members have had meetings with officials at Norwalk Planning and Zoning, as well as Traffic, Mobility, and Parking. The meetings have been productive, and we will continue the conversations. It is early for any proposed resolutions, but our concerns are very much on their radar. And, yes, we very-specifically have talked about Woodward Avenue and the nearby streets. We'll keep you informed.

Regards,

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