

## NSB prepped for asbestos removal

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CORNING — Asbestos removal will begin in early October at the former Northside Blodgett School.

Rocco Soda, director of real estate for Arbor Housing, said a fence was installed Thursday around the Northside Blodgett School property by crews and the asbestos removal is expected to take about six weeks to complete. Abatement is the removal process needed to contain and safely remove asbestos located within the former school building.

Once the asbestos is removed, Soda said

demolition of the 96,400-square-foot will begin.

“We expect the (demolition) to be done by the end of 2017,” Soda said.

In early 2018 lots will become available for sale at the site, Soda said. The approximate cost of a lot is \$30,000. There are 26 lots at the property.

Arbor plans to sell lots to developers, build market rate homes for sale, and/or sell lots to potential homeowners. For a larger home, an interested buyer/builder is able to purchase and develop adjacent lots.



**Crews install a fence around Northside Blodgett property as Asbestos removal work nears.**

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