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The former Project Turnabout building quietly awaits its fate last week. It has now been demolished to make way for the new Back River Townhomes. The three-story brick building had been occupied by Project Turnabout since 1974. (In 1974 the Federal Government declared the property surplus).

## Navy building bites the dust

In the weeks prior to the demolition of the Project Turnabout building The Hastings Companies, as part of their reconstruction of the Beal Street Little League Fields and the new entrance to Bare Cove Park, removed and trucked over 700 tons of buried asbestos from Bare Cove Park and trucked it to Pennsylvania.

A massive 150 foot by 100 foot former gymnasium foundation and basement was discovered buried under one of the fields and full of building debris. This foundation was also removed. The resulting excavated hole has been filled with clean compacted fill upon which The Hastings Companies will build a new parking lot for the Beal Street Little League Fields and Bare Cove Park.

The \$3 million cost for this work is being donated to the Town of Hingham by the Hastings Companies. All of the work should be completed by the summer of 2007.



The afternoon sun splashes light onto the corner of the former Naval Intelligence Officer's Quarters, which was razed last Thursday. Prior to its use by Project Turnabout the structure was utilized by the Navy for naval intelligence and as a headquarters building during WWI and WWII.