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Public Announcement: Upcoming Training Exercise and Demolition of Northern Nevada Children's Home Cottages

The State Public Works Division, in partnership with the Carson City Fire Department, announces the planned demolition of the Northern Nevada Children's Home cottages. This effort will take place starting May 28 – October 24. The live fire training exercises are scheduled from **September 7 through September 12**.

We understand that for many in our community, the Northern Nevada Children's Home is a site of personal and historical significance. These cottages have served as meaningful spaces for countless children and families over the decades. The decision to remove these structures was not made lightly and please know that this next step is being taken with careful planning and community benefit at heart. We are honored to invite you to the **Remembrance Gathering**, which will take place on **Wednesday**, **August 27**, **2025**, from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The event will be held outdoors, in front of the **Gym Museum**, and will serve as a heartfelt tribute to the countless lives that were positively impacted by the compassionate care and essential services provided by the **Northern Nevada Children's Home Cottages**. This meaningful gathering will include special dedications and shared reflections, celebrating the enduring legacy of hope, healing, and transformation that the Cottages have brought to so many individuals and families over the years

In collaboration with the **Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)**, we have ensured that **all emissions from the live fire exercises meet health and safety standards**. The air quality during this period will be monitored, and all necessary precautions have been taken to minimize environmental and public health impacts.

Importantly, this is more than a demolition—it is an opportunity to support and **strengthen our local emergency services**. Controlled burns provide an **unparalleled training environment** for firefighters and first responders, allowing them to practice real-life emergency scenarios in a safe, supervised manner. These exercises ultimately enhance our collective safety and preparedness as a community.

We invite residents to support our local fire and emergency teams as they participate in this vital hands-on training. This event reflects a commitment to both **public safety and responsible redevelopment**, and we are grateful for the understanding and support of our community as we move forward together.

Together, we honor the past while preparing for a safer, stronger future.

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