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Volunteers and tool donations welcome as Councilmember Ray Tretheway and residents prepare to rebuild Fort Natomas

Sacramento, California, October 29, 2008—In November, 1991, the Natomas community built Fort Natomas, a landmark playground like no other. When arson destroyed the playground in June, 2006, the community rallied and rebuilt the playground. In May, 2008, arson again destroyed the playground. As community members prepare to demonstrate their overwhelming sense of community by once again rebuilding the playground, Councilmember Tretheway invites residents to contribute to this worthy effort by volunteering their time or donating tools.

“Our community rallies once again to rebuild Fort Natomas,” said Councilmember Tretheway. “I invite you to join this effort that shows Natomas’ spirit. This new, one-of-a-kind playground will inspire a new generation of Sacramento’s children as they play.”

The rebuild of Fort Natomas will take place from **Tuesday, November 4th** through **Sunday, November 9th** at the playground’s new location, **South Natomas Community Park - 2921 Truxel Rd.**

Residents who wish to volunteer to rebuild the playground or want to donate tools are encouraged to visit **www.fortnatomas.org**. At the website, residents can volunteer for one or more shifts and find out how they can donate tools for the rebuild. As of this week, 3/8" corded drills and extension cords (with ground) are still needed. All donated tools are guaranteed to be returned in the same condition.

Volunteers will be provided free hot and cold beverages, snacks, and a healthy lunch and dinner. Childcare will also be available for children ages 1 through 10.

Fort Natomas Rebuild Schedule:

- **Thursday, October 30th, 8 a.m.:** Delivery of Plastic Composite Lumber (by Berco Redwood Supply)
- **Saturday, Nov. 1st, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.:** Augering Holes (PG&E)
Cutting of Primary Support Posts (Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522)
- **Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 1st – 2nd, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.:** Tool Drop-offs
- **Tuesday - Saturday, Nov. 4th – 8th, 8 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.:** Volunteers Build Playground
- **Sunday, Nov. 9th, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.:** Volunteers Continue to Build Playground
- **Sunday, Nov. 9th, 7 p.m.:** Live Music, Performances, Celebration of Volunteer Effort, and Viewing of Rebuilt Playground

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