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More of the base demolished

Building by building, the old El Toro base falls.

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Demolition continues at El Toro base. Gary Pierson, the Lennar Corp.'s director of demolition and construction, supplied the latest list of torn down, ripped apart and otherwise demolished structures and runways at the old base. Lennar is developing the land, coined "Heritage Fields," around the Great Park. Despite the May 12 ceremony showing off the beginning of runway demolition, work did not begin in earnest until the past few months once permits were obtained. Most of the rubble is being recycled, including concrete, asphalt, wood, windows, trees and other material.

Officer housing

550 structures demolished 4,600 tons of landscape debris 97,000 tons of concrete and asphalt 300 tons of lumber 27,000 tons of construction debris

Lennar's future Lifelong Learning District

12 buildings demolished 23 buildings have been cleaned out

Marine Way

24 buildings have been partially cleaned out

Runways

1,962,976 square feet of asphalt has been crushed and piled 622,171 square feet of concrete has been pre-crushed 14,742 cubic feet of concrete ammunition bunkers and jet blast walls have been demolished

Entire base

2,200,000 pounds of recycled material collected by Habitat for Humanity

'FOOTLOOSE' AT THE PARK

Singer Kenny Loggins, who rose to stardom in the '70s and '80s, will perform at the "Jewel of Orange County" fund-raising event May 18. Peggy Goldwater-Clay of the Great Park Conservancy said other performers are in the works, but she can't name them yet.

The fundraiser is the conservancy's second for the Great Park. The money raised will be used by the non-profit for community outreach and for studying botanical garden concepts for the Great Park.

MARCHIN' ON

The Great Park Corp. will stretch its legs in February – all meetings are cancelled.

The decision will likely make March a busy time around City Hall and the old El Toro base.

The switch started when new CEO Marty Bryant on Jan. 25 asked the corporation's board to cancel the Feb. 22 meeting. Bryant (who has now been on the job nine days) has been planning a vacation during that time and asked if the meeting could be cancelled.

But, a notice went out Monday stating that the Feb. 8 meeting is also cancelled.

The board will instead have three March meetings: 11 a.m. March 1, 1 p.m. March 8, and 1 p.m. March 22.

For more information on the Great Park project, visit www.ocregister.com/greatpark .

This column runs each week in the Irvine World News, updating readers on progress of the Great Park. Send tips, comments or questions to sosmith@ocregister.com.

