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An Informal Farewell to Shea

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Shea Stadium's official send-off was in September, but Mets fans who can't get enough of the building — currently being torn down to make way for a parking lot — are planning on meeting on [Saturday at noon outside what's left of the place](#).

According to one of the informal farewell's organizers, fans will meet on the north side of the demolition site near what used to be Gate A, in the parking lot closest to the marina. Fans plan to “share stories and take photographs of what is left of the ballpark.”

“This is not for a funeral,” the organizer said, “but a celebration.”

[There isn't a heck of a lot left to see](#). On Wednesday, there were just 12 upper deck sections with concrete on them. The others just had girders. The stands above Gates A and E were entirely gone, and Gates B and D were nearing the end, too.

Eric Okurowski, a 31-year-old M.B.A. student (and lifelong Met fan) from Babylon, N.Y., has one of the [best sites tracking Shea's demise](#). Tom Kaminski in Chopper 880 has also been taking some [great aerial shots](#).

Saturday's event is not endorsed by the team, which is not planning any ceremony when the final girders and bricks come down. Demolition crews need to clear debris so that a drainage system can be installed under what will eventually become a parking lot for 2,000 cars. The Mets are planning on marking the spot where home plate once was, though.

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