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Workers remove the Clemson House sign in July. The house will be imploded this weekend. KEN RUIINARD/INDEPENDENT MAIL

Clemson House implosion scheduled for weekend

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The slow demolition of Clemson House will come to an end this weekend, which is when the iconic building is scheduled for implosion.

At 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, small explosions set up throughout Clemson House's first, third and fifth floors will cause the building to collapse in less than a minute, said John Gouch, assistant director of media re-

lations at Clemson University. "I've been told less than 20 seconds, and then there's a dust cloud that will hang in the air for a few minutes," Gouch said, adding that the building has already been stripped of windows and other materials to eliminate dust and debris during the implosion.

There will be an "exclusion zone" set up around the building for safety, he said, which includes S.C. 93 on the south and southwest, Sherman Street on the west, Daniel Drive to the north and the Douthit Hills construction site

to the east. Those interested in seeing the implosion are encouraged to watch an online stream, which can be found at clemson.edu/tv and clemson.edu/webcams/business. Clemson's R7 and R8 parking lots off of Martin Street can provide good in-person vantage points as well, Gouch said.

The university will hold a public meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in the Bell-south Auditorium of the Madren

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Conference Center on campus to provide the community with information about the implosion, the university said in a news release.

Traffic will stop briefly during the implosion on S.C. 93 and Daniel Drive, but will resume within minutes of the implosion, Gouch said.

Parking within the exclusion zone will be prohibited after 4:30 p.m. Friday leading up to the implosion.

The space Clemson House occupies will be used for the university's new \$87 million College of Business development.

Clemson House, which was built in 1950 and used to house students, has been under a slow deconstruction for months.



Savana Jones, left, of Westminster, and Lucas White of Clemson watch workers from St. Clair Sign, Inc., in Taylors, remove the Clemson House sign in July. The house will be imploded this weekend. KEN RUINARD/INDEPENDENT MAIL

In July, its iconic neon sign was removed and placed in storage, and Gouch said the university

still has no official plans for it.

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