

MIDDLETOWN

Donations will go to police, veterans memorial park

A contribution from Comcast will help build a park organizers hope is finished next year.

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Middletown got two large financial contributions at Tuesday night's township supervisors meeting, one for police and the other to help with construction of a planned veterans memorial park next to the public works complex on Veterans Highway (Route 413).

Comcast Cable made a \$5,280 contribution toward the veterans memorial park, which organizers hope can be finished sometime next year. Woods Services, the nonprofit residential facility for the developmentally disabled, contributed \$35,000 to the Middletown police.

About 175 Comcast employees, their families and friends joined other volunteers in early May to landscape and do other work at the site of the veterans memorial park. It was part of many volunteer projects undertaken by company volunteers as part of Comcast Cares Day, and the financial contribution for the park was just an extension of that, said Brian Jeter, senior director of government affairs for Comcast in Bucks County.

"We're hoping these dollars help the park move forward," he said.

"Hopefully, this is the start of many donations by organizations, individuals and others," said Jim Peet, township director of licenses and inspections and member of the veterans memorial committee that is planning and raising money for the park.

Since 1998, Woods Services has donated \$325,000 to Middletown police. The organization makes the annual contribution in appreciation for services the police provide Woods Services and also to make up for the fact that, as a nonprofit, it pays hardly any property taxes to Middletown.

"We're committed to contributing at least this much [\$35,000] every year provided the economy continues to treat us at least as well as it's treating us now," said Woods Services president and chief executive officer Robert Griffith.