

MIDDLETOWN

Work to begin on veterans park

Volunteers will plant trees and remove invasive plants from the site of the Veterans Memorial Park among other things.

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The finished product is a year or more away, but that won't stop dozens of volunteers from getting started Saturday on the Veterans Memorial Park in Middletown.

A groundbreaking for the park, to be located adjacent to the township public works complex on Veterans Highway (Route 413), starts at 8 a.m. Saturday with a registration and breakfast. Volunteers from Comcast, the township and around the area will then start cleanup, landscaping and other work around 9 a.m.

This effort is part of the seventh annual Comcast Cares Day, a program involving more than 50,000 Comcast volunteers, said company spokesman Jeff Alexander.

Among those scheduled Saturday to make brief remarks are Phil Lorenzon, district chief of staff for Congressman Patrick Murphy, D-8; state Rep. Chris King, D-142; Bucks County Commissioners James Cawley and Diane Marseglia and various Middletown officials.

Volunteers will plant trees and remove invasive plants from wooded areas of the park, among other activities. Other projects include building birdhouses and other crafts, which will be donated to the Middletown Community Foundation for fundraising.

A plan for the 2-acre park includes a wall with several veterans-related plaques attached to it, a small covered bridge over a drainage ditch, a pavilion and areas for the American and other flags. An old World War II tank also will be brought over from the American Legion Post in Pennel.

A committee chaired by township resident and veteran James Remer is raising money for the park. He is hoping it can be completed by sometime next year.

For more information on Saturday's event or the veterans memorial park, call Remer at 215-547-3706.

Murphy represents Bucks County, some districts of Abington, Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland in Montgomery County and two wards in Philadelphia. King represents Langhorne, Langhorne Manor, Hulmeville, Pennel, most of Middletown and most of Lower Southampton.

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