

Newport Veterans Memorial Park project to be finished by month's end

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Contractors are nearing completion of work on the Newport Veterans Memorial Park and much of the construction could be done before the end of May, said Frank Campbell, president of the Newport Revitalization & Preservation Society.

"I'd say they're close to 70 percent done," Campbell said.

Workers were giving finishing touches to the roof on the new concession stand and rest room building on May 3, as work on the interior continued, too.

The park still needs concrete sidewalks and work to finish making the facility accessible for people with disabilities, Campbell said. New parking and additional walkways through the park also need to be completed.

In addition, the playground equipment needs repairs, Campbell said. It's in good condition, but there are some parts that need to be fixed or replaced.

Members of the Newport High School Environmental Club were expected to help plant a wildflower garden on the park's north side at the Susan Connell Nature Area.

For more information on park improvements or Newport revitalization efforts, visit NRPS's website www.nrps.pa.net.