

Open Space @ Speedwell Ground-breaking this Friday

The Town of Morristown is excited to announce the ground-breaking of a new park at the Speedwell Redevelopment area, less than six months after the initial plans were approved by the Town Council.

The ground-breaking for the **Open Space @ Speedwell** is scheduled for this Friday, April 9, at 11 AM. A rain date will be scheduled for early next week if necessary. The park will be located at the intersection of Prospect Street and the Laneway adjacent to Modera 55 off Early Street.

The new park will combine a contemporary design with visitor features such as an in-ground multi-person slide, large park chairs, benches, and tables, and a walkway through lush greenery. The park's anticipated completion is scheduled for August this year. The park's permanent name will also be unveiled this fall.

Construction hours for the **Open Space @ Speedwell** will take place from 7:30 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Trucks and equipment will be entering and exiting onto Prospect Street throughout this time. In an update from the Morristown Engineering Division, the public is not permitted on the property until the project is complete and the park is officially open to the public.



THE PARK AT SPEEDWELL RENDERED PLAN

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Improvements will include extensive site grading, drainage, irrigation, lighting and electric, walkways, plaza areas, miscellaneous site amenities, and detailed landscaping, including ornamental grasses, misc. perennials and bushes, and tree plantings.

In a statement, Mayor Dougherty and members of the Town Council praised the new park as the latest addition to the Town's catalog of landmarks, parks, and activities.

"Morristown's parks and activities are second to none," said Mayor Dougherty, joined by councilmembers Sandi Mayer, David Silva, Michael Elms, Tawanna Cotton, Robert Iannaccone, Toshiba Foster, and Council President Stefan Armington.

"Adding to our already spectacular parks system, the Open Space @ Speedwell will turn a sore, empty lot at one of our major intersections into a beautiful, welcoming community center for all Morristown residents to enjoy."

The Town received two bids for development of the new park and Ralph Checchio, Inc. was chosen as the lead contractor last October. Total cost of the development project is \$818,049.75, a cost shared by the developer and the Town.

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