

Berwick's new McIntosh Park opens Sunday

BERWICK — After about two years of planning, fundraising, and hard work, the McIntosh Park Committee will officially unveil its new gazebo with a Family Day at the park in Berwick.

The Family Day takes place this Sunday (June 27) from noon to 3 pm. The highlight of the day will be the official opening and ribbon-cutting for the gazebo, which now features two signs to recognize the more than 40 area families who have had trees planted to commemorate loved ones, as well as the businesses and organizations that helped make the park and gazebo a reality.

The opening ceremony will take place shortly after noon, and will feature representatives from groups and organizations involved in the development of the four-acre park. Following the opening, there will be a barbecue with hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages available, as well as ice cream and cake. The afternoon will include tree planting and games for the children, as well as folk, country, and bluegrass music from Rev and the Choir Boys. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

McIntosh Park Committee Chairman Floyd Dingwall said the early response has been positive.

“We’ve heard from a lot of families involved who say they plan to be here Sunday. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, because this will be a real opportunity to renew some acquaintances,” he said.

The construction of the gazebo will make the park better suited to picnics and other community events.

In addition to the Family Day, the park has already played host to a June wedding.

With new stone gates for the entrance, picnic tables, and a parking lot, volunteers behind the project hope the park will be a focal point for the community for years to come.