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New Skate Park in Berkeley Township!

Grand Opening June 10th

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP- Mayor Carmen Amato, Councilman Angelo Guadagno (Chairman of the Council's Recreation Committee), along with the Township Council and our Recreation Department, are pleased to invite the public to the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new skate park in Veterans Park, Bayville.

“As soon as the ramps were completed, we’ve had riders using the skate park daily,” Amato stated. The skate park will be a unique feature in Ocean County. Councilman Guadagno said, “We wanted a park that would attract a lot of people, and this park does just that. The new skate park will allow BMX riders, skateboarders, scooter riders and inline skaters to use it.”



The new skate park in Berkeley Township is located in Veterans Park at 489 Forest Hills Parkway. (Photos by Debbi Winogracki)

The park is designed in phases, with a beginner’s course on one side, intermediate in the middle, and an advanced course on the other side. This will allow beginners to learn how to fully use the



park. As people get better, they can use the other parts of the park, which allows for a great flow for the riders. In addition, they can go from one part to another, all in one run.

Guadagno believes the new skate park will attract a lot of professionals, which will attract more kids. “We wanted to build a park that not only replaced the old one, but was much better and allowed for multi-extreme

sport riders. I believe we have achieved that and more,” Guadagno added.

Councilman John Bacchione invites all residents to the official ribbon cutting of the new Skate Park on Saturday, June 10th from 11 am to 1 pm. Professional riders will be there to demonstrate their tricks and stunts, including BMX rider Garrett Byrnes and the number one scooter rider in the country, JonMarco Gaydos.

The event is free and open to the public.

American Ramp Company, a skater-owned company that has designed and built over 2,000 skate parks worldwide, was chosen to design the new skate park. The equipment is made from stainless steel and will have a warranty for 20 years. Amato said, “We were able to fund the park through unexpended funds in old bond ordinances. The cost for the park is \$266,500.” Security cameras and new lighting are also going to improve Veterans Park.

For more information, contact the Berkeley Township Recreation Department at 732-269-4456 or www.BTRec.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Berkeley-Township.