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Country star Kip Moore helps break in LPH skate park



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Cincinnati Recreation Commission employee Correy Brumfield has one eye on the rain-threatening sky and the other on his paint roller as he puts a new coat of paint on the surface of the Warsaw Federal Skate Spot in Lower Price Hill.

He is painting it in preparation for the park's grand opening Wednesday. It's not the first time he's painted the skate surface; nobody told the neighborhood kids the park wasn't open, so as soon as the paint was dry last time they put it to use.

The skate park is one part of a Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP), a 90-day collaborative effort among city departments, residents and community organizations with a goal of improving the quality of life. Targeted areas are identified through an analysis of building code violations, vacant buildings, disorder and drug calls, as well as incidences of graffiti, junk autos, litter and weeds.

Lower Price Hill was also the winner of the Cincinnati Reds' seventh annual Community Makeover. The neighborhood will receive a major renovation of the ballfields at Evans Playground. Other projects include the creation of a Community Matters community garden and green space, and the transformation of the former Espy Boys & Girls Club into the Santa Maria Community Center.

Country music star Kip Moore, whose nonprofit Kip's Kids Fund donated a bench shaped like a skateboard to the park. He will be present at the event Wednesdays. This new skate spot is accessible to skateboards, bicycles and scooters. It features a concrete pump track, various grind ledges and rails. This is the first skate spot in Cincinnati to have these unique features. The Grand Opening takes place at 2 p.m.

