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“Veterans Memorial Park Multipurpose Building”



The focal point of Veterans Memorial Park is nearing completion. The multipurpose building which houses the concessions, restrooms, locker rooms and offices for all activities at the park is slated to be finished by the first week of June.

Lisa Peters, the director for the Memorial AquaVenture Water Park, will soon be moving into her office in the concrete building. From there she will oversee everything from lifeguard schedules to chlorine levels.

“This building has more space because it will be used for nine months out of

the year. That’s why we have non slip resin floors in the areas that swimmers will use and concrete floors in the rooms that will be mainly used by players wearing cleats,” Peters said.

Peters’ office is in the middle of the “H” shaped building. Before getting into the water park swimmers will enter the doors in the middle of the building to access the restrooms and showers on each side. Also in the middle are three family restrooms and showers and some storage space. This section of the building will be only open during swimming hours. During football and soccer season, teams will access the locker rooms on both sides of the “H” from the north side of the building.

In the east part of the building making up the right hand side of the “H” are the men’s restrooms, large rooms with benches for changing, concessions area and office space.

The concessions area is in the southeast corner of the building allowing for easy access to the soccer/football field and baseball field. Swimmers will also be able to access the eight concessions windows as they walk from the north of the building.

Ten men’s bathroom stalls and ten urinals are available for swimmers’ use on the east side of the building.

A large changing room will be used by swimmers in the summer and soccer and football visiting team players in the fall and spring.

Room for storage, refrigerator, and freezer is also on the east end of the building. A large room with showers finishes out the northeast part of the building.

In the left or west side of the “H” shaped building are the women’s restrooms and showers. Also in this area is a large area with benches where people can change clothes and where the home football and soccer teams will use for team meetings.



Storage for poolside lounge chairs and the sails that provide shaded area for the pools along with 26 women’s bathroom stalls are in the west side of the building.

Large skylights illuminate the building so that less electrical lighting is needed during daylight hours.

Peters said that it is satisfying to see the building being completed and to see the colors and designs of the floor, paint, bathroom stall dividers that she and other City of Norfolk staff members had selected.

Staff also designed the stars and stripes imprinted in the walls on the outside of the building and chose the flag insignia and words “Freedom is not Free” on the side of the building.

“We’re looking forward to opening the water park and letting everyone see what a great facility this is,” said Peters.