Since August, volunteers rebuilding a long-unused fountain as a tribute to firefighters and police in the Glassport Honor Roll park have been running behind schedule.

That is because motorists and pedestrians on Monongahela Avenue, the borough's main thoroughfare, frequently stop to ask if they can lend a hand and to say "thank you" for the project.

The site, which will also consist of three benches and two monuments when completed this week, will honor all members of the Glassport Police Department, Citizen's Hose Company No. 1 and the former Reliance Hose Company No. 2.

It will be dedicated Saturday as part of a "Day of Remembrance" in honor of those who died in the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The daylong event at the Honor Roll will be hosted by the Glassport American Legion Post 443 in cooperation with the borough's Parks and Recreation Department and Police Department, and Citizen's Hose Company No. 1.

The commemoration will begin with a prayer and the ringing of local church bells at the exact times nine years ago that four commercial jet airliners, hijacked by al-Qaeda terrorists, crashed: 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m. and 10:03 a.m.

At 2 p.m. there will be refreshments and barbecue.

At 5 p.m., Post 443 will hold a service honoring those who died in the attacks, and those fighting the war against terrorism today.

At 6 p.m., the dedication will take place, including unveiling of the fountain, three black granite benches in honor of borough police and firefighters and two monuments dedicated to them.

Until then, fire Chief Wayne Lewis said he wants to keep the design a secret. They were designed by his wife, Belinda Lewis.

Activities will conclude at dusk with lighting of the fountain and a fireworks display.

The idea for the tribute came from Mr. Lewis.

"You don't often see a tribute to public safety," he said.

The 20 volunteers, most of whom are firefighters, pulled wires, dug ditches, laid bricks, cleaned the area and more.

Lee Zackaryasz of Glassport, who owns Leezack Electric, volunteered his electrical skills, while Buono Brothers Memorials of Dravosburg and the fire company donated the granite.

Buono Brothers also donated its etching services.

"I grew up in Liberty, and attended the South Allegheny School District," said Buono Brothers' owner Tanis Cochrane of Elizabeth Township.

"It is nice to be able to give back, especially to firefighters and police who give of themselves every day to keep us safe," she said.

The memorial costs $35,000, including donated items and services. About $15,000 was raised in cash by fundraisers.

To donate, send checks to Glassport's Volunteer Fire Dept. Fountain Fund, PO Box 126, Glassport 15045.