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The long winter delayed construction at the historic park in Downtown Newark, but Military Park is now reopened.

Renovations to the park include new lighting, tables and chairs, a reading nook and ping pong tables. The city also plans to host concerts, sporting events, and exercise classes in the park.

A restaurant is slated to open there next month. The eatery will serve burgers and fries as well as beer and wine.

The facelift was overseen by Dan Biederman, the developer behind the renovation of Bryant Park in Manhattan. In a conversation with WBGO, Biederman said he believes Military Park will be to Newark what Bryant Park is to New York.

The park will officially be rededicated next month.