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Rain postpones Healing Field opening

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HUNTINGTON — Persistent rain has postponed opening ceremonies for the Healing Field at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Kevin Brady, director of the Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation District, announced the decision Monday morning. It was to have started at 10 a.m.

Brady said organizers opted to delay the event due to comfort and safety concerns. He worried a wet conditions could cause someone to slip and fall.

The Healing Field consists of more than 2,000 U.S. flags on display at Spring Hill Cemetery. It will continue through Sept. 11. Organizers hope the display helps the community reflect on the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and to raise money for a local bell tower planned for the gravesite of local 9/11 victim Dr. Paul Ambrose.

Those who purchase a flag can pick up the flags at the cemetery from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12.

Flags that aren't picked up can be used again for other community events, including future Healing Fields.