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Knoxville City Mayor Madeline Rogero and other dignitaries cut the ribbon marking the re-opening of the newly renovated Performance Lawn at World's Fair Park. The lawn was opened for Thursday's Festival on the Fourth (for more photos, be sure to see our Facebook page).

Ceremony marks the re-opening of World's Fair Park Performance Lawn

By Nate Lee

The City of Knoxville hosted an event celebrating Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the renovation of the Performance Lawn at World's Fair Park.

The event is a week-long celebration that includes the performances planned for Knoxville's annual Festival on the Fourth and Independence Day.

After the July 1 festivities, the park closed and Mayor's City Mayor Madeline Rogero cut the ribbon to officially re-open the lawn. The renovation project was a $2.8 million effort to update water and electric systems and...

Rogero and other major Knox Government officials were present on the hot afternoon ceremony along with representatives from the Public Building Authority, the Knox Space Center Office and the various contractors and workers on the project.

Rogero said the renovation project was a collaborative effort between the City of Knoxville and the Public Building Authority.

"Last year, [the PBA] began [some] [illegible] and they were looking for a place to have their [illegible] and we were looking for a place to have the Festival on the Fourth. When the festival [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]