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## City to formally reopen park in Brighton Center after \$850k in upgrades

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A ribbon-cutting will be held Thursday to mark the official reopening of a park in Brighton Center that recently underwent \$850,000 in improvements, city parks officials said.

The triangle-shaped city park between Chestnut Hill Avenue and Academy Hill Road, formerly known as Brighton Park or Brighton Square, was recently renamed Brighton Common after the city completed a [project to transform](#) the grassy area and basketball court into a venue for outdoor community shows and other events.

Work included building a permanent outdoor stage covered with a permeable awning for community gatherings and performances. The pergola replaced an old basketball court on a section of the park abutting a city senior center.

A plaza was also installed and includes a seating area, pathways, trees and garden furnishings, officials said.

The plaza area has been named for the late Mary Talty, a local resident, teacher, and longtime member of the Brighton-Allston Improvement Association.

The project's \$139,175 design was funded by the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund and the Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust, the city said. The construction budget was funded by \$660,000 from the mayor's Capital Improvement Program and \$50,000 from Fund for Parks and Recreation.

The Halvorson Design Partnership designed the plans and Tasco Construction, Inc. was the project contractor.

Thursday's ceremony is set to start at 3 p.m.

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