

Unveiling of the New Brewer Fountain Plaza and Parkland

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The most heavily travelled corner of the Common—the Brewer Fountain Plaza and Parkland by the Park Street Station—has just gotten its first facelift in a series of planned renovations.

The first phase was unveiled today and features expanded green space, new granite paving, benches, trees, turf, irrigation, and path repaving. Even better are the movable cafe tables and chairs, umbrellas, food truck, and portable lunch-time piano that accompany a brand new outdoor “reading room” with chess and checkers. The Brewer Fountain Plaza is set to become the spot to read, relax, and eat on the common.



The opening ceremony featured a speech by Mayor Menino followed by a time capsule procession. Greg Selkoe, CEO of Karmaloop and founder of Future Boston Alliance, and his wife Dina Selkoe, Creative Director of Karmaloop, added some interest to an otherwise typical time capsule. As people before them put in official pens and blueprints of the Common, the Selkoe's donation was much more representative of the Boston Common I, and countless other Bostonians, have come to know and love: Tickets from the AMC Loews on Tremont and an empty lemonade cup from the stand that sits next to the arepa cart at the bottom of what is sometimes referred to as "the chill hill."



The first series of renovations cost about \$2 million, and \$1.2 million still needs to be raised for Phase II. Those interested in learning more about the Renewal of the Brewer Fountain Plaza and Parkland project are encouraged to contact Mary Halpin at the Friends at mary@friendsofthepublicgarden.org or call 857-239-8937.

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