



TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD FORT SEWALL

We are pleased to report that Fort Sewall is opening on Saturday June 5th!

Although the project is not complete and there is still much left to do, enough will have been completed to allow access once again.

Thank you all for your patience!

The grand reopening and celebration will be in 2022 to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Fort being given back to the town by the Federal Government.

The Fort Sewall project is funded by grants, donations and Marblehead taxpayers. When completed the hope is to increase visitor awareness of the fort's presence on the site and generate deeper appreciation for its historic significance.

WHAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED?

- The fort renovation including interior masonry, lighting, raising the stone dust floor in redoubt and new doors grates and masonry work on the magazines
- The restroom building has been totally renovated including new roof, repointing, painting and new facilities
- The pathways have been regraded and paved and are now accessible
- New granite stairways and handrails have been installed
- New retaining walls have been installed
- Curbing along the upper pathway has been installed to separate the pathway from the bank
- The erosion of the northeast bank has been repaired and vegetation reestablished
- A new lower accessible path/ramp has been installed
- Benches have been resized, reset and refurbished
- Five of the seven trees have been planted - black tupelo and white oak selected for their tolerance to site conditions
- Native plantings above redoubt and new retaining wall to stabilize slopes
- A new 40' flag pole with solar lighting in the original location
- New light posts installed
- Ground penetrating radar was used to determine original gun positions
- Installation of stone dust gun platform to replicate the original emplacement with granite cannon barrels for 6#, 18# and 24# pieces and details etched in the granite
- Installation of new bollard at entrance to replace the swinging gate
- Installation of sod and hydro seed

WHAT IS LEFT TO DO DONE?

- The installation of a real replica cannon to be installed next spring
- Installation of accessible binocular on upper rampart

- Planting of two additional trees to replace the memorial trees
- Completion of stone dust plaza in front of the restroom building
- Two benches outside of restroom building constructed from the iconic tree that was removed after damage from microburst
- Furnishing the inside of the redoubt
- Remove snow fencing after grass has been established
- Development (ongoing) and Implementation (Summer of 2022) of the Summer Fort Ranger program
- Fabrication and installation Plaque acknowledging donors
- Installation of security cameras and signage
- Two signs designed, fabricated and installed on the rest room building exterior wall with fort historical timeline and other information and a slice of the iconic tree that was taken own due to damage in microburst
- Replacement of any new vegetation that does not survive
- New trash barrel
- New bicycle racks installed

Welcome back! Please enjoy and until the grass is established, please stay off of the grass and please keep dogs on a leash and off of the grass.

Thank You