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**By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent**

**A new bubbler at Artesani Park in Brighton dispenses water year-round at three different heights: one for adults, one for children and one for pets.**

The bubbler, which most out-of-towners would know as a drinking fountain, was installed through a partnership between the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation and Brighton-based athletic apparel company New Balance, according to a press release.

Officials from the state and the sneaker maker formally unveiled the bubbler during a ceremony earlier this month.

New Balance paid for that new fountain and others that will be installed at the state conservation department-run Jackson Square Playground along the Southwest Corridor, Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester and the Hatch Memorial Shell along the Charles River Esplanade, where a wall unit will be replaced, officials said.

Over the past four years, DCR and New Balance have built a strong partnership, including over wintertime efforts to remove snow and ice on pathways along the Charles River.

Donations from New Balance go into the department's Conservation Trust and are used to support equipment purchases, staff time and other expenditures necessary for park operation. Several joint events are planned throughout the year to showcase the partnership, including gatherings that offer information on DCR properties and programs, product giveaways, and free coffee from area coffee shops, officials said.

“DCR’s partnership with New Balance is a great one, as our missions often overlap,” said a statement from state conservation department commissioner Edward M. Lambert, who attended the recent ceremony along with New Balance CEO and President Rob DeMartini, State Representative Kevin Honan, Richard Johnson of The Sports Museum, Charles River Conservancy president and CEO Renata von Tscharnher and comedian Jimmy Tingle.

“Park users may also be New Balance customers, and we are all dedicated to providing Commonwealth citizens with quality properties and facilities to suit all their recreational needs,” Lambert’ statement said.

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