



## A Decade of The Restored Burnham Building: Milestones & Highlights

*In fall 2014, MP Boston reopened the Burnham Building (10 Summer Street) following a major multi-year renovation. The following highlights encapsulate the storied history of what is arguably Downtown's most iconic retail complex.*

**1912:** 10 Summer Street debuts. The stunning 8-floor, 300,000 square-foot-Beaux Arts building, the home of Boston's fabled [Filene's department store](#), is the vision of legendary Chicago architect [Daniel Burnham](#).

**1912-2007:** The flagship Filene's location operates out of 10 Summer Street, becoming synonymous with Boston and its Downtown retail landscape.

**2007-2012:** In the wake of Filene's closure, 10 Summer Street stands dormant and unoccupied.

**2012-2014:** MP Boston [undertakes the dramatic and transformative renovation of the Burnham Building](#), in tandem with its adjacent project, the construction of the new Millennium Tower (1 Franklin Street). As the [Boston Preservation Alliance notes](#):

*With a bold plan for restoration, preservation, and a soaring new tower, Millennium Partners took over the site, 100 years after Burnham's building was originally constructed. A team was commissioned to stabilize the structure, replicate the original details, convert the upper floors to office space, bring the building to contemporary code standards, and design new elements as needed. Everything at the ground level—from ironwork marquees to stone-clad piers—is new and required extensive research to recreate much of Burnham's original 1912 design. The Millennium team not only preserved a significant building but also reinvigorated Downtown Crossing, launching the neighborhood's current resurgence.*

**September 2014:** Havas/Arnold Worldwide kicks-off the Burnham Building's reactivation by moving its 700 employees into a 112,000 square-foot space upper-level office space.

**April 2015:** Attesting to Downtown's growing residential population and ongoing revitalization, [a 25,000 square-foot Roche Bros. supermarket debuts at the Burnham Building](#)—the neighborhood's first-ever supermarket. It includes a first-floor cafeteria/dine-in restaurant space, direct access from the Downtown Crossing subway concourse, and other amenities.

**September 2015:** Primark, a Dublin-based department store chain, [makes its American debut at the Burnham Building](#). The store, occupying 77,000 square-feet spread across four floors, marks the return of an apparel retailer to the Burnham Building—the first time in eight years.

**May 2017:** The Burnham Building hosts a large public gathering to commemorate [the rededication of the building's plaque marking the original location of Downtown's Trinity Church](#). The plaque is one of a number of historic exhibits displayed at the Burnham Building, celebrating the site's rich past.

*Today, the Burnham Building continues to serve as one of Downtown's most vital destinations—a hub for commerce, fashion, and civic gatherings and celebrations. Its patio seating makes for an attractive outdoor amenity during the warmer months, while its cherished architecture serves as an inspiration to all.*