PARK DONATION & MEMORIALS PROGRAM

Donation & Memorial Opportunities

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District values the widespread public support it enjoys from citizens who donate gifts to enhance District parks, facilities, open-space, and trails. Recognizing the need for continued community support, we gratefully accept donations of gifts and memorials through the Park Donation & Memorials Program.

Traditional Donation & Memorial Choices

The Park District offers several traditional donation and memorial options that provide a way to honor a donor’s wishes as well as enhance a visitor’s park experience. An attractive park bench or a variety of native trees are available to choose from when selecting traditional gifts or memorials through the Park District.

Park Benches

Park benches are a very popular type of donation offered through this program. The bench material is composed of a galvanized metal base with wooden seat and backrest. Its six foot long design is very sustainable and locally constructed by our parks staff.

- Standard park bench.......................... $1500
- Bench with 3’x5” custom inscribed plaque ...........$1850

Park Trees & Plantings

You can help enhance the natural beauty of Bainbridge Island’s parks and open spaces. Many of the trees and plants throughout our expansive park system were donated as a memorial for a loved one or as a way to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary, birth, wedding or graduation.

- Trees and plantings must be native.
- Costs vary depending upon the selection of species and size, but are typically $400.
- Cost includes purchase, installation and one year of maintenance (cannot guarantee long term survival).
- Planting season begins in fall and lasts through late winter.
- Plaques and markers are not provided for trees and plantings.
- Location of plantings and donor/honored names are not formally recorded.

Optional Donation & Memorial Choices

In addition to the above traditional memorials, the Park District is also willing to consider donor special requests for gifts or memorials. Donors would consult with Park Services staff to determine how the gift would fulfill not only donor and memorial considerations but also provide benefit to District parks. Examples of these might include specific park features such as drinking fountains, play equipment, or shelters. A review process is required to ensure that any special requests for memorials are sensitive to several issues, including:

- Park plans and design standards
- Community needs
- Sustainability, including maintenance costs

For More Information

For more information about this program please see below for contact information. If you wish to donate a gift or memorial for use in a District park, facility, open space or trail, please request a “Park Donation & Memorials Application” form. Following review of the application, Park Services staff will contact donors to further discuss their memorial requests.

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