

Etch your name in history

McEuen Park Donor Wall to include feature donor names

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City parks supporters this week put up a huge banner near Seventh Street and Front Avenue publicizing the much-anticipated Donor Wall at the park. The wall will provide the opportunity for citizens to make a permanent mark on the park, while supporting citywide parks endeavors.

The Panhandle Parks Foundation has made the initial payment of \$25,000 to the city of Coeur d'Alene to construct the wall, with an additional \$17,000 promised as donations are received. The granite donor wall will be centrally placed at the western end of the park near the Fourth Street entrance to McEuen Park.

For a donation of \$500 per line you can have your family name, business or a loved one's name engraved in one of six granite plaques. There are only 380 lines available and many have already been sold.

"If citizens are looking for a way to permanently recognize their family or enhance their company image, the donor wall is a perfect way to show support of our parks and help build community pride in our new park," Panhandle Parks Foundation Executive Director Kim Stearns.

Meanwhile, project coordinators announced this week they are adding a new historical perspective to the Donor Wall. The foundation is working with the Museum of North Idaho to include historical local photos from the late 1800s on the wall bearing the names of donors.

Residents can support this cause through donations and have their names placed alongside the historical photos.

Donations received will be used for maintenance and amenities for all Coeur d'Alene Parks and help to secure property for future parks, open space and recreational facilities, Stearns said.

For information on how to be part of this exciting project contact Stearns at 208.818.6922, or email her at kim@panhandleparksfoundation.org.