



Capitola Wharf Memorial Plaque FAQs

The City of Capitola Memorial Plaque program has served as a cherished means for friends and family to honor and remember their loved ones. Unfortunately, recent storms have caused some plaques and benches on the Capitola Wharf to be lost or damaged.

In preparation for the [Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project](#), currently under construction, all plaques were inventoried and photographed to ensure accurate documentation. Those that were lost will be replaced, and family members are encouraged to [provide updated contact information](#).

For specific inquiries, please email us at capitolaDPW@ci.capitola.ca.us. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work towards restoring the memorial plaques on the Capitola Wharf.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why wasn't I contacted directly?

- Due to the significant number of plaques and limited information on many of them, direct contact was impractical. However, the City has been updating its website with relevant information. Updated contact information can be provided here <https://www.cityofcapitola.org/cityadministration/webform/plaque-inquiry-survey>

2. Why was I not informed earlier?

- Accessibility issues on the damage Wharf hindered early assessment of plaque inventory. As reconstruction progressed, we compared recorded inventory to assess losses.

3. Is my plaque still on the Wharf?

- Some plaques were lost or damaged during the 2023 winter storms. A photographic inventory was taken before the storms, allowing identification of lost plaques. For specific inquiries, please email us at capitolaDPW@ci.capitola.ca.us

4. I think my plaque was lost, will it be replaced?

- Yes, any lost or damaged plaques will be replaced at no charge. Replacement plaques will display the same wording as the lost ones, but will be crafted in the current standard format, see below.



5. Will my plaque be put back in the same place?

- Due to the Wharf reconstruction, all railings are being replaced, necessitating the removal and remounting of plaques. While efforts will be made to maintain original locations, slight adjustments may occur due to changes in the Wharf's geometry.

6. Is there any room for new plaques on the rebuilt Wharf?

- No, the plaque program on the Wharf was ended in advance of the project and no new plaques will be added.