
**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
BOARD REPORT**

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: BRAD MERKEL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION: HONORARY STREET SIGN FOR JANET WALLACE
AGENDA: FEBRUARY 18, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2025

ISSUE

Should the Village Board approve an Honorary Street Sign for Janet Wallace.

DISCUSSION

The Village Board approved an Ordinance creating an Honorary Street Sign Program at the September 5, 2023, Board Meeting. Staff received an application on behalf of Janet Wallace to place an Honorary Street sign on Main Street signed by Trustee Michael Schomas. Staff recommend approving the request.

I have attached a copy of the application and rendering for approval.

COST

The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$240. This Program is included in account 01-53-6610 Traffic Control Supplies.

RECOMMENDATION

The Village Board approves the Honorary Street Sign for Janet Wallace.



RESOLUTION NO. 20250218PW2

VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION HONORARY STREET SIGN FOR JANET WALLACE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Sugar Grove Board of Trustees find that it is in the best interest of the Village to approve the installation of a Honorary Street Sign for Janet Wallace on Main Street;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, as follows:

That it is in the best interests of the Village of Sugar Grove to install an Honorary Street Sign for Janet Wallace on Main Street. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village and to take such further actions as are necessary to fulfill the terms of said agreement.

Passed by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 18th day of February 2025.

Jennifer Konen, President of the Board
of Trustees of the Village of Sugar Grove,
Kane County, Illinois

ATTEST: _____
Tracey Conti, Village Clerk
Village of Sugar Grove

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Trustee Matthew Bonnie	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Sean Herron	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Heidi Lendi	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Sean Michels	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Michael Schomas	_____	_____	_____	_____
Trustee James F. White	_____	_____	_____	_____
President Jennifer Konen	_____	_____	_____	_____



HONORARY STREET NAME APPLICATION

Upon receipt of application, information will be reviewed and recommendation for Village Board consideration.

APPLICANT NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	DATE
Samantha Walter	5435 Avalon Lane Lake in the Hills IL 60156	scw3289@gmail.com	2/25/24
BEST TELEPHONE NUMBER TO REACH YOU AT	PROPOSED HONORARY STREET NAME		
(630)802-6423	Janet Wallace Way		
CURRENT STREET NAME & LOCATION OF REQUESTED HONORARY SIGNAGE			
Wherever the village deems appropriate			
PLEASE PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE HONORARY STREET SIGN IS WARRANTED, INCLUDING WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS, SERVICE OR BENEFIT THE PROPOSED HONOREE HAS MADE TO THE COMMUNITY.			
<p>My mother, Janet Wallace, was an amazing woman who spread inspiration, kindness, and compassion throughout the community of Sugar Grove. After over 15 years of teaching art classes out of her home, Janet was well known in the community for her artistic talent. Having six girls that attended schools in the Kaneland district, she donated countless hours of her time to ensuring art was present within the schools. For example, Janet painted intricate holiday and seasonal murals on the windows of John Shields Elementary school. These beautiful murals included fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas themed windows. She also volunteered to face paint for Halloween, as well as at holiday parties for arts and crafts. Janet also gave an assembly at John Shields, reading many of her various poems to the students. She painted several large boards to describe her poems about nature. She also took the time to handmade a tree costume with a hat full of leaves to pull the theme together. Janet also donated several art baskets each year for charities, fund rasiers, and other various events, such as the daddy daughter dance at John Shields. Not only did Janet give countless hours of her time to the school, but she also volunteered much of her time to the church. For example, she painted a large rain barrel with detailed sunflowers, trees, and children for St. Patrick's Catholic church. Along with painting the entire backdrop for the Spring play, Janet taught CCD classes every week for many years. She was very well known and loved within the CATHolic church. Lastly, Janet gave free art classes every year to any students who brought canned goods to donate to the local food pantry in the month of November. She made a special trip to these local food pantries to donate the items she collected from her classes. In In conclusion, Janet Wallace devoted her life to her husband and six daughters who adored her.</p>			

Although she put her family first, she was able to give so much back to the community. She instilled confidence in both children and adults through her art classes. Although Janet is no longer physically with us, her talent, kindness and generosity had a positive ripple effect in the community. This ripple effect has ultimately made Sugar Grove a more compassionate, kind, and beautiful place.

SPONSORING BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE

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Please submit all of the following materials with the application to:
Village of Sugar Grove 160 Municipal Dr · Sugar Grove IL 60554

Completed Petition

Signature

Signature of Board member

A statement about the qualifications of the individual to be honored

A petition must be signed by not less than 51 percent of the owners abutting the street proposed for honorary street name stating the property owner's support for the proposed honorary street name. Further guidelines attached.

I, the undersigned, support the designation of an honorary street name for

(Honoree)

at

(Current Street Name/Cross-street or block number location)

NAME ADDRESS

- D. The proposed honorary street name shall not duplicate any existing name or be similar either phonetically or in spelling to any other honorary or actual street name.
- E. An honorary street name shall be applied throughout the entire length of the subject street, except where impractical and in such instance shall be applied to the section of a street designated in the Village Board resolution approving the honorary street name.
- F. A designation of an honorary street name shall be limited not to exceed five (5) years. An application for the extension of the time period for a designation of an honorary street name shall be filed and processed pursuant to the same procedures and standards provided for an original designation in this chapter. At the end of the time period of the designation of an honorary street name, the village will remove the honorary street sign and make it available to the applicant.
- G. Honorary street name signs will be distinctive in size and color from the official street name sign and will be installed below the official street name sign. The applicant will be responsible for the cost of the materials and installation of the honorary street sign.