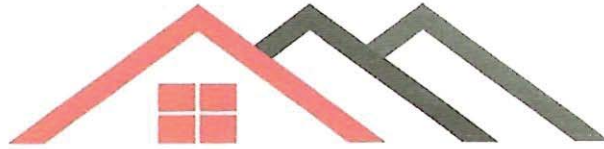


# LETTERS OF SUPPORT



## Heritage Heights NID #5

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December 16, 2025

Citizens Advisory Committee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells, Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Subject: Support for Renaming N. 111th Street in Honor of Ms. Shirley Smith

Dear Advisory Committee,

I am writing in my role as President of Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) No. 5, but also as a neighbor who was personally impacted by Ms. Shirley Smith and her unwavering love for our community.

Ms. Smith's recent passing has been deeply felt throughout our neighborhood. She was not only a tireless advocate for improvement, safety, and beautification, but also a constant, caring presence who truly believed in the people who lived here. She gave generously of her time and energy, always with the goal of making our neighborhood a better place for everyone.

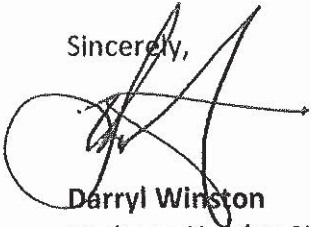
Through her leadership, Ms. Smith helped shape the character of our community. She championed projects that enhanced the appearance and value of our neighborhood, encouraged neighbors to take pride in their surroundings, and worked diligently to bring people together. Whether through community gatherings, new green spaces, or simple conversations that built trust and understanding, she created a sense of connection that continues to define Heritage Heights today.

Renaming N. 111th Street, between W. Greentree Road and W. Daphine Street, in Ms. Shirley Smith's honor would be a meaningful way to recognize the lasting imprint she left on our neighborhood. It would serve as a daily reminder of her kindness, leadership, and belief that one person can make a real difference.

On behalf of the NID No. 5 Board of Directors and the many residents whose lives were touched by Ms. Smith, I respectfully ask for your support of this renaming initiative. It is a fitting tribute to a woman whose dedication and heart helped strengthen our Heritage Heights neighborhood and the City of Milwaukee.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request and for your continued service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darryl Winston', written over a circular stamp or mark.

**Darryl Winston**  
**Heritage Heights NID #5 - President**

**Subject: Request to Rename 111th St to Shirley Smith Blvd**

Dear Citizen Advisory Committee,

We are writing to respectfully request that 111th St, between Green Tree and Daphne Streets, in Milwaukee be renamed Shirley Smith Blvd in honor of our beloved neighbor, Shirley Smith. This change would not only recognize Shirley Smith's remarkable contributions to our community but also serve as a lasting tribute to a legacy that has inspired countless residents of Heritage Heights.

Shirley Smith has been a pillar of our neighborhood, embodying kindness, perseverance, and a commitment to making our subdivision a better place for everyone. Together with her late husband, Shirley Smith dedicated years to looking after and helping neighbors, whether in times of need or simply out of generosity. As the self-appointed Heritage Heights neighborhood watch leader, Shirley Smith worked tirelessly to keep our area safe, and neighbors informed. She also beautified the entrance to Heritage Heights with plants and holiday decorations, creating a welcoming atmosphere for all. Most importantly, Shirley Smith fostered a spirit of unity among residents. Her passing has already left a profound void in our community, and we wish to pay our utmost respect to this irreplaceable woman.

Shirley Smith not only cared for her neighbors and friends but also extended compassion to those less fortunate through volunteer work at food pantries, advocacy and support for local causes, and unwavering support for students, families and businesses in Milwaukee. Her efforts have truly left an indelible mark on our city as well.

Renaming 111th St to Shirley Smith Blvd would be a fitting acknowledgment of these achievements. It would remind future generations of the values Shirley Smith embodied—kindness, perseverance, and a commitment to making our city a better place for everyone.

We urge you to consider this request and take the necessary steps to honor Shirley Smith in this meaningful way. Thank you for your attention.

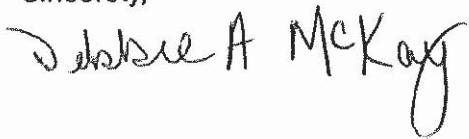
Sincerely,  
Kevin and Jill Neale  
11039 W. Daphne Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
414-358-8706

December 18, 2025

To the Citizens Advisory Committee,

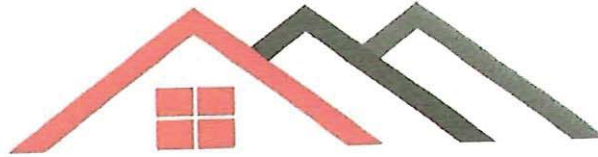
This letter wholeheartedly endorses naming our street after Shirley, celebrating her profound impact and selfless nature that revitalized our community with warmth and kindness. Her unwavering commitment to nurturing a spirit of neighborly love and compassion inspired countless acts of kindness, turning Heritage Heights, our subdivision, into a vibrant tapestry of mutual support and understanding. Shirley's boundless generosity and dedication to serving others, whether collecting neighbors' mail, receiving packages, or offering a helping hand, exemplified the transformative power of empathy and kindness. By renaming N. 111th street (between Daphne & Greentree) to Shirley Smith Blvd., a street that only extends one block, this tribute would be a fitting testament to her enduring spirit and the positive change she inspired.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie A McKay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "y" at the end.

Debbie McKay,

NID Board Member & Resident



## Heritage Heights NID #5

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200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Support for renaming North 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Honor of Mrs. Shirley A. Smith

Dear Advisory Committee:

My name is Eva Roberson, and I serve as Secretary Trustee for both the Heritage Heights NID#5 and the Granville Heritage Neighborhood Association (GHNA). I am writing this letter in support of the late Shirley A. Smith. I currently live at 11016 W. Daphne Street. Shirley was my direct neighbor and best friend.

Shirley served as the President of the GHNA, and she sat on the NID#5 Board, along with the Board of Directors for all our meetings. Additionally, she served as the Architectural Review Board Chairperson. She was instrumental in helping to enforce the bylaws, rules, regulations, and guidelines that are required for the Heritage Heights Neighborhood to maintain its natural integrity.

Shirley rode through the subdivision every day to make sure that people's properties were intact and to ensure protocols were being followed properly. She also took it upon herself that if she found something wrong, she would address the problem. Whether it was packages or debris, she would inform the residents. She decorated the front entrance on various holidays, including Halloween. She even provided candy for the trick or treaters from her truck on the chilly days. She helped to beautify Heritage Heights by maintaining one of the best yards in the neighborhood. She ALWAYS practiced what she preached.

Shirley and her husband bought their home, which is located at 11028 W. Daphne Street, well over 20 years ago. Now that both have passed away, they have left their legacy to their children to help the neighborhood to maintain its integrity.

It is my prayer that you make the decision to rename 111<sup>th</sup> Street in honor of our fallen comrade. It will be a great honor for all the residents that she selflessly served for so many years.

Thank you for your time!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eva M. Roberson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Eva M. Roberson

December 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee,

I am writing as a resident of the Heritage Subdivision of Milwaukee to respectfully request consideration for an honorary street designation for **North 111th Street between Green Tree Road and Daphne Street** in recognition of the late **Mrs. Shirley A. Smith**.

Mrs. Smith was a longtime resident of the Heritage Subdivision and a deeply respected neighborhood leader whose contributions left a lasting impact on our community. She served with distinction as a goodwill ambassador for the neighborhood and as Chair of **Heritage Heights NID #5**, where she demonstrated unwavering dedication to community improvement, resident engagement, and neighborhood pride.

Through her leadership, advocacy, and compassionate spirit, Mrs. Smith helped strengthen the sense of unity and civic responsibility within Heritage Subdivision. Her legacy continues to inspire residents who benefited from her service and commitment to making our neighborhood a welcoming and thriving place, for all.

An honorary street name designation would serve as a meaningful and lasting tribute to Mrs. Smith's contributions and would ensure that her legacy of service and leadership is recognized for generations to come.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to the City of Milwaukee. I appreciate the opportunity to submit this request and would be happy to provide any additional information if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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P. Thomas Thadison III  
Resident, Heritage Subdivision  
11010 W. Heritage Drive  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224

Citizens' Advisory Committee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Advisory Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of changing the name of N. 111<sup>th</sup> St to honor Ms. Shirley Smith of the Heritage Heights neighborhood. My name is Nicole Waldner and I live at 11127 W. Daphne St. I have been part of the neighborhood for 22 years. Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Shirley Smith have been the cornerstone of our neighborhood. Everyone knew them and could rely on them. Ms. Shirley planned all neighborhood events and was the one person you could go to, to find out what was happening. From the retention pond in the back of our neighborhood to the group home a couple of streets away, she knew it all.

She volunteered tirelessly at her church and on her way home she drove through the neighborhood checking everyone's property. She called me numerous times to let me know my dog was out or that there was a stranger in my driveway. I work for the Milwaukee Police Department and often joked I was her personal officer. If she saw something that wasn't right she notified me so that I could address the problem through the police. She also would notify our other neighbors to be vigilant.

Ms. Shirley passed out flowers to the moms of the neighborhood on Mother's Day and sent a thank you card to a District 4 officer that investigated and caught the man who had been attempting to break into our cars for months. She thought of everyone else before herself.

I tell anyone I can that I get to live on a street, in a Milwaukee neighborhood, in a community that people wish for. Daphne

Street is special and that is in direct correlation to how amazing Ms. Shirley was at keeping us together. Please grant our request to rename N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street to honor Ms. Shirley Smith.

Sincerely,

Nicole J. Waldner

Dear Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong and heartfelt support for naming a street in the City of Milwaukee in honor of **Shirley Smith**, a remarkable neighbor and community leader whose dedication to our neighborhood spanned decades.

I first met Shirley in April of 2017 when I purchased my home. From the very beginning, she made it her mission to ensure my family felt supported and cared for. Upon learning that my household consisted of five children, Shirley—who oversaw her church’s food pantry—began delivering food to our home on a weekly basis. She continued doing so faithfully up until her passing. This generosity was not a one-time gesture, but a reflection of who she was and how deeply she cared for the people in her community.

Shirley worked tirelessly on behalf of our neighborhood. She was the president of our neighborhood’s nonprofit association, organized our annual neighborhood picnic, and remained actively involved in countless efforts to strengthen and connect residents. She quite literally drove through the neighborhood several times a day to ensure everyone’s safety, checking in on neighbors and maintaining a visible, reassuring presence.

For decades, Shirley dedicated her time, energy, and compassion to this community. Her service was constant, selfless, and motivated by a genuine love for her neighbors. Many families, including mine, benefited directly from her leadership, vigilance, and kindness. Her impact cannot be overstated, and her absence is felt every day.

Naming a street in Shirley Smith’s honor would be a fitting and lasting tribute to a woman who gave so much of herself to this neighborhood and to the City of Milwaukee. It would serve as a permanent reminder of the values she embodied—service, generosity, and an unwavering commitment to community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I respectfully urge you to support this honorary street naming in recognition of Shirley Smith’s extraordinary life and legacy.

Sincerely,

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Tiffany Finkley  
11004 W. Daphne Street  
Milwaukee, WI

Citizens Advisory Committee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

January 5, 2025

Subject: Support for Renaming N. 113th Street in Honor of Ms. Shirley Smith

I am writing to express my strong support for naming N. 113th Street in Honor of Ms. Shirley Smith, in recognition of her years of dedicated service and meaningful contributions to our community. I feel strongly that this recognition would reflect the lasting impact she had on our community and the many ways she cared for the neighbors.

As President of the Neighborhood Association, Shirley worked tirelessly to improve both the appearance and the spirit of our subdivision. One of her most visible accomplishments was leading efforts to beautify the entrance of the neighborhood, creating a welcoming and well-maintained first impression for residents and visitors alike.

Beyond these improvements, Shirley showed genuine care for her neighbors. She regularly drove around the neighborhood to check on the well-being of residents and to ensure that properties were being properly maintained. She went out of her way to look out for others, often notifying neighbors when packages were left on their porches so they could be retrieved safely.

Shirley also understood the importance of community connection. By organizing block parties and neighborhood gatherings, she helped neighbors get to know one another, strengthening relationships and fostering a true sense of belonging. These efforts helped transform our neighborhood from simply a place to live into a caring and connected community.

Naming a street in honor of Shirley Smith would be a fitting and lasting tribute to her commitment, kindness, and leadership. Her actions had a positive impact on countless residents, and her legacy deserves to be recognized in a meaningful way.

Sincerely



Marva T Bredendick  
6700 N 109<sup>th</sup> St  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Citizens' Advisory Committee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Support for renaming North 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Honor of Mrs. Shirley A. Smith

Dear Advisory Committee:

My name is Roderick L. Roberson Jr, and I have lived next door to Ms. Shirley for over 12 years. Ms. Shirley was the best neighbor, and she watched out for our family. She would watch our house when we went out of town, and she always shared her food with us. I am so sorry that she passed away, and I hope that you will name her street after her. And, she was a great friend to my mom!

Respectfully,

Roderick L. Roberson Jr.

Zelda Corona  
Heritage Subdivision Resident  
11103 W. Meadow Creek Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
[Zelda.Corona@gmail.com](mailto:Zelda.Corona@gmail.com)  
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January 5, 2026

Citizens Advisory Committee  
City Hall  
200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

**Re:** Letter of Support for Renaming N. 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Honor of Mrs. Shirley A. Smith

Dear Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposal to rename N. 111<sup>th</sup> Street in the Heritage Subdivision in honor of Mrs. Shirley A. Smith, a woman whose legacy, leadership, and love for our neighborhood continue to resonate deeply within our community.

I had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Smith more than twenty years ago, when I toured the Heritage Subdivision prior to building my home in 2005. During that visit, she graciously shared her journey of building her own home and her experience as one of the very first residents of the subdivision. Her pride in the neighborhood was immediately evident and left a lasting impression on me.

Mrs. Smith played an instrumental role in the growth and cohesion of the Heritage Subdivision. She faithfully served as Treasurer and later as President of the GHNA, and she remained actively involved in neighborhood initiatives, activities, and events throughout the years. Her leadership was steady, inclusive, and rooted in genuine care for the residents she served.

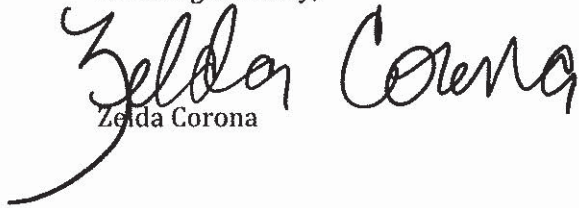
Beyond her formal roles, Mrs. Smith, alongside her husband - was widely known for the beautiful floral landscape they planted each year at the corner of their home. Those gardens were more than flowers; they were a visible expression of pride, stewardship, and deep affection for the neighborhood they helped build. They became a symbol of the warmth and sense of community that Mrs. Smith embodied.

Renaming N. 111<sup>th</sup> Street in honor of Mrs. Shirley A. Smith would be a meaningful and lasting tribute - one that ensures her spirit, service, and contributions live on for

generations to come. It would stand as a reminder of the power of community leadership and the lasting impact one dedicated resident can have.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to preserving the history and legacy of those who have shaped our neighborhoods.

In loving memory,

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Zaida Corona

Citizens' Advisory Committee

City Hall

200 E. Wells Street

Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Members of the Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to rename North 111th Street in honor of Mrs. Shirley A. Smith. My name is Nicole Tanner, and I am a resident of the Heritage Heights neighborhood.

Mrs. Smith was a devoted leader and advocate for our community. During her many years of service, she held several key roles, including President of the Granville Heritage Neighborhood Association and a member of the Heritage Heights NID #5 Board. She also chaired the Architectural Review Board, where she played a critical role in upholding the standards, bylaws, and guidelines that preserve the character and integrity of our neighborhood.

Beyond her formal titles, Mrs. Smith demonstrated an extraordinary level of personal commitment. She regularly checked on the condition of homes throughout the subdivision, communicated with neighbors when issues arose, and took pride in ensuring our community remained welcoming and well cared for. She contributed to neighborhood beautification efforts, decorated common areas for holidays, and consistently set an example through her own meticulously maintained property.

Mrs. Smith and her husband made Heritage Heights their home for more than two decades, and their dedication has left a lasting impression on residents and future generations alike. Even after their passing, their legacy of service, care, and community pride continues to inspire those who live here.

Renaming North 111th Street in Mrs. Shirley A. Smith's honor would be a meaningful and lasting tribute to her selfless contributions and unwavering commitment to our neighborhood. I respectfully urge the Committee to approve this request as a reflection of the profound impact she had on our community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Tanner

Heritage Heights Neighborhood Resident

Kind regards,

Rhonda Moore  
11028 W Daphne Rd  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

Greetings,

What a privilege it is for the community to want to honor the life and legacy of Shirley Smith by renaming 111<sup>th</sup> street in her memory.

Shirley was such a beautiful soul both in and outside and she cared for her neighbors, much like she cared for her family. Everywhere she went, she went the extra mile to make sure she left her presence. Whether it was planting flowers or creating a door wreath, once she'd left, you'd know she's been there.

She took pride in knowing her GHNA family needed and depended on her. She would make pit stops through the neighborhood leaving no stone unturned. You knew the neighborhood was in good hands, under her watchful eye. – She was a member of the GHNA community for over 20 years.

We, the family of Shirley Smith, are pleased and would consider it such a heart-filled honor to dedicate this street to her memory and keep her forever a part of the community.

Rhonda Moore

DAUGHTER OF SHIRLEY SMITH

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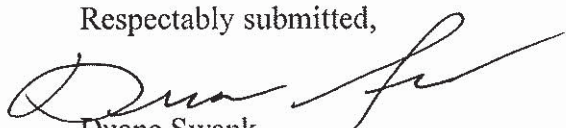
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Subject: Support for Renaming N. 111th Street in Honor of Ms. Shirley Smith

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to lend my strong support to the renaming of 111<sup>th</sup> Street in the Heritage Heights neighborhood in honor of Ms. Shirley Smith. Ms. Smith was a wonderful neighbor and tireless volunteer in neighborhood and community organizations and activities. She is missed by all that new her; renaming 111<sup>th</sup> in her honor would be a perfect way to honor her legacy.

Respectably submitted,



Duane Swank

6721 N 109<sup>th</sup> Street

Milwaukee, WI 53224

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