

## Naming the Webster Avenue Railroad Bridge

The following names were submitted:

**Claude's Crossing** (for Claude Allouez, Allouez' namesake)

**Bridge-it** or shorten to **Bridget** or shorten more to **Bridge** (no explanation provided)

**Charneski Bridge** (Judge James R. Charneski has a firm but fair hand and has contributed a lot to the lawful orderliness of our small community. This is a bridge in the heart of the Village of Allouez, so it should be named after someone who has been a faithful servant of this community)

**Robert Stuart** (a very large figure in our history)

**The Shantytown Pass** or **The Shantytown Bridge** (Shantytown is in reference to the informal settlement along the Fox River near Camp Smith (current site of Heritage Hill) that was the home to many fur traders and settlers back in the 1820s. All arrivals to the area were made to Shantytown back in the day. The Allouez/Green Bay area is the oldest city in the state and we should honor and recognize that by preserving a part of history and naming the new bridge for something that played a huge role in our past.)

**"Took Way Too Long" bridge** (because of the amount of time they took to do this project)

**Colonel Caboose Crossing** (because he lived in Allouez on Greene Ave. He was a children's character on WBAY in the early 60's.)

**"Matuszek Crossing"** (for all of Clarence's years of dedicated service and commitment to the Village)

**Otto Schroeder** (Great Grandfather of current owners of Schroeder's) (since the bridge is right by Schroeder's)

**Rufus B. Kellogg** (He was a pioneer banker and agriculturalist. Most notably, he opened what became a model horse farm in Allouez in 1880 to improve stock for farmers, loggers, etc. Kellogg lived in Green Bay but his efforts at starting a library, building a good bridge across the Fox River and other endeavors certainly had an impact on Allouez. You can find his full story in a book by Betsy Foley.)

**Webster Avenue Bridge** (for older residents and drivers it is difficult to remember the street when a bridge is named anything else) (no matter what you name it, people will refer to it as the Webster Avenue Bridge. Webster Avenue was named in recognition of Daniel Webster, the American statesman who served in the US House of Representatives, the US Senate, as Secretary of State under three Presidents, and was one of the most highly respected lawyers of the era.)

**Webster St Bridge** (why confuse people)

**Sergeant Denis John Francis Murphy** (who served in the 14<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin volunteer infantry during the Civil War. Sgt. Murphy was a lifelong resident of Allouez after immigrating from his native Ireland, he is buried in Allouez Catholic Cemetery and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in battle. It would be fitting to name the bridge after a Civil War hero since Hastings Street is named after Civil War General Hastings.)