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CITY OF SOUTH BEND JAMES MUELLER, MAYOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

September 23, 2025

Mr. Derek Dieter 1740 Portage Ave. South Bend, IN 46616 ddieter@sjcindiana.gov

RE: Request for Honorary Street Sign – Tom Lynch St.

Dear Mr. Dieter:

At its September 23, 2025 meeting, the Board of Public Works approved the application for the temporary placement of a sign in the name of Tom Lynch St. at the intersection of Dunham St. & Walnut St.

Pursuant to the application, a fee of \$200 is required for each sign. Currently, there is an outstanding balance of \$50.00. The payment should be made to the City of South Bend. Once this amount has been paid, the City will manufacture and install the signage at the designated location(s). Per the Board of Public Works new policy on honorary street signs (Resolution No. 58-2022), the approved sign may remain in place for a period not to exceed Five (5) years.

Please contact Denise Miller, Customer Service Coordinator, Street Department, at (574) 235-5939 to coordinate the time and placement of the sign(s).

Sincerely,

/s/ Hillary Horvath

Hillary Horvath, Clerk

Enclosures HH



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: August 26, 2025

TO: Kyle Ludlow, Public Works

Chris Dressel, Community Investment Derek Erquhart, Fire Department Brad Rohrscheib, Police Department

FROM: Hillary Horvath, Clerk

SUBJECT: Honorary Street Sign Placement

ORIGINAL NAME Intersection of Walnut & Dunham

NEW NAME: Tom Lynch St.

CRITERIA FOR HONORARY STREET SIGNAGE IS LISTED IN BPW RESOLUTION NO. 58-2022. PLEASE INSERT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE FIELD BELOW FOR THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 1. The signage does/does not constitute a public safety hazard or public nuisance.
- 2. The signage or feature would/would not interfere with normal City operations or services.
- 3. All application, petition, and fee requirements have been met.

PUBLIC WORKS: (in consultation with City Engineer and Streets Department) Favorable Traffic & Lighting has no issues with this request- Coby 8/29

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT: Favorable Recommendation

FIRE: Favorable Recommendation

POLICE: Favorable recommendation



PLACEMENT OF HONORARY SIGN WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR ON PUBLIC PROPERTY APPLICATION

City of South Bend – Board of Public Works 227 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Ste. 1316, South Bend, IN 46601

APPLICATION INFORMATION	
Applicant's Name: PEREN DIETER	
Applicant's Address: 1740 toltage HVE	
Email Address: QQ 1 + 4 65 12 Telephone/Cell: 574 - 530 - 2200	
Honorary Sign Request:	
Honorary Sign Request Name (sign should read): Tom White St. (Sil Blvd., Ln., Etc.)	
s this individual deceased? Yes No (if no, individual is not eligible for honorary sign.)	
If the Board approves the petition, the petitioner must pay two hundred and 00/100 (\$200) per sign to be manufactured and installed by City employees. The City will neither approve or install more than four (4) Honorary Street Signs per Honoree.	
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Gary A. Gilot, Member Breana Micou, Member Hilby L. Houth Autes: Hillary R. Horvath, Clerk Date: September-23, 2025	
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Please include the following items along with your request:

- ✓ A statement of not less than <u>500</u> words describing the <u>significance</u> of the person being honored. The statement should include detailed information about the proposed Honoree summarizing the Honoree's accomplishments, connection to South Bend, Indiana, and reasons as to why the person should be publicly recognized.
- ✓ A <u>petition or support</u> for the proposed Honorary Sign. The petition should be signed by <u>not less than 200 residents</u> of the City of South Bend and must include the name, address, age, signature, and date of signing. [Note: All information on the petition must be legible in order to be considered.]

Upon submission of the Application, please allow **eight (8) weeks** for staff to review, and presentation to the City's Board of Public Works for final action. A letter will be sent to the applicant indicating the Board's decision. In the event that the Application is denied, the Fee will be refunded to the Applicant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		
My application consists of the follow	wing items: <i>(please check)</i>	
Completed Application Form		
\$150 Application Fee (Make	<i>checks payable to: City of South Bend)</i> F	ee goes toward the price of the sign(s)
Typed statement describing	the significance of the person being hono	red as described above
Petition of support		
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Powerlift: Lynch's Gym owner honored after 40 years in business in South Bend

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Tom Lynch has a thousand and one stories about South Bend, wrestling, body building, the Marines, training weightlifters, his family and his second family at the gym. Tom owns the humble Lynch's Gym on the corner of Dunham and Walnut streets.

He has a lot to say. Just ask him a question.

His life was brought into the spotlight recently when he received a Key to the City, Key to the County and the Council Oak Award from the St. Joseph County Commissioners. These accolades were presented in honor of 40 years in business and being a stalwart on the westside.

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Tom grew up in the neighborhood and graduated from old Washington High on Sample Street. In fact, he said, he started at Washington when it had all the grades under one roof. Need a break? Play the USA TODAY Daily Crossword Puzzle.

He continues to live and work blocks from his family home. He is truly a fixture.

The commission meeting room was filled with Tom's family, friends and his gym members. **Commissioner Derek Dieter** led the event and salutes to his friend and mentor. Before it all began, all the commissioners slipped on Lynch's Gym shirts.

Derek said, "Tom is known as the mayor of Walnut St. He is a mentor, coach, father figure and protector of the neighborhood."

Others agreed that Tom is a leader and the gym is a comfortable place to visit.

Derek spoke on how important the gym has been to him and his three sons and countless police officers. He added how important the gym is to Walnut Street in general. The children in the neighborhood stop into the lobby if the weather is bad or if there is a delayed bus.

Mayor James Mueller read a proclamation in his honor. State Senator David Niezgodski spoke of Tom's long service. "I'm proud to speak about this legend," David said.

All this praise left Tom a little taken back. "I knew Derek was planning something, but I didn't know how much."

Tom's wife, **Marty**, said they were all surprised by the hoopla. She said in a phone call after the meeting that the evening meant a lot to Tom and the

family. "What was the biggest surprise to all of us was when they all put on Lynch's Gym shirts. It was such a big tribute to Tom. It was so touching."

Marty and Tom have been married 64 years and have two daughters; **Linnie Caye** and **Lancie Marvin**. "It has been quite a ride for us" with the gym, wrestling and bodybuilding.

To Marty, the gym continues to be popular with athletes, police and firefighters. The reason is Tom's honesty and work ethics. "He lets them be themselves. They know there are no drugs. Everything is in order (in the gym), but Tom isn't the janitor. He works with them and trains them. It is different training needed for a golfer or tennis player."

Tom found out what was needed for each sport and helped the members focus on what was important, Marty said. "They get special attention."

Longtime member **Richard Ross** said it is a special place and a special man. "He is a good friend and does so much for the neighborhood." Richard was one of the first members of the gym back in the beginning.

Tom said he wrestled professionally for 15 years and decided to open a gym in the 1980s. "My wife said it was the gym or wrestling, not both." It was the gym that became his focus, and he has been happy with his decision. "I don't have an intention to retire. I'll come here on my last day. I tell people I'm not a hero. I'm here to help people. One thing I like to say — I tell people to do their best and don't quit."

Tom doesn't quit.

Looking for a way to help others? Here's a nice stop on your Saturday travels.

Sherry Klinedinst is the director of The Ripple Effect Vocal Visionary Project. The project will be singing for joy and warm stuff from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 9) at InRug Company, 220 E. Mishawaka Ave. The donated items will go to Broadway Christian Church.

Sherry said the group looks forward to the chance to help Broadway Christian and restock the mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for the homeless. "Broadway fills a niche in the community, and we like to restock the shelves."

The Ripplers are asking for donations or monetary help. People can buy something right at InRug for the donation barrel, Sherry said.

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A Champion's Sanctuary: The Heartwarming Reopening of Lynch's Gym

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On the morning of April 5th, the west side's beloved Lynch's Gym, located at **745 S Walnut Street**, swung open its doors once again. The gym's proprietor, Tom Lynch, who has been a foundational figure in the local community for the past four decades, welcomed back members and enthusiasts with open arms. Our reporter, Sarah Foster, managed to catch a moment with Tom to talk about the emotions surrounding the reopening.

Overwhelmed with gratitude, Lynch stated he was "surprised and speechless" at the turnout, attributing much of the event's success to County Commissioner Derek Dieter's efforts in rallying the community for the grand reopening. Among the attendees were distinguished figures such as South Bend Mayor James Mueller, Jeff Rea - the President & CEO of the South Bend Regional Chamber, various employees from St. Joseph County, officers from the South Bend Police Department, and representatives from several media outlets.

In reflecting on his storied career as a gym owner, coach, and mentor, Lynch expressed a profound devotion to the success of each individual who walks through his gym's doors, regarding them all as champions irrespective of their achievements.

"Every kid that comes through that door, as far as I'm concerned, is a champion, and that's how I treated them,"

Lynch continued and said:

"I don't care if they came in first, second, third, or fourth; whatever they came in, I congratulated them, and I put their picture up on the wall."



Tom shared touching anecdotes of his mentorship role, highlighting how he once encouraged several youths to consider careers in the Marines, jokingly considering himself a makeshift recruiter. Among these was a young man who, inspired by Tom's continued guidance, made the impactful decision to reenlist every four years, securing his future and pension.

Tom Lynch's immeasurable impact extends far beyond the confines of his gym, leaving a lasting impression on the entire West Side community. His dedication to nurturing and fostering success in everyone he encounters was palpable during our interaction. Despite our lack of prior acquaintance, Lynch welcomed us with warmth akin to that of a family member, immediately making us feel at home. This open-hearted approach is a testament to his character. It underscores why Lynch's Gym is more than just a physical fitness space—it's a sanctuary where every individual is recognized as a champion and treated with unconditional support and respect.

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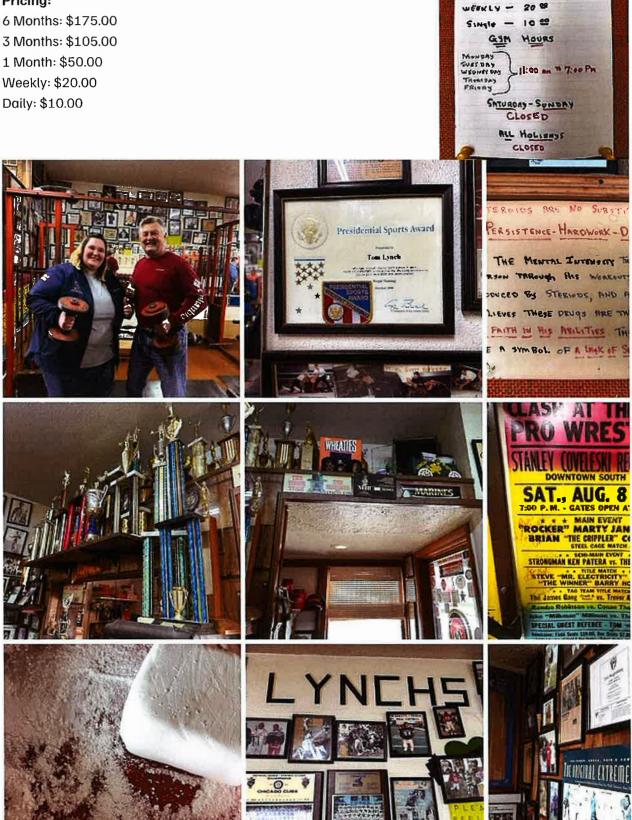
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