Hi Mayor Tim

Just wanted to put my vote in for Walter Eggleson Park.
Walt was my dad I am the youngest of his children. I was 6 when he died so my time with him was short but still I have many special memories. He would pull my sled in those woods on the driveway. Family picnics, bonfires, family and friends gathered there. My dad loved Stoughton and that little town and woods are full of many happy memories. My mom was devastated when she had to sell it and it was always a special landmark every time our family drove by when we visited every year!
I know my dad made a great impression on many people in Stoughton as I have heard stories of him and his kindness all my life. To this day when people have come for procedures at the hospital I work at when I see they are from Stoughton we talk and I say my maiden name is Eggleson and that Walter was my dad they always remember him kindly if they knew him.
And many still referr to the wooded area as Eggleson woods even if they didn't know him but saw the sign that was there for years Eggleson Woods.
I was so proud he was recognized for all his work to revise Syttende mai all those years ago. It was a huge part of our families lives and we all came to celebrate because it made us proud and feel close to him to participate.
My memories of this father of mine are only for a short 6yrs
but I remember how he was loved, his sense of humor, and his Big happy smile.
I would love to think of his and my mom's happiness to have the honor of this park by our woods baring his name. Thank you for the commitee and your consideration to name this park after our father Walter Eggleson.

Sincerely Marta Meier

Hi Mayor Tim,
Please keep the park name in memory of Walt Eggleson. It's important to remember those that helped us get to where we are today.

Thank you for your consideration
Mya Everson

I'm writing in favor of naming the proposed park on Stoughton's west side after Walter Eggelson.

Walt Eggelson's contributions to Stoughton's development are well known to you and other long time residents. Naming the park in his honor will inform newer residents in our growing community of those contributions, connecting them more closely to citizens that have been here longer.

In thinking about my note to you I came across a quotation that speaks to the value of naming the park after a worthy figure from Stoughton's past and how it ties that past to Stoughton's present future:

"History is a kind of introduction to interesting more people than we can possibly meet in our restricted lives; let us not neglect the opportunity."
(Dexter Perkins)

Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in on this issue,

John R.Reiser

I support naming the park at the new development on highway 51 formerly known as Egglesons woods as Eggleson Park! It would be quite an honor for Walt Eggleson and his family!!

Linda Ylvisaker lrylala@yahoo.com

Please consider using Eggleson Park as the name of the new development between hwy 51 and the woods. Those of us that grew up in Stoughton remember Walt Eggleson and his contributions to the community, especially starting the dancers, which I was honored to be one 50 years ago.
Thank you,
Gail Sigurslid Fowell

Dear Mayor Swadley

We would like to add our name to those recommending a local part be named in honor of Walter Eggleson. Both Kathiy and I have lives most o our life in Stoughton and continue to cherish many fond memories of the community, its people and its noteworthy accomplishments. Walter Eggleson was a former neighbor of our family growing up on the eastside of town where we shared the EASTSIDE PARK as our 'front yard'.
Walter during his meaningful life time always 'promoted' his heritage and his community as something SPECIAL in his life and for those who lived in our community.
By most measures Walter was just an 'ordinary person doing extraordinary things' in helping our community grow and develop in ways and means that would make current and former residents proud of their 'roots'. If there are other ways we can be useful in promoting the naming of Walter Eggleson Park, please call upon us. We feel his name among others are most deserving of this distinguished destination.
We remain proud and grateful 'residents' of STOUGHTON, wherever we might live.
We close in thanking you for your work on behalf of our proud community and in wishing you and others a most joyful and merry Christmas

With our warm regards included

Kathy and Olaf Brekke
Sent from Mail for Windows

Mayor TIm,

First let me take this opportunity to thank you & the committee again for honoring my father, Walt Eggleson, on the Hall of Fame. Words cannot express how much this means to my family. We have always been very proud of Dad, his dedication, & contributions, but it means so much to know that others recognize this as well. After his family, Dad was so proud & dedicated to Stoughton, the people, his friends & was constantly proving it with his civic involvement. He was a leader who was active in so many Stoughton organizations from the Chamber of Commerce to the Historical Society to Church to VFW, etc. He was constantly volunteering from the brat stands to giving blood and any where else he was needed. We saw his love of Stoughton & it's people constantly & it means so much to have him recognized. The park by Eggleson's Woods would be wonderful & appropriate to name after him. It would truly mean the world to me, our extended family, & friends to have this recognition for one of Stoughton's favorite sons. Please, please, please find it in your hearts to bestow this honor on Walt Eggleson.

JoEllen Anderson

Madison, WI

Dear Mayor Tim,

My sister JoEllen Anderson pretty much covered everything I wanted to say about our father in her email to you. I would like to add how special Eggleson's woods was and is to all our family. So many great times we had there sharing our parents dream of living there. We all pitched in to purchase the Norsk sign for the woods in memory of mom and dad years later.

Mom contributed as much time and effort supporting all of the functions Dad was involved in. She loved the woods probably most of all.

If at all possible to claim recognition to all of their efforts by naming this park in his honor, which included us as the 'volunteers' for all Syttendai Mai events including many other community service functions in support of our parents wanting to make Stoughton recognized and appreciated, it would certainly be well done.

It would be a great honor and most appreciated event to name a park after our father, especially in this location. Dad had a passion for his love of this community which he instilled in all of us. I think we all are inspired by his giving and caring about Stoughton and apply it in our own community settings because of his example.

Thank you for considering naming this park in honor of Walter Henry Eggleson. He was a wonderful person with a huge heart devoted to family, friends and his community.

Sincerely,
Sally (Eggleson) Wraalstad

Dear Mayor,

I write as a born and raised Stoughton East Sider, who spent considerable and pleasurable hours as a child clearing the crest of Eggleson's Woods with the Eggleson family in anticipation of their building there. My brother and past councilman, Olaf, would eventually build and live in the exact spot that we cleared with Walter and his family prior to his untimely death. Walter lived and breathed Stoughton. He was a one man Chamber of Stoughton's Commerce. He devoted countless unpaid hours in supporting the city he loved.

I would humbly ask that you consider my request to honor a man who was unable to build his family's dream on the land he loved by naming the proposed park, Walter Eggleson Park.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Harold S. Brekke

Sent from my iPhone

Mayor,

My name is Bruce Frey and I am married to Julie Eggleson. I was recently made aware that there are several naming options for this parcel of land. I would like to encourage you to honor the Stoughton Egglesons, who all served their country.

The Egglesons ran a store in Stoughton and sent 2 boys to serve in WW2. In addition Walt Eggleson was instrumental in getting the Syttende mai up and running as a successful celebration of Stoughtons heritage.

What better way to honor this family of veterans who were very endearing to the Stoughton community. I urge you to disregard other concerns and do the right thing by honoring this family and the veterans that served the community.

I am a retired police officer with the city of Madison and have been following this project for sometime. Thank you for your time and service.

Bruce Frey, Madison Wi

Mayor Tim,

My grandfather, Walter Eggleson, died when my mother was 19 years old, eight years before I was born, but I was raised to know him. My mom, aunts, uncle, grandmother, and the entire extended Eggleson family kept Walt's name alive. They described a man who was funny and kind, who filled up his children with such a reserve of love that it has lasted for decades, and made them into loving adults. They pointed out Eggleson's Woods, where my grandparents planned to build their dream house. They brought us every year to the Syttende Mai parade, and told us of Grandpa Walt's role in creating one of the largest Syttende Mai celebrations in the world (depending on who you ask, either second to Oslo, or even beating it.) They had us march in the parade in bunnads made by my great grandmother, continuing family traditions. They showed us the cemetery, and told us the tragic story of Walt's sudden death on the golf course during a Chamber of Commerce event. They showed us where his insurance office was, and explained how he cared so much about the people who came to him, that he would sometimes excuse tardy or absent payments. Walt meant something not only to his immediate and extended family, but to the entire community. Last summer I attended the celebration of life of Mae Hoel and one of her next door neighbors casually walked over with an ashtray advertising Walt Eggleson insurance; even these random Stoughtonites have a daily remembrance of Walt. From paraphernalia, to memories, to Eggleson's Woods, to Syttende Mai, to even the Chamber of Commerce itself, Walt's impact on and connection to Stoughton is palpable.

Walter Eggleson mattered immensely to his family, and to his community. He cared so much about Stoughton and wanted to maintain the traditions, fraternity, and security that made him the man he was, and led him to raise his children there into the people they are. Our legacy reaches far and wide, and it all started in Stoughton, with Walt. This park would be such a powerful tribute to a very normal person and the casual, simple, profound, and powerful impact that one life can have. It would be such an honor to take my niece and nephew to the park named for their Great Grandfather, to have family reunions under a sign proclaiming his name, to see a physical manifestation of what it means to be a citizen for Stoughton, not just of Stoughton.

Please name the park by Eggleson's Woods after Walter Eggleson. Please continue my family's work to keep Walter's name alive for his brother, sister in law, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. It would matter to us. It would matter to those who knew him. It would matter as an example for generations to come. Knowing he is thought of, knowing he is known, allows me a connection to my grandpa, and I run out of words to say how much that means, to know that I can be in a space that feels like his presence.

Thank you so much for the honors you have bestowed on my family already, and for considering this request.
Sincerely,
Torunn Anderson

We are requesting to name a new park by Eggleson's Woods to honor the memory of a wonderful man, Walter Eggleson.
We all have wonderful memories of Walt, and also of Eggleson's woods!

Thank you,
Sally Heinzeroth

Egglesons Woods .. as it’s been known since moving here 55+ years ago .. should be honored by naming the new park in Walt’s name.. Please pay attention to this!

Sent from my iPhone
Cathy Lundgren cathylundgren@yahoo.com

I AM WALT EGGLESON'S BROTHER - ALLAN EGGLESON.

I AM WRITING TO PROMOTE THE NAMING OF THE PARK AFTER WALT.

IT WOULD BE A GREAT HONOR. I HAVE HEARD REFERENCES

TO HIM SUCH AS "MR. STOUGHTON". HE WAS WOUNDED IN WW2.

WALT AND ART SVEUM WERE THE THE ONES THAT GOT THE

SYTENDE MAI RESTARTED IN THE 50's

THIS WOULD BE A WELL DESERVED HONOR.

SINCERELY,

ALLAN W. EGGLESON