

Village Residents,

This month I would like to introduce and honor a local Olympic and World Champion, Anna Peplowski. Anna was a member of the swim team that represented the 2024 Team USA in the 4x200 Freestyle Relay.

Anna and her family have been residents of Germantown for over 20 years. It has been a pleasure to get to know Doug, Leslie and Anna. As I have gotten to know them, I realized that their entire family has stories of patriotism and elite accomplishments.

Working with the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, the Village staff were able to get permission to have signs erected recognizing Anna's 2024 Olympic Silver medal (signs are located on 116 as you enter Germantown Hills' Village limits from the North and South ends of town).

Anna Peplowski is a native of Germantown Hills and a 2021 graduate of Metamora Township High School. In high school, Anna captured an Illinois State Championship in the 100 Freestyle and earned Scholastic All-American honors before continuing her swimming career at Indiana University. Competing for the Hoosiers, she became one of the program's most decorated swimmers, earning 20 All-American honors, an individual NCAA Championship in the 200 Freestyle, and nine individual Big Ten Championships. Twice she was named the overall IU Athlete of the Year.

Anna achieved success on the international stage as a 2024 United States Olympic silver medalist and a Team USA World Championship silver medalist. She helped set an American record in the 800 Freestyle Relay and was recognized in Central Illinois as the Tri-County Female Athlete of the Year in both 2024 and 2025.

After graduating from Indiana University in 2025, Anna turned professional and continues to train full-time. Her goal is to qualify for the 2028 U.S. Olympic Team and compete at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Please join us in honoring and recognizing Anna's Olympic success and her ongoing accomplishments on the world stage. You can follow Anna on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook. Her handle for all 3 is:  
@anna\_Peplowski

Sincerely,  
Karl Figg  
Village President

