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# MADONNA OF THE TRAIL

The ten-foot, five-ton, stone statue of a woman and two children, located immediately north of the Bethesda Post Office on Wisconsin Avenue, symbolizes the heroic women who braved the hardships of migration during the opening of the west. It is one of 12 such statues along a trail reaching across the United States from Maryland to California. It was originally dedicated by the Bethesda Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 1929. For many years, the statue stood immediately south of the post office; however, in the early 1980s it was placed in storage

because of extensive construction in the local area. In October 1986, it was placed at its present location and rededicated by the DAR.

The cast stone statues, sculpted by August Leimbach of St. Louis in the early 1920s, are located in Bethesda, Maryland; near Washington, Pennsylvania; in Wheeling, West Virginia.; Springfield, Ohio; Richmond, Indiana; Vandalia, Illinois; Lexington, Missouri; Council Grove, Kansas; La Mar, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Springdale, Arizona; and Upland, California.

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## CHANGES IN LOCAL STREET NAMES

<b>Present</b>	<b>Past</b>
Bradley Lane	Jackson Road
Leland Street	County Road (west of Maple Avenue)
	Meadow Lane (1 block west of Connecticut Avenue)
East-West Highway	Cypress Street (from Connecticut Avenue to Meadow Lane)
Stanford Street	Elm Street
Oakridge Avenue	Elm Street
Hillcrest Place	Spruce Street (from Bradley Lane to Rosemary Street Circle)
Thornapple Street	Chestnut Street (from Ridgewood Avenue west to dead end)
Willow Lane	Bethesda Street (from 46th Street to Wisconsin Avenue)
Tarrytown Road	Maple Avenue (north end)
Wisconsin Avenue	Georgetown-Rockville Turnpike

Note: In 1930 Valley Place from Rosemary Street to Beechwood Drive was permanently closed due to the expansion of the Chevy Chase School facilities.