

Street Named For Richard Wallace Has Two Fountains



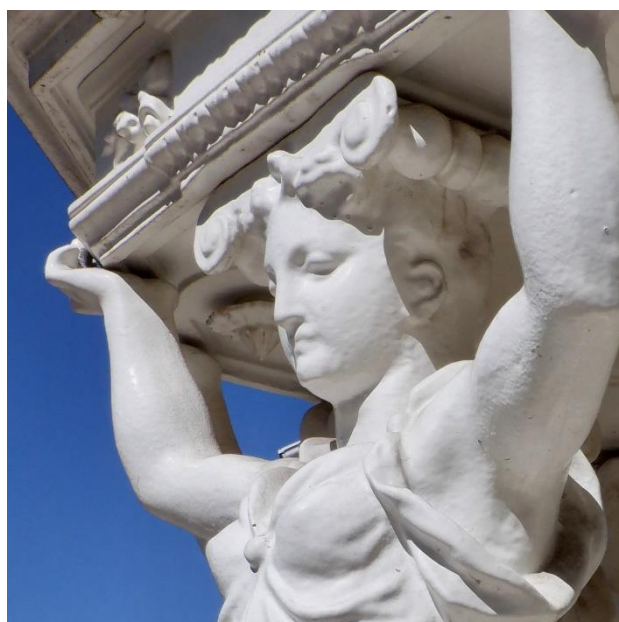
Puteaux Boulevard named for Richard Wallace in 1890



Square Léon Blum



Place du Théâtre



Rue Eichenberger & Boulevard Richard Wallace
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The 800-metre-long Boulevard Richard Wallace connects Quai De Dion-Bouton to the Puteaux train station and is one of the main axes of the City. Originally, the boulevard was only a path but it was expanded and extended during the Second Empire. In 1890, upon the death of Richard Wallace, the street was renamed in honor of Puteaux's generous benefactor.

In December 1870, during the Franco-Prussian war and siege of Paris, Wallace offered the city 1,000 francs for the welfare of Putéoliens and Putéoliens refugees stranded in Paris. Wallace had spent time with his father and employer, Lord Hertford, near Puteaux at Chateau Bagatelle in the Bois de Boulogne. Following the war, Wallace lived at Bagatelle whenever he was in Paris. Sir Richard Wallace donated another 1,000 francs to the city in 1871, and from 1887 onwards he gave 500 francs a year to aid the needy. When he died at Chateau Bagatelle in 1890, his wife continued this generosity. The payments stopped at the death of Lady Wallace in 1897.

Grateful citizens named a main boulevard in Puteaux for him and today two Wallace fountains stand on this boulevard dispensing safe drinking water to thirsty pedestrians. Also located on this boulevard is a modern building named Residence Richard Wallace, a facility providing housing for seniors.

If anyone has additional information about the history or origin of these fountains, please share it by contacting us at admin@wallacefountains.org.

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