

PRESS RELEASE

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Summary: Erie County Celebrate America on the 4th of July!

As Americans we should fly an American Flag in observance of our independence on the 4th of July, but only if it is a fitting emblem for display.

All American Flags, respectfully known as Old Glory, should be destroyed in a dignified manner when they are no longer a fitting emblem for display and replaced with a new flag according to the US Code Title 4 Chapter- The Flag

In thirteen days Erie County residents have deposited 804 tattered/faded flags in one of the four Patriotic Old Glory Bins. These bins are located in Erie Times-News Lobby, Millcreek Municipal Building, Maritime Museum and Fairview Township Municipal Building.

Jessica James, Recycling Coordinator for Millcreek Township, has seen 380 flags deposited in less than two weeks and commented that she was surprised at the overwhelming response from the residents. She said; "I guess people just need a convenient place to deposit their flags." One resident commented; "Another perk for Millcreek". Others comments were, "Go USA", "Great idea-Thanks".

Most people who deposited their flags completed an entry form for a chance to win an American Flag that has flown over the US Capitol. One comment made by several people who deposited their flags was, "Thanks for providing the service"

Entry forms for the Retire Your Old Glory Project will be available at each site during business hours until July 10th. The winner of the new flag will be announced on July 12th.

All of the flags that have been collected through Retire Your Old Glory Project will be retired in a dignified and respectful manner by the American Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America and other service organizations.

The Retire Your Old Glory Program will be on-going in some areas. To learn more about the Retire Your Old Glory Project visit the web site at www.retireyouoldglory.com.

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