

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Summary:** Fairview Township Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory

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.

Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory is a campaign that will provide patriotic collection bins in prime locations for tattered, faded and torn American flags. The flags that are collected will be retired in a dignified and respectful manner by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts.

The Fairview Township Municipal Building is the first site in the Erie area to have a Retire Your Old Glory bin for residents to deposit their old American flags.

The idea for the bins came from a young woman, Denise Etter, in Cranberry Township, PA who simply recognized a need for a place to deposit old flags. Her and her husband, a proud army veteran, visited homes and businesses in their area to tell them it was time to retire their old flag and replace it with a new one. It became apparent that people did not know the flag code or how to dispose of their old flag. Cranberry Township Municipal Building was the first to have a bin to retire each unserviceable Old Glory. They have collected 900 flags since May of 2011.

Individuals, companies or municipalities interested in participating in the project can make contact through the email address: [retireyouoldglory@gmail.com](mailto:retireyouoldglory@gmail.com).

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