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Subject: Flag Retirement Ceremony

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The first retirement ceremony for American and Virginia flags collected through the City of Fredericksburg's participation in the Retire Your Old Glory program will be held on Saturday, November 9 at 10:00am at the Izaak Walton League of America Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter Park, located at 12400 Herndon Road, Spotsylvania (see below for driving directions.)

The ceremony will be conducted in partnership with the City by representatives of the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League and by scouts and adult supporters of various area Boy Scouts of America troops. Fredericksburg Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw and Denise Etter, founder of the Retire Your Old Glory program, are among those planning to attend and participate in the ceremony.

The flags to be respectfully retired during this ceremony are those collected at bins placed by the City of Fredericksburg at City Hall and at the Dorothy Hart Community Center in August. Over 200 flags have been collected in the bins since that time.

Directions to the site of the ceremony from Fredericksburg: Take Route 3/Plank Road west toward Culpeper. Go past the Chancellorsville Battlefield Park. Take a left across from Historic Wilderness Baptist Church on to Old Orange Plank Road (Route 621.) Travel approximately one-eighth of a mile and take another left onto Herndon Road (Route 600.) Travel approximately 3/4 mile to the park (on right at top of hill); approximately 14 miles from downtown Fredericksburg.