

Scout donates American Flag Retirement Box

Township trustees honor Eagle Scout candidate Eric Anderson



Eric Anderson is a young man on a mission. Like his grandfather before him, he is earning Scouting America's highest achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout. He started his journey in grade school and worked his way upward to this rare distinction that few scouts accomplish.

Eagle Scout candidates must lead a team of volunteers to complete a community service project. Eric considered many options over the course of a year but decided to create six American Flag Retirement Boxes.

"I was researching ideas for my service project, and the American Flag is very significant to me. A lot of people don't have a place to go to retire flags properly, so I came up with these collection boxes," Boy Scout Eric Anderson, Troop 402, said.

He gathered 25 fellow scouts and friends over the course of a weekend to construct the boxes. Eric, a Miami Township resident, is grateful to his troop.

"A big thank you to my whole troop and everyone who helped put the boxes together," Anderson said.

The Miami Township Board of Trustees honored Eric with a special proclamation recognizing his achievement. Township Administrator Chris Snyder and township staff were on hand to accept his kind gift.



"Miami Township takes immense pride in working with Scouting America and helping these young people reach their goals. The community is grateful to benefit from their many service projects," Township Trustee President Terry Posey, Jr. said.



One retirement box sits proudly in the Miami Township Government Center lobby and serves as a respectful means to dispose of the American Flag. Miami Township Facilities Manager Mel King says it is important to respect this symbol of our nation.

"I am the overseer of the many American Flags that fly over township facilities, and as I have researched the proper handling of the flag, I realize just how powerful this symbol is to our country," Mel King, Miami Township Facilities Manager said. "The American Flag is a living, breathing thing that deserves great respect."

Eric is a junior at Miamisburg High School. He runs cross country and track and plans to join the National Honor Society in the fall. He hopes to study mechanical or electrical engineering in college.

Citizens may dispose of their flags any time that the Miami Township Government Center lobby is open, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., 2700 Lyons Road.

The other five retirement boxes are located at:

City of Miamisburg – 10 North First Street

Parkview Church – 3713 Benner Road

St. Henry's Church – 6696 N. Springboro Pike

Our Lady of Good Hope – 6 South 3rd Street, Miamisburg

St. Mary's Church – 9579 Yankee Road, Springboro



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