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Mayor Burchett launches collection program to ensure proper flag disposal

Knoxville, Tenn. — In recognition of Flag Day, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett announced today that all Knox County senior centers will serve as collection locations for to-be-retired American flags. Flags that have reached the end of their useable life can be dropped off at any of the centers and Knox County staff will ensure they are disposed of properly and in partnership with several community organizations.

“The red, white and blue flag of the United States of America is not only a symbol of pride for our nation’s citizens, but it is a beacon of freedom and opportunity for the rest of the world,” said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. “Our soldiers go to battle under our flag, and those taken by war come home in caskets draped in the stars and stripes. It is only proper that we do everything we can to ensure the flag is retired properly.”

Once collected, the flags will be handed over to various community organizations, including American Legion Post 2, Woodmen of the World, Boy Scouts, the Order of Elks and others for proper disposal during the organizations’ respective flag retirement ceremonies. Community organizations interested in becoming a program partner should contact Knox County Veterans and Senior Services Director Robert “Buzz” Buswell at 865-604-4443.

Knox County Senior Center hours vary. More information about the centers can be found online at <http://www.knoxcounty.org/seniors>.

Flags can be dropped off at any of the following locations:

Carter Senior Center
9040 Asheville Highway
865-932-2939

Corryton Senior Center
9331 Davis Drive
865-688-5882

Frank R. Strang Senior Center
109 Lovell Heights Road
865-670-6693

Halls Senior Center
4405 Crippen Road
865-922-0416

Karns Senior Center
8042 Oak Ridge Highway
865-951-2653

South Knox Senior Center
6729 Martel Lane
865-573-5843

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