

WEST NEWTON AVENUE OF FLAGS
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Volunteers needed for West Newton Avenue of Flags in 26th year *Flags will take to the skies in cemetery on Friday, May 8*

WEST NEWTON, Pa. – More than 350 flags will rise in this small trail town to honor deceased local veterans for the Memorial Day holiday.

On Friday, May 8 beginning at 9 a.m., about 40 students from the Yough High School Student Council, along with members of the West Newton VFW Post No. 7812 and West Newton Moose No. 31 will be among the volunteers raising the 10-foot flags poles, attaching plaques and unfolding flags that line the roads of the West Newton Cemetery, 210 Vernon Drive.

The West Newton Avenue of Flags, founded in 1994, is comprised of American flags, each donated by a family member.

More volunteers are always welcome, said Kathie Montgomery, who leads the organizing committee for the annual display.

“We are so grateful for the volunteers, from high-schoolers to old-timers, who help us each and every year,” Montgomery said. “We also are grateful for the support of local businesses who help us buy pizza and doughnuts to fuel the community service that honors our veterans.”

For the 26th year, the flags will be on display during the cemetery’s regular dawn to dusk hours through Memorial Day until Saturday, May 30, when volunteers again will gather to take them down.

They are also a highlight of West Newton’s Memorial Day parade and service planned for 9 a.m. Monday, May 25.

Anyone planning to volunteer, or who would like more information, is asked to email wnaveofflags@gmail.com, or call Stacey at 724-309-9687.

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