

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS TO HONOR VICTIMS OF 9-11

In conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, members of the Amherst Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Program setup a memorial of flags in front of the Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main Street in Williamsville. The flags are arranged in a design that shows the number 2,977, representing the number of victims who passed away in the attacks.

The placement of flags continues a tradition that started in 2008. “As more time passes since the tragedy of 9/11, it becomes even more important for us to remember the events of that day. Our lives were forever changed. Today's youth do not know what our lives were like before that tragic and horrific day. It is our responsibility to impart the gravity of it, the consequences, and the bravery that emerged,” said Antonella Stravalaci, Director of Amherst Youth Engaged in Service in the town's Youth and Recreation Department.

The display will remain at Town Hall through the end of the week following the anniversary. Amherst Town Councilmember Deborah Bruch Bucki serves as Chair of the 9-11 Commemoration Committee. She observed: “Our youth have worked to place a fitting tribute at an appropriately prominent location in our town. I hope that all residents will stop to see this very special memorial. Let us never forget those who died at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania on that devastating day twenty years ago.”

Members of the public are invited to view the flag display and to attend the Town's 20th Anniversary Commemoration Event on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00am at the Amherst Memorial Hill Grove along the Ellicott Creek Bike Path. Free parking to view the flags is available in the Amherst Town Hall lot and free parking for the memorial ceremony on September 11 is available at the Ellicott Creek Tennis Courts, just north of Maple Road on North Forest.

For more information, please contact Councilmember Bucki at dbucki@amherst.ny.us or by phone at 688-0697.



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