

Flags flying high—Dover Elks, Lights Committee hang flags for Memorial Day

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DOVER — Members of Dover Elks Lodge and the Dover Lights Committee gathered together to canvas downtown in an annual effort to mount a series of flags to celebrate Memorial Day Saturday morning.

A group of 10 or so volunteers met at City Hall to divide up the route designed to hold and display the city's 50 flags for the Memorial Day, formerly called "Decoration Day," weekend. According to Exalted Leader of the Elks Barbara Allard, the Elks voted unanimously to take care of the flag hanging after the city's relationship with the American Legion fell through and the city sought another organization to set up the display.

"It just made sense," said Allard. "The flag is an emblem of our organization. We like to display our patriotism."

The display stretches from Pine Street cemetery, up Central Avenue to Oak Street. According to Allard, while the flags will come down after the holiday weekend, they will be put up again for the Fourth of July and Veterans Day, as well.



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Dover Elks Lodge 184 Exalted Ruler
Barbara Allard passes the flag to Elks
member Roger Ward, Jr. to hand in
front of City Hall in Dover Saturday.