

Peabody, MA (11/10/2016) – Nicholas McLaughlin of Troop 88 has built a series of flag retirement boxes for his Eagle Scout Project. These boxes can be found in Peabody at City Hall, the Main and West Libraries, the Torigian Life Center, and the DPW.

Each box is purposed to collect the old, worn flag from the community before their proper retirement by Troop 88. These boxes are implemented into the community with the highest reverence for the flag and what it stands for.

After months of paperwork, proposals, and meetings, Nicholas was able to construct these boxes. Starting from scratch, Nicholas built and painted five mailbox-sized drop boxes. These boxes took months to build, due to his busy senior year schedule and the detail involved in these boxes.

Nicholas, by no means, was the only one working on this project. His father, Kevin McLaughlin, spent an exorbitant amount of time working with and helping Nicholas in this project, as well as his grandfather, Bob McLaughlin. These two, alongside the help of Troop 88 and Scoutmaster Shawn Santeer, aided Nicholas in the production of these boxes.

The boxes now reside at the aforementioned locations, and they will be maintained and checked upon throughout the year. Nicholas and Troop 88 will take responsibility for the community's flags, in hopes of ensuring a new resource.

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