

Memorandum

January 5 , 2026

To: Commissioners of Poolesville

From D. Wade Yost, Town Manager

RE: Annual Displays for Electronic Sign

Annual Consideration of Display (Flag Policy adopted July 2024)

Each year, the Poolesville Commissioners will consider a staff generated list for the display of Commemorative Flags for the upcoming year. During an initial public meeting discussion, a list will be considered, amended or adopted. A majority of the Poolesville Commissioners must vote affirmatively to adopt.

Black History Month (FEBRUARY)

Each February, National Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are essential to the ongoing story of America – our faults, our struggles, our progress, and our aspirations. Shining a light on Black history today is as important to understanding ourselves and growing stronger as a Nation as it has ever been. That is why it is essential that we take time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Black Americans, honor the legacies and achievements of generations past, reckon with centuries of injustice, and confront those injustices that still fester today.

Women's History Month (MARCH)

Each year, Women's History Month offers an important opportunity for us to shine a light on the extraordinary legacy of trailblazing American women and girls who have built, shaped, and improved upon our Nation.

Throughout American history, women and girls have made vital contributions, often in the face of **discrimination and undue hardship**. **Courageous women marched for and won the right to vote**, campaigned against injustice, shattered countless barriers, and expanded the possibilities of American life. **Our history is also replete with examples of the unfailing bravery and grit of women in America, particularly in times of crisis and emergency**. **Women served our Nation during World War II**, led organizing and litigation efforts during the Civil Rights movement, and represented the United States on the global stage in the fight for human rights, peace, and **security**. **Far too often, their heroic efforts and their stories have gone untold** – especially the millions of Black women, immigrant women, and others from diverse communities who have strengthened America across every generation.

Autism Moth (APRIL)

World Autism Awareness Month is an opportunity for everyone to come together and raise awareness, foster acceptance, and create a society where autistic people are supported, understood, and empowered. Whether you're at home, at school, or at work, your involvement can make a real difference. It's about how you show up - whether you're supporting your autistic colleagues, students, or family members, your actions can help create an inclusive and accepting world.

Military Appreciation /First Responders Month (MAY) 2 different displays

May is Military Appreciation Month. Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May, honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country. During National Veterans and Military Families Month in November, we recognize and thank those who served in our Armed Forces for their indispensable contributions and immeasurable sacrifices in support of our national security.

Pride Month (JUNE)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events.

POW/MIA Recognition Day SEPT. 19

The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.

Hispanic Heritage Month (SEPT 15 - OCT. 15)

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize that Hispanic heritage is American heritage. We see it in every aspect of our national life: on our television and movie screens, in the music that moves our feet, and in the foods we enjoy. We benefit from the many contributions of Hispanic scientists working in labs across the country to help us fight COVID-19 and the doctors and the nurses on the front lines caring for people's health. Our Nation is represented by Hispanic diplomats who share our values in countries all over the world and strengthened by military members and their families who serve and sacrifice for the United States. Our communities are represented by Hispanic elected officials, and our children are taught by Hispanic teachers. Our future will be shaped by Hispanic engineers who are working to develop new technology that will help us grasp our clean energy future and by the skilled union workers who are going to build it.

National Farmer 's Day (October 12)

It's a day to honor hard-working farmers across the nation who tirelessly provide us with the food we eat.

Native American Heritage Month (NOV)

Native American Heritage Month is celebrated to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have contributed a lot to improve the character of the nation. This month is also referred to as the American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. November is the time to rejoice in diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and to appreciate the great contributions of the Native Americans. This month allows us to spread awareness about tribes or to educate people about the various challenges faced by the Native Americans in the past and today. Throughout

this month, we commit to keep on supporting the remaining Native American tribes and let the world know about their sacrifices.