

'Paint the Town' a day to display area's unity, pride

Hazleton area residents will get the chance to show their individual community pride on Saturday.

The Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership is hoping "Paint the Town Red, White and Blue Day" will increase civic and community pride.

As residents do their spring cleaning, the partnership is hoping they will take a little time to, perhaps, plant some red, white and blue flowers.

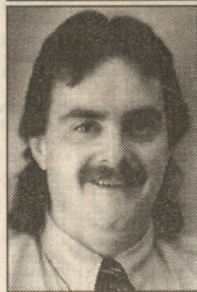
With spring cleaning under way, the weekend before the

hung in a conspicuous place on a home, like the front door.

Red, white and blue stars will be painted on streets in various communities throughout the area.

And, red, white and blue flowers are being donated as another symbol. Some will be given to residents, who will be asked to plant them in a prominent spot outside their homes.

The whole idea of the program is for the rest of the outside world to associate Hazleton with red, white and blue, and thus, with community pride and unity.



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Memorial Day holiday weekend has been chosen by the partnership as the time residents should display their community pride.

A number of local groups have offered to help with the project.

But the thing that will make it work will be the people.

When a person plants some flowers in front of their home or hangs a ribbon from their front door, it will show his or her next-door neighbors — and the entire community — that he or she has community spirit.

We, as a group, have to show we have community pride.

Remember, we don't live in a ghetto or a run-down city neighborhood. We live in an area where

All are asked to display something red, white and blue near or on their homes. It could be anything — flowers, a flag, a ribbon, or maybe a window box.

A number of local businesses have already gotten into the spirit. They have contributed red, white and blue materials to help with the celebration.

Ribbon has been donated to make red, white and blue bows that will be made by a host of volunteers from several organizations in the area. The partnership would like to see the ribbons

family is important, and communities are just larger families.

Families make up neighborhoods; neighborhoods make up towns; towns make up townships, boroughs and cities, and they make up states that make up the United States of America.

By transposing just two letters in "United States" — the T and I in united — that spells "untied." And that's what we become when we don't stick together.

Get something red, white and blue and display in on Saturday, and join the band.