

New flag to fly over Canandaigua

□ The flag was made by a Wolcott couple inspired to make sure America never forgets last year's terror attacks.

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CANANDAIGUA — A flag made by a couple who hope it will become sanctioned as the National Remembrance Flag for Sept. 11, 2001, will fly over Canandaigua next week.

Yesterday, the City Council approved the use of the flag during its ceremonies Wednesday, Sept. 11 to remember the terrorist attacks on the United States a year ago. It will fly at the minipark ceremony, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

"It will really be our pleasure to have that flying," said Mayor Ellen Polimeni.

The flag, designed by Stephen and Joanne Galvin of 1131 Ridge Road in Wolcott, has four interlocking stars, one for each of the four planes that crashed into the World Trade Center towers, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. The central black vertical stripe represents sorrow while the two blue vertical stripes represent



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The Canandaigua City Council voted last night to fly this flag, made by a Wolcott couple, at the city's Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony, to begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the minipark on Main and Coach streets.

the dominant color in the state flags of New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia where the planes went down.

The Galvins conceived the idea shortly after the attacks last fall. After hearing on a radio show that some folks couldn't remember Dec. 7, 1941, as the date the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, they designed a flag that has the date 9-11-01 in bold white letters across the bottom.

The Galvins are selling the flags for charity while trying to raise interest in having it become a nationally sanctioned flag. "It's hard because

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we're just two people," said Joanne Galvin.

People interested in purchasing flags or stickers can call (315) 594-9274 or e-mail to jmgalvin@zlink.net. Three-by-five-foot flags are \$40. A four-by-six-inch flag is \$5. Stickers are \$2.50.