

You are cordially invited to attend
the ceremony dedicating the new

Hilliard City Flag

Saturday

April 20, 1974

10:00 A.M.

at

Hilliard Municipal Building
372 Waterworks Drive
Hilliard, Ohio

Roger Reynolds
Director of Public Service

William Provenzale
Mayor of the
City of Hilliard, Ohio

Thursday, April 18, 1974

Hilliard Flag Dedication Set

Formal dedication ceremonies for the new Hilliard flag will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20 in front of city hall. All members of the community are urged to attend.

In addition to Mayor William Provenzale and his staff, the members of City Council and representatives from most other Hilliard organizations will be participating in the ceremonies.

Designed by a local artist, Richard Foley, of 190 Midlane Drive, the flag carries the year of Hilliard's founding and four stars to represent the city's four political wards.

It was actually the people of Hilliard who chose the design for the flag by voting on it at the Hilliard Festival last year. The winning design received almost a thousand votes more than any other design submitted.

For many, the flag also symbolizes Hilliard's "new image". As one resident said who wrote in to express approval of the new city-limit sign and the blue and white colors being used: "Our city is beginning to gain character".

Hilliard Flag Dedication



Displaying the new flag are (from L. to R.) Hilliard Public Service Director Roger Reynolds, flag designer, Richard Foley, Mayor William Provenzale, and Senator Ted Gray.

By Frances Jacobs

A distinguished group assembled on the sunlit lawn in front of the Hilliard Municipal Building the morning of April 20 to witness and participate in a memorable event in city history.

Included in the crowd which came to see the Hilliard flag dedication were many local, northwest area and county dignitaries. Roger Reynolds, Hilliard Public Service Director, who organized and officiated at the ceremonies welcomed those attending, calling it "a proud, proud day for the city of Hilliard."

He referred to the new flag as "a gallant and majestic symbol of our community spirit," adding that the commun-

ity has developed "a character of strength, progress and beauty. . .not derived from symbols, signs and fresh paint, . . .but from the wonderful people of Hilliard."

"Never," he said, "has a community had such cooperation from its residents, its legislators and its administrators."

Pastor Robert E. Zoeller of the Resurrection Lutheran Church who offered the prayer for the ceremony, united in his words the city's past and its future. "Many in the past have worked hard to make Hilliard the community it is now," he said. In looking forward, he said, "We must move ahead. We must have vision."

As Mayor William Provenzale prepared the flag and it

was hoisted against a cloudless blue sky, spectators stood intently absorbed in a vivid view of history being made. In the hushed atmosphere the flag reached the top of the pole, hung limply a moment and then caught in a gentle April breeze to unfurl in all its beauty and glory for a breath-taking picture beside the flag of the United States.

Honored especially at the ceremony was local artist Richard Foley who designed the flag and is also active in serving the community as a member of both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Council President David Harper presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the city.

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Senator Ted Gray, now completing his 9th consecutive term as a member of the Ohio Senate and the recipient of many governmental honors, was main speaker for the historic event.

"The symbolism of flags is not only in their inception," he said. They are also "honoring those who have worked long and hard" in the past and they go on to "become symbols of the future."

As a community progresses, the distinguished speaker indicated, its flag becomes a part of the tradition. And as problems are met and significant events are passed, the symbolism of the flag takes on a deeper and richer meaning.

At the close of the ceremonies, most of those who came lingered for refreshments and conversation on the lawn.

And when the crowd dispersed and departed, the city which had its beginnings as a little town in 1883 and then drowsed along for so many years before exploding into a city with all the attendant growing pains, was flying a distinctive flag of its own.

