



February 7, 2012

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

From: Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development

Re: Recognition of the 2011 Eden Main Street Champion

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, the American Legion Post #254 was honored at the Clayton, NC Annual Main Street Conference for being Eden's 2011 Main Street Champion. Included in their accomplishments are:

- Members of the American Legion Post #254 assumed leadership of the Draper Village Merchants Association after the current President had resigned.
- The members renovated a downtown building where they hold their meetings and work for the benefit of the community.
- They coordinated a T-shirt fundraiser to defray expenses of the downtown area.
- The Post members also built a merchant sign that will enable area businesses and other organizations to publicize their special events and sales.
- The American Legion volunteers helped revitalize Children's Park in Draper Village with new flags that will compliment the merchant sign.
- The American Legion Post also raised \$10,000 to build a flag exhibit to honor veterans of all military services at Eden's Freedom Park. The flag display has been a great addition to one of Eden's most popular recreational facilities that hosts numerous ball tournaments annually.
- American Legion Post 254 is an inspiration to the citizens of Eden, demonstrating how a group of volunteers can work together to revitalize the Draper Village downtown district and other areas of the community.

I would like for Mayor Pro-Tem Wayne Tuggle to join me in presenting a framed photo of the Clayton award presentation to members of the American Legion Post at the beginning of the February City Council Meeting.

Please advise me if there are any questions about this request. Thank you.