

## **How come others have to remind us to be patriotic?**

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Allowing a real estate company or a neighborhood group to place an American flag in our front yards is akin to allowing others to attend religious services for us. Or raise our children. Or fight our battles.

Are we so lazy, so disinterested, so passive we cannot buy our own 25-cent flag? If we did buy our own flag we could display it in a place out of the weather and away from traffic. We could display it in a place where, if it tipped over we could respectfully right it.

No matter how small the flag, it should be honored and cared for. What would we do if a complete stranger haphazardly put a Bloomington High School Raider/Pansy flag in our yard? Or a Greenpeace flag? Or an Atlanta Braves pennant?

Why, then, do residents every year around the Fourth of July allow others to remind them of their own patriotism? Showing pride in our country is an active, hands-on duty. But I guess we are just too busy.

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