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Orland resident completes Eagle project

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For those that live or exercise along Wheeler Drive from 94th Avenue east towards Harlem Avenue in Orland Park, they may have noticed a yellow foot long stripe on the sidewalk. The stripes are part of William Hornof's III Eagle Project, which took place on Friday, July 25 and was carried out in cooperation with the Village of Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin and implemented by William's fellow scouts of Troop 318 of Orland Park and a close friend from Troop 342 of Homewood. Supplies were donated by Home Depot of Orland Park, as well as help from Assistant Store Manager James Siegfried who also lent the use of a measuring wheel.



William Hornof III of Orland Park recently completed his Eagle Project to become an Eagle Scout for Troop 318 in Orland Park.

Hornof, in his quest to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest rank to which a Scout can achieve, developed an Eagle Project in which he showed planning and leadership skills. He developed the project to encourage the citizens of Orland Park to get out and walk and exercise more. Wheeler Drive was chosen because of its high population density in the community. Residents may now keep track of their exercise by counting out the stripes as they pass along their exercise route, with each stripe representing 1/4-mile. Residents may also like to compare the lengths of their exercise to well known landmarks around Orland Park and Chicago. For instance both levels of Orland Square Mall represents 1 mile, while Navy Pier is 3 1/2 miles in length. Orland Park Place is 1,760 feet long, while the height of Sears Tower, at 1450 feet, represents a little over 1/4-mile.

So when out exercising on Wheeler Drive take note of those yellow stripes. See how far you walk and strive for 1/4-mile more the next time. Soon residents may look back and see how far they have come, like an Eagle.

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