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FIRE SERVICE MEMORIAL DEDICATED

In March, 2013, Union Township resident Perry Fisher approached Fire Chief Stan Deimling with an idea for his Eagle Scout project. After many meetings, fundraising efforts, and some serious physical work, that idea culminated in the dedication May 12 of a Fire Service Memorial on the grounds of Station 51.

The choice of the Union Township Fire Department for the memorial was not random. Fisher's father, now with the Anderson Township Fire and Rescue Department, served with the Withamsville Fire Department, as did his father before him.

The location of the memorial was chosen with care.

The 75-year history of what is now the Union Township Fire Department began when the Withamsville Volunteer Department was established in 1942 at 855 Ohio Pike. In 1975, the department expanded into hiring full-time firefighters and EMTs to meet the needs of the township.

In 1956, the North Union Volunteer Fire Department was created to serve the needs of the northern part of the township. Its first station was located at 718 Old State Route 74 and a second station was later added at 1141 Old State Route 74. Like its sister department, North Union transitioned into a combination of full-time and volunteer firefighters/EMTs in 1986.

In his remarks, Bob McGee, chairman of the Board of Trustees, remarked on the significance of the location of the memorial.

"This monument has been placed at a spot that is historical to our Fire Department, as it was here that the line between the Withamsville and North Union Fire Departments was eradicated with the merger of them both in 1990."

Chief Stan Deimling underscored the importance of the memorial to the community.



The history of the department, as well as the Firefighters' Prayer, is etched into the granite memorial. Giving the benediction at the dedication was Father William Wagner, pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, which stands on land the fire department had once targeted for a fire station.

"This project has had participation from representatives of both previous private fire departments, past and current Union Township personnel, as well as numerous private and public partners," he said. "So today we dedicate this memorial to the heart and soul of the service delivery that sets Union Township apart from all other fire departments. And that is the past, current and future fire service personnel, including volunteer, part-time and career staff, which includes firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, medical directors, and chaplains."

Firefighter/paramedic Franco Delzotti served as Master of Ceremonies for the dedication. As president of Union Township IAFF 3412, Delzotti was involved in the project from the start. He was responsible for bringing the Cincinnati Emerald Society Police and Fire Pipes and Drums, which accompanied the inaugural appearance of the Union Township Fire Department Honor Guard.

Eighteen months in the making, members of the department approached Deimling with the proposal of creating an Honor

Guard.

"They have spent months of learning and practicing, approaching the Union Township Police Department Honor Guard and other organizations for advice. They have spent hours and hours of volunteer time perfecting their skills. It was fitting that they raised the colors for the first time at this memorial," Deimling said.

Trustee Matt Beamer was more than impressed with the memorial as well as the Honor Guard.

"The memorial is a 'thank you' to all members of the fire service who dedicate their lives to the safety of this community," he said. "The Honor Guard underscores the professionalism and commitment of the department."

Members of the Union Township Fire Department Honor Guard who performed at the dedication were Lt. Craig Forster, Honor Guard Commander; Lt. Adam Dressler; Firefighter/paramedics Jessica Moening, Austin Clements, Joe Klamo, and Jon Milligan. Also part of the team are Firefighter/paramedics Chris Butler and Ken Reardon.

Today, the Union Township Fire Department operates out of five stations, and numbers 54 full-time firefighter/paramedics, one full-time firefighter/EMT, and one administrative assistant. In Union Township, the department serves a residential population of nearly 50,000, as well as a thriving and ever-growing commercial/retail and industrial/office community. The department also provides the Village of Amelia with emergency fire and paramedic services.



WELCOME HAVOC, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO UTPD'S CANINE UNIT

Union Township residents may notice a new officer patrolling the streets this summer: an officer of the four-legged variety. Police Canine Havoc and his handler, Officer CJ Holden, are scheduled to hit the streets of the township sometime in late July and will become the second officer/canine tandem in the Police Canine Unit for the Union Township Police Department.

Police administration is extremely excited to add another dog to the unit. Officer Dave Perkins and his canine, Kaos, have been in service now for two years and the results they have yielded have been more than positive. After Officer Mark Stephens and the police department retired Police Canine Daron in December, 2016, the long term goal of police administration was to replace Daron immediately and add a second canine after the first year.

In the early fall of 2017, Police Chief Scott Gaviglia approached the Command Staff about the possibility of finally adding a second police dog. The idea was floated to engage local civic groups in an effort to build community buy-in and support and try to fund the purchase of the new dog and training independent of the police budget. Officers Perkins and Holden, who scored highest in the Canine Officer Assessment, along with the Canine Unit supervisor, Sergeant Jeff Brown, approached local Rotary Clubs. Through presentations to the various clubs that outlined the benefits of adding a second canine, the officers were able to raise enough money to absorb 75 percent of the total cost of the dog and training. These donations were made possible by both the Batavia and Williamsburg Rotary Clubs and an extremely generous donation from Rotarians Peter and Jeanne Weiglin. As a result, Officers Perkins and Holden and Lt. Anthony Rees traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, the home of Excel K-9 Kennel, in early May to select and purchase the newest addition to Union Township Police Department's Canine Unit.

Havoc is a pure bred, 18-month-old German Shepard imported from the Czech Republic who will be used as a dual purpose canine, specializing in drug detection and article search/tracking capabilities. Officer Holden and Havoc are scheduled to begin their training together in Cleveland at Excel Kennel on June 11. The training will take approximately six weeks to complete and will culminate with a graduation and a state certified test before Havoc and Officer Holden can begin their work in Union Township.



"I have been training with dogs for the past 15 years and this is something I've always wanted to do," Holden said. "I know what it takes to become a successful K9 handler and I know that by becoming a K9 handler, it is not just a position change but a lifestyle change."

Holden added that he and Perkins will strive to make this K9 unit one of the best in the area.

Officer Holden and Havoc intend to hit the ground running. By late summer of this year, Union Township, for the first time in its 53 year history, will have not one, but two police dogs and handlers patrolling its streets. The Canine Unit schedule will be built to maximize utilization of both police dogs. They will not work the same shifts or even rotations and will be scheduled on opposite days. Under these parameters, UTPD Canines will be able to provide service to the township seven days a week for twelve hours a day and are also subject to be called in when the need arises. The benefits to our residents will be numerous. Both police dogs will be trained in drug detection and both will be able to track under varied circumstances. These can range from locating suspects fleeing from a crime to assisting in locating missing children, Alzheimer's patients and subjects suffering from dementia who have wandered from home. Of course, both Kaos and Havoc will also be utilized in a public relations role and can be seen soon at a township event near you.

New additions at Mt. Moriah Cemetery

Two swans are now calling Mount Moriah Cemetery their home. Two white, mute swans can be found swimming on the pond on the east side of the cemetery. Not only do the swans decrease the geese population, but, more importantly, they add beauty and grace to the cemetery.

Mute Swans are native to Europe and Asia. They were originally brought in from Europe as an ornamental addition to parks and estates. The name “mute” derives from it being less vocal than other swan species. They do make a variety of grunting, hoarse whistling and snoring noises, and usually hiss at competitors or intruders trying to enter their territory.

This large swan is wholly white in plumage with an orange beak bordered with black. It is recognizable by its pronounced knob atop the beak, which is larger in males. Adults of this species typically range from 55 to 63 inches long, with a 79- to 94-inch wingspan. The mute swan is one of the heaviest flying birds. A mature mute swan weighs 20 to 32 pounds, with the slightly smaller females weighing 17 to 23 pounds. The wingbeats may be heard as far as a mile away. Mute swans can be very aggressive in defense of their nests and are highly protective of their mate and offspring. Swans attack their enemies with bony spurs in the wings, accompanied by biting with their large bill.

Swans feed on mostly plant material such as seeds, stems, leaves, and roots of aquatic plants, including pondweeds, eelgrass, and algae. Swans also graze on grasses and feed on waste grain. Sometimes they eat insects, snails, worms, tadpoles, and small fish.

Swans are largely monogamous, pairing for life. They usually form a pair at age two years, with the first nesting usually at 3 to 4 years. A swan’s nest is essentially a large heap or mound of reeds, grasses and weeds. It is usually five or six feet in diameter, with a

shallow depression on the top. A nest is reused every year, restored or rebuilt as needed. Both parents share in the care of the nest. A typical clutch contains four to ten greenish-white eggs. Small, young swans are often carried on parents’ backs. Swans will aggressively defend their nests with their wings and beaks.

In addition to the new swans, an outdoor information center has been installed by the pond. This 56” x 77” information center includes an enclosed case which contains a large 42” x 28” map of the entire cemetery. The map features landmarks such as the pond, gazebo, scattering garden and office. Also, the map includes all the numbered, color coded sections of the cemetery. Families are now able to Google www.union-township.oh.us on their mobile devices to gain access to Mt. Moriah Cemetery’s search. Simply by entering the first and last name of a loved one, his burial location can be accessed. The lot and section numbers can be viewed and easily found on the message board map. In addition, the outdoor information center contains a holder for brochures featuring information about the swans, Cremation Scattering Garden, Niche Columbarium, Cemetery Search and the 11th Annual Lantern Lighting Ceremony (set for Sept. 15). The brochures will be changed as needed for new updates regarding the cemetery.

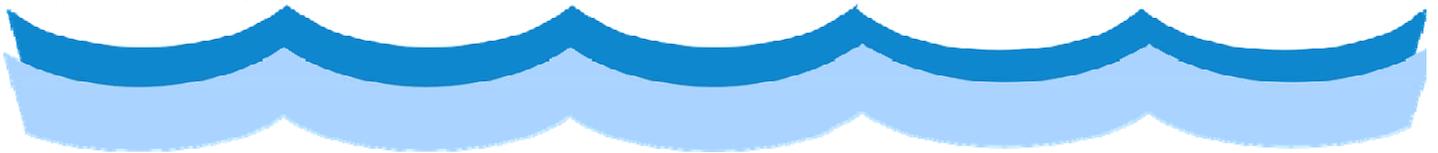
Another new addition to Mt. Moriah Cemetery is a fourth niche columbarium. In the spring of 2015, Mt. Moriah Cemetery installed its first columbarium with 24 niches. Before it was installed, there was a waiting list for people interested in purchasing a niche. The columbarium was so popular, that in the fall of 2015, two additional 24-niche columbaria were installed. A columbarium is a building, or portion of a building, where niches are placed to house cremated remains. The word is derived from the Latin word *Columba*,



which means the dwelling place of a dove. This name may have been chosen because of the resemblance of the burial niches to dovecotes, or because the dove also is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, whose presence is associated with the resting place of the departed. Although early columbaria were often built partly or completely underground, today's columbaria can be either free standing units or part of a mausoleum or other building. A niche is a space in a columbarium to be used for the inurnment of cremated remains. It is a respectful place for inurning the ashes of loved ones above ground. The columbaria are made of grey granite throughout with black granite doors. Each niche measures 11" x 11" for the inurnment of one urn. The niches are faced with black, granite panels which can be engraved with name, birth date, death date and endearment. The selection of a niche is made at the time of purchase, and can be purchased on a pre-need or time of need basis.

The columbarium site will be perpetually maintained in a manner designed to be inviting and serene. The location of the Mt. Moriah Columbaria is on the east side of the cemetery by the pond and waterfall. A paved walkway leads through the gazebo to the Cremation Scattering Garden and columbaria. The location provides an exceptionally serene, private site for grieving, prayer, meditation and services. A black granite bench is surrounded by beautiful landscape. The overall aesthetics of this area provides a place of reflection and serenity for those visiting their loved ones. The cost for a niche, including engraving, is \$1,000.

For more information please contact the cemetery office at (513) 751-1773.



SWIMMING POOL INSTALLATIONS:

As we quickly jump from spring to summer and the temperatures rise, many of us gear up for swimming season to beat the heat. When installing a new pool, there are certain rules we must follow to ensure a safe and fun summer.

First, permits are required for any swimming pool deeper than 18" in depth, regardless of whether that pool is above or below ground. Also, all pools are required to be fenced and secured from unauthorized entry, especially a child, with a lockable gate. The Union Township Zoning Resolution requires a minimum fence height of four (4') feet, with the fence being located at least four (4') feet from the edge of the pool, for fencing that surrounds the perimeter of the lot with the pool installed. For Kentucky board or split-rail type fencing, mesh must be applied to the outside portion of the fence so that no person is able to climb over the fence. However, many above-ground pool manufacturers now offer fencing and decking that can be installed on the pool itself, which is completely appropriate, provided that the fence height and the pool height reach a minimum height of six (6') feet, in combination, with retractable ladders and lockable gates. Fences must be securely latched with a childproof lock mechanism, as to prevent entry, and must be in place no later than when pool construction is completed. Pools cannot be located in the front yard, and cannot be located any closer than five (5') feet from any side or rear property line. Fencing is arguably the most important component of any pool installation project because of the important safety function it provides.

Swimming pool installations may also require building permits, so be sure to contact Clermont County Permit Central to inquire regarding the building permit process. If you are thinking about installing a swimming pool on your property now or in the future, or if you see an unpermitted pool, please contact the Union Township Planning & Zoning Department at (513) 753-2300, as the staff would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have. We wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy summer in 2018!



<p>Lady T of Cinci Band 8 p.m. June 16</p>	<p>Kevin McCoy Band 8 p.m. June 30</p>	<p>Model Behavior 8 p.m. July 21</p>
<p>Chuck Brisbin & The Tuna Project 8 p.m. July 28</p>	<p>The Gamut 8 p.m. August 11</p>	
<p>Cincinnati Philharmonic Orchestra 7 p.m. August 25</p>	<p>Robin Lacy & DeZydeco 8 p.m. September 8</p>	



Bulletin Board

U.T.F.D. to offer CPR classes

Each year, the Fire Department offers free Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and AED classes to the public. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and are held in the Queen City Room, Civic Center, 4312 Aicholtz Road. The remaining dates for the 2018 CPR classes for adult, child and infant CPR education are July 21; Sept. 8; and Nov. 17.

Reservations are required and must be made online. Registration becomes active one month prior to each class. To register, go to the Sign-Up link under Quicklinks at www.union-township.oh.us. If you need information about the class, e-mail: sbavaro@union-township.oh.us, or please call 513-752-3215, ext. 3215. **PLEASE NOTE THIS NUMBER IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY—NOT FOR REGISTRATION.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has scheduled the following events:

POLICE NIGHT OUT will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, at Veterans' Memorial Park. This event is designed to heighten crime and prevention awareness and foster partnerships between the police department and local residents and businesses. Free food, games, prizes, entertainment and music have made this one of the premier events of the area. This event is open to the public.

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY will run from 6 p.m. to 9

p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from Aug. 14 through Oct. 30, 2018. There are also two Saturday classes that run from 9 a.m. to noon. Classes will be held at the Union Township Police Department. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and possess a valid driver license. Applicants must submit to a comprehensive criminal history and background check. Criminal convictions may be grounds for exclusion. Those interested can apply online at www.union-township.oh.us or pick up an application at the department, 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road. The class will be limited to the first 25 successful applicants. If you have questions, please contact Lt. Tony Rees at 753-2247 (desk) or 752-1230 (main).

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The 11th ANNUAL LANTERN LIGHTING CEREMONY is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Materials are provided by the Board of Trustees to make floating rice paper lanterns to commemorate the loss of loved ones. The lit lanterns are set upon the lake at sunset. Transportation is provided from Mt. Moriah UMC across the street from the cemetery. Dinner and music are also provided. This event is free and open to the public. Don't miss this beautiful ceremony that has become one of Union Township's highlights of the year.

FALL JUNK DAYS are tentatively set for Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 18 through 20.

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Monthly Meetings

Trustee	2nd & 4th Thursday	7 p.m.
Zoning Commission	2nd Wednesday	7 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeal	1st Thursday	7 p.m.

Contacts

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Trustees & Administration http://www.union-township.oh.us	752-1741
Fiscal Officer	753-2216
Planning & Zoning Department	753-2300
Fire Department http://www.utfire-ems.org	528-4446
Police Department http://www.utpd.org	752-1230
Service Department www.union-township.oh.us/service	753-2221
Post Office	947-7330
UTTV	947-7336

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