

# UNION TOWNSHIP

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WINTER 2025

SEASONAL FIRE  
SAFETY TIPS

SNOW AND ICE  
REMOVAL

LOCAL  
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



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## Union Township Board of Trustees

Pictured left to right: John Becker, Michael Logue, and Joe Dills.

As we close out 2025 and look forward to the opportunities of 2026, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our community. The strength of Union Township lies in the commitment of our residents, and together, we've made significant strides in improving the quality of life for all who live here.

Key initiatives for 2025 focused on strengthening community services and driving economic development across Union Township. We remain dedicated to maintaining a safe, well-maintained, and vibrant community by prioritizing public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life. This year's highlights include significant park enhancements, improved neighborhood connectivity through expanded walking and biking paths, and continued investment in road repairs and upgrades. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of residents and supporting the Township's long-term growth and vitality.

We are committed to fostering an environment that attracts new businesses and supports local entrepreneurs. Our goal is to create a thriving economic landscape that offers jobs, amenities, and growth opportunities for everyone. This year has seen remarkable progress across multiple sectors, with new retail, dining, healthcare, and recreational developments taking shape throughout the Township. From major projects like Cincinnati Children's Hospital and The Cove mixed-use center to local favorites such as Pigskins Bar & Grill and Clean EatZ, these investments reflect strong confidence in our community's future. As construction continues and ribbon cuttings approach, Union Township remains focused on sustainable growth, enhanced quality of life, and continued partnership with the businesses and residents who make our community strong.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to nurture partnerships with local organizations, regional governments, and businesses that will continue to shape the future of our Township.

None of this would be possible without your involvement and support. Your feedback, participation in local meetings, and engagement in community events make Union Township a place we can all be proud of. I encourage you to stay connected with our office and share any ideas or feedback you may have as we embark on another year of advancement.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Together, we will continue to build a prosperous future for Union Township. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and successful 2026.

Warm regards,

Michael Logue

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

# Spreading Holiday Cheer

The Christmas season is a special time in Union Township and our Fire and Police Departments are proud to continue cherished traditions that brings smiles, laughter, and lasting connections.

Each December, Union Township police officers team up with children from West Clermont Elementary Schools for a day of fun and holiday shopping. This year, Township officers will have the opportunity to lead Shop with a Cop at Walmart and at Meijer. Thanks to a generous donation from the local Union Township Law Enforcement Organization, officers are able to take children on a shopping trip to pick out gifts for themselves and their families at Walmart, followed by lunch with officers and a visit from Santa Claus. American Legion Post 72 donated funds with a match from Meijer for another incredible opportunity to Shop with a Cop at Meijer this year.

Shop with a Cop gives our young residents a chance to experience the joy of giving and receiving. Beyond the presents

and wrapping paper, these events helps build positive relationships between young people and law enforcement.

Also, in December, Fire and Police Departments will escort Santa Claus through Union Township on Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

Santa will be waving and handing out candy canes as he travels through neighborhoods, daycares, nursing homes and parks. To ensure Santa gets to see as many children as possible during this day, there are no specified times for when Santa Claus will be traveling through areas of the Township. We encourage you to follow Union Township's Facebook page at Union, Township, Clermont County to follow Santa's GPS route throughout the Township on December 23rd.

Keep the magic alive and experience Christmas wonder with Union Township this year.



## Holiday Hours

Township offices, including the U.S. Post Office and the Clermont Senior Services located within the Union Township Civic Center, will be closed on the upcoming dates listed below.

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**

Christmas Day

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**

New Year's Day

**Monday, January 19, 2026**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Monday, February 16, 2026**

Presidents Day

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Once the Christmas season has passed and the decorations come down, your Christmas tree can still do some good for our community and the environment. Take advantage of the Township's complimentary Christmas Tree Recycling program. Beginning Friday, December 26, 2025 through Friday, January 30, 2026, residents may drop off their undecorated trees at the Service Department garage, located at 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road.

Please remove all decorations, including lights, tinsel, ornaments and tree stands. No artificial trees or wreaths will be accepted.

Recycling your tree helps reduce landfill waste and protect the environment by returning organic material to the soil.

In recent years, Union Township has recycled more than 300 trees, supporting the community's commitment to sustainability.





## Local Business Spotlight:



Rod Sparks founded TruCraft in 2010 and had gained early experience working for his father's company, Forschee Roofing in Newtown, Ohio. TruCraft is a trusted partner for commercial and residential roofing, backed by a strong service division. TruCraft also provides construction solutions, including pre-engineered metal buildings and custom metal work, delivering quality craftsmanship and dependable results on every project.

TruCraft is proud to play a part in projects that make a difference close to home. Recent highlights include Eastgate Station, both TQL additions, and Cincinnati Children's Eastgate facility, each representing collaboration and growth within our community. TruCraft also contributed to the restoration of the Cincinnati Nature Center's Krippendorf Lodge and updates at West Clermont Middle School, supporting spaces where families, students, and neighbors come together.

Rod's daughter, Olivia McIntyre, took a moment to give us an inside look at TruCraft and share what makes TruCraft unique.

### **What defines TruCraft's identity as a family- and veteran-owned business in Union Township?**

At TruCraft, our roots run deep, both in family and in service. As a second-generation, family-owned roofing company, we've built our business on the same values that guided us growing up: hard work, honesty, and pride in craftsmanship. Being veteran-owned also means we bring discipline, accountability, and integrity to everything we do. Union Township isn't just where we work, it's home. Every project here is personal to us because we're serving our neighbors and protecting



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the same community where our families live and grow.

### **How does Union Township fit into your broader service region across Greater Cincinnati and beyond?**

Union Township is at the heart of our service area and it's where TruCraft's reputation was built and continues to grow. From here, we're able to serve the Greater Cincinnati region efficiently while maintaining that small-town, local touch our customers appreciate. We've expanded our reach over time, but we've never lost sight of where it all started. Union Township keeps us grounded in community values, even as we take on larger projects across the Tri-State area.

### **How do you tailor solutions to fit the needs of Union Township businesses and residents?**

Every roof tells a story and every customer's needs are unique. In Union Township, we see a blend of older homes, new construction, and growing commercial spaces, so we customize our approach to match the structure, budget, and long-term goals of each client. Whether it's preserving the character of a long-standing home or installing a modern, energy-efficient roofing system, we take the time to listen, educate, and deliver solutions that truly fit.

### **What led to your recent expansion?**

Our expansion came from one simple thing, trust. As our customers began referring friends, family, and other business owners beyond Union Township, we knew we had something special worth sharing. The growth wasn't about getting bigger; it was about serving more people with the same standard of quality and honesty that defines our name. We've invested in a stronger team, advanced tools, and broader reach so we can continue to deliver craftsmanship that lives up to our promise: Our quality is our reputation.

### **Any memorable stories from Union Township projects that reflect your approach or impact?**

One that stands out is a roof we recently replaced for a local veteran's family. They'd been struggling with storm damage and repair challenges, and it meant a lot to us, as a veteran-owned business, to step in and help make things right. We worked closely with their insurance, guided them through every step, and finished the project ahead of schedule. Seeing their relief and gratitude reminded us exactly why we do what we do. Every job is about more than shingles and nails — it's about trust, respect, and doing right by people.

## **Union Township Prepares for Winter**

Preparation begins well before the first snowflakes fall for Union Township crews. Trucks are inspected, plows and salt spreaders are tested, and supplies of rock salt and brine are stocked early in the season.

As winter storms hit, plow crews are dispatched when conditions require attention and are heavy enough for plowing. Union Township is divided into 13 snow plow routes to cover over 130 miles of roadways. The Service Department treats the main thoroughfares first in each route before addressing subdivisions and additional roadways. Crews typically take approximately three hours for each truck to complete a full route. Please provide plow trucks plenty of room to operate, always staying back at least 100-feet (approximately seven car lengths).

Union Township is comprised of highways, county roads, and Township roads. A collaborative effort is put forth from the Township, Clermont County Engineer's Office, and Ohio Department of Transportation to cover the entire area.

Residents can also help the process run smoothly. Whenever possible, please avoid parking on the street during or leading up to an anticipated snowfall. Parked vehicles can slow down plowing operations and make it difficult for crews to clear the entire roadway.

Portable basketball hoops, trash cans, and other obstacles should be moved out of the roadway before snowfall begins. Items left near the curb may be damaged by plows as well as cause damage to plows. Items like basketball hoops do not allow efficient removal of snow for you and your neighbors.

With teamwork between Township road crews, ODOT and Clermont County road crews and the community, the Township can ensure that winter weather is handled quickly, safely, and effectively.



# Heating and Fire Safety Tips for the Season

As temperatures drop, many households turn to space heaters, fireplaces, and furnaces to keep warm. While these heating sources make our homes cozy, they also increase the risk of fires and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning if not used properly. Follow a few safety tips to keep your family warm and safe all winter long.



## Use Space Heaters Safely

Space heaters can quickly warm up small areas, but they're also a leading cause of home heating fires.

- Keep space heaters a safe distance away from other items. Always place space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, such as curtains, bedding, or furniture. Never leave space heaters unattended. Turn heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Plug space heaters directly into the wall. Avoid using extension cords or power strips, which can overheat.
- Inspect each space heater before use. Check cords for cracks or fraying and ensure the heater has an automatic shut-off feature in case it tips over.



## Install and Maintain Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless gas produced by burning fuel in furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, and vehicles. Exposure can be deadly and can occur from faulty or improperly used fuel-burning appliances.

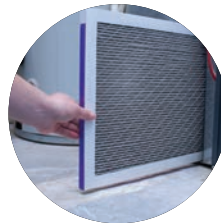
- Install CO detectors on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area.
- Test your detectors monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.
- Replace the entire unit every 5 to 7 years, or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- If your detector sounds an alarm, get everyone outside immediately and call 911.



## Keep Your Chimney and Fireplace Clean

A warm fire in the fireplace is comforting, but creosote buildup can lead to dangerous chimney fires.

- Your chimney should be inspected and cleaned by a certified professional at least once a year.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood. Wet or green wood creates more creosote and smoke.
- Use a screen or glass door to keep sparks and embers from escaping.
- Dispose of ashes safely. Place cooled ashes in a metal container and store them outside, away from your home.



## General Heating System Maintenance

Your central heating system needs attention, too.

- Schedule annual maintenance for your furnace or boiler to ensure it runs efficiently and safely.
- Check vents and flues for blockages that could trap exhaust gases inside your home.
- Keep combustible items away from all heat sources.



## In Case of Emergency

Make sure everyone in your household knows how to use a fire extinguisher and where to find it. Develop and practice a fire escape plan, including two ways out of every room. Reach out to the Union Township Fire Department if you need help creating a fire escape plan.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can stay warm and safe this winter without putting your home or family at risk.



# Building the Future

Union Township continues to experience strong commercial growth, with numerous projects underway or nearing completion across the community. From new restaurants and retail spaces to major healthcare and recreation facilities, the local economy remains vibrant and on the rise.

Retail and restaurant activity continue to thrive throughout Union Township, with several new businesses under construction or preparing to open soon. A new Dollar General is taking shape at the former car wash site on Old State Route 74 in Summerside and is expected to open in February of 2026. Taqueria & Tameria Nuevo Leon, a Texas-based Mexican restaurant, will soon open at the corner of Ohio Pike and Glen Este Withamsville Road, adding another dining option to the area. Clean Eat, located near Jungle Jim's, and Pigskins Bar & Grill at 455 Old State Route 74 in Mt. Carmel are now open. Panda Express has begun construction next to the Union Township Library.

Meanwhile, Wawa construction is progressing, with the store opening this month. The property on the corner of Ohio Pike and Bennett Road is under new ownership, with plans to remodel and expand into a convenience and wine store. Additional development includes a small strip mall at the corner of State Route 32 and Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road on Yates Lane, where site preparation activities have begun, and Alfaa has purchased property at Aicholtz Road and Eastgate Boulevard with plans to begin construction within the next few months.

Major mixed-use and commercial projects continue to enhance Union Township's economic landscape. The Cove, a 16,000-square-foot mixed-use commercial center located adjacent to the Eastgate Boulevard and Ferguson Drive roundabout, is currently under construction. The development will feature first-floor retail space, a drive-thru restaurant or coffee shop, and second-floor office space, with substantial completion expected by this coming spring. In addition, Honda East in Cherry Grove has begun expanding its operations, with the new building anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2026.

Significant progress is being made in the areas of healthcare and education throughout Union Township as well. Cincinnati Children's Hospital recently opened at 4315 Ivy Pointe Boulevard, bringing approximately 500 new jobs to the community and serving an estimated 600 patients per day. Nearby, the new VA Clinic on Ivy Pointe is nearing completion. Also, on Ivy Pointe, Primrose School is moving forward with plans for their new headquarters location north of Sharefax Credit Union.

Industrial, recreation, and infrastructure developments continue to strengthen Union Township's growth and community amenities. Rumpke has begun site work on a \$12 million indoor waste and recycling transfer facility located off Round Bottom Road, on Champions Way. The new facility will feature public recycling stations available for year-round use, with construction expected to be completed by early 2026. Nearby, Cincinnati Sands Volleyball is planning to build just north of Hamilton Safe on Round Bottom Road. With Township permits already issued, construction is anticipated to begin soon, and the facility is expected to open in spring 2026, adding a new recreational opportunity for residents and visitors alike.

## Inspiring Stories

This past fall, American Heritage Girls Troop OH-0316 reached out for ideas for their next community project. Teaming up with the Union Township Fire Department, the troop spent a weekend afternoon brightening up fire hydrants across the Township. We appreciate their hard work and are thankful they chose to partner with us!



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