

# UNION TOWNSHIP

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SUMMER 2025

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## Union Township Board of Trustees

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

Union Township is a thriving community and we aim to offer amenities that coincide with that culture. We also recognize the value in inspiring a healthy community and are excited to announce a new state-of-the-art playground coming to Union Township's Veterans Memorial Park later this summer. The playground promotes use to people with diverse abilities and varying degrees of skill. We've chosen playground equipment that provides graduated levels of challenge to ensure all ages and abilities remain engaged. This playground design truly is a social gathering place for children of all ages and abilities. The location of the playground will not remain the same as it is now to allow for a larger footprint as well as continuous play while the new playground is built. We appreciate your patience during installation of this remarkable project.

The improvements at Veterans Memorial Park don't stop there. We are upgrading the seating and social areas to include new picnic tables at each shelter and a comfort zone connected to the current basketball courts. The comfort zone will include shaded areas with picnic tables and a bottle filler/water fountain station.

the Township's website management system, and the module replaces and upgrades the current request tracker module. The Township's new request tracker system, SeeClickFix, will be in place in the coming months and allows for more fluid communication between the Township and residents for helpful tips around the community. Through the Township's website or by an application you can download on your device, residents and Township staff will have collaborative communication in regard to subjects such as potholes, general concerns, crime tips, and debris in the roadway.

Through local business partnerships and creative thinking, we've had the opportunity to welcome a variety of businesses to the Township over the last six months and many new projects have begun construction to enhance the features and amenities of the Township. It is great to see projects come to fruition and bring a positive economic impact to our community.

Thank you to our residents, businesses and visitors for your continued commitment to Union Township. I look forward to seeing you at our events and throughout the Township this summer.

Feedback from our residents and businesses is helpful in the guidance of projects, big or small. A new module is available through CivicPlus,

Thank you,  
Joe Dills, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees





# Backyard Pool Safety

Backyard pools can provide hours of fun for family and friends. Over the last five years, over 200 pool permits have been approved for Union Township residents. If you are fortunate to be a pool owner, it is important to ensure everyone stays safe in and around water. Below are a few tips for keeping your family safe this summer around the water.

- Make sure a fence is in place surrounding the pool. Please contact the Union Township Planning and Zoning Department for fence guidelines. Utilizing pool covers and adding alarms and sensors provides an extra layer of protection.
- Never leave children alone and always designate at least one adult to stay vigilant and pay attention to the pool.
- Swim lessons are a great way for children and adults to gain comfort and awareness in the water. Beechmont Racquet & Fitness and Mercy Health – West Clermont HealthPlex offer swim lessons in Union Township.
- Prepare for emergencies by taking a CPR certification class. The next training offered by the Union Township Fire Department is on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register online at [www.utclermont.gov](http://www.utclermont.gov) or by calling the Fire Department at 513.528.4446.
- Talk to your family and friends about safety rules of your pool such as no horseplay and swim with a buddy.

Taking precautions and setting ground rules for pool safety is the foundation for enjoying your pool this summer. We hope you enjoy the hot days of summer!



## Tree/Brush Vouchers

Union Township offers a complimentary tree and brush voucher service to residents. After completing a tree/brush voucher at [www.utclermont.gov](http://www.utclermont.gov) or by visiting the Civic Center or Service Department for a voucher, residents may bring one load of brush per voucher to Bzak Landscaping located at 931 Round Bottom Road. A form of identification to show proof of residency is required. Keep your yard clean of brush with a voucher.



## Local Business Spotlight: Grammas Pizza

Union Township is home to the very first Grammas Pizza, established in 1976. The family-owned restaurant started with four brothers who came to the United States from Greece and has now become a staple in the area. Their brick-oven, flavorful pizzas have brought families and friends together for decades. With fresh-cut vegetables, handmade dough created fresh daily, and their family recipe sauces, Grammas Pizza offers a personalized touch you can't find anywhere else.

Nick Grammas, owner of the Mt. Carmel/Eastgate location in Union Township offers some insight into the popular pizza for your Friday nights, game days, outings, and parties. He loves the process of creating a pizza, from the beginning to the end. He said, "Cooking has always been about family time for me and I love sharing that experience with others."

### **How did you get started in creating pizzas?**

I was born into the business. My parents had the restaurant before I was born and I'm now the second generation involved. Being a family-owned business, I've been working in the restaurant since I was five years old, folding boxes and cutting buns, onions, and green peppers. My sister and I gradually did more as we got older – like work the oven.

### **What about your pizza and offerings distinguishes you from other pizza locations in the region?**

Anyone can make a franchise style pizza, but we've always listened

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**It's not New York or Chicago style - it's Clermont County homestyle pizza.**  
**”**



to the patrons that come in and we cater to their different taste buds. We can make them sloppy, add extra cheese, and customize to something you may not have tried but want to explore.

#### **Why do people rave about brick oven pizza?**

Because it's the best! Baking in a brick oven has been around for thousands of years. A brick oven bakes fully with all the ingredients, not just the dough and cheese. Our pizza still tastes amazing the next day as left-over meals.

#### **What is your favorite pizza on the menu to make and to eat?**

I love making every pizza. My favorite depends on my mood and if I'm busy or not. I could enjoy a simple pepperoni and cheese or if I have more time, a Greek Pizza or Buffalo Chicken. My favorite to eat is a Deluxe Pizza.

#### **Anything new or different coming soon?**

We've just started adding burgers to our menu. Customers were asking for it and we delivered. People love our burgers, wings and steak hoagies.

#### **Besides offering a delicious menu of food, what do you love about owning a restaurant in Union Township?**

We consistently look for ways to give back and integrate in our local community. Grammas Pizza fosters community engagement by sponsoring local kids' sports teams, providing pizzas to schools, churches, military, rehabilitation centers, and more.

Each Grammas Pizza store is individually owned (including my sister, uncle, aunt, and cousins) and each store caters to that area. We are not a traditional franchise restaurant and are one of the few mom and pop places available. Our staff are also an integral part of Grammas Pizza success. Our location has many devoted employees who have been with us for over twenty years.

But the best part of owning a restaurant in Union Township is the customers. People have seen me grow up and I've seen people grow up. Our customers are generational.

We invite you to stop in today or order online to taste what distinguishes Grammas Pizza from other dining locations in the community!

#### **Grammas Pizza**

626 Old State Route 74  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244  
513.528.3015  
Grammaspizzas.com



# Community Connect

Union Township's Fire Department continues to look for ways to better serve our residents and visitors. Community Connect is an effective way to securely share information that will help emergency personnel when responding to your home or business.

Understanding critical information such as designated family meeting spaces, whether you or your family have mobility or other types of functional needs, what type of pets you have, and how to locate occupants, improves the Fire Department's ability to respond during an emergency.

Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and only used for the purpose of better serving you during an emergency.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- Sign up for an account for free. It just takes your email, phone number and address.
- Enter information that would matter most to assist first responders more effectively during an emergency.
- Update your account over time if any information changes.

#### **WHAT INFORMATION CAN I PROVIDE?**

**Property** • Add information about your residence type, any fire sprinklers, and designated meeting places.

**People** • Add emergency contacts, potential hazards, or how to locate occupants.

**Needs** • Add any mobility or other functional needs that may require additional assistance.

**Pets** • Add information about your pet and even add pictures of your pet if you want.

Sign up today!



# Yard Maintenance



Yard maintenance enhances the overall appearance of our homes, as well as those of your neighbors. Not only does a well-maintained lawn create a welcoming neighborhood or area, it helps control pests and weeds. Excessively high grass in Union Township is considered a nuisance condition. If your lawn is unkept and excessively long, your property may be addressed through the Township's long-established abatement and assessment program.



## Inspiring Stories

The Union Township Police Department is committed to enhancing the quality of life in Union Township. Officers continuously have the opportunity to make a positive impact on residents and visitors. Recently, Officer Joe Pangallo, responded to Outback Steakhouse for a medical emergency. Officer Pangallo has been with the Police Department for 18 years and has been a tremendous asset to the Department. An elderly man was enjoying a meal when a piece of food he was eating became lodged in his throat, obstructing his airway. He was unresponsive. Officer Pangallo immediately began administering the Heimlich maneuver and was able to save the man's life.

Do you have an uplifting experience you want to share? Send your heartwarming stories to [Lahr@utclermont.gov](mailto:Lahr@utclermont.gov) for an opportunity to be selected and featured in an upcoming newsletter.

# NEW! Businesses Opening Soon

Economic development continues to remain robust in Union Township. We have many exciting businesses opening this summer.

A new Starbucks, a well-known Seattle-based coffeehouse chain, will open in Union Township at 1186 Ohio Pike.

The new Cincinnati Children's Eastgate will expand healthcare services with a 109,800 square-foot medical building including an outpatient surgery center, specialty clinics and an urgent care in Eastgate, located off of Ivy Pointe Boulevard and near Interstate 275. The new medical center is expected to employ approximately 200 people, and the total investment associated with the project is anticipated to be around \$85 million. Cincinnati Children's Eastgate will begin with a soft opening this summer/early fall.



The new Jeff Wyler Used Car Mega Store will be open this summer. This 7,725 square-foot new used car sales center is located on State Route 32, adjacent to Clepper Lane. The new, expanded Jeff Wyler Hyundai and service center is also located on State Route 32, where the previous Mega Store was located. Jeff Wyler has proudly served

the tri-state area for over fifty years and continues to expand and offer services in Union Township. These expansion projects will bring in approximately \$12.5 million in total investment as well as additional jobs at the new Hyundai dealership.



Deeper Roots Massage is a new business to this area and is set to open soon. Deeper Roots Massage will offer relaxation, therapeutic, Reiki, and deep tissue massages as well as yoga and meditation opportunities. Check out this new location at 778 Old State Route 74.

We are grateful to have partners throughout the region whose vision and determination closely align with Union Township.



# Post Office

Did you know there is a United States Post Office located on the lower level of the Union Township Civic Center? You can find many of the same great services offered by other branches of USPS with the convenience of being just minutes from your home or work. Our customer service staff are available to help with your shipping and mailing needs.

In addition to convenient mail drop-off kiosks, services include stamps, envelopes, Priority Mail, Express Mail, and Certified Mail.

The Post Office offers convenient hours of operation:

**Monday through Friday**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Union Township Civic Center is located at 4350 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245.



# Citizens Police Academy

The annual Union Township's Citizens Police Academy is a free course offered each fall through the Police Department. The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is an exciting and educational opportunity to gain insight about the role of the police officer and topics specific to your local law enforcement. Residents get to engage weekly with officers while learning about a new topic each week such as participating in a ride-along with Union Township officers, firing police issued weapons with instructors on a firing range, how detectives investigate crime, and how officers keep themselves safe in today's environment.



fascinating aspects of law enforcement. Now with over 200 alumni, Union Township residents and police officers are connected through lasting friendships and an opportunity to collaborate together for the betterment of both the Police Department and the community. CPA graduates stay engaged with the community by occasionally helping the Police Department at various community events like Police Night Out and Crime Stoppers Drug Drop Off. The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) meets once every other month at the Union Township Civic Center.

The academy is free and will be held on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. beginning August 12, 2025 and continue until October 28, 2025. There will be two Saturday classes held from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Union Township Citizens Police Academy began in 1998 with a class of 15 residents and was designed to bring residents and citizens who work in the Township together to gain a working knowledge and better understanding of how the Police Department operates. In 2006, CPA was revived and enhanced to include additional learning time and topics geared around the more interesting and



You're invited to apply online for the next course beginning this fall at [www.utclermont.gov](http://www.utclermont.gov) or at the Police Department, located at 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road. Applicants must be 21 years of age, possess a current, valid driver's license, and complete a comprehensive background check.

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# SUMMER EVENTS

## CONCERTS

June 6	The Bronson Arroyo Band	7 to 9 PM	Civic Center
June 13	HiFi Honey	7 to 9 PM	Civic Center
July 18	Michelle Robinson Band	7 to 9 PM	Civic Center
July 25	Tom the Torpedoes	7 to 9 PM	Civic Center
August 1	The Whammies	7 to 9 PM	Civic Center

## FARMERS MARKET

Fridays in June 6 to September 5  
(excluding July 4)

4 to 7 PM

Civic Center

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

June 28	Madcap Puppets Performance	10 AM	Civic Center
July 26	Madcap Puppets Performance	10 AM	Civic Center
August 7	Police Night Out	6 to 9 PM	Veterans Park
August 16	Pickleball Summer Slam	8 AM	Clepper Park
Sept. 6	Family Movie Night	Dusk	Veterans Park
Sept. 13	Union Township Fireworks Celebration	4:30 PM	Eastgate Boulevard
Sept. 20	Lantern Lighting	5:30 PM	Mt. Moriah Cemetery

Please visit [www.utclermont.gov](http://www.utclermont.gov) for updated event details.