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Union Township growth extends to church community

Union Township has been booming with economic development for several years, but welcoming new businesses and creating the infrastructure to support them is not all that makes a community, said Administrator Ken Geis.

“Our local churches have experienced and continue to experience significant growth in the last few years,” Geis said, “and many of them are building new facilities to support that growth.”

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLEN ESTE



Located at 1034 Old State Route 74, the First Baptist Church of Glen Este has continued to grow over the last 30 years, from an attendance of 50 in the early days to more than 1,000 each week in 2016.

In the early nineties, the church purchased more than 11 acres for building. They moved into their first new facility in 1996. Further expansion in 1998 included a Family Life Center and more classrooms.

With added services to accommodate a growing membership, the parking lot was expanded and, in 2005, a new educational building was begun.

The most recent project wrapped up in 2014 and consisted of a new building addition that almost doubled the size of its former building. Included in the building is a 1,500 seat auditorium totaling more than 27,000 square feet.

Pastor: Brent Snook
Phone: 513-752-0936

CROSSROADS

Starting with 11 people in 1996, Crossroads is an interdenominational Christian church that now claims 24,000 members.. With six locations in Greater Cincinnati, including Oxford, the church has announced a seventh to be finished in the Eastgate area in late 2017.

The new church will take the former Hobby Lobby facility at Jungle Jim’s and, as Cory Wright, township Planning and Zoning director, said, “... will be adding to the back and going vertical.”

The new facility will include a 2,000 seat auditorium, offices and meeting rooms, a student ministry, chapel and Kids’ Club in a space of 120,000 square feet.

Church officials said that Union Township was chosen because it, “... has the highest concentration of addresses of people who go to a Crossroads site.”

Pastor: Brian Tome
Phone: 513-731-7400

MT. CARMEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In 2013, Mt. Carmel Christian Church moved from its Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road address into a new 31,000 square foot facility on Bach Buxton Road.



The new facility, a \$5.3 million project., houses a worship center, children’s wing, and areas for teens, adult education and fellowship.

Founded in 1968, the congregation has steadily grown since Senior Minister Didi Bacon was appointed as Family Life Minister in 1997. In 1999, Bacon accepted the offer of Senior Minister.

With more than 1,300 members, the Zimbabwe-born Bacon has led his church in efforts to provide outreach of all kinds, concentrated in Union Township.

*Senior Minister: Didi Bacon
Phone: 513-528-0230*

TRUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Truth Community Church bought the former Mt. Carmel Christian Church property on Mt.Carmel-Tobasco Road. Since the purchase, they have made significant improvements to the structure, which totals more than 23,000 square feet.

In 2012, Pastor Don Green accepted the call to be the founding pastor of Truth Community Church. Since that time, the church has grown to serve a community that extends beyond Union Township to Greater Cincinnati, including Northern Kentucky

Pastor: Don Green

FULL GOSPEL HOUSE OF REFUGE

Founded in 1984, Full Gospel House of Refuge bought the former Boys & Girls Club in Mt. Carmel in 2013 and immediately renovated the facility on Old State Route 74. Now totaling nearly 9,100 square feet, the congregation, which formerly met in a retail space, invested nearly \$750,000 in the land and structure, leading to a first-class facility in the heart of Mt. Carmel.

Worship services are reportedly full now, and church elders are considering another expansion in the near future.

*Pastor :Robert Cox
Phone: 513-703-9060*

ST. VERONICA CATHOLIC PARISH



St. Veronica, located on Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road, capped off its Capital Improvement Program with the acquisition of the former Union Township Library Branch in 2012. The parish renovated this structure to turn it into a first-class parish center, which opened shortly thereafter, and around that same time, the parish constructed additions to the school portion of the building and completed the renovations commensurate with the needs of their facility. The renovations were modest in size but enhanced security for

the school.

*Pastor: Father Del Staigers
Phone: 513-688-3144*

*School Principal: Sharon Bresler
Phone: 513-528-0442, ext. 202*

Administrator Geis believes that, just as it is important to support economic growth, it is also vital to the township to support all aspects of community growth.

“Churches are an integral part of good communities,” he said. “The diversity of religious options provides for a great place for people to live, work and raise families.

“Conversely, churches seem to flourish in areas that are attractive for quality housing, employment, education and recreation. Therefore, the influx of new churches and the investment in existing religious organizations are validation that Union Township is an excellent place to live and work.”

 **Bulletin Board**

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

The Union Township Fire Department will offer a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the Queen City Room at the Civic Center. Reservations are required. To register, call 528-4446.

Clermont Chamber—Save the Date

The Clermont Chamber of Commerce is proud to bring the first ever **Ignition! Marketing Forum**, a forum designed specifically to help fuel your growth and revenue with visionary insights from some of the top names in the business, featuring leaders from Google, Amazon, Tom + Chee, Everything But The House, FC Cincinnati and Storopak, plus digital marketing expert Kendra Ramirez and Vivial’s Shannon Myer. This half-day conference is set for 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Holiday Inn Eastgate.

For more information visit: www.clermontchamber.com.

Service Department—Save the Date

Residents may drop off their Christmas trees behind the Union Township Service Garage at 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road, from Sunday, Jan. 1, through Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, Signs to the designated drop-off area will be posted.

AUTUMN Safety Tips

Fire Safety Tips for Fall

When the weather turns cold, most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it presents some safety hazards. Keep these tips in mind.

Service your furnace. Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use fireplaces safely. Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Use caution with space heaters. A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

Exercise candle caution. Candles are a great way to give a room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep, and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

Change smoke alarm batteries. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.



Safety Tips for Fall Driving

There's nothing more beautiful than a fall drive, but this season brings some unique hazards for drivers. Being aware of these potential dangers can help keep you and your family safe and prevent accidents.

Be aware of poor visibility. Falling leaves, while beautiful, can obscure your vision, as can rain and fog. Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles. Be aware of limitations in your visibility and slow down if you can't see well. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility. If possible, try not to be on the roads when it's hard to see.

Watch for children. Children love to play in piles of leaves, so use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. In addition, the school bus will be making its rounds now that school is back in session. Besides educating children about back-to-school safety, it's important to stay vigilant as a driver.

Slow down on wet pavement. In many areas of the country, rain is common during the autumn. If it's raining, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Wet roads make it more difficult to stop. When wet leaves are on roadways, they make the pavement slippery, and it can be difficult for drivers to get good traction.

Be prepared for bright sunlight. When sunrise occurs later in the morning, it can also present challenges for drivers. Have a pair of sunglasses in the vehicle to wear when the sun is bright. If it becomes too difficult to see because of bright sunlight or glare, a good strategy is for the driver to pull over until he or she can see again.

Watch out for ice. As the temperatures drop further at night, a driver will need to spend some extra time in the morning scraping frost off his vehicle. Shady spots on the roadway may be home to black ice, which a driver may not be aware of until her car starts to skid on it.



Safety Tips for Fall Boaters

According to a report from the US Coast Guard, autumn boating accidents are far more likely to be fatal than those that occur during the summer months. Although there are many more boating accidents in the summer season, boaters involved in accidents during the fall months are exposed to cold water and other weather hazards. Keep these tips in mind for safe autumn boating.

Be prepared for changing weather. Since fall weather can change quickly, you should always be prepared for possible cold, windy and wet weather, even if the sun is shining. Stay closer to shore so you can turn back if the weather changes. Bring appropriate clothing, such as warm coats, rain gear and gloves.

Watch for signs of hypothermia. Small, open boats, combined with cold, wet weather, can lead to possible hypothermia. According to the Mayo Clinic, these are a few of the signs you should know:

- ... Shivering or trembling
- ... General lack of coordination, including stumbling and dropping things
- ... Drowsiness, confusion and apathy
- ... Mumbling and slurring of words
- ... Weak pulse and shallow breathing

Tell others about your trip. Make sure you tell a friend or family member your boating plan and your expected return time. There are fewer boaters in the fall to help in the case of an accident or emergency.

Always wear life jackets. Wearing your life jacket, while always a smart move, is even more important in the fall. If you should accidentally fall overboard, the cold water will quickly drain away your strength.

Autumn Home Maintenance Safety Tips

Fall is the time for yard clean-ups and readying your house for the cold winter ahead. Keep these safety tips in mind as you work.

Look up before pruning trees. If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

Use caution on ladders. Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

Safely Enjoy the Beauty of the Season

By keeping these important fall safety tips in mind. You can be sure you are doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family from seasonal dangers. This will leave your mind free to enjoy the beauty of this glorious season.

Speaking of leaves and yard waste . . .

Did you know ...

That the Union Township Service Department will give you vouchers to drop off your brush at Bzak Landscaping at no charge?

Matt Taylor, director of the Service Department, said it became much more efficient to partner with Bzak Landscaping for your brush disposal. The service is year-round, and all you have to do is pick up a voucher and take it with your brush to Bzak Landscaping.

Following are the requirements for the kind of brush you may deliver to Bzak and how it should be packaged:

1. All leaves, grass and brush are accepted, but must be removed from any bags.
2. Stumps are not permitted.
3. Any large firewood (nothing larger than 5 feet in diameter) must be cut into 6-foot long sections.
4. All bushes must be free of any dirt around the base.
5. Residents must provide valid proof of residency.
6. Residents must be present when providing the voucher to Bzak.
7. Commercial entities are not eligible for vouchers.



Vouchers are available at Union Township Administration, Civic Center, 4350 Aicholtz Road, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also pick up vouchers at the Service Department, behind the Union Township Police Department, 4312 Glen Este-Withamsville Road, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bzak Landscaping is located at 931 Round Bottom Road, Milford. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call the Service Department at 753-2221.

Know what you can park on your property

It's time for fall; warm colors, cooler weather and time to start putting away all your summer luxuries. Union Township would like to remind everyone who chooses to store a recreational vehicle on their property that it must be a currently licensed and operating vehicle. Residents on property zoned as residential may park one vehicle in either the driveway or the rear yard. These recreational vehicles may include boats, campers, or trailers. If the vehicle is not currently licensed or operating, it must be stored in a completely enclosed building or must be removed from the property within 30 days.

It will also be time to start hosting family and friends at home as the holiday season approaches and you want to make sure you are able to host the number of vehicles coming and going. With people filling your warm homes to celebrate and spend time together, parking space tends to be limited. Homeowners often have multiple vehicles that are used on a daily basis and don't always have the space to park them. Licensed and operating vehicles must be parked on a paved driveway surface and not parked in front yards.

Union Township's Zoning Resolution has established standards for parking and storage. If you find yourself having questions regarding vehicle storage, the Planning and Zoning Department would be more than happy to assist you at (513) 753-2300. We want you to be able to host and enjoy the company of your family and friends.

POLICE NIGHT OUT

The 10th Annual Police Night Out was held Thursday, Aug. 4, at Union Township's Veterans' Memorial Park.

For the second year in a row, live music was one of the many attractions enjoyed by the crowd.

Police estimate attendance was in the 800 to 1,000 range.

Police Night Out is designed to heighten crime and prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

To watch a video of Police Night Out, check out the UTTV schedule at www.union-township.oh.us.



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Monthly Meetings

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

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Police Department	752-1230
http://www.utpd.org	
Service Department	753-2221
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UTTV	947-7336

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Stop in and see us today!!



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www.union-township.oh.us