



Woodland Cemetery and Woodland Arboretum Foundation Announce Changes to Boards of Trustees

Woodland Cemetery and Woodland Arboretum Foundation announce that Tony Huffman has resigned from both boards, Robert Laing has resigned from the Arboretum Foundation board and Andy Lehman has joined both boards effective January 1, 2022. Vail Miller, Jr. has been named Chairman of the Cemetery and Arboretum Foundation boards, replacing Tony Huffman, who served as Chairman of both boards since 2019 and as a trustee since 2003.

“My 18 years as a Trustee and President of the Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, was an incredible experience and honor,” stated Tony Huffman. “During my tenure on the board, I developed not only a high appreciation for the history the cemetery tells of our community, but also the natural beauty of its arboretum. I am especially proud of the fact, that we developed a plan to restore the historic chapel and its priceless Tiffany windows and developed a fund-raising strategy to support this initiative and execute it. The historic chapel, administrative building and entrance gates are well on their way to completion by year’s end. I am pleased that Mr. Vail Miller, Jr. is following me as the new President of the Trustees. Vail’s commitment to our community speaks for itself and he will add his own creative and professional abilities to the future growth of Woodland.”

Newly appointed Chair Vail Miller Jr. stated, “As a Cemetery Trustee for over 19 years, Mr. Huffman has contributed his time and talent to the great benefit of Woodland and we can’t thank him enough for all that he has done and continues to do for this institution and the Dayton community. Mr. Laing’s 31 years of dedicated service to Woodland’s mission is remarkable, his input will be missed but his influence continues. I am pleased to have Andy Lehman join Woodland’s board. Andy is a tremendous leader who expands the knowledge, talent and commitment of our organization.”

Mr. Lehman joins the boards that oversee Woodland Cemetery’s and Woodland Arboretum’s finances, policies and procedures, strategic planning, and community outreach.

The staff and boards of Woodland Cemetery and Woodland Arboretum Foundation are happy to welcome Andy Lehman, Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of Kettering Health.

An active member of the community, Andy has proudly served on a number of boards. “Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum is a beautiful historic landmark that has been the center of our community for over 180 years. I’m honored to serve and assist their legacy of success” said Mr. Lehman. Mr. Lehman will join, Vail Miller, Jr., Lee Carpenter, Robert Berner, and Sean O’Regan as Cemetery Trustees.

“It is a bitter-sweet moment in my tenure at Woodland to bid farewell to Tony Huffman and Robert Laing from the active board,” said Sean O’Regan, President and CEO of Woodland. “Their influence, trust and friendship will always be treasured and their lasting impact is very much appreciated. I am grateful to welcome Mr. Lehman. His leadership, values, along with his interest in the growth and lasting success of Woodland will be an asset to our dedicated board of trustees.”

Woodland Cemetery sits in the heart of downtown Dayton on over 200 verdant acres of rolling hills with over 3,000 trees on the property. This historic cemetery, founded in 1841, welcomes thousands of visitors who tour the grounds each year to visit the grave sites of inventors of powered flight, Wilbur and Orville Wright; poet Paul Laurence Dunbar; Gov. James M. Cox, founder of Cox Media and three-term governor of Ohio; writer Erma Bombeck; inventor Charles F. Kettering; and entrepreneurs John H. Patterson (NCR); George P. Huffman (Huffy Bicycles); and George Mead (Mead Paper Co.).

Woodland Arboretum Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation currently involved in a capital campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the Cemetery’s Romanesque Chapel, Administration Building and Gateway, which are on the National Register of Historic Places.



L to R: Lee Carpenter, Robert Laing, Vail Miller, Jr., Tony Huffman, Andy Lehman, Robert Berner and Sean O'Regan.



THANK YOU for supporting us through our 180th Anniversary!

We hope you will continue to support the Woodland Arboretum Foundation as we move through 2022. Support of the Chapel restoration and preservation project is our most critical need as you will soon see the outside of the Chapel and Administration Building receiving new sandstone pieces and eroding and disintegrating elements replaced. Once the stonework is complete, the beloved Tiffany windows will return and be put back in place. The Tiffany mosaic floor will be restored and the beautiful interior woodwork will also receive a facelift. We are hopeful to open the doors to the public once again in late 2022.

Please consider making a first time donation or an annual donation to the Chapel Fund. Donate on our secure website by clicking below or click on the check to receive a donation form to mail in.

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