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## **No Flight 93 Remembrance Ceremony this Year; City Welcomes Visitors to its Flight 93 Memorial**

The City of Union City will not be holding a ceremony on September 11 at the Flight 93 Memorial this year. Union City's Flight 93 Memorial is located at Sugar Mill Landing Park at the corner of Alvarado-Niles Road and Dyer Street. A change was made last year and a remembrance ceremony will be held every five years; rather, than annually. The next ceremony is taking place on September 11, 2021 for the twenty-year anniversary of Flight 93.

For those who still want to pay tribute to the victims of Flight 93, visitors to the park are welcome and encouraged. Flowers, flags and other memorial tributes are welcomed.

### About the Flight 93

On September 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93 was originally headed to San Francisco International Airport when it was hijacked by terrorists 40 minutes after leaving Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey. Because the plane had been delayed in taking off, passengers on board learned of events in New York and Washington via phone calls from their friends and loved ones. Knowing that the aircraft was not returning to an airport as the hijackers claimed, a group of passengers and flight attendants carried out a plan to retake control of the aircraft. The passengers fought the four hijackers and attempted to break through to the cockpit. Despite the heroic efforts of these passengers, the plane crashed in a rural field near Shanksville in western Pennsylvania at 10:10 AM. All 40 crew members and passengers died that morning.

### About the Flight 93 Memorial

The Flight 93 Memorial was completed and dedicated on December 8, 2007. Union City was the first city in the United States to create a memorial specifically for the heroes of Flight 93, before the national memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania was created. The memorial includes 40 granite stones bearing the names of the passengers and crew members along a path that begins at a "Circle of Remembrance." On the front side of the 40 stones is a polished stainless-steel mirror to reflect the viewer's own image to signify that it could have been any one of us aboard Flight 93 that day. The back of the 40 remembrance stones were left unfinished to signify that the heroes had unfinished lives. The stones end at a "Circle of Hope," which contains an American flag that symbolizes the bravery and courage of the passengers and crew, as well as hand-painted tiles from local children that represents a hopeful future.

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