

# Portland Firefighter Memorial News

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*The Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza is a place of tribute to Fallen Fire Chief David Campbell combined with a memorial wall sharing the names of all Portland Firefighters who have given their lives in service. The public plaza will be a place of remembrance, reflection, and interpretation of the vigilance of Portland Fire & Rescue's service to Portland.*

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## Dates of Importance

September 11th remains a day of infamy for firefighters across the nation. 9/11/2025 will mark the 24th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center that took the lives of 343 Firefighters. Additionally, 74 Port Authority Officers, 23 Police Officers, 6 EMS Personnel, (At Pentagon) 82 Army Personnel, and 42 Naval Personnel perished on that day. In total, 570 service providers lost their lives on 9/11.

## Restoration of the David Campbell Memorial

Exciting progress is happening in the restoration of the David Campbell Memorial. As of the release date of this newsletter, the following portions of the Memorial have received attention:

- **Bluestone Floor**—The main floor of the David Campbell Memorial is made up of large, patterned pieces of Bluestone. These are original to the Memorial and primarily needed cleaning and to be re-grouted. This has been completed.
- **Access Portals**—For the past 97 years, the David Campbell Memorial has lacked accessibility to those unable to use stairs. This restoration has improved that situation by opening up the wing walls to allow access from the city sidewalk. It also opens the door to connection with the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza, at such time as it is completed. This important connection respects the abilities of all Portlanders to visit this heritage site and Memorial to our Fallen Firefighters.
- **Stone Cleaning**—While more is to be done, the stonework of the benches, fountain head, and lantern pedestals has received an initial cleaning. Stone work and the Bluestone Floor will receive sealer to help keep the condition clean and easy to maintain.
- **Lanterns**—The beloved lanterns that welcome visitors to the David Campbell Memorial are completely repaired and re-fitted with modern lighting. New glass lenses have also been created. They are ready to return to the Memorial at a time not yet determined.
- **The Messenger Bell**—The 1874 Messenger Bell, the alert system purchased after Portland's conflagration of 1873, has been polished and stands ready to return to the site. Years of tarnish was buffed off and the cradle on which it rests was also freshened up. This bell is a truly unique artifact that weighs in at over twice that of the Liberty Bell.
- **Fountain**—The fountain has been re-plumbed and various drains and piping have been cleaned and prepared for a better future of use. The fountain bowl is scheduled to be sealed within the next month or two.
- **Floor Repairs**—The damage done to the floor of the David Campbell Memorial when the name plates of Portland's Fallen Firefighters were stolen has been repaired. It now connects the other elements of the floor to the access portals. Rainwater no longer stands on the floor, now finding its way out the access portals and into storm collection drains.

Please visit page 2 for images of these notable improvements

## Summer Concert Schedule

Concerts are on Thursday Evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, bringing family-friendly music to the Memorial Triangle.

Two dates remain. The evenings have been beautiful, the talent amazing, and the sound quality excellent. Grab a chair and join us for the final two events.

- August 28
- September 11

[www.DavidCampbellMemorial.org](http://www.DavidCampbellMemorial.org)

"David Campbell Memorial Association" on Facebook

## Progress To-Date

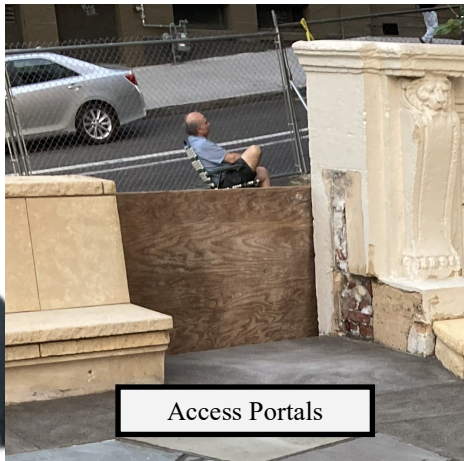
Bluestone Floor



Messenger Bell



Access Portals



Lanterns



Stolen Name Plate Repair



## To Learn More...



**DAVID CAMPBELL  
MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION**

The development of the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza continues to grow and evolve. You can find additional information on the “David Campbell Memorial Association” Facebook Page. This also includes ways in which you can support this project and bring honor, recognition, and remembrance to all of Portland’s Fallen Firefighters.

The David Campbell Memorial Association web site is another source of information. Find it at [DavidCampbellMemorial.org](http://DavidCampbellMemorial.org). And to speak to a member of the David Campbell Memorial Association, contact Don Porth, President, 503-805-8482 or [Don@PreventThink.com](mailto:Don@PreventThink.com)