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Turner Park's World War Veterans Memorial to be Restored; Work to Begin August 22

Omaha, Neb. – Thanks to a donation of time and talent, Omaha's largest remaining World War I memorial – a historic monument in Turner Park – will undergo an extensive restoration.

The World War Veterans Memorial, located at the corner of Farnam Street and Turner Boulevard, was originally dedicated in 1937. Omaha-based McGill Restoration, Inc. volunteered to return the fading monument to its original glory.

"This is an exciting project to work on," said Timothy F. McGill, president of McGill Restoration, Inc. "It's going to be a fully-functional, fully-restored monument when we're done."

Work is set to begin on Monday, August 22 and is expected to take two weeks and 300 man-hours to complete. Midtown Crossing property manager Bob Maher initially approached McGill about the much-needed restoration and the possibility of donating some labor. McGill went a step further – and donated the entire project. The project will be completed before the "Celebration of American Spirit" event in Turner Park marking the 9/11 Anniversary with remembrance and featuring the Omaha Symphony and the USAF Heartland of America Band.

"We are happy to do this for the City and for Mutual of Omaha/Midtown Crossing. Mutual Omaha has been a long-standing, great customer. We value our relationship with them," said McGill. "We also have a passion for the City of Omaha. We're happy to be in this city, and this is a great opportunity for us to give back to the community."

The Omaha chapter of America War Mothers financed the memorial. It was last restored in 1994. The City of Omaha is applauding McGill Restoration for undertaking the latest refurbishment, calling the memorial an "important piece of history and art."

"This monument is one of 75 pieces of public art in the City. It's getting the care it needs due to

the efforts of McGill Restoration, who stepped forward and volunteered their time, and Midtown Crossing. This is a great example of a private/public partnership that improves our City," said Melinda Pearson, Director of Omaha Parks, Recreation and Public Property.

The restoration will include extensive stone and brick replacement and repair, mortar work, and a thorough cleaning with historically-certified materials and techniques.

"Midtown Crossing is committed to preserving this important piece of history, and we can't thank McGill Restoration enough for volunteering to take this project on. The World War Veterans Memorial is, once again, going to be worthy of those it honors," said Molly Skold, marketing director for East Campus Realty, LLC, the Mutual of Omaha subsidiary that owns Midtown Crossing.

To cap the project, the monument will be waterproofed to inhibit future weathering.

"This monument is historic and the significance of what it stands for speaks for itself," said McGill. "The people who are interested in its maintenance are all friends of McGill Restoration. There couldn't be a better collection of entities – the City of Omaha, Mutual of Omaha, Midtown Crossing – that we would want to do this donation for."

Midtown Crossing is urban living redefined, the fastest-selling condominium community in Omaha history and one of ten projects around the world praised for embodying "the synergy of public/private partnerships" (Urban Land Magazine, 2010).

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