

# THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR

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## FACTS ABOUT GOLF MANOR

- Incorporated – 1947
- Seven police officers and 24-hour patrols.
- A 35-member fire/paramedic department with four firemen stationed 24/7.
- Golf Manor has 115 children in charter schools, 142 in private schools, and 530 in public schools.

*The Villager*

*"The Villager" is the official newsletter of the Golf Manor Village Council. It contains important information from your police, fire, paramedic, building, tax, and service departments. Please take time to read this newsletter and become an informed, involved member of the community.*

# The Villager

The Village of Golf Manor

Fall 2004

## GOLF MANOR LEVY RENEWAL

The November 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot will include a 7-mill general operating levy for Golf Manor. **THIS IS NOT A TAX INCREASE. IT IS A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING LEVY.** These monies pay for essential services including fire, EMS and police protection, street repair, street lights, and leaf pick up.

Taxes, raised and spent locally are the most efficient form of government funding. You will directly benefit from the services that these taxes provide. Passage of this levy will enable Golf Manor to maintain the outstanding level of community service that you have come to expect. The Mayor and Council members will be at the polls to answer any questions you may have about this levy and the services it provides.

## BUSINESS RETENTION PROGRAM

*Free ads for Golf Manor Businesses*

As part of our business retention program, Golf Manor is offering free advertising space in 'The Villager' and on our web site. If you have not been contacted about this offer, please send your text and artwork to the Village office at 6450 Wiehe Road c/o Mayor Alan Zaffiro, or e-mail me at [golfmanor@att.net](mailto:golfmanor@att.net). This program is open to all businesses within the Village.

## COMMUNITY RE-DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

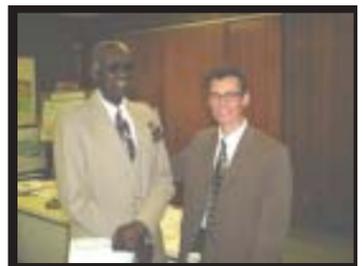
Construction will begin this fall on the business district streetscape project along Losantiville Ave. These improvements are funded by a grant from the federal government. The current Losantiville business district Urban Renewal Plan adopted by the Council in 2000 supported the successful application for these funds.

The GM Council recently approved a proposal to undertake studies to consider expanding our Urban Renewal boundaries to include Stover Manor Apartments, the Ridge Acres area, and additional business properties on Losantiville Ave. This action will allow the Village to participate in future plans for these sites where private interests have failed to maintain a positive influence on our community. Also, the urban renewal plan makes additional legislative tools available to the Village for infrastructure improvements in these areas should re-development occur.

## RAYMOND LEE DAY IN GOLF MANOR

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

On September 13, the Golf Manor Council passed a proclamation honoring Mr. Raymond Lee, one of our residents living on Vera Ave. It came to our attention that Mr. Lee, now 89, saved a co-worker's life in 1958 and was never formally recognized for his heroism. Mr. Lee risked his own life to save a long-time friend in a flooded trench while working as a pipe layer. Rescue workers could not locate the drowning man until Mr. Lee dove underwater to locate him.



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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE**

We often hear in the news and from people who are moving that the outer-lying communities offer a better living environment than Cincinnati's older suburbs. There are, however, some advantages we have that they do not. We are centrally located and have good access to mass transit. Our homes are affordable leaving money for everything from education to vacations. Most importantly, we have a sense of community, stability and tradition that is absent in newer, congested, less personal communities. We know our neighbors, we ride the bus together, and our children play together and attend school together.

We must build on these qualities to keep our community healthy, and enhance our living environment. It takes a common effort to maintain older communities when resources are limited. I would like to make some suggestions to you about making a contribution to your immediate neighborhood.

**Help a Neighbor in Need**

There are many residents in Golf Manor who need help raking leaves, shoveling snow, setting out the garbage, cutting grass among other yard and household chores; many of these residents are elderly. We have a large number of children who would be willing to do chores after school to make a little spending money. I know that we have good neighbors in Golf Manor, and we are already helping each other, however I would like to encourage this activity by identifying those who may still need help. Kenneth Colvin, a Golf Manor Council Member and owner of Kenny C's Barber Shop, has offered to coordinate this effort. If you need help around your property or you are a looking for work (school-age children only), stop by his shop and sign up. We'll try to match those in need with children willing to help. Whether you volunteer or work for money is up to the parties involved.

**Plant a Tree**

Green communities are very popular. Trees create a pleasant streetscape and keep a neighborhood from looking sterile and harsh. They provide cooling shade and increase property values. Please consider planting a tree in your front or back yard this fall. See the article in this newsletter for guidance on selecting appropriate trees for residential neighborhoods. Our goal is to plant 50 new trees in Golf Manor this year – not counting the trees that will be planted along Losantiville by the Village this October.

**Help with Litter Control**

Litter reflects poorly on our community and the people who live here. A littered community sends a message that we do not have pride in our surroundings and that there are kids and people frequenting our community who do not respect our residents. Pick up litter around your property. Include the street, public areas, and neighboring properties. This is a visible message to others that we care about our neighborhood and do not appreciate those who don't. Take a garbage bag (wear a glove) when walking in the community and pick up litter as you go. We especially need help along Losantiville Avenue between Wiehe and Cedarbrook, and around the pony keg at the east entrance to the Village, and the community park. Businesses: please help out by making regular sweeps in front of your place of business. Apartment dwellers: help your landlords by picking up litter around your building and parking lots. Parents: please talk to your kids about community pride and respect.



I would like to hear some success stories from these ideas. Please contact the village office or e-mail us at [golfmanor@att.net](mailto:golfmanor@att.net). We'll publish them in the next newsletter.

*Alan Zaffiro*  
**Mayor Alan Zaffiro**

**VILLAGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Police & Fire Emergency	911	Fire Department	531-2022
Police Non-Emergency	825-2280	Service Director	531-7418
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**Waste Collection:**

Rumpke	851-0122
CSI	771-4200

**Web Site:**

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



**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Golf Manor Municipal Building at 7:30 PM. The meetings are open to the public. You may register to speak by calling the Village office at 531-7491 on the Friday prior to the Council meeting.

**GOLF MANOR WEB SITE**

Visit us on the web at [www.golfmanor.org](http://www.golfmanor.org). On this site you will find information about Village services and links to other government services. You can download tax forms and forms to request a building permit. Minutes of Council meetings may be viewed. Pages on current initiatives of the Council are being added along with other enhancements. Village phone numbers, tax payment schedules and other useful information to residents are provided on our web site. Newsletters starting with this one will also be available on-line.



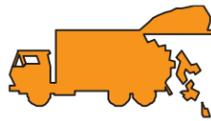
**From the Golf Manor Fire Department**

October is set aside each year as a time to raise fire safety awareness. Each year in the United States, thousands of lives are needlessly lost to preventable fires.

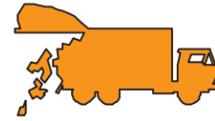
Our goal is to encourage you to make your home a safer place to live by checking for fire hazards and taking time to correct them. Basic fire survival preparations should include:

1. A working smoke alarm on each floor of your residence: fall is a good time to change the batteries, too. Test alarms regularly. Landlords: Ohio law requires smoke alarms!
2. An escape plan: make a plan to get out of your house or apartment in the event of a fire. Discuss this plan with all family members. Invest in an escape ladder for second floor bedrooms and apartments. Chain ladders are available at hardware stores and store easily under a bed.
3. Decide on a meeting place well away from your home and out of the way of safety vehicles. This helps us determine whether everyone is out of the building
4. Keep water heaters and furnaces clear from debris, storage and especially flammable solvents.

The fire department will again endeavor to visit every residence during the month of October. Look for the firefighter delivering fire prevention material and feel free to ask any questions or ask to have any problem areas in your home inspected.



# IMPORTANT RECYCLING NEWS



By law your waste hauler must provide a recycling bin to you. Although you may refuse a bin, doing so does not reduce your waste collection bill. If you have not received a recycling bin, please call Rumpke or CSI at the numbers on the back of this newsletter to request one. Also, call the Village office at 531-7418, if they do not understand our policy.

Rumpke now accepts the following materials:

Plastic bottles and jugs (remove lids), glass bottles and jars (any color, aluminum cans, bi-metal cans, steel cans, aerosol can (remove tips), cardboard, office paper, junk mail, paperboard (cereal boxes, beverage cases, etc.), phonebooks, magazines, envelopes, brown grocery bags, copy paper (any color), post-it notes, newspaper.

Please take advantage of this program to reduce the volume of garbage sent to the landfill. Golf Manor receives incentive money based on the quantity we recycle. This money will be used to purchase equipment for the park and new garbage cans to be placed around the Village.

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## PIT BULL BAN REMINDER



As of October 1st, 2003, Pit Bull Terriers are banned in the Golf Manor Community. As you may know from reviewing the local newspapers, a similar ban has now been put into effect within the City of Cincinnati, Amberley, and other communities.

A Pit Bull Terrier has been defined as an American Pit Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, or any breed of dog or mixed breed of dog which contains an element of these three types of Terriers.

Any Pit Bulls identified within the community will be confiscated and the owner will be appropriately cited. The animal will be held pending the outcome of the Court proceedings.

Anyone found guilty of owning or harboring a Pit Bull in the community (unless the dog was legally registered before October 1st, 2003), may be subject to a fine of \$1,000.00 per day and up to 180 days in jail for each day an offense occurs.

## Important Changes to the Bus Routes

As of August 22, 2004, Queen City Metro made major changes to the bus service in our area. The 56 and 45 Ridge have been eliminated. Instead, the 44X makes three express trips during the morning and evening rush hours. The total travel time to Fountain Square is less than 25 minutes. **BUS SCHEDULES FOR THE 44X AND 41 CAN BE FOUND IN THE LOBBY OF THE GOLF MANOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

The 41 provides cross town service along Losantiville Ave. and Graceland Ave. between the new Center of Cincinnati shopping center and Northgate shopping center. Contact Queen City Metro at 621-4455 ([queencitymetro.com](http://queencitymetro.com)) for more information. Please note that your Village Council attended public meetings and lobbied Metro to retain our rush hour service.

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## LEAF PICK UP



Last winter Golf Manor purchased a new leaf pick up vehicle. This acquisition should eliminate the delays that we all experienced last year. Leaf collection will begin the week of October 18. Please rake leaves to the curb and pile neatly for pick up. Call

the Village office at 513-7418 to report any problems with this service. However, please be patient as the Village employs just three men in the service department to keep Village operating cost low.



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TREAT



Dear Youth of Golf Manor,

Hello again, I'm Christina Zaffiro, 14, and I am writing this article to remind you that throughout the upcoming months, when it starts to get cold and the leaves start to fall, that people need a little bit of help around our neighborhood. People need help raking leaves and picking up garbage and most of all keeping our community in the best shape it has EVER been in. Just a friendly hello or a how are you doing can make our community a little more inviting. We all have to work together to make our community better, and part of that is respecting everyone, by helping out around the neighborhood and being friendly. With help and a little community spirit we can all live in a better place.

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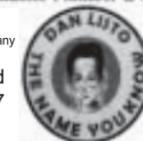
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### GUIDELINES FOR PLANTING SHADE TREES from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

When selecting a shade tree for your property, the best resource is a qualified nursery who can advise you and properly plant your new tree. However, many of us will buy trees at home improvement stores to save on cost. In this case make sure to read the information tag on the tree to determine the height and width at maturity, and the tolerance to insects and urban stresses. Select trees that will not create a nuisance by dropping debris, seeds, and fruit.

Pick up a brochure on proper tree planting, watering, and mulching where you buy your tree, and follow these instructions to best protect this investment in your property. Our building inspector, Mr. Creager, can assist you with answering questions about trees – call him at 531-9941 or e-mail at [gmbuilding@yahoo.com](mailto:gmbuilding@yahoo.com).

An urban forester with ODNR toured the community. ODNR recommends the following tree species for small lots typical in Golf Manor:

#### Small trees (under 25' - so you can plant under wires)

- Dogwood - native tree with white flowers in the spring, red fall color, and berries for the birds.
- Redbud - native tree with purple/red flowers in the spring, heart shaped leaves

#### Medium trees (under 40')

- Yoshino Cherry - white flowers in the spring
- Riverbirch - open airy form with interesting white bark

#### Large trees (over 40')

- Autumn Blaze Maple - seedless and orange/red fall color
- Crimson King Maple - purple leaved maple and yellow fall color
- Autumn Flame Maple - red fall color

#### Other trees sold at home-improvement stores that are OK:

- Cleveland Select Pear (narrow girth for limited space), Red Sunset Maple, Profusion Crabapple, Robinson Crabapple

#### Trees sold at home-improvement stores, but NOT RECOMMENDED:

- Generic Crabapple
- Bradford pear - not a good cultivar of pear since it has a tendency to split after only 25 years and must be removed.
- White pines, Hemlock and other large evergreen trees are much too large for most lots in Golf Manor.