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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 public school children will be attending the new school in Pleasant Ridge and the newly rebuilt Woodward High School.

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.

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Message From The Mayor

YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON THE POLICE LEVY ANSWERED

The Council voted to place a 6-mill levy (Issue 21) on the ballot this fall. Thanks to all who submitted input on the proposed levy. This is an on-going specific operating levy that can only be used to fund the police and security needs of the Village. If the 2005 valuation of your home is \$100,000, you will pay an additional ~ \$100 per half year in property taxes. In this column I summarize and respond to your comments.

WILL A TOWN MEETING BE HELD TO DISCUSS THE LEVY?

Yes. Please make every effort to attend Wednesday, October 26 at 8 PM in the Village Hall across from the park on Wiehe Road.

WHY DO WE NEED THE LEVY?

Crime is increasing in frequency and severity in older communities. Golf Manor police responded to over 5000 calls last year. Our police department has been operating at a deficit for many years. We can no longer deploy just one officer per shift without risking the safety of the officer and our residents. We desperately need more resources for enforcement of property maintenance codes, and nuisance violations. We need time and resources to engage in a crime prevention program to complement our community revitalization efforts.

WHAT WILL BE THE STRENGTH OF THE POLICE FORCE IF THE LEVY DOES NOT PASS?

We have hired one officer this year and plan to hire another soon. Considering the two officers that left the department recently, this brings the staff to the level we had the end of 2004. In addition, we now employ a full-time rather than part-time police chief further increasing the resources over those we realized last year.

HOW WILL THE MONEY FROM THE LEVY BE USED?

We plan to hire at least two additional officers. Dilapidated equipment will be updated or replaced. We will balance the department's budget. Two officers will be deployed at all times. An officer will be assigned to the building department to help clean up the neighborhood. We will initiate a comprehensive community relations and crime prevention program. The police will be more visible and available.

DON'T WE ALSO NEED MONEY FOR STREET RESURFACING?

Yes. According to the Village engineer's estimates, we are between 2.5 and 4 million dollars behind on road repair. We plan to make another attempt to apply for road funds from the state and federal government this year. Because most of our streets do not connect to other communities and are lightly traveled, we have been denied these funds in the past. We have been active in trying to grow our business tax base. However, the available sites for business development in Golf Manor are too few to generate such large sums of money. If this trend continues, a road levy will be needed in the near future to address aging infrastructure in the community.

WHY DID THE COUNCIL DECIDE TO ASK FOR THE POLICE LEVY?

Council arguments centered on the need to invest in ourselves. Property values depend on a safe, healthy, and prosperous neighborhood environment. Older communities suffer from loss of investment. The Council feels that this investment in security will be returned to us in the form of increased property values and a safer community.



Alan Zaffiro
 Mayor Alan Zaffiro

NEWSLETTER ADS – PLEASE PATRONIZE LOCAL BUSINESS

You can help revitalize your community by patronizing local area businesses. Many of these small businesses are operated by your neighbors. Please check out our business ads. You will find resources for home repair, remodeling, lawn service, pest control, financial services, video production, in-home care, painting, electrical service, tax preparation, dry cleaning, home cleaning service, printing, plumbing, self-storage, a barber, event tickets, and more – all in your neighborhood!

Note: Always remember to sign a contract for large projects and include a completion date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON WALKING IN THE STREET

The Village continues to experience problems with children (and adults) walking in the street. Golf Manor ordinance No. 371-05 allows a police officer to issue a ticket and an associated \$100 fine for this violation. Please use the sidewalks maintained for pedestrian safety.

--- REMINDER ---
Notice of Town Meeting
On The Police Levy
Wednesday, October 26 at 8 PM
Municipal Building
6450 Wiehe Road
(across from the park)

NEW RULES FOR JUNKED AUTOS ADOPTED

On August 8th, the Golf Manor Council adopted an ordinance setting new standards for the storage of non-functioning automobiles. The new ordinance enables the Village to cite owners and order the removal of cars identified as non-functional in accordance with the new code. Please remove any junked vehicles from your property to help us maintain an attractive neighborhood environment. The police will begin enforcement immediately. Please call the police clerk at 531-3108 with questions.

GOLF MANOR FIRE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS \$18,000 FOR HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

Golf Manor fireman collected \$18,000 in donations by asking folks to pitch money into an old fireman's boot. Please see picture in this newsletter. The Mayor and Council commend our fireman and all those who contributed to help those in need.



GOLF MANOR WOMEN'S CLUB

The Golf Manor Women's Club was founded in 1940 and has been active ever since. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each Month in the Municipal building on Wiehe road at 7:30 PM. Each meeting includes an informative speaker, refreshments, and a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Please call Kris Berwanger at 731-8224 for more information.

2005 FALL LEAF COLLECTION AND HAMILTON CO. DROP OFF SITES

The Golf Manor service crew will begin to pick up leaves during the third week of October. Please rake leaves to the berm and not into the street, as they will block the storm sewer inlets during rains. You may take larger yard waste debris to one of the Hamilton Co. yard waste drop off sites. Please call the Hamilton Co. Department of Environmental Services at 946-7777 for more information or visit their web site at http://www.hcdoes.org/sw/yard_waste.htm. Please see ad in this newsletter. *For exact locations and hours, please refer to page 4 of this newsletter.*

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.

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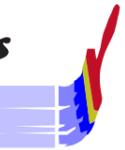


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PLANT A TREE THIS FALL

Fall is a great time to plant a tree. See guidelines for planting shade trees in this newsletter to make sure you select a species appropriate for an urban environment. Trees increase your property value and help to beautify and shade our neighborhoods.

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.

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.

VILLAGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police & Fire Emergency	911	Service Director	531-7418
Police Non-Emergency	825-2280	Village Clerk's Office	531-7491
Police Officer on Duty	615-3001	Tax Department	531-5155
Police Clerk	531-3108	Building Department	531-9941
Fire Department	531-2022		

Waste Collection & Recycling:

Rumpke	851-0122
CSI	771-4200

*Golf Manor law requires CSI and Rumpke to provide each home owner with recycling services. Please call them if you do not have a bin. It is included in your bill.

Web Site:

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. 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, past newsletters, tax payment schedules and other useful information to residents are provided on our web site.



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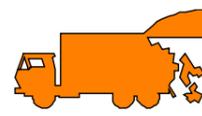
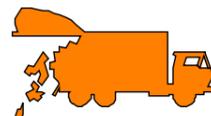
From the Golf Manor Fire Department

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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- **North:** Rumpke Sanitary Landfill, Struble Rd. & Colerain Ave, Colerain Twp.

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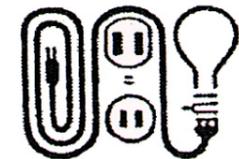
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