



**Message from the Mayor**

**Fall Election & Village Finances**

from Mayor Alan Zaffiro



Although the Village is making progress in many areas, we continue to have budget issues which we are managing via budget cuts and changes to promote operational efficiency. We have whittled the deficit down from approximately \$300,000 to \$110,000 over the last few years. Some success with our economic development efforts has also contributed to increased revenue.

In order to attempt to ensure a balanced budget for the Village, Council has voted to place an existing 4-mill levy on the November 6th ballot as a replacement. (The tax levy is designated as Issue 2.) This equates to a cost of living increase for the Village. Please review and save the financial information that our budget officer has provided on page 2 of this newsletter. I want everyone to be an informed voter on this important choice for Golf Manor. Public meetings will be held on October 30th and November 1st, both at 7:30 pm, to answer your questions. You may also e-mail me at [golfmanor@att.net](mailto:golfmanor@att.net) with questions about Village finances and services.

Also, please see the article on the **Homestead Tax Exemption** for senior citizens (page 3). I want to make sure all of our seniors take advantage of this program. Please note, as explained in that article, you may still make an application for this exemption even if you missed the October 1st deadline this year.

As I pointed out in previous columns, the Village is working hard to make sure that you see visible benefits from your investment in Village government. Evident examples include **progress in the street rebuilding program, increased police presence, stricter enforcement of property maintenance codes and community beautification.** Also in this issue, I have provided separate articles presenting a couple of new programs to rebuild our basketball court (page 8) and spruce up our residential streets (page 4).

Please take time to carefully read this newsletter and, as we always encourage, become an informed, involved member of the Golf Manor community.

**Golf Manor  
Tax Levy  
Issue 2**

**Information Meetings**

Public meetings will be held on  
October 30th and November 1st  
at 7:30 pm  
to answer your questions about  
the Golf Manor Tax Levy - Issue 2.

You may also e-mail Mayor Zaffiro  
at [golfmanor@att.net](mailto:golfmanor@att.net) with  
questions about Village finances  
and services.

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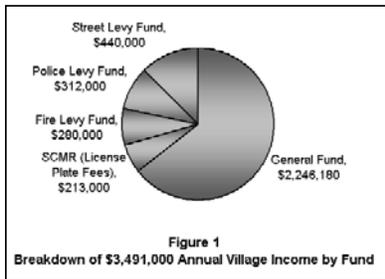
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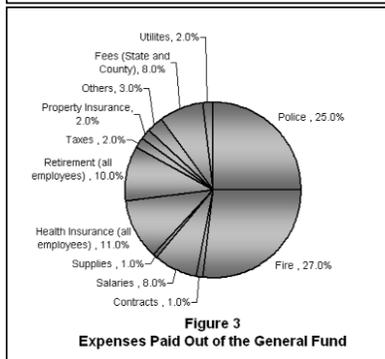
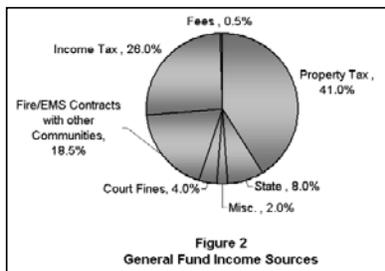
# Village Finances and Tax Levy on November 6th - Issue 2

The following information has been provided by the Golf Manor budget office to inform citizens about Village finances. Please review and save this report for reference as you prepare to make your decision on Issue 2.

For 2008, the Village will be run on a budget of about 3.4 million dollars – assuming the replacement levy passes. That sum is equivalent to the operating budget of 80 homes at the median income in Golf Manor of \$45,000. As shown in **Figure 1**, the budget is made up of 5 funds. The fire, police and street levy funds are accounted separately because they were passed as specific property tax measures dedicated for these uses. The police and fire departments also depend on the general fund for operating expenses. SCMR money must be used for street repair in accordance with state law.



Sources of income for the general fund (\$2,246,180) are presented in **Figure 2**. Income tax, property tax and fire/emergency medical service (EMS) contracts with other communities account for the bulk of the revenue collected for the general fund. (The Golf Manor income tax rate is 1.7% and full credit is offered for taxes paid to other communities.) Note that billing insurance companies for ambulance services is included in the fire/EMS category. Golf Manor expects to generate \$125,000 next year via this practice.



There are 7 property tax levies in force in Golf Manor. These are listed in order of date of passage in **Table 1**. Please note that the second entry in the table is the levy Council voted to place on the ballot this fall as a replacement. The tax rate will remain at 4 mills. However, your tax bill will be calculated at the current valuation, resulting in a tax increase equal to the difference between the old and new valuations. For a \$100,000

#	Fund	Mills	Passed	Term	Due	~ Annual Cost \$100,000 Valuation *	~ Annual Cost if Levy Passes	Annual Increase
1	Fire	6	Mar-2000	Continuing	n/a	\$175	same	
2	General fund	4	Nov-2002	5	Nov-2007	\$31 **	\$118 **	\$87
3	General fund	2	Nov-2003	5	Nov-2008	\$59	same	
4	General fund	7	Nov-2004	5	Nov-2009	\$149	same	
5	Police	6	Nov-2005	Continuing	n/a	\$176	same	
6	Streets / Sidewalks	8	May-2006	10	May-2016	\$236	same	
7	General fund	2	Nov-2006	5	Nov-2011	\$59	same	

\* Source: Hamilton County Auditor web site. Estimated cost when levy was passed; may not include subsequent adjustments  
 \*\* Source: Hamilton County Auditor; includes homestead exemption, 10% rollback, and 2.5% homestead reduction. Golf Manor Resolution 2007-12.

home, the increase would be \$87 per year, or \$43.50 per half year. The replacement levy is necessary to balance the general fund in 2008. The fire, police, street and SCMR funds are expected to be balanced. **Table 2** shows the overall projected balance for the general fund (with and without employee raises) if the replacement levy passes. Because granting raises would result in a continued deficit in the general fund, the finance committee did not budget for raises next year. This is the third year in a row village employees have not been offered raises.

With Employee Raises		Without Employee Raises	
Beginning Balance	(\$109,869)	Beginning Balance	(109,869)
Expected Revenue	\$2,246,180	Expected Revenue	2,246,180
Expenses with 4% Raises	\$2,204,959	Expenses without raises	2,136,311
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$68,648)</b>	<b>Deficit</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Deficit could be (\$232,203) if replacement levy fails.

The major categories of expenses paid for out of the general fund are presented, by percentage of the total funds available, in **Figure 3**. The service director, fire chief and police chief have made every effort to cut expenses over the last 10 years. In addition, they have reevaluated all procedures, policies and service providers (especially insurance) to make sure the Village is obtaining the best value available.

One final piece of information is presented in **Table 3**. This is a breakdown of your total tax bill based on taxing authority. Golf Manor received 40.2% of your total property taxes in tax year 2007. These ratios would, of course, change next year depending on the outcome of the fall election.

Agency	Percent
Cincinnati Public Schools	45.3%
<b>Golf Manor</b>	<b>40.2%</b>
County General Fund	2.99%
County Bond Debt	0.17%
Drake	0.93%
Indigent Care	2.12%
Mental Health	1.63%
Mental Retardation	4.02%
Parks - Hamilton	1.04%
Senior Services	1.01%
Zoo	0.34%
Museum	0.22%

# Homestead Exemption for Seniors

Golf Manor Tax Department

The Tax Department wants to make sure that all eligible senior citizens in Golf Manor take advantage of the Homestead tax exemption enacted by the State of Ohio legislature. The Homestead Exemption allows senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled Ohioans to reduce their property tax burden by shielding some of the market value of their home from taxation. Although the deadline for application was October 1st, the law allows you to apply for one previous year. Taxpayers who miss the October 1, 2007 filing deadline may still claim the credit for property taxes to be paid in 2008, but must wait until 2008 to apply.

Those who miss the deadline will need to file a late application for the missed tax year at the same time they file a timely application in 2008. The first day to file the application in 2008 is Jan. 8, 2008; the last day is June 2, 2008.

The law has been amended for the 2008 tax year:

- The income limits under the former program have been eliminated. All homeowners over 65 or permanently disabled qualify.
- The exemption, which takes the form of a credit on property tax bills, allows qualifying homeowners to exempt \$25,000 of the market value of their home from all local property taxes. For example, through the Homestead Exemption, a home with a market value of \$100,000 would be billed as if it is worth \$75,000.

If you received a larger tax credit under the old version of the Homestead Exemption your exemption will continue to be calculated under the old law. The amount of the credit received in the future cannot be decreased below the amount of savings credited on tax bills paid during 2007.

You may wonder if your savings through the Homestead Exemption will hurt the Cincinnati Public Schools and Golf Manor. It will not. The State of Ohio reimburses school districts and local governments for the amount of revenue taxpayers save through the Homestead Exemption. Local governments and schools do not lose out.

The application must be filed with the Hamilton County auditor. Applications may be downloaded from the auditor's web site at <http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/pdf/homestead.pdf>, or the auditor's office will mail an application to you. Please call the Homestead hotline at 513-946-4099 to request an application. Electronic filing is not available at this time.

To Be Eligible You Must:

- Be 65 years old (or older) during the year in which you file OR be totally and permanently disabled, as of January 1 of the year in which you file.
- Own and occupy your home as of January 1 of the application year.
- Provide proof of age such as a photocopy of a birth certificate or a driver's license, OR proof of total disability.

# October is Fire Prevention Month

From the Golf Manor Fire Department

October is set aside each year as a time to raise fire prevention awareness. Every year in the United States thousands of lives are lost needlessly to preventable fires. Our goal is to encourage you to make your home a safer place to live by identifying fire hazards and taking time to correct them.

The fire department will again endeavor to visit every residence during the month of October. Please welcome the fire fighter delivering fire prevention literature and feel free to ask questions, or ask to have any problem areas in your home inspected.

Basic fire survival preparedness should include:

**A Working Fire Alarm on Each Floor of Your Residence** - Fall is a good time to change batteries, too. Test alarms regularly. **LANDLORDS – Ohio law requires smoke alarms!**

**An Escape Plan**– Make a plan to get out of your home or apartment in the event of a fire. Discuss this plan with all family members. Decide on a meeting place well away from the home and out of the way of safety vehicles. This helps fire personnel determine whether everyone is out of the building.

**Invest In An Escape Ladder for Second Floor Bedrooms & Apartments** - Chain ladders are available at hardware stores and store easily under a bed.

**Keep water heaters and furnaces well clear from debris, storage and especially flammable solvents.**

# 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 people frequenting our community who do not respect our residents. Please pick up litter around your property and apartment building. Include the street, public areas and neighboring properties. Unfortunately, we will always have to clean up after some folks. However, in doing so, we send a visible message to others that we care about our neighborhood and do not appreciate those who do not. Take a garbage bag (wear a glove for safety) when walking in the Village and pick up litter as you go. Report any dumping or badly littered areas to the service director, Wane Creager, at 531-7418, or call our building inspectors (NIC) directly at 745-0370. We have tough laws against littering in Golf Manor.

**Businesses:** Please help out by making regular sweeps in front of your property.

**Apartment dwellers:** Please help your landlords by picking up litter around your building and parking lots.

**Parents:** Talk to your kids about community pride and respect for public property.

# Fall Leaf Pick Up

Leaf pick-up begins on Monday, October 22nd and will end on Friday, December 7th. Please rake leaves to the curb in advance of the scheduled pick-up dates for your street. Please note that your leaves may be picked up later than the scheduled week due to equipment problems and inclement weather.

## 2007 Fall Leaf Pick Up Schedule

Week of Oct. 22	Week of Oct. 29	Week of Nov. 5	Week of Nov. 12	Week of Nov. 19	Week of Nov. 26	Week of Dec. 3
Losantiville	Ardmore	Hammel	Rosedale-C. Harmon	Cedar Brook	St. Albans	Elbrook
Cedarbrook	Bremont	Graceland	Yosemite	Vera	Englewood	Stover
Vera	St. Albans	Mayflower	Ridge Acres	Fairoaks	Canterbury	Rosedale-C. Harmon
Fairoaks	Englewood	Elbrook	Wiehe	Kellerman	Hammel	Yosemite
	Canterbury-Pieper Way	Stover	Losantiville	Ardmore	Graceland	Ridge Acres
				Bremont	Mayflower	Wiehe

## New Community Beautification Program

The Golf Manor service crew will be servicing one street at a time starting in October to make the following improvements:

Removing no parking sign poles - the signs will either be strapped to telephone poles or the curbs will be stenciled or painted yellow to indicate no-parking zones.

Painting fire hydrants – each hydrant will be cleaned and painted with a fresh coat of green and a reflective strip added.

Street cleaning, weed/brush removal and trimming on public easements/berms – the Village encourages residents to care for these areas, but will set an example for those who do not.

Street patching – the service crew will address major surface problems in advance of the street rebuilding program as resources allow.

This program will start with Canterbury followed by the streets farthest down the road on the resurfacing schedule. Note that leaf pick up will interrupt the progress of this effort in the fall; it will resume next year.

## Please Patronize Our Local Businesses

You can help revitalize your community by patronizing local area businesses. Let's keep the dollars we spend close to home. Many of these small businesses are operated by your neighbors. Please check out our business ads. You will find resources for home repair, roofing, remodeling, lawn service, pest control, financial services, video production, in-home care, painting, electrical service, tax preparation, dry cleaning, home cleaning service, auto body work, printing, fencing, self-storage, a barber, event tickets and more – all in your neighborhood! Please see some of their ads in our center insert.

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

## Become A Recycler

Recycling is easy. Just use the bin your waste hauler provides. Put in cans, bottles, newspaper and cardboard then place it at the curb with your garbage. That's it! Rumpke and CSI are required to provide a bin (by Golf Manor law) at no extra charge on your waste collection bill. The Village receives incentive money for each ton recycled. Also, recycling helps the environment, teaches our kids an important lesson for their future and promotes a positive, progressive image of our Village. Rumpke can be reached at 851-0122 and CSI at 771-4200.

## Frequently Overlooked Village Ordinances

The Village of Golf Manor has many ordinances that new residents may not know or that many may have overlooked in the midst of our busy everyday life.

**351.03 Prohibited Parking:** Throughout the Village of Golf Manor there are curbs which have been painted yellow. A yellow curb is a prohibited parking spot.

**351.05 Maximum Consecutive Street Parking:** No vehicle is permitted to be parked on the road for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours.

**335.09 Proper Display of License Plates:** No operator or owner of a motor vehicle shall fail to properly display one front and one rear license plate.

**521.10 Waste Collection Rules:** All garbage is expected to be in secured containers. You are not permitted to place containers at the curb before 6:00 pm on the evening before waste collection and they must be removed from the curb by 11:59 pm the evening of collection.

**531.01- 04 Minors' Curfew:** A minor is defined as any person between the ages of six and 18, who is not married or otherwise emancipated. No minor is permitted under the Daytime Curfew to be upon or about the public streets, public places or commercial establishment, unless accompanied by guardian or parent, during the hours when the child is required to be in attendance in a school, or alternative program.

The same ordinance requires that no minor shall be upon or about the public streets, public places or commercial establishment during the following curfew hours:

11:00 pm on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday until 5:00 am on the following day; and 12:01 am until 5:00 am on any Friday or Saturday.

**505.15 – Cleaning Up After Pets:** Golf Manor law requires cleaning up after dogs. Make sure to bring a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog.

**521.08 – Littering:** Maximum fine is \$500.

*Note: This information is provided as a brief summary. For all Golf Manor sections or references to Ohio law, please review the applicable statute for a complete statement of the law.*



Golf Manor residents are encouraged to make their homes safer by taking advantage of this free program. The average home has 60 – 100 pounds of hazardous waste stored in the basement, garage, or under the sink. Improper storage or disposal can cause accidental poisonings and environmental damage.

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Questions? Call 513-946-7700 or email [susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org](mailto:susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org).

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## FREE Computer Recycling Collection Event Scheduled

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The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District will be collecting obsolete computer equipment from Hamilton County residents through December 28, 2007, at Technology Recycling Group (TRG) located at 5139 Kieley Pl., St. Bernard, OH, 45217.

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Acceptable items include: monitors, CPUs, hard drives, mice, keyboards, lap tops, docking stations, back-up batteries, power cords, speakers, modems, external hard drives, memory chips, storage chips, cellular phones, printers, scanners, and desk top fax machines.

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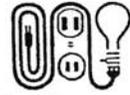
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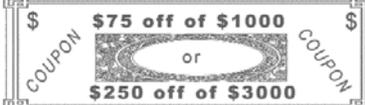
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Lois Obermeyer - 531-2610  
Certified Health Educator

## Pleasant Ridge School Update

Construction on the new Pleasant Ridge school will be completed next summer and will open in fall 2008. This 75,310-square-foot school, located at 5945 Montgomery Road in Pleasant Ridge, will house 550 students. The new school will be the first neighborhood Montessori school in the Cincinnati Public School (CPS) District. This means that if you live in **Pleasant Ridge, Golf Manor or Amberley Village**, this school is your designated CPS school, no waiting in lines to sign up. This state-of-the-art facility will include 990-square-foot classrooms specifically designed for Montessori instruction. Groups of four classrooms will surround extended learning areas - giving teachers added space for small group activities, independent research, technology-supported instruction and other uses.

This project is very special because of all the collaborative planning that has taken place between the Pleasant Ridge, Ridgewood, Amberley Village, Golf Manor, Kennedy Heights, Silverton and Columbia Township communities. Each community participated in the design of the new school and each has appointed representatives on the PTO, called the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) in Pleasant Ridge. This may be the first time there has been such an investment on behalf of so many communities into planning a single school. It is because of the surrounding community's commitment to green design that Cincinnati Public Schools now encourages all of its contractors to incorporate "green" features into all of its new and renovated schools.

The Pleasant Ridge Montessori School is the first public school in Ohio to be certified under the LEED (Leadership in



Energy and Environmental Design) program, and will serve as a learning tool for students as they discover the importance of environmentally responsible construction. The LEED design reduces energy costs, respects the global environment and creates a healthier indoor environment for students and staff.

Steed Hammond Paul + DH Architects helped make that happen by incorporating north and south facing windows that will allow for ample

natural light in the building design. Students will be able to monitor the school's energy usage thanks to large windows that will allow them to see into the mechanical room from the main corridor. The new school will also house a community learning center offering after school programs for children, parents and other members of the surrounding communities. You may sign up to receive updates on the progress of the Pleasant Ridge School and the associated community learning center by e-mailing Ruth Anne Wolfe at [rwolfe@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rwolfe@cinci.rr.com).

## Concerned Citizens Upcoming Events

*The Concerned Citizens group of Golf Manor invite you to highlight your calendar for the following events:*

An Open Forum for candidates running for City Council will be held on October 23rd at the Village Hall at 7:00 pm. Candidates will be outlining their agenda for the community and you will be able to meet and greet them.

We are having a T-shirt sale. The cost is \$10.00 for small, medium and large, and \$12.00 for XL, and \$13.00 for 2X. Please support this effort.

To help our organization we are collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Please crush your cans and call Ron Wackenthaler at 531-8607 for pick-up or drop-off information.

Mark your calendar for the Village Christmas Celebration on Saturday December 15, 2007. Everyone is welcome.

Our appreciation goes out to all who participated in the 4th of July Parade. It was a huge success and we are looking forward to 2008.

Thanks to Mr. Richard Brown for all his hard work setting up our group e-mail. The purpose is to compile e-mail addresses of citizens interested in getting information online. Those who do not have access to computers may contact any Board Member and receive calls directly from our "Telephone Tree".

## CONCERNED CITIZENS CANDIDATES FORUM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

MODERATOR: MRS. JANET BLANNON

The purpose of this forum is to give all candidates for Golf Manor Council and Mayor an opportunity to address a wide range of issues that affect community sustainability and livability in our village. Each candidate will be given 7 minutes to present their stance on vital concerns key to our city's future in the areas of livability, health and safety. Questions will be allowed. There will also be a presentation on Issue 2, the Golf Manor replacement tax levy.

# Street Resurfacing Program Update

## GRACELAND AVENUE

*Scheduled completion of construction: December 1st.*

In addition to resurfacing and curb replacement, a new water main (including new fire hydrants) and a new gas main have been installed by Duke Energy at no cost to the Village. The dilapidated no-parking signs and poles will be removed this year or at the latest by next spring. Because street construction was delayed pending completion of Duke Energy's subsurface work (and due to restrictions associated with the \$600,000 State of Ohio grant), we are racing the clock to beat the onset of inclement weather. There is a small chance that resurfacing will be delayed until next spring. Please call the Village office at 531-7418 or check the web site at [www.golfmanor.org](http://www.golfmanor.org) for updates.

## RIDGEACRES AND YOSEMITE

*Scheduled completion of construction: November 1st.*

No parking sign removal and fire hydrant repair is planned for later this year, but next spring may be more likely.

## LOSANTIVILLE AVENUE AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

*Scheduled completion of construction: October 22nd.*

Landscaping and signs will be installed later in the fall. Please note that the landscape, sidewalk and sign improvements were funded by the Federal government through the Community Development Block Grant Program.



Ridgeacres & Yosemite



Graceland & Losantiville



Englewood & Losantiville

## Golf Manor Women's Club

The Golf Manor Women's Club would like to invite all women in the village to join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July) at 7:30 pm.

### Our planned schedule for 2007-2008 includes:

- November 13 - Dr. Claudia Hirsch "Heart to Heart" (Battered Women's Center)
- December 11 - Holiday Party
- January 8 - Stealing Bingo
- February 12 - White Elephant Auction
- March 11 - A Trip through China - Leonard Mitzman
- April 8 - Officer Mike Forest & His dog Loki
- May 13 - Installation Dinner

If you have any questions regarding our club or meetings, call Donna Faulk at 351-8848.

# RENOVATED BASKETBALL COURT

TO REOPEN IN VOLUNTEER PARK THIS FALL

TWO HOOPS, LINED FULL COURT, BENCHES & NEW SURFACE

All work performed by the Golf Manor Service Crew.

# Plant a Tree This Fall

Fall is a great time to plant trees and is one of easiest things you can do to help revitalize your community. The following guidelines for planting shade trees will assist you in selecting a species of tree appropriate for an urban environment. Trees also increase your property value and help to beautify and shade our neighborhoods.

## GUIDELINES FOR PLANTING SHADE TREES

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

When selecting a shade tree for your property, the best resource is a qualified nursery that 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. Golf Manor's building inspector, Wane Creager, can assist you with answering questions about trees. You may contact him at 531-7418 or by e-mail at [gmbuilding@yahoo.com](mailto:gmbuilding@yahoo.com).



An urban forester from the Ohio Department of Natural resources (ODNR) toured our community and recommended 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.

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Remember to  
**VOTE**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2007  
Election Day Polls are open  
6:30am to 7:30pm  
[www.votehamiltoncounty.org](http://www.votehamiltoncounty.org)



**Hallowe'en**  
**IN GOLF MANOR**  
Trick or Treat  
Wednesday, October 31, 2007  
6 pm - 7:30 pm

**Golf Manor  
Tax Levy  
Issue 2**

**Information Meetings**

Public meetings will be held on  
October 30th and November 1st  
at 7:30 pm  
to answer your questions about  
the Golf Manor Tax Levy - Issue 2.

You may also e-mail Mayor Zaffiro  
at [golfmanor@att.net](mailto:golfmanor@att.net) with  
questions about Village finances  
and services.

## Property Maintenance & Building Permit Phone Numbers

Everyone should maintain their property in a manner that is an asset to the community. If you observe a nuisance or problem in your area (*high grass, junked autos or trash on private property, exterior deterioration of a home*), please call 513-531-9941 or contact our inspection service directly at 513-745-0370. Please use the following numbers for building applications:

### Residential & Commercial Building Permits & Information

888-433-4642

### Residential & Commercial Electrical Permits

888-433-4642

### Residential & Commercial Plumbing Permits

513-946-7800

### Zoning Issues or Questions

513-531-7418

A building permit is required for exterior work such as retaining walls, decks, home additions, and for interior remodeling projects that involve structural changes.

### Facts About Golf Manor:

Incorporated in 1947 • Eleven 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 Pleasant Ridge Montessori School and the newly rebuilt Woodward High School.



## Pit Bull Ban Reminder

As of October 1st, 2003, Pit Bull Terriers were banned in Golf Manor. As you may know from reviewing the local newspapers, a similar ban has now been put into effect within the City of Cincinnati, Amberley Village 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 Golf Manor (unless the dog was legally registered before October 1st, 2003), may be subject to a fine of \$1,000 per day and up to 180 days in jail for each offense.

## Important Warning 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 use.

Visit us at  
**www.golfmanor.org**

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Village of Golf Manor, Ohio  
6450 Wiehe Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45237



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### The Village of Golf Manor

#### Council Members

Alan Zaffiro  
Brenda Dubose  
Kenneth Colvin  
Cindy Beringhaus  
David Bidnick  
Brian Doering  
Greg Brown  
Greg Doering

#### Police Officers

Steve Tilley  
Eddie Taylor  
Chris Campbell, Walter Cordes,  
Michael Forest, Casey Fox,  
Robert Heiland, Brian Kinamore,  
Mike Mullen, Phillip Van Cleve, Ron Wallace  
Kristin Wochoer

#### Committees

Mayor  
Vice-Mayor  
Finance Chairperson  
Housing  
Finance  
Special Projects  
Housing  
Clerk/Treasurer

Chief  
Lieutenant  
Patrol Officers

#### Police Clerk

#### 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 by 12 noon 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, past newsletters, tax payment schedules and other useful information to residents are provided on our web site.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Information provided in this newsletter where Golf Manor code sections or Ohio law is referenced is provided only as a summary for your convenience. Please review the applicable statute for a complete statement of the law.

#### VILLAGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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

#### WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

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.

Rumpke CSI  
851-0122 771-4200

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Please take time to read this newsletter and become an informed, involved member of the community.

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