



Message from the Mayor

Stay Informed - Be Heard

from Mayor Alan Zaffiro



As I sit down to write this column, I find myself wondering how well residents and business owners are informed on important rules of law, announcements and developments in our Village. As always, I am concerned that your interests are well represented and that the services we provide are meeting your needs and expectations. In this column I will discuss the avenues available to you to become informed and exercise your right to have input into the process of local governance.

Let's get started by way of example. Currently, every property owner and resident should be aware of two important announcements: 1) the appointment of Lieutenant Eddie Taylor as police chief, and 2) the restructuring of our waste collection and recycling program. If you read the related articles in this newsletter, you can consider yourself an informed resident. **The Villager** is an official publication of the Golf Manor Council and such important developments are communicated to you in the newsletter at the earliest possible opportunity. The newsletter always includes updates on current programs such as street resurfacing, community beautification and a summary of new ordinances approved by Council. The newsletter also contains the current list of Council members and their committee appointments, a list of police officers, and contact information for all services: **fire, paramedic, police, the building department for permits and property maintenance complaints and waste collection/recycling**. Anything you need to know is just a phone call away. Our staff encourages you to make the call if you have any concerns or questions. Council meetings and Committee meetings are announced in the newsletter as well, which brings me to my second point: your chance to be heard as well as informed.

Council meets the **second and fourth Monday** of every month at 7:30 pm. I have organized the Council into two committees: 1) Executive and 2) Finance. The Executive Committee meets at 6:45 pm before Council on the 2nd Monday, and Finance meets at 7 pm before Council on the 4th Monday. All meetings are open to the public; however, please note that you must register with the office (531-7491) to speak. Finance formulates the Village budget each year and must approve all major expenditures. The Executive Committee handles all of the issues historically distributed among a number of committees including safety and health, economic development, community beautification, recycling, waste collection, communication, education, public relations, parks, recreation, etc. I have simplified the committee structure and consolidated the schedule into a single night to make the process more open and available for your input—please take advantage of the opportunity.

Golf Manor
**Tax Levy
Issue 22**

**TUESDAY, NOV. 4th
2 MILL RENEWAL
WILL NOT RAISE
PROPERTY TAXES**

You may e-mail Mayor Zaffiro at golfmanor@att.net with questions about Village finances and services.

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In summary, the newsletter is perhaps your best resource for staying informed. Save at least the most recent version for reference, or download an electronic version from the web site (www.golfmanor.org). Call our staff, attend meetings, visit the web site or call me at 513-200-7041. My e-mail address is azaffiro@att.net. I always welcome an opportunity to discuss our progress and stay in touch with Golf Manor constituents.



Halloween
IN GOLF MANOR

Trick or Treat

Friday, October 31, 2008

6 - 8 pm

New Waste Collection & Recycling Program for the Village

By the Golf Manor Council Executive Committee,
Donna Faulk, Chair

A new waste collection program began in the Village of Golf Manor on October 1st. You should have received a brochure from Rumpke, detailing the program and costs similar to the information on the right, as well as a recycling bin and a waste container of your choice. Under the old program, each individual property owner contracted with either Rumpke or CSI for waste collection and recycling services. This arrangement resulted in many problems including multiple set out days, very poor recycling rates, and a high cost relative to other communities.

Under the new program, there will be one waste hauler for the entire Village. Waste collection and recycling will occur on a single day throughout the entire Village. You will no longer receive a quarterly invoice in the mail. Instead, you will see a single line item for combined waste collection and recycling services on your quarterly water bill.

All apartment buildings will be provided with 95-gallon waste wheelers. Single family homes will have a choice between 35-, 65-, and 95-gallon waste containers. All apartment buildings and homes will be provided with recycling bins and instructions on what materials are accepted and how to prepare them for pick up. Unlike the current program, all properties will be required to contract for waste collection and recycling services. The cost of the service will be automatically charged to the water bill.

The Village solicited competitive bids for the new waste collection/recycling program. The new, and sole, service provider will be Rumpke. The prices are fixed for the first two years and are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY HOMES
(Choice of 35-, 65-, or 95-gallon capacity waste container; recycling included)

2008 - (October 1) \$36.59 per quarter
2009 - (October 1) \$37.88 per quarter

TWO-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDINGS
(One, 95-gallon capacity waste container; 65-gallon outdoor recycling containers included)

2008 - (October 1) \$55.05 per building per quarter
2009 - (October 1) \$56.98 per building per quarter

THREE- AND FOUR-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDINGS
(Two, 95-gallon capacity waste containers; 65-gallon outdoor recycling container included)

2008 - (October 1st) \$73.51 per building per quarter
2009 - (October 1st) \$76.08 per building per quarter

These prices represent a savings of ~ 40% compared to the old waste collection program.

The new waste collection rules are similar to the old rules. An unlimited number of



We are committed to keeping Golf Manor clean and green!

Waste and Recycling Containers

Every resident will be provided a 96-gallon, wheeled garbage cart; however, residents can request a smaller garbage cart instead of the 96-gallon size, and request additional wheeled carts of any size at no additional cost. Each resident will receive an 18-gallon recycling bin; however, additional bins are available at no additional cost. Instead of bins, residents may choose a 65-gallon outdoor recycling container with wheels and a lid at no additional cost.

Weekly Collection

Collection day is Tuesday for both waste and recycling. Please place garbage and recycling containers at the curb Monday night.

Quarterly Rates/Billing

Golf Manor residents will receive for waste and recycling collection bills through their Cincinnati Water Works invoice beginning October 2008. Rates are the following:

Single Family	Two Family	Three & Four Family
2008: \$36.60	2008: \$55.05	2008: \$73.50
2009: \$37.89	2009: \$56.97	2009: \$76.08

Recycling

Rumpke accepts the following materials through its curbside recycling program:

- Plastic #1 and #2 bottles with lids removed
- Glass bottles and jars of any color
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aerosol cans with the lids and tips removed
- Newspapers and magazines
- Paperboard (like cereal boxes)
- Telephone books and junk mail
- Office paper and envelopes
- Brown grocery bags
- Cardboard broken down to 3' x 3' pieces

Yardwaste

Please tie twigs and branches into 4 foot by 2 foot bundles weighing less than 75 pounds each and place them at the curb for weekly collection.

Heavy Items/Bulk Items

Rumpke will collect one bulk item on your regular collection day. Bulk items include any item weighing more than 75 pounds, large furniture and metal appliances.

Appliances containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), i.e. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or ice makers, are not collectible until CFC removal is complete. Please call Rumpke at 742-2900 to receive necessary refrigerant recovery forms and to obtain a complete list of CFC removal companies. Once CFC removal is certified, please place the item at the curb for collection with a CFC removal sticker and the completed Refrigerant Recovery Statement.

Items Not Collected

Household hazardous wastes i.e. liquid paint, motor oil, anti-freeze, propane tanks, chemicals, tires, lead acid batteries and items containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) are not acceptable. Electronic waste such as televisions and computer monitors are also not acceptable.

Holiday Schedule

Rumpke does not provide service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All collection schedules falling on these holidays or after these holidays are delayed one day during that particular week. The following week collection schedules return to normal. Rumpke provides uninterrupted service on all other holidays.

Current Service Providers

To ensure accurate billing, residents should contact their current waste provider and cancel service no later than Sept. 30, 2008. For current Rumpke customers, please make sure payment for all services through Sept. 30, 2008 is paid to Rumpke by Oct. 1, 2008. Any past due balances will be turned over to a collection agency.

Questions?

If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact Rumpke at 742-2900 or visit our web sites www.rumpke.com and www.rumpkerecycling.com.

Please Verify Your Information

Please complete this form and mail it to Rumpke (Attn: Linda Dormmann, 10795 Hughes Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45251) to ensure your residence is accurately recorded as a collection stop. You can also e-mail your information to cincinnati.market@rumpke.com or call 742-2900.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Phone: () _____
- I would like a larger 65 gallon recycling container
- I would like a smaller 35 gallon garbage container
- I would like a smaller 65 gallon garbage container
- I would like a second 95 gallon garbage container

containers are allowed, but they must weigh less than 75 pounds. (Containers provided by Rumpke - see previous list - are exempt from this limit.) All cans containing garbage must be ridged containers with a locking lid. Plastic bags containing waste are prohibited. Paper and plastic yard waste bags are permitted. One large item per week is allowed. Remove freon from all refrigeration appliances, or have these hauled away by the vendor when you buy new appliances. Tires are banned by the State of Ohio from landfills; recycle tires at your local tire store or car dealer.

Television sets with picture tubes, and CRT-type computer monitors are banned under the new program rules. (These items may be recycled at USA Lamp and Ballast in Hartwell: (513) 641-4149. There is a fee for this service. Computer monitors may be taken to a Hamilton County drop-off site (5139 Kielely Place, St. Bernard, OH 45217, 946-7766) - see article in this edition of *The Villager*. This service is free for Hamilton County Residents.)

Large piles of "move out" trash and construction debris will not be picked up. The property owner must contract directly with the waste hauler, and prepay for these large pick ups. Rumpke will haul away yard

waste; however, Golf Manor will continue to pick up leaves raked to the berm, as we have done in the past. Note that Golf Manor delivers leaves to a composter; Rumpke discards them in their landfill.

SINGLE FAMILY HOME OWNER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING WASTE CONTAINERS AND RECYCLING BINS

If you have received the wrong size waste wheeler, please call Rumpke (Linda Dormmann) at 741-5255. Additional waste containers will be provided upon request at no additional cost.

All apartment buildings will be provided with a 65-gallon outdoor recycling bin with a cover. Single family homes will receive an 18-gallon recycling bin. However, Rumpke will supply a 65-gallon outdoor bin upon request. Call Rumpke to request the larger, outdoor recycling bin.

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS

Call your current waste hauler (if other than Rumpke) and make sure they have cancelled your current service effective October 1st. CSI can be reached at 771-4200.

Free Computer Recycling Drop-Off

Sponsored by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District

Residential Computer Equipment ONLY



Acceptable Materials:

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

March 31 through December 30, 2008

Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Closed Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day

Location:

Technology Recycling Group
5139 Kielely Place
St. Bernard, OH 45217



Hamilton County residents only!

Bring proof of residency, such as driver's license or utility bill. This program prohibits the acceptance of computers from businesses, churches, schools, and non-profits. When dropping off materials, please remain in your car. Staff will be present to unload materials.

What happens to the computers?

Hard drives are either overwritten with Department of Defense approved software or shredded. Hamilton County is not responsible for the destruction of the hard drive and recycling of electronic equipment. **Hamilton County is not liable for any data left on the hard drive.**

Questions?

Call 946-7766 or visit www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org.

Directions:

- Take the Norwood Lateral (Rt 562) to the Paddock Road (Rt 4) exit.
- Go south on Paddock Road (Rt 4).
- Turn right on Tennessee Avenue (Tennessee Avenue becomes Ross Road).
- Turn right onto Kielely Place.

Residents only. We cannot accept computers from businesses, churches, schools and non-profits.

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.



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.

Environmental Enterprises, Inc.
4650 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45232
(enter directly across from Winton Road)
Tuesdays - 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(Bring proof of Hamilton County residency)

Questions? Call 513-946-7700 or email susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org.

Acceptable Items	Unacceptable Items
Paint Pesticides/Fertilizers Solvents/Thinners Lawn/Pool Chemicals Cleaners Household/Auto Batteries Prescription Drugs Fire Extinguishers Propane Tanks Mercury Fluorescent Bulbs Driveway Sealer Gasoline Antifreeze Motor Oil Thermostats	Radioactive Materials Medical Waste Explosives/Ammunition Gun Powder Heating Oil Tanks Tires Yard Waste Smoke Alarms Garbage Roofing Materials Appliances Computers/Electronics Fuel Tanks

Fall Leaf Pick Up

Please rake leaves to the curb. For information on pick-up dates for your street, call

531-7418

Steve Tilley Retires As Police Chief

By Alan Zaffiro

After 11 years as police chief, 15 years as lieutenant, and 32 years employment with the Village of Golf Manor as a police officer, fireman, and service director, Steve Tilley has retired. His talent, experience and dedication will be missed. On behalf of the Council, administration, and the residents of Golf Manor, who he served so well, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Steve developed the Golf Manor police department into a force capable of responding to the challenges facing older communities. Steve embodied the spirit of selfless public service and professionalism, and he staffed the department with like-minded individuals. He established the first Canine unit in Village history, and modernized our fleet and communications equipment. He reorganized the police clerk's office, hiring and training the most efficient police clerk we have ever had – Kristin Wochoer.



Former Police Chief Steve Tilley

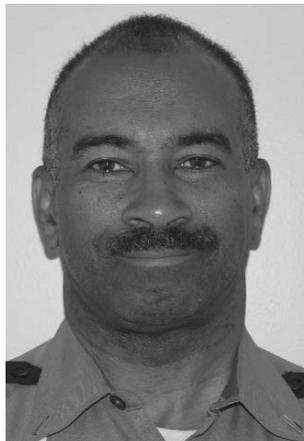
Steve was meticulous in keeping all of our standard operating procedures and policies for the conduct of our officers updated. Steve's officers were always prepared to respond properly and with legally defensible proof that they followed accepted police procedures in any situation that they encountered. He kept superb records, was successful at obtaining the latest technology – many times via grants, emphasized training, and was a respected mentor to his men. The current staff, most hired by Steve, is the best group of police officers that have ever served the Village.

Eddie Taylor Appointed Police Chief

By Alan Zaffiro

I have appointed Eddie Taylor to replace Steve Tilley as Police Chief. Chris Campbell will replace Eddie as lieutenant, and Robert Heiland will assume the role of sergeant. Ryan Rump, one of our part-time fire fighters, has been hired as a full-time police officer to maintain the number of police officers at the current level.

Eddie Taylor began his career as a police officer with Golf Manor 19 years ago – the last three years a lieutenant – and has been with us ever since. He is a 1990 graduate of the Great Oaks Police Academy in Sharonville. Born in North Carolina, he attended the Texas Military Academy, graduating in 1969. Chief Taylor lives in Golf Manor. Prior to joining the Golf Manor Police Department, Eddie supervised over 450 people at the Department of Labor and he has also worked as a counselor.



Police Chief Eddie Taylor

Lieutenant Chris Campbell attended the Brown County Police Academy, and he joined the Golf Manor PD shortly after graduating in 1997. He earned the rank of sergeant in February 2008. Rob Heiland attended the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Academy. He has been with the Golf Manor PD since 1998. Prior to his tenure with Golf Manor, he served as assistant chief at the Hamilton County Juvenile Justice Center.



Lieutenant Chris Campbell

Please Patronize 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 services such as catering, home repair, roofing, remodeling, lawn service, pest control, video production, in-home care, painting, electrical service, dry cleaning, home cleaning service, auto body work, 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. Projects and include a completion date.

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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.

Applications Available for Seniors Needing Heating Bill Assistance

Elderly people living on small, fixed incomes, face high energy prices as a frightening prospect as we head toward cold weather. The Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA) can help. We receive federal funds from the Home Energy Assistance Program – HEAP for short – that are designed to help low-income Ohioans pay their home heating bills.

Last year, COA and area senior centers provided information or assistance with HEAP applications to more than 750 older and disabled adults.

Applications are available from Council on Aging and may be submitted anytime from now through April 30, 2009 for residents of Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Warren counties.

To receive an application, call (513) 345-8643. Assistance is available only to adults with low incomes. For example, individuals may qualify with annual incomes of up to \$18,200, or couples with annual incomes of up to \$24,500. In-home help with completing an application is available for those who are homebound and disabled.

For more information, call 1-800-282-0880. TDD line for hearing impaired clients, call 1-800-686-1557.

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Concerned Citizens Active & Recruiting

By Janet Blannon, President

The Concerned Citizens of Golf Manor are active and looking forward to your participation and attendance the remainder of 2008 and next year. You're welcome to share your ideas and suggestions at our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building, 6450 Wiehe Road. By attending our meetings, you will gain insight into the workings of Village government, and better understand the challenges facing the Golf Manor police force and the security needs of the community at large. Remember that any idea is welcome and becomes a great idea is when we make it work.

Mr. Richard Brown is still compiling e-mail addresses of citizens interested in receiving information on line. His e-mail address is wforich@aol.com. For those wishing to receive notices by phone, call Janet Blannon at 631-4802 or Joyce Lewis at 631-3002 to provide your contact information. Mrs. Lewis has taken on the responsibility of calling all members each month to inform them of the meetings and topics to be discussed. The Concerned Citizens thank Mr. Brown and Mrs. Lewis for handling communications by web and telephone.

Our T-shirt sale is on-going. The cost is \$10.00 for small, medium or large, \$12.00 for 1X, and \$13.00 for 2X. Please support this fund raiser.

Meeting dates for the coming months are:

Tuesday, October 28 (Disaster Preparedness Presentation); Tuesday, November 25; and Saturday, December 20 at 6 pm (Holiday Party for Families with entertainment and pot luck dinner).

To give you a flavor of this group's mission, the following is a list of accomplishments and activities hosted by the Concerned Citizens to date:

- Block Watch network and training
- Self defense training for women
- Presentations on police procedure by Golf Manor police officers
- Question and answer with Chief Eddie Taylor
- Sponsored 'Meet the Candidates' night for local elections
- Worked with Council to revive the Golf Manor Recreation Commission

Know Your Village: Making Golf Manor a Better Place to Live

By Kristen Woche & Alan Zaffiro

Below is a list of local laws frequently violated by residents and visitors in Golf Manor. Please take a moment to review these. In addition to the specific codes summarized at the end of the article, we have included some general guidance on nuisance and property maintenance standards adopted by Golf Manor in the sections that follow.

Nuisance Laws

By law, you have a right to live in a quiet, nuisance free neighborhood environment. If you are offended by loud stereos, barking dogs, improper parking, noxious weeds or unsanitary conditions on neighboring properties, improper garbage set out, or junked cars, please call the police. Phone numbers are provided in this newsletter. There is absolutely no reason to accept such poor behavior in our neighborhood; please make the call.

Property Maintenance and Zoning Laws

Despite regular sweeps by NIC, the Village continues to experience property maintenance violations by residents, business owners and landlords. We realize that if you are reading this newsletter, you are most likely a quality stakeholder in the community. However, we should all take a few minutes to make sure our property is an asset to the community and that it is maintained with pride.

Please be aware that you and your neighbors must, by law, have a prominently displayed street address, keep the yard cut, trim bushes and trees off of the sidewalk, maintain walls and driveways in good repair, keep gutters free from plant growth and ensure that cement steps and porches are in safe condition. Excessive junk and litter in back or front yards, peeling paint and broken windows are citable offenses. In addition, the zoning code requires driveways to be paved (no gravel). Any new construction including decks, sheds and driveways cannot take up more than 20% of the area of your backyard. Off-street trailer and boat parking is restricted. Check with Wane Creager at 531-7418 if you plan to store such a vehicle long-term.

If you observe any of these problems or are concerned about the blighted condition of homes (or apartments) in your area, we urge you to call National Inspection Service (NIC). Please see the article in this newsletter describing the services NIC provides and how to contact them.

Frequently Overlooked Ordinances

335-10 EXPIRED OR UNLAWFUL LICENSE

PLATES*: No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle, which is parked or operated upon a public street or highway, shall fail to annually file the application for registration. (License plates expire on the owner's date of birth, not the last day of the month.)

337-20 MUFFLER; MUFFLER CUTOFF; EXCESSIVE

SMOKE, GAS OR NOISE*: Every motor vehicle and motorcycle (with an internal combustion engine) shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and constant operation to prevent excessive and unusual noise. No person shall have in their possession any motor vehicle or motorcycle equipped with a device for producing excessive smoke or gas.

337-28 USE OF SUN SCREENING, NONTRANSPARENT AND REFLECTORIZED MATERIALS IN AUTOMOBILE WINDOWS*:

"Sun screening material" means any film, glazing or perforated sunscreening, which, when applied to the windshield or windows of a motor vehicle, reduce the effects of the sun with respect to light reflectance or transmittance. Basically, the police must be able to see into your car.

351-03 PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING

PLACES*: No person shall stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this Traffic Code, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device, in any of the following places:

- (1) On a sidewalk, curb, street lawn area, except a bicycle
- (2) In front of a public or private driveway
- (3) Within an intersection
- (4) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant
- (5) On a crosswalk
- (6) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection
- (7) Within thirty (30) feet of, an upon the approach to, any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control device
- (8) Within one (1) foot of another parked vehicle
- (9) At any place where signs prohibit stopping, standing or parking, or where the curbing or street is painted yellow, or at any place in excess of the maximum time limited by signs;
- (10) At any place posted "No Parking - Fire Lane"

505-01 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT

LARGE*: No person being the owner or having charge of an animal shall permit them to run at large upon any public place, or upon any unenclosed lands or upon the premises of another.

505-03 ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF DOGS; TAGS

REQUIRED*: No person shall own, keep or harbor a dog more than three months of age without annually registering such dog with the County Auditor. Failure of any dog at any time to wear a valid registration tag shall be prima-facie evidence of registration.

505-09 BARKING OR HOWLING DOGS*:

No person shall keep or harbor any dog within the Municipality which, by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, creates unreasonably loud and disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the Municipality.

505-15 DOG DEFECTION*:

No owner, keeper or harbinger of any dog, cat, or other animal shall knowingly permit such dog, cat or other animal to defecate upon the property, either public or private, of another without such owner, keeper or harbinger having in his possession necessary tools or equipment to remove such defecation.

505-18 PIT BULL TERRIERS BANNED*:

Pit Bull Terriers are banned within the Village of Golf Manor. Fine: up to \$1000 per day.

521.08 LITTERING*:

Maximum fine is \$500.

**These summaries of Golf Manor Ordinances are not exact, and are provided for your convenience. For the exact wording, please refer to the Golf Manor Ordinance Book at the Golf Manor Municipal Building, 6450 Wiehe Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.*

Community Beautification & Street Resurfacing Update

Community Beautification

As announced previously in *The Villager*, the Golf Manor service crew is working street by street to paint fire plugs, replace rusty signs and poles, patch road surfaces, trim and clean up litter and debris. To date, Canterbury, Graceland and Englewood have been completed as well as select areas along Losantiville.

Streetscape Project

The 2007 streetscape project (funded by grants) is now complete with a new entrance sign at the east end of the Village on Losantiville Avenue surrounded by reclaimed greenspace and trees. Additional greenspace was created on both sides of the street with new sidewalks and trees installed. Near the railroad trestle at the west entrance to Golf Manor on Losantiville, a new wall has been built, and brush cleared to allow planting of new shade trees. New wooden street signs, additional garbage cans, street repair along Losantiville, new sidewalks and new driveway aprons round out the project.

Road Construction

The reconstruction of Graceland Avenue is complete. Ridge Acres has been repaired by replacing the deteriorated cement blocks and curbs. Cement is a much more durable and expensive surface than asphalt. This is the reason this street was patched rather than completely resurfaced. Yosemite, already covered with asphalt, was recoated in late 2007.

Next on the reconstruction schedule for 2008: Kellerman and Cedarbrook. A new water main will be installed on Cedarbrook and then the street will be resurfaced using cement. The cost of oil-based asphalt is now so high that a cement street is approximately the same cost. The expected lifetime of a cement street is 40 years; an asphalt surface is just 20 years.

Litter Control

The Village of Golf Manor began participating in the "Keep Cincinnati Beautiful" Litter program in August. The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District in partnership with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the Hamilton County Sheriffs Department will target select areas of our Village to reduce litter through enforcement, prevention and clean up. Through this program, the Sheriff Deputy Inmate Work Detail will pick up litter on a two-week rotation on Losantiville Avenue from corporation line to corporation line and at the dead end of Stover Avenue and through the Ridge Acres Drive area. In addition, Sheriff Deputies will issue litter citations to anyone caught littering during the litter program. Also, the Keep Cincinnati Beautiful organization will provide litter prevention education to our schools (Hebrew Day and RITTS) and encourage our community group (Concerned Citizens) to participate in Adopt-a-Spot programs and the Great American Clean-Up day. This program aims at reducing litter in Hamilton County communities and is funded through a grant.

Easement/Berm Maintenance

As always, the Village administration asks you to monitor the area surrounding your property for problems and call the NIC inspection service (contact information in this newsletter) to report property maintenance problems. Please clean up litter around your property and encourage others to do so. You could also contribute to our community beautification program by maintaining the grass easement with pride, and edging the sidewalk and street bordering your yard.



New Golf Manor entrance sign on Losantiville Rd.



Example of new street signs at Cedarbrook & Losantiville.



Greenspace reclaimed at Bremont & Losantiville.

Foreclosure Prevention Help Available

By Mayor Alan Zaffiro

United Way is funding a foreclosure prevention service provided through Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) – a non-profit organization.

Beginning this year, the program is open to any homeowner in Hamilton County who is having trouble paying their mortgage and is in danger of foreclosure.

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE. CALL BILL HANKS or STEPHANIE WILLITS at 513-721-4663.

Homeowners need to be careful about responding to ads that promise to prevent foreclosure but require up-front payments

or require the homeowner to sign over the property. Golf Manor encourages you to call H.O.M.E. as soon as you begin to have difficulty making mortgage payments. More information is available at www.cincyfairhousing.com.

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.

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.



Recreation Commission News

The 4th of July event was a great success, even with the threat of rain. The Recreation Commission would like to thank the Concerned Citizens and the Fire and Police Departments for their time and support. Thanks to our Maintenance Department for all of their hard work.

We received many generous donations from our local businesses. Our hats off to them: **Atlantic Foods, Petermann Bus Co., Home Depot, Sams, John Nolan Ford, Sam's Market, Pepsi, Kroger, United Dairy Farmers, Clay Werden Electric Co., Meijer, Wright Brothers, Leist Realtors** for sponsoring our band "Tickled Pink," and **Anonymous Business - You Are Great!**

Let's support our local businesses whenever we can.

We hope everyone had a good time! Wasn't the Withrow Marching Band great! Hope to see everyone next year for a bigger and better event.

The Recreation Commission still needs one officer, and the general membership is open to anyone. If you are interested please contact Cindy Beringhaus at 351-3513. Our mission is to organize and support recreational programs for Golf Manor youth and families, and to provide opportunities for fellowship among all residents and businesses in the Village.

WOMEN'S CLUB 2008-2009 PROGRAM CALENDAR

2008

NOVEMBER 1

Chuck Vonderhaar, CPA

DECEMBER 9

Holiday Party

2009

JANUARY 13

Stealing Bingo

FEBRUARY 10

Social - Funny Stories

MARCH 10

White Elephant Auction

APRIL 14

TBA

MAY 12

Installation Dinner

Scholarship Offer for Graduating High School Seniors

The Avon-Miami Masonic Lodge 542 sponsors a college scholarship each year for deserving students living in Golf Manor. This is a one-time grant of \$1000.00 dollars offered to graduating high school seniors or students currently enrolled in college. Contact Frank Saresky at 703-6211 for additional information. Many thanks to Len Mitzman, long-time Golf Manor resident and lodge member, for instituting this program to help one of our residents.



Halloween IN GOLF MANOR

Trick or Treat

Friday, October 31, 2008

6 - 8 pm

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 · 11 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 attend the Pleasant Ridge Montessori 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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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM YOUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION & SAFETY DEPARTMENTS PLEASE READ

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



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Alan Zaffiro
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 Brian Doering

Greg Brown
 Greg Doering

Police Officers

Eddie Taylor
 Chris Campbell
 Robert Heiland
 Michael Forrest, Casey Fox,
 Brian Kinamore, Mike Mullen,
 Phillip Van Cleve, Ryan Rump,
 Ron Wallace (part-time)
 Kristin Wochoer

Committees

Mayor
 Vice-Mayor, Finance Chair
 Finance
 Executive Committee Chair
 Finance
 Economic Development Liaison,
 Executive Committee
 Executive Committee
 Clerk/Treasurer

Chief
 Lieutenant
 Sergeant
 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. 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 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 - 851-0122

"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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