

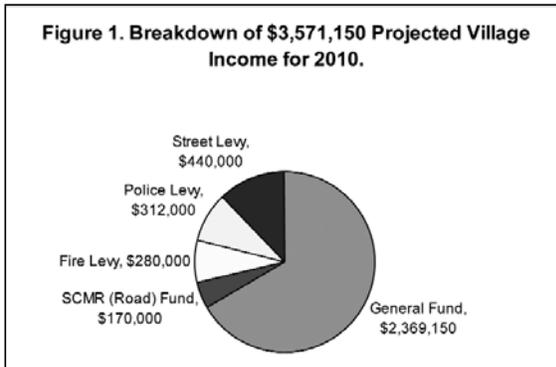


# Village Finances

## 2010 Budget Proposed by Council

The following information is provided by the Golf Manor budget office to inform citizens about Village finances. Please review and save this report for your reference as you prepare to make your decision regarding the proposed 7-mill tax renewal this fall.

For 2010, the Village will run on a budget of about 3.6 million dollars - assuming the proposed renewal levy passes. That sum is equivalent to the operating budget of 84 homes at the median income in Golf Manor of \$45,000. Figure 1 shows the total revenue available to the Village is composed of five 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 (\$2,369,150) are

presented in Figure 2 shown on Page 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 seven property tax levies in force in Golf Manor. These are listed in order of date of passage in Table 1 on page 2. Please note that the fourth entry in the table is the

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### Golf Manor Tax Levy Issue 34

**TUESDAY, NOV. 3rd  
7 MILL RENEWAL  
WILL NOT RAISE  
PROPERTY TAXES**

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

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### Free Weatherization Program Available for Low-Income Homeowners

A free weatherization program is available for low-income homeowners offered by the Community Action Agency. This program is free to qualifying homes. Call 531-7418 or Mayor Alan Zaffiro at 200-7041 for more information.



# Halloween

## IN GOLF MANOR

Trick or Treat

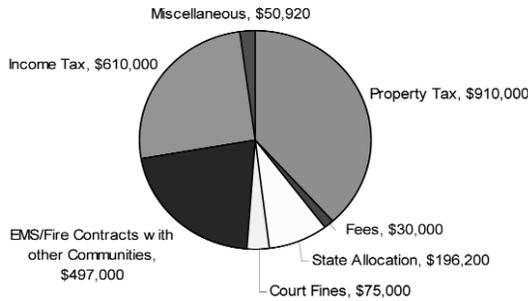
Saturday, October 31, 2009

6 - 8 pm

# Village Finances

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**Figure 2. 2010 General Fund Income Sources (\$2,369,120 Total)**



levy Council voted to place on the ballot this fall as a renewal. This is our largest operating levy and generates approximately \$280,000 dollars for the general fund. The tax rate will remain at 7-mills and your taxes paid to the Village will not increase. For a \$100,000 home, the cost is \$131 per year, identical to your previous tax bill. The fire, police, street and SCMR funds are expected to balance in 2010. The general fund will balance only if the renewal levy passes. Because the budget is extremely tight even if

**Table 1  
Golf Manor Tax Levies in Force**

#	Fund	Mills	Term	Due	Annual Cost * \$100,000 Valuation
1	Fire	6	Continuing	n/a	\$175
2	General Fund	4	5	Nov-2012	\$118
3	General Fund	2	5	Nov-2013	\$59
4	<b>General Fund **</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Nov-2009</b>	<b>\$131</b>
5	Police	6	Continuing	n/a	\$176
6	Streets / Sidewalks	8	10	May-2016	\$236
7	General Fund	2	5	Nov-2011	\$59

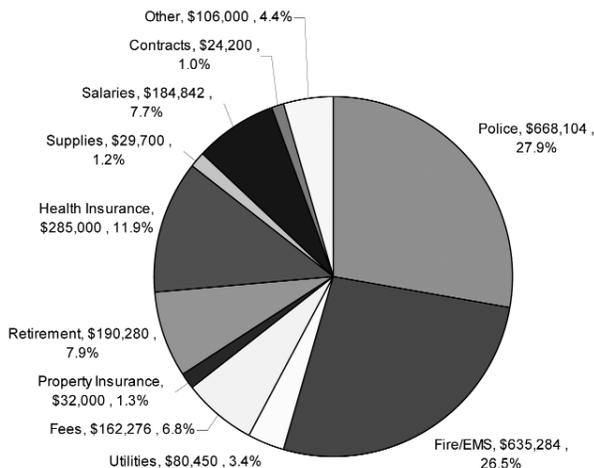
\* Source: Hamilton County Auditor.

\*\* Renewal, Nov. 3, 2009 election. Reference: Golf Manor Resolution 2009-25.

the levy passes, the finance committee did not budget for employee raises next year. Obviously, the services provided by the Village will be reduced dramatically if the levy does not pass.

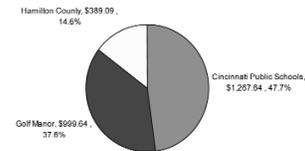
The major categories of expenses paid out of the general fund are presented by percentage of the total funds available in Figure 3 below. The service director, fire chief and police chief have made every effort to cut expenses over the last 10 years. In addition, they have reevaluated all procedures,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

**Figure 3. 2010 Projected Expenses from General Fund (\$2,398,136 Total)**



One final piece of information is presented in Figure 4 below. This is a breakdown of your total tax bill based on taxing authority. Golf Manor will receive 37.6% of your total property taxes in tax year 2009.

**Figure 4. Taxes Paid by Golf Manor Residents by Agency**



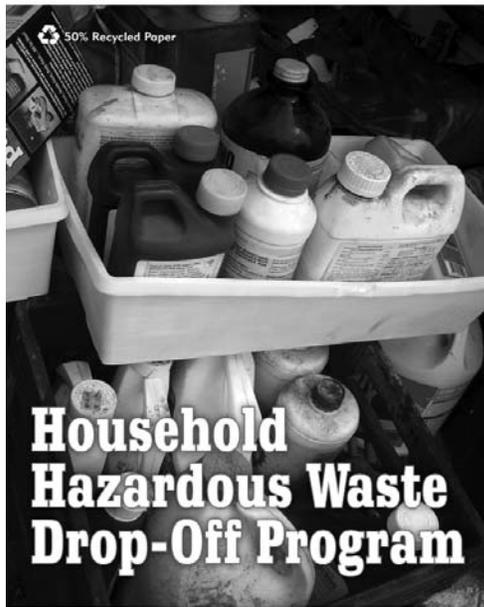
## Waste Collection & Recycling Program Enters Second Year

As of September, Golf Manor entered the second year of our new waste contract with Rumpke, with the charges appearing on your water bill. The program has resulted in increased recycling rates and much lower cost to residents. The waste containers provided have virtually eliminated the spread of litter from unsecured containers and bags. The secure containers have also eliminated the problem of rats and racoons attracted to food waste.

Please take advantage of the recycling service. Using the bin Rumpke provides you may deposit cans, bottles, newspaper and cardboard, then place it at the curb with your garbage.

Rumpke is 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. Ask for the Golf Manor representative. You have the option of the red bin or a 65-gallon, outdoor container with wheels and a lid.





# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program

March 14 - November 14, 2009

FREE to Hamilton County Residents Only. Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

This program prohibits the acceptance of hazardous waste from businesses, churches, schools, and non-profit organizations.

**Remember:**

- Drop off items only during the days and times listed.
- Remain in your car at all times.
- Bring proof of **Hamilton County residency**, such as a driver's license or utility bill.
- *Hamilton County covers the cost of \$28.50 per car dropping off material to encourage proper disposal of your household hazardous waste (HHW).*

**Acceptable Items:**

- Pesticides/Fertilizers
- Solvents/Thinners
- Lawn/Pool Chemicals
- Cleaners
- Household/Auto Batteries
- Prescription Drugs
- Fire Extinguishers
- Propane Tanks
- Paint
- Mercury
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Driveway Sealer
- Gasoline/Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Thermostats
- Smoke Detectors

**Unacceptable Items:**

- Radioactive Materials
- Medical Waste
- Explosives/Ammunition
- Gun Powder
- Heating Oil Tanks
- Tires
- Yardwaste
- Garbage
- Roofing Materials
- Appliances
- Computers/Electronics
- Fuel Tanks
- Unmarked Cylinders
- Fireworks

**Two Locations Available:**



Environmental Enterprises, Inc.  
4600 Spring Grove Avenue (across from Winton Rd.)  
Cincinnati, OH 45232

Tuesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Closed 4/11, 5/23, 7/4, 9/5

- I-75 to Mitchell Ave. • West onto Mitchell Ave. • Left onto Spring Grove Ave.
- Facility parking lot is on the left at the intersection of Spring Grove Ave. and Winton Rd.



Environmental Enterprises, Inc.  
10163 Cincinnati-Dayton Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45241

Wednesdays – 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- I-275 to Exit #44 – Mosteller Rd. • Bear to the right, heading north on Mosteller Rd. (Mosteller Rd. dead ends into Crescentville Rd.) • Right onto Crescentville Rd. (Crescentville Rd. dead ends into Cincinnati-Dayton Rd./Route 25) • Left onto Cincinnati-Dayton Rd. • Left into parking lot, approximately 300 feet past Crescentville Rd.

**More Information:**

For questions or tips on reducing your waste, visit [hamiltoncountycycles.org](http://hamiltoncountycycles.org) or call 946-7700.



## Grants Available for Home Improvement

The Village of Golf Manor is offering grants to encourage residents to maintain the exterior of their homes. These grants are designed to assist homeowners needing financial assistance for cosmetic and structural repairs. Eligible projects include windows, porches, driveways, retaining walls, steps, railings, painting, siding, roofing, etc. The homeowner is reimbursed 50% of repair costs incurred up to a maximum of \$2,000.00. Grants will be awarded on the basis of financial need. \$25,000 is available for each of the next two years.

This program is funded by a federal grant; no local tax dollars are being committed. Who is eligible? Owner-occupied, single-family, two-, three-, and four-family residential homes according to the following chart:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum Qualifying Income	\$37,050	\$42,350	\$47,650	\$52,950	\$57,200	\$61,400	\$65,650

Applications are available at the Village office or by email. Call 531-7418 for more information or email to [golfmanor@att.net](mailto:golfmanor@att.net) requesting an application.

## Village 2009 Leaf Removal Schedule

Call 531-7418 for Updates

*Note: This is a tentative schedule and could change without notice due to inclement weather, equipment break downs, etc. Please rake leaves to the curb but not into the street or street gutter, which may cause flooding if the leaves are washed into the storm drain system.*

October 26	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30	December 9
Losantville	Ardmore	Hammel	Rosedale (Chuck Harmon)	Cedarbrook	St. Albans	Elbrook
Cedarbrook	Bremont	Graceland	Yosemite	Vera	Englewood	Stover
Vera	St Albans	Mayflower	Ridge Acres	Fair Oaks	Canterbury (Pieper)	Rosedale (Chuck Harmon)
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				Bremont	Mayflower	Wiehe

## Golf Manor Women's Club

We welcome all women in the village to join us for the Golf Manor Women's Club meetings. The meetings and program are as follows:

- December 9 at 6:30 PM. – Annual Holiday Party
- No meetings in January or February
- March 9, 2010 at 7 PM. – World Travels (Len Mitzman)
- April 13 at 7 PM – White Elephant Auction
- May 11 at 6:30 PM – Installation Dinner at the Golden Corral

If you would like further information, please call president, Donna Faulk at 351-8848.

## Litter Control Is Up to You

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.

# Streets & Community Beautification Update

## Road Construction

The reconstruction of **Cedarbrook Ave.** is complete. This street was resurfaced using cement after new water and gas mains were installed. **Bremont Ave.** is being resurfaced this year, also using cement. The cost of asphalt is still very high, so a cement street is approximately the same cost. It is also a much better value. The expected lifetime of a cement street is 40 years; an asphalt surface is just 20 years. The Village was awarded a grant from Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$794,761 for the Bremont Ave. project. We also won a grant from Hamilton County's 2009 Municipal Road Fund Program in the amount of \$35,320 for this project.

## Community Beautification Project

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. Most of the fire plugs are done. To date, signs have been renewed on **Canterbury, Graceland** and **Englewood** as well as select areas along **Losantiville**. The service crew is doing an excellent job maintaining the park and the new streetscaped areas along Losantiville and at each of the three entrances to the Village.

## Litter Control

The Village of Golf Manor began participating in the "Keep Cincinnati Beautiful" Litter Program last year. The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District in partnership with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and the Hamilton County Sheriffs Department have targeted 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.

# 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.

### Computer & TV Recycling Drop-Off

Sponsored by the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District

**May 1 - December 30, 2009**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
 Saturdays: June 13, August 8, and October 10 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Closed on: Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



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- External Hard Drives
- Memory Chips
- Storage Chips
- Cellular Phones
- Printers
- Scanners
- Desk Top Fax Machines

**Hamilton County Residents Only!**

Bring proof of residence, such as a driver's license or utility bill. This program prohibits the acceptance of computer equipment/TVs from businesses, churches, schools and non-profits.

Please remain in your car and staff will unload your materials.

**Televisions\*\*:**

\$10/TV - 60 lbs or less  
 \$20/TV - Over 60 lbs  
 (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)

\*Sony, Zenith, LG, and Goldstar TVs accepted at no charge

**Questions?**  
 Call 946-7766 or visit [www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org)

**2trg: 11093 Kenwood Road, Building #7, Blue Ash, OH 45242**



**From I-71**  
 Take 71 to Pfeiffer Road  
 Go west on Pfeiffer (also called Glendale-Milford Road)  
 Turn right onto Kenwood Road

**From I-275**  
 Take 275 to Reed-Hartman Highway  
 Go south on Reed-Hartman  
 Turn left onto Cornell Road  
 Turn right onto Kenwood Road

## 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, 2010 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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## Police Department News

Golf Manor residents benefit from an increasingly experienced, competent and available police officers. Chief Eddie Taylor, emphasizes training, discipline, positive community relations and visibility. Officers spend as



much time as possible on street patrol in the community. Among many accomplishments over the last year, excellent investigative work has resulted in several drug busts, and Golf Manor police officers made a key arrest to break up a major tri-state theft ring.

Recently, the department won a \$12,637 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) grant, which will be used to purchase new radar units for the patrol cars and mobile camera

equipment. Two of the old Crown Victoria Cruisers, scheduled to be replaced, have been retired. The new Cruisers are energy-efficient Dodge Chargers (pictured on this page). These cars operate on four cylinders when idling and when patrolling at low speeds, saving significantly on fuel consumption. All eight cylinders engage automatically for quick acceleration and high-speed chases.

We are very proud of our police officers. Please make sure to thank them for keeping us safe. Feel free to approach any officer with question or concerns. If you want to become more involved in community safety, consider joining the **Golf Manor Concerned Citizens** (see the article on page 8).

## Parking & Working On Vehicles On the Street

### Important Laws to Observe

The Golf Manor police realize that parking space in the Village is limited and that most of us do our best to share available spaces. Generally, residents know that parking in front of driveways, on the sidewalk or on the berm (Ordinance #351-03) is prohibited. However, the police want you remind you of two additional laws, which are commonly violated. These are the prohibition against repairing, washing, or selling a vehicle on the street (Ord. #351.06), and that parking any vehicle (trailer, boat, car, etc.) on a non-paved surface is not permitted (Ordinance #351.03 A18). These laws were enacted by previous Councils to preserve the green, residential character of our neighborhoods. If you have any questions about parking, please contact an officer or call the Golf Manor police department. The police clerk, Dorthea Powell (531-3108), will be able to answer your questions or direct you to an officer.

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

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 so 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). See page 10 regarding Property Maintenance & Building Permit phone numbers and the services NIC provides.

## 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 CUTOUT; 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 lack 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 DEFECACTION\***: 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.

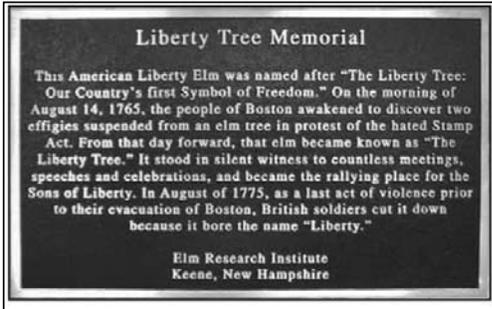
**505-18 PIT BULL TERRIERS BANNED\***: Pit Bull Terriers are banned within the Village of Golf Manor. Fine: up to \$1000 per day.

**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.*

# American Liberty Elm Tree Dedicated

With funding provided by a grant from the Elm Research Institute, Golf Manor became one of over 300 communities to host a Liberty Elm Tree Memorial. The memorial, which includes a 15-foot American elm tree, plaque and fence, is located on the west side of Losantville Avenue across from Ardmore Avenue. Our service crew designed and built this memorial.



*Liberty Elm Tree Dedication Ceremony - July 4, 2009*

Paul Revere, Thomas Young, Joseph Warren, Benjamin Edes, Alexander McDougall, Patrick Henry, John Hancock, Isaac Sears, John Lamb, James Otis, Marinus Willett, John Adams, and his second cousin, Samuel Adams, who was a leader of the New England resistance.

Our new memorial traces its roots to the original Liberty Tree (1646–1775), a famous elm that stood in Boston, near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution. The tree was a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of England over the American colonies. In the years that followed, almost every American town had its own Liberty Tree - a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny.

On August 14 1765, the elm tree in Boston Commons was selected for hanging the effigies of those men who favored passage of the detested Stamp Act. On September 11th, a 3.5' by 2.5' copper plate, with large golden letters, was placed on its trunk bearing the inscription, "The Tree of Liberty." It is believed the early dissenters of British rule, or Sons of Liberty, had also adorned this tree with lanterns to symbolize unity. There after, nearly all the great political meetings of the Sons of Liberty were held in this square. Prominent leaders included

The British made the Liberty Tree an object of ridicule. British soldiers tarred and feathered a man named Ditson, and forced him to march in front of the tree. During the siege of Boston, about the last day of August 1775, a party of Loyalists led by Job Williams, defiantly cut it down.

The American elm once stood as a graceful sentinel on almost every street and square across our nation. Until a few years ago, it was in danger of becoming a memory, the victim of Dutch elm disease (DED).

Discovered in the Ohio River Valley in 1932, DED became known as the "cancer" of the tree world. In the early years the fungus spread unchecked, borne from tree to tree by clouds of tiny, windblown beetles. It destroyed over 100 million elms, many of them dating from the 1700s. In 1968 the Elm Research Institute stepped in to combat DED and restore elms to the American landscape. Our tree is a product of this effort to create a natural variety by selective breeding of indigenous American Elms. After 25 years, 99% of the new variety has survived.



## Fire Dept. Replaces Equipment

You might have noticed some new fire department equipment on the Village streets over the past few weeks. Our 12 year old ambulance has been replaced with a new 2009 model manufactured by Horton Emergency Vehicles in Grove City, Ohio. Horton was chosen because of the outstanding service we have received from the 1997 model replaced. While our old ambulance was certainly in need of replacement, at twelve years old it far exceeded its life expectancy. Also retired was a 1992 Suburban. At 17 years old it was in desperate need of replacement. The 2009 Tahoe was purchased at a significant savings through the Government Services Administration (GSA). This government program was recently opened to local governments through homeland security legislation. We are hopeful that the new Tahoe will provide a comparable service life. Both vehicles were purchased through a \$190,000 Village loan from PNC bank.

In addition to vehicles, our residents are the first in Hamilton County to benefit from the latest technology in cardiac monitor defibrillation. Thanks to a \$38,000 grant from the federal government and \$3,000 from the State of Ohio, we were able to replace two obsolete models with new LIFEPAK 15's manufactured by Medtronic Physio Control Corporation. These are truly lifesaving devices and the new features and technology will enable the fire department to continue to provide the highest level of care to those we serve.

## Concerned Citizens Group Mission

The following is a summarizes the mission and goals of the Golf Manor Concerned Citizens organization. This group hosts informative speakers and provides an opportunity for fellowship with your neighbors.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Concerned Citizens of Golf Manor is to provide our citizens with the opportunity to learn and participate in the identification of safety-related issues, and to provide a forum for residents to share ideas and provide suggestions that will make for a better understanding of the village and the needs of the community at large. This diverse group aims to improve the welfare of the village by working with village government for the revitalization and preservation of the Village of Golf Manor.

### GOALS

Raise awareness of issues that are both current and significant in the Village of Golf Manor and strive to describe these issues in a balanced, accurate and factual manner. Provide information to residents regarding community based resources and information on significant and relevant topics as they may pertain to specific issues affecting Golf Manor. Provide input to the police, village officials, and committees to ensure the consideration of relevant and important issues. Residents are encouraged to exchange ideas and information with their neighbors, to be aware of suspicious activity in the community, and forward that information to the proper authorities.

### MEETINGS

Meetings of the Concerned Citizens are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Village Hall, 6450 Wiehe Road. Monthly meetings of the Executive Board are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.

## 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  
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](http://www.cincyfairhousing.com).

# Recreation Commission News

The Golf Manor 4th of July celebration was huge success. A big thank you goes out to all who participated, the many volunteers who worked the event, and those who attended just for fun. Local businesses made this possible so please support them.

The parade was made even better this year with the kids on their bikes. It's so much fun seeing our neighbors and families participating in the parade. As always, our fire department, police and service crew played a major role preparing for the event. We appreciate their help every year.

Those who attended the party in the park enjoyed hot dogs, chips, ice cream and drinks along with music from the band, *Tickled Pink*. Chuck Harmon graciously signed autographs and Judy the clown was quite the star with her balloon animals. Most importantly, we all enjoyed a smile and some fellowship with our neighbors; and even met a new friend or found an old one. Whatever your experience, the Recreation Commission hopes it was great and something to look forward to next year.

The Recreation Commission welcomes new ideas and your help in the future. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM. The next meeting; however, will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. For more information, call Cindy at 351-3513.

Thanks to the sponsors who made the parade and party possible:

- Atlantic Foods
- Gold Star Chili
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- Kroger
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- Meijer
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- Wright Brothers
- Anonymous Golf Manor Businesses



Grand Marshal Chuck Harmon



Chuck Harmon & Ruby



Golf Manor's kids get in the act.



## Park & Pool Task Force Committee

by Donna Faulk, Council Member

The Park and Pool Task Force Committee has been meeting since February, working very hard to create the survey inserted in this newsletter. Please complete and submit your hard copy survey by FAX to 531-4404 or deliver it to the municipal building in a box provided for collection. You may also take the survey online at the Village website at [www.golfmanor.org](http://www.golfmanor.org).

The Committee would like to know how Golf Manor citizens feel about our park and pool. I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work including members: Billie Simpson, Chris Wilke, Donna Baumgartner, Kevin Lewis, Brian Starner, Elaine Moscovitz, Lisa Newton and Jason Faulk.

**Online Survey Instructions:** To access the online survey, go to the home page of the Golf Manor website, [www.golfmanor.org](http://www.golfmanor.org) and look for the link under the rolling news that says "Take the Survey." The survey takes about two minutes to complete and is anonymous. The on-line survey will end on November 4, 2009.



# Hallowe'en

IN GOLF MANOR

Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 31, 2009

6 - 8 pm

## 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.



### Holiday Party

Sponsored by the Concerned Citizens group will be held Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 6 PM. Bring your favorite recipe to share!

## 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.

## 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.

### Facts About Golf Manor:

Incorporated in 1947

Police Department: 11 police officers & 24 hour patrols

Fire Department: 35 member fire/paramedic department with 4 firemen stationed 24/7

Education: Golf Manor public school children attend the newly built

Pleasant Ridge Montessori School & Woodward High School.

## 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.

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

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**Halloween**  
IN GOLF MANOR  
Trick or Treat  
Saturday, October 31, 2009  
6 - 8 pm.

### The Village of Golf Manor

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Finance  
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Clerk/Treasurer  
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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 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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## Parks Survey Fall 2009

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the statement and circle which of the five responses (*Strongly Agree, Agree, No Opinion, Disagree or Strongly Disagree*) most accurately describes your reaction. Please return by **October 30, 2009**. Drop off your survey at the municipal building (6450 Wiehe Rd.), or FAX to: 531-4404, or take the survey online at www.golfmanor.org. Results will be posted at www.golfmanor.org and in the next newsletter.

**PURPOSE:** To determine public support for an improved park and pool facility for the Community of Golf Manor.

**1. Golf Manor is a vibrant and welcoming community.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**2. Having an inviting and safe central park is crucial to helping Golf Manor revitalize its community.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**3. I would use the Golf Manor pool if there was a yearly membership fee.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**4. I would use the Golf Manor pool if there was a daily membership fee.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**5. I would prefer a water park with water toys and sprinklers over an operational pool.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**6. I would support a tax levy to bring an operational pool back to Golf Manor. (2 mil which based on \$100,000.00 home is about \$60.00 per year or \$5.00 per month)**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**7. Public restrooms would encourage more use of the community park.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**8. Golf Manor needs community sports teams to compete and engage with neighboring communities.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**9. Community concerts and musical events would bring residents to the park for summer recreation.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**10. I would be more likely to see value in the Golf Manor pool if swim lessons were offered.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**11. Having the Red Cross, the YMCA or some other outside agency assume control of the pool would be beneficial to the Golf Manor community, even if it meant the community would lose some control over the pool's administration and schedule.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**12. I would join an adult athletic league if one was hosted at the community park.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**13. Small communities should combine efforts in order to provide community resources, such as pools.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**14. Golf Manor should have its own community youth summer programs.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**15. If Golf Manor had a pool, it should include a concession bar.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**16. If Golf Manor had a pool, it should only offer vending machines for food.**

Strongly Agree      Agree      No Opinion      Disagree      Strongly Disagree

**17. What additional facilities would you like to see offered at the Golf Manor park? Please respond on the back:**