

THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR

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FACTS ABOUT GOLF MANOR

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

The Villager

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

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The Village of Golf Manor

Spring 2005

IT'S TAX TIME!!

Golf Manor residents and businesses should keep in mind that 2004 tax returns and declarations of estimated income tax for the first quarter of the year 2005 are due April 15, 2005. If you have not received a tax return by March 15, or if you have any questions concerning your taxes, you should contact the Golf Manor Tax Department at 531-5155.

The Village of Golf Manor adopted a municipal income tax in 1971 of 1.7% on all taxable income and has remained at this rate. The Village has mandatory filing.

ALL GOLF MANOR RESIDENTS, LANDLORDS, AND BUSINESS OWNERS ARE REQUIRED BY ORDINANCE TO FILE A TAX RETURN EACH YEAR, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15TH, WHETHER OR NOT TAX IS DUE.

IF YOU ARE ALREADY ON RECORD AS RETIRED YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILE A RETURN.

The Village allows residents' credit up to 1.7% for the amount of taxes that have been paid to another municipality. To receive credit for tax paid to other municipalities, proof of payment must be provided with your tax return.

Ordinance 76-9 states all property owners of rental property who rent to tenants of apartments, rooms and other rental property, shall file with the Tax Commissioner of the Village a report showing the names, addresses, and telephone numbers, if available, of each such tenant. This information is due within thirty days after a tenant occupies rental property and thirty days after a tenant vacates the rental property. These forms are available in the tax office.

REMINDERS FOR FILING TAXES:

1. A request for an extension must be filed in this office on or before April 15, 2005 along with 80% estimate payment of tax. A federal extension does not create an automatic extension with the Village. Confirmations will be mailed back to you.
2. If a tax return or extension request is not filed by the due date, there will be a minimum penalty charge of \$75.00 (even if not taxes are due) there is also and penalty of \$75.00 penalty and interest for untimely payment.
3. Loss from business cannot be deducted from W-2 or 1099 income.
4. Declaration of estimated income tax is required for taxpayers that have had a tax liability in prior years.
5. If you are a partial year resident your taxes will be prorated, be sure to note it on your form.

The Tax Clerk will be available for tax preparation assistance Tuesday through Friday, 11 am to 5 pm, between March 1st and March 25th; and then Monday through Friday, 11 am to 5 pm, March 28th until April 15th. If you need an appointment other than these hours please call the Tax Office at 531-5155.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR GOLF MANOR ADVERTISEMENTS INSIDE!

IMPORTANT NOTICE ON WALKING IN THE STREET

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

FREE SEMINAR

Protecting your Biggest Investment, Your Home

Please plan to attend this informative session at the Golf Manor Municipal Building May 16, 2004 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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*** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM YOUR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY DEPARTMENTS ***

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Message From The Mayor

Community Revitalization Update

As we begin a new year, I would like to review our progress during the last year, and briefly update you on our continuing efforts to maintain and revitalize Golf Manor.

Education

Losantiville School will close at the end of this year. The Village administration has been in touch with the Cincinnati school board regarding the status of our students now attending Losantiville. Our children will be re-districted to the new school in Pleasant Ridge. Our children will also be attending the new Woodward High School, now under construction. This is good news for Golf Manor. Look for updates in future newsletters.

Streetscape Project – Losantiville Avenue

The streetscape project (Community Development Block Grant) is nearing completion. We were able to make nearly twice the originally planned improvements due to very reasonable construction costs. Adleta Construction Company, Village engineer Tim King, and Golf Manor building inspector Wane Creager worked very hard to make this happen. This project is important because it will promote a positive image of our community, secures the continued investment of existing businesses, and it will be a marketing tool to attract new business. The Village will continue to make improvements to public areas on a smaller scale this year and to seek outside sources of funding for larger projects.

Property Maintenance

The paint project is continuing. Compliance by residents and business owners has been very good. Many have expressed their appreciation of this very visible effort to improve the appearance of the Village and maintain property values. Successful enforcement action was taken against several, poorly maintained businesses. Additional cases are pending. We made significant progress toward the adoption of additional urban renewal plans to address blighted rental and commercial properties. Last year the Village adopted a new sign code that bans unsightly outdoor advertising and excessive commercial signage. This year we will finally begin the street sweep project announced last spring for violations of waste collection rules, parking, property maintenance, and other nuisance violations.

Business Retention and Expansion

The Village offered free advertising to Golf Manor business in this newsletter. As you can see, the response to this program has been very good – and much appreciated. The Village was successful in blocking a liquor license in the business district near the two schools located in the Village. The Hebrew Day School and the Gray Company (Wiehe Rd.) completed very attractive expansions on their properties. The Hebrew Day School, RITSS High School, the Auto Recycler, and the Taxx Express (old bank building) provided green space for trees and shrubs for the streetscape project. As a result, the appearance of their properties and the business district are much improved. Queen City Metro is working with the Village to clean up the railroad trestle and create more green space for landscaping to the Village. The Village plans to build on this foundation and be much more active on marketing efforts to attract new business this year.

Street Repair

The Village engineer completed a survey of all Golf Manor streets, and compiled a cost estimate for needed repairs. The Streets and Infrastructure Committee of Council investigated appropriate technology, and outside funding sources. The results of these investigations will be published in the next newsletter. A funding plan to repair our streets will be presented to the residents at that time.

Safety Services

The police department began work on a status report and a strategic plan for the future. This effort is necessitated by increased demands on manpower and equipment over the past 10 to 15 years. A summary of this report and recommendations to the community will be published in the next newsletter.



Alan Zaffiro
Mayor Alan Zaffiro

What Those Snow Emergency Levels Mean

The Village administration would like to thank all residents for their patience during this winter's snow storms. We are taking steps to improve our service including adding a second snow plow, and a second salt spreader. The following is an explanation of the snow emergency policy as posted on the web site of the Hamilton County Sheriff:

Snow Emergency Information

Pursuant to Attorney General Opinion 86-023 the Sheriff of a County may declare a snow emergency and temporarily close County and Township roads within his jurisdiction for the preservation of the public peace. Attorney General Opinion 97-015 also allows the Sheriff to close State and Municipal roads.

In order to clarify the definition of the snow emergency, Ohio Sheriffs adopted guidelines to be followed when closing highways due to severe weather. The policy is as follows:

Level I SNOW ALERT

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow.

Level II SNOW ADVISORY

Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.

Level III SNOW EMERGENCY

All Municipal, Township, County, and State roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. Those traveling on the roadways may subject themselves to fines and possible arrest.



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Police Clerk	531-3108	Tax Department	531-5155
		Building Department	531-9941

Waste Collection:

Rumpke	851-0122
CSI	771-4200

Web Site:

www.golfmanor.org



COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

GOLF MANOR WEB SITE

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



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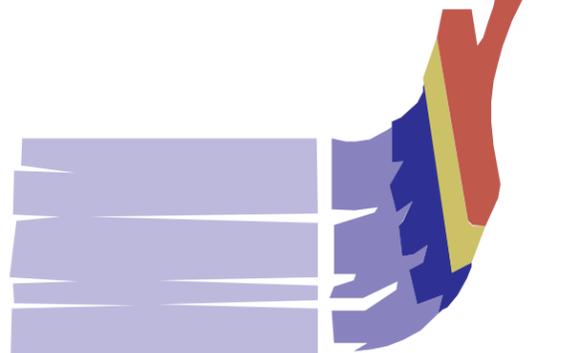


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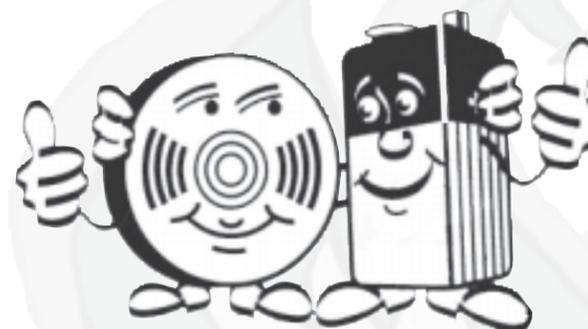
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Dear Neighbor,

Food, clothing, shelter and warm smiles. Every family deserves them. Every family needs them. But we know several families in our community who do not have these basic things.

They come to us at The Caring Place in Kennedy Heights. By the time they reach us, meals have been missed. Proper nutrition has gone by the wayside. Rent and utility payments are late.

For the past few years, the Caring Place received operating funds from the City of Cincinnati. Abruptly, we learned that we would not receive any City funds to help our low-income neighbors. We are asking you to help our neighbors with a special gift of \$10, \$15or more, if possible.

Karen, 26, has 3 young children to feed and clothe. She wants to give her family a safe and happy home. Although Karen works a full-time job, she needs our help from time to time. Sometimes her utility bills are very high. Sometimes the kids need clothes for school.

The Caring Place can help Karen provide food, clothing, shelter and a warm caring home for her three children...and you can make a difference with your generous gift. What a good feeling you will have knowing you have helped deserving families right here in our community.

Can we count on you for a gift of \$15 or more?

Thank you for caring about our community. It means a lot.

Sincerely,

Carol Chamberlin, Director
The Caring Place of Cincinnati

HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The fire department recommends that everyone have a fire extinguisher readily available in the home. A portable fire extinguisher, while not designed to extinguish large or spreading fires, can put out a small fire or contain it until the fire department arrives.

Fire extinguishers are not all the same. Different extinguishers are designed to extinguish different classes of fire. So there are a few things you need to know before buying one for the home. We recommend an ABC type extinguisher readily available from many local stores. An ABC extinguisher is designed for common combustibles like paper or wood, for flammable liquids like gasoline or a grease fire, and also for electrical fires. Fire extinguishers should be serviced annually and must always be serviced after any use. If you are servicing an older extinguisher, keep in mind that it might be cheaper to replace it. They also come in different sizes. Any Underwriters Laboratory approved extinguisher is fine, but know the limitations of the size and type extinguisher you are using.

Fight the fire if only the following are true. If you are in doubt about your ability to fight the fire – DON'T! Instead get out and close the door behind you. Call or have someone call the fire department from a safe location.

1. Everyone has left or is leaving the building.
2. The fire department is being called.
3. The fire is small and confined to the immediate area where it started (wastebasket, cushion, small appliance, etc.)
4. Unplug or shut off the power to electrical appliances if possible.
5. You can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route.
6. Your extinguisher is rated for the type of fire you are fighting and is in good working order.
7. You have reviewed the instructions for the extinguisher or received training, and can operate the extinguisher effectively.

If you chose to fight the fire remember to stay low, avoid breathing the heated smoke and flames or the extinguisher contents. ALWAYS have a way out and don't wait until you're in trouble to leave. Discharge the extinguisher on the material that is burning (the base of the fire), not on the leaping flames or smoke. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ON THE EXTINGUISHER.

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