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# The Villager

Village of Golf Manor, Ohio

## Message from the Mayor Alan Zaffiro

On recent walking tours of the community with my wife, I have noticed some very positive signs. Houses are being rehabbed, young families and young professionals are moving into the community. I have noticed more property owners installing new windows, new doors, and doing other major renovation projects. The Village dedicated a new park last fall and has plans to finally renovate the pool area in Volunteer Park. We have eliminated abandoned and blighted buildings, replacing them with greenspace. The Village is using federal grant money to buy the worst homes in Golf Manor, those that would otherwise fall into the hands of unscrupulous property flippers, and rehabbing them into modern, energy-efficient homes with attractive exteriors. Street resurfacing and community beautification activities continue to make a positive impact on our community's image. These tours of the Village and my conversation with residents convince me more than ever that everyone in older communities must be engaged and accountable in order for our revitalization efforts to be successful. In past columns, I have implored all stakeholders in the community to take basic, low-cost measures to improve their surroundings: clean up litter, trim your sidewalks and berms, keep your back yard free of junk, get rid of old rusty fences, junked cars and dead trees, paint your house and clean your gutters. Recycle and use your covered garbage container. Please, instead of walking over an old car tire or discarded bottle, pick it up and properly dispose of it. (Take tires to Goodyear or call the Village.) Don't assume that someone else will do all this. Each of us is responsible for creating a safe, appealing and healthy neighborhood. If you have any ideas or would like to comment on this column or share any ideas/concerns about your village, please e-mail me at [golfmanor@fuse.net](mailto:golfmanor@fuse.net) or call my cell at 200-7041. I welcome input from anyone connected with Golf Manor.



New Veterans Park at Ardmore and  
Losantiville



## GOLF MANOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

July 4<sup>TH</sup> at 11:00 a.m.  
Fair Oaks and Englewood to Volunteer Park

Show community spirit!!! Have fun!!!  
Decorate bikes, wagons, strollers, golf carts, and  
pets. Walk or ride!!! How about a kazoo band?  
Prizes at the end of the parade for best-decorated entry!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, TO VOLUNTEER OR  
HELP, CONTACT CINDY AT 351-3513

## Save the Date!

Golf Manor  
Clean Up Day  
& Community  
Yard Sale  
May 14 & 15  
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Women's Club  
Annual Dinner  
May 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Outback Steak House  
Kenwood  
RSVP: 731-8224

Golf Manor  
Recreation  
Commission  
Meeting  
May 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Municipal Building  
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## GOLF MANOR CLEAN UP DAY AND COMMUNITY YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 14 AND SUNDAY, MAY 15

Everyone in Golf Manor is invited to participate in our second annual spring-cleaning event. You can help in three ways: 1) clean out your yard and home (trash, mattresses, brush, old furniture, etc.) and bring these items to Volunteer Park on Wiehe Road; three large dumpsters will be available at no cost to residents, 2) volunteer to pick up trash in the neighborhood, and 3) hold a yard sale at your place of residence.

### **HERE IS HOW THIS ALL WORKS:**

#### Dumpsters

Simply bring your items and proof of residency. Appliances containing Freon, TV's, computers and other electronics will not be accepted. These items should be recycled. See related article on Golf Manor's waste collection and recycling program on page 10 for recycling options. **Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.**

#### Litter Clean Up

Come to Volunteer Park at **10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday or 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday** to pick up garbage bags and gloves. The Clean Up Day officials will assign an area of the neighborhood to you and find a partner for you. Return collected trash to the park for disposal. We need a large team to work in the Stover Manor area where the Village has razed five abandoned buildings. The mayor will be leading the Stover effort. Please e-mail the mayor at [golfmanor@fuse.net](mailto:golfmanor@fuse.net) or call 200-7041 if you would like to serve on this team.

#### Community Yard Sale Saturday and Sunday

Visit the Village tax office, 6450 Wiehe Road, to register. A \$5 fee applies. The Village uses the fee to offset the cost of advertising the community yard sale in the Cincinnati Enquirer. Volunteers will place balloons near the street of each participating home on Saturday morning. Advertised start time is **9 a.m.**

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE SPRING CLEAN UP.

### **NEWS FROM THE GOLF MANOR RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Recreation Commission, a chartered organization of the Golf Manor Council, is authorized to plan, organize, and hold special events within the Village.

Our goal is to provide recreational opportunities for Golf Manor children, and social events for adults and seniors. We feel that these activities show our community spirit and are a great way to meet your neighbors.

The Recreation Commission is meeting Wednesday, May 11, at the Municipal Building to plan this year's events. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers. The Village Hall, recently renovated, would be a great space for future events. As you know, it takes many volunteers to be able to hold any kind of community function.

The 2011 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Easter egg hunt are sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

The Recreation Commission currently has two openings. If you are interested in becoming a member, wish to volunteer, or just want more information, please call Cindy at 351-3513.

## Please Patronize Local Businesses:

<b>AB Realty, 2249 Losantiville Ave.,</b> Realtor Bobby R. Johnson, e-mail <a href="mailto:bobbyrjohnson.abrealty@fuse.net">bobbyrjohnson.abrealty@fuse.net</a> . Call 513-396-6677.	
<b>Ace Exterminating Co., 1920 Losantiville Ave.</b> 513-351-9100 General Pest Control, Certified for Bed Bug Inspection and Treatment.	
<b>B &amp; J Electric,</b> 6316 Wiehe Rd. 351-7100	
<b>Bicknell Heating and Cooling,</b> 2675 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-4228	
	<b>In-Home Care and Skilled Nursing Services</b> Phone: 513.271.670 Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial Insurances
<b>Clayt Werden Electric Company Inc.,</b> 6256 Wiehe Rd, 513-731-6843, owners Clayton D. Werden, Jr. & Clayton D. Werden, III	
	<b>Coffee Break Roasting Co.,</b> 1940 Losantiville Ave, 513-841-1100, <a href="http://www.coffeekroasting.com">www.coffeekroasting.com</a> , 10% discount for Golf Manor residents
<b>Cuisine East West Catering/Personal Chefs,</b> 2700 Losantiville Ave, 513-351-7300, <b>Catering services,</b> 10% discount for Golf Manor residents & businesses	
<b>Faulk's Tax Service,</b> 6033 Elbrook Ave, 513-351-8848, computerized bookkeeping, taxes, payroll & Notary Public	
<b>Golf Manor Custom Care Cleaners,</b> 2198 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-3305; ask about discount for Golf Manor residents	
<b>Golf Manor Self Storage,</b> 1910 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-8000, Mention seeing us in <i>The Villager</i> for a free month's rent on any size unit (new Golf Manor renters only please)	
<b>Gospel Coffee Shop,</b> 1745 Section Rd., 631-5400, Mon to Fri 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
<b>Jen's Furniture &amp; More LLC,</b> 7990 Reading Road Suite 500, 513-208-1060, 513-225-0512, email: <a href="mailto:jensfurnitureandmore@yahoo.com">jensfurnitureandmore@yahoo.com</a> , Mention seeing us in The Villager and get a 10% discount (not valid with other special offers or clearance items), clean used furniture & appliances, new mattresses, plus full line of new Sauder furniture	
<b>John's Home Repair,</b> 513-257-8097, owner John Malott, Golf Manor residents receive free safety home inspection	
<b>Kalb's Auto Body,</b> 2201 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-2944, <a href="mailto:kalbsautobody@gmail.com">kalbsautobody@gmail.com</a> , Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.	
<b>Kay's Electric Service,</b> 513-213-6139, Low-cost repair work for older homes	
<b>Kenny C's Barber Shop,</b> 2130 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-2333, owner/barber/stylist Kenny C, barber specializing in Wave Nouveau, Fade hair cut, Eyebrow arches	
<b>Lois Obermeyer,</b> 513-531-2610, Certified Health Educator, Call for free 30 minute consultation	
<b>Merry Maids,</b> 6324 Wiehe Rd, 513-631-9594, Rich & Bobbi Levin franchise owners	
<b>Mills Fence Co.,</b> 6315 Wiehe Rd, 513-631-0333, <a href="http://www.millsfence.com">www.millsfence.com</a> , 8% discount for Golf Manor residents & businesses	
<b>Nathaniel Robbins,</b> 513-379-8517 cell, 513-351-4740 office, <b>carpet cleaning</b> \$25 per average room	
<b>Ohio Building Services,</b> 2212 Losantiville Ave, 513-761-0268, janitorial services and building maintenance	
<b>Professional Alteration and Tailoring Service, 429-3140:</b> men's suits, women's clothing, draperies, formal wear, leather, suede, uniforms, weddings	
<b>Zero Company Roofing,</b> 6225 Wiehe Rd, 513-541-1848 office, Residential & Commercial Roofing, <a href="http://www.ZeroCoRoofing.com">www.ZeroCoRoofing.com</a> , <a href="mailto:info@ZeroCoRoofing.com">info@ZeroCoRoofing.com</a> , Mention seeing us in The Villager and get \$75 off of \$1000 or \$250 off of \$3000	
<b>United Dairy Farmers,</b> 2151 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-5006, <a href="http://www.udfinc.com">www.udfinc.com</a>	
<b>Visiting with Care,</b> 2411 St. Albans Ave #3, 513-924-0095, owner Alexis Webster, <a href="mailto:visitingwithcare@yahoo.com">visitingwithcare@yahoo.com</a> , <a href="http://www.visitingwithcare.com">www.visitingwithcare.com</a> , <b>Non-Medical In-Home Care Services</b>	
<b>WFOVideo Productions,</b> 513-886-2062, owner Rich, <a href="http://www.wfovideo.com">www.wfovideo.com</a> , Life stories of family elders, digitize old photos/videos/films to DVD	

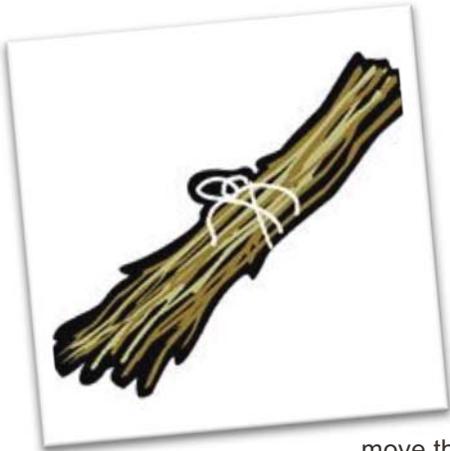


## IMPORTANT WARNING ON WALKING IN THE STREET

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.

### **New Service Available to Golf Manor Residents at no charge: Curb-Side Brush Collection**

The Village is bringing curb-side brush pickup, a highly valued service, to our Golf Manor Residents. This service will be provided the second and fourth Thursday of the month (there will be no brush collection service from November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> due to leaf pickup and snow removal) Remember that any contractors you hire (professional tree trimmers, landscapers, builders, etc.) are required to remove from your property any tree limbs, trunks, brush, logs, etc. that they generate. They are **NOT allowed** to place this material at the curb.



You can make the employees' job much easier if you follow these procedures, which also creates less wear and tear on our equipment and saves fuel:

#### **Procedure**

No limbs, vines, brush etc. for brush collection, shall be set out on the street curb no sooner than 6:00 p.m. the day before brush collection (collection is the second and fourth Thursday of the month).

Keep the length of the limbs you set out for removal as long as you can to move them to the front yard curb, but no longer than nine (9) feet maximum.

Limbs may be up to, but not exceeding, 10 inches in diameter.

Limbs and brush should be stacked or piled lengthwise along the sidewalk in front of your house on the yard side of the sidewalk. *Do not block the sidewalk.*

Vines and limbs with thorns should be cut into 4-foot lengths and bundled and tied with string (no wire).

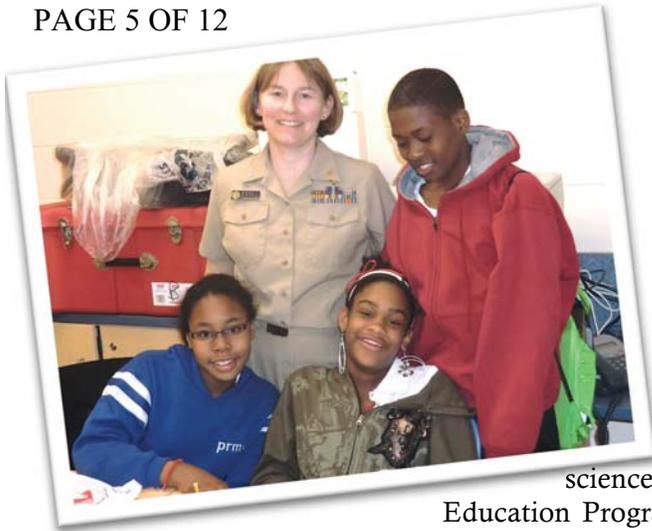
Different types of materials are to be set out in separate areas (i.e., limbs in one area, vines, thorns, and logs in another). Our crews do not have the time to untangle big piles of various types of material at each residence. Please use your entire yard frontage to set the brush out if necessary and form a second row if required.

Materials such as rocks, bricks, pipes, wire, fencing material, lumber, etc., are to be disposed of with your regular trash according to Rumpke's regulations.

With street parking at a premium, please try to put the brush pile where cars parking on the street won't block the heavy equipment used for pick-up. You may even discuss with your neighbor about putting the brush on their side of the street that has no street parking.

Small sticks (smaller than a broom stick), twigs, leaves, and other small debris such as this may be bagged or placed in cans for Rumpke, following their yard waste removal regulations. The Village brush crew will not pick up this type of material.

***Collected material will be composted, not taken to the landfill!***



Sixth grade science students, Jesse Huckleby of Pleasant Ridge, Dana Moore of Columbia Township, and Mikayla Jones of Golf Manor, all from Pleasant Ridge Montessori School, have placed second for the State of Ohio in the ECybermission Science Fair. The students studied childhood obesity and performed a scientific experiment to determine if their fellow students could detect a difference between regular and low-fat brownies. ECybermission awarded each student a prize of a \$500 Series EE US Savings Bond. The students are pictured here with their Team Advisor, CAPT. Cherie Estill of Montgomery, a US Public Health Service Officer. CAPT. Estill volunteers as a science tutor at Pleasant Ridge Montessori through the Partners in Education Program between NIOSH (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) and Pleasant Ridge Montessori. The ECybermission program, sponsored by the U.S. Army, is a free, web-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) competition for students in grades six through nine. Students identify a problem in their community as it relates to one of nine pre-determined Mission Challenges, or topics. The Pleasant Ridge Montessori School has an active program to encourage local business and community members to volunteer at the school. Pictured are (front) Dana Moore, Makayla Jones, (back) CAPT. Cherie Estill, and Jesse Huckleby.

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Golf Manor Women's Club

The Golf Manor Women's Club met Tuesday, December 14, 2010, marking its 70<sup>th</sup> year of service to our community (1940-1210). The first president, Dorothy Stubbs, was also the first female council member. Lois Harcourt (pictured ft. row 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and June Baas (1921-2009), both past presidents, were members for more than 50 years. The current president, Donna Faulk, is now serving on council and is the first and only woman elected mayor of Golf Manor. Golf Manor residents with over 40 years of membership include Hotche Pastor, Billie Starrett, Nancy Moore, Hortense Collins, Betty Walker, and Evelyn Kabakoff.

Throughout its history, the Golf Manor Women's Club promoted fellowship among Golf Manor women and mothers, as well as dedication to community and family. The

women's club supported the Village materially and socially, holding dances and holiday parties, raising money to purchase furnishings for the village hall, and volunteering countless hours to community events and programs such as the Golf Manor Swim Team, boy and girl scout troupes, the Golf Manor festival, Golf Manor parade, U.S. bicentennial celebration, and Golf Manor's 25<sup>th</sup>- and 50<sup>th</sup>-year celebrations. The women's club served the greater Cincinnati area by raising money and volunteering their time to help those with physical and mental disabilities, especially at Longview Hospital. Throughout these 70 years, educational opportunities were provided for members and guests at meetings through featured speakers and via discussions of local, state and national events.

The women's club decided, this year, to no longer meet formally as a community organization. They will be missed; we thank them for their contributions to our village and applaud their many accomplishments.



## Focus on Fire Safety: Smoke Alarms

Every year, approximately 2,600 Americans die in home fires. Over half of these deaths (52%) occur between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., when residents are typically sleeping. Smoke and toxic gases from a home fire are as deadly as heat and flames. Just two or three breaths of toxic smoke can render you unconscious. The majority of fire victims die or are injured from exposure to smoke and toxic gases, such as carbon monoxide, not actual burns. In addition, smoke obscures vision, decreasing your ability to escape.

Smoke alarms save lives, prevent injuries, and minimize property damage by detecting fires early and alerting residents, allowing crucial time to escape. The risk of dying from a fire in a home without working smoke alarms is twice as high as in a home that has working smoke alarms.

What types of smoke alarms are available?

There are many different brands of smoke alarms available on the market but they fall under two basic types: ionization and photoelectric.

- Ionization alarms sound more quickly when a flaming, fast moving fire occurs.
- Photoelectric alarms are quicker at sensing smoldering, smoky fires.
- There are also combination (dual sensor) smoke alarms that combine ionization and photoelectric into one unit.

Because both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms are better at detecting distinctly different yet potentially fatal fires, and because

home residents cannot predict what type of fire might start in a home, the U.S. Fire Administration recommends the installation of both ionization and photoelectric or dual sensor smoke alarms.

In addition to the basic types of smoke alarms, there are alarms made to meet the needs of people with hearing disabilities. These alarms may use strobe lights that flash and/or vibrate to assist in alerting those who are unable to hear standard smoke alarms when they sound.

The Golf Manor Fire Department maintains a limited supply of photoelectric type smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to our residents in need. We can also be of assistance with special detectors for those with disabilities. All detectors are supplied as available through the generosity of the American Red Cross. Currently the Red Cross is not providing the ionization type detectors also recommended. For additional questions or assistance please contact the department at 531-2022 or e-mail Captain Bob Harper at [bharper@golfmanorfire.org](mailto:bharper@golfmanorfire.org).

How long will my smoke detector last? Most alarms installed today have a life span of about 8-10 years. After this time, the entire unit should be replaced. It is a good idea to write the date of purchase with a marker on the inside of your alarm so you will know when to replace it. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement.



The United States Fire Administration and the Golf Manor Fire Department recommend that you have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan!

### Legislation in Progress

Council is working to update the zoning code. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes at public meetings to be announced. Updates include: prohibiting the parking of vehicles (boats, trailers) on non-paved surfaces, requiring boats and trailers to be licensed and parked only on paved surfaces, prohibiting six-foot chain-link fences in residential areas, prohibiting barbed wire, prohibiting outdoor vending machines, allowing decorative fences up to 1.5 feet high along the front property line, and prohibiting covered car ports.

Veterans Park Dedication  
November 2010



### Village Parks

Council is investigating funding sources for replacing the dilapidated pool with new park facilities. Proposed facilities include a new bathhouse, a modest spray park for children, walking trail, shade trees, picnic area, and an amphitheater. Our goal is to begin construction in the fall of 2012. Currently the rusty fences and light poles in the park are being removed, replaced or repaired.

Puthoff Memorial and Veterans Park was dedicated last November (photo). The plaque honoring Golf Manor veterans will be placed in the park this spring. Please contact the mayor (200-7041, [golfmanor@fuse.net](mailto:golfmanor@fuse.net)) if you or any Golf manor resident you know served in the armed forces. Please include your name, as it should appear on the plaque, branch of service, dates of service and contact information. Please visit the new park at Losantiville and Ardmore avenues. It is a very attractive addition to the community.



Greenspace at Old Pony Keg  
Losantiville and Bremont

### Economic Development

The old pony keg at 2704 Losantiville was razed last fall, eliminating a long-standing blighting influence on the east side of the Village. As previously reported in the Villager, Golf Manor acquired this property by court action that allows municipalities to take control of properties in tax foreclosure that fail to sell during sheriff's sale. The property will remain greenspace until sold to a quality developer.



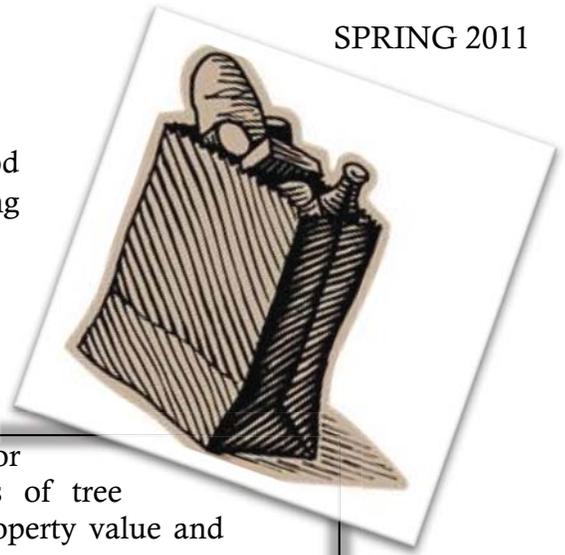
Future Natural Area at Stover Manor

### Stover Manor Project

The Village has acquired three of the abandoned buildings in the Stover Manor apartment complex and condemned two other abandoned buildings. These five buildings were razed and replaced with greenspace, eliminating a blighting influence on the south side of the Village. Golf Manor has no plans to sell or rebuild in this area. This land will be converted into a natural area with native flowers and trees. The Village is using grant funds (NSP I) for this project.

## FREE MEALS FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS

**The Caring Place** in Kennedy Heights is offering a food assistance program for seniors who are 60 and over. Qualifying applicants receive a box of food and a block of cheese each month. **The Caring Place** is open on Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Their phone number is 841-1499.**



## PLANT A TREE THIS SPRING

Spring is a great time to plant trees. The following guidelines for planting shade trees will assist you in selecting a species of tree appropriate for an urban environment. Trees increase your property value and help to beautify and shade our neighborhoods.

## GUIDELINES FOR PLANTING SHADE TREES

From the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

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

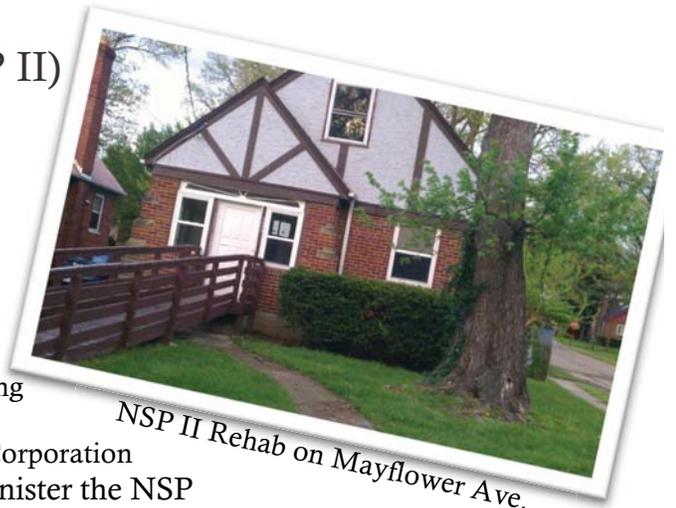
An urban forester from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) toured our community and recommended the following tree species for small lots typical in Golf Manor:

- **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
  - River Birch - 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; 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

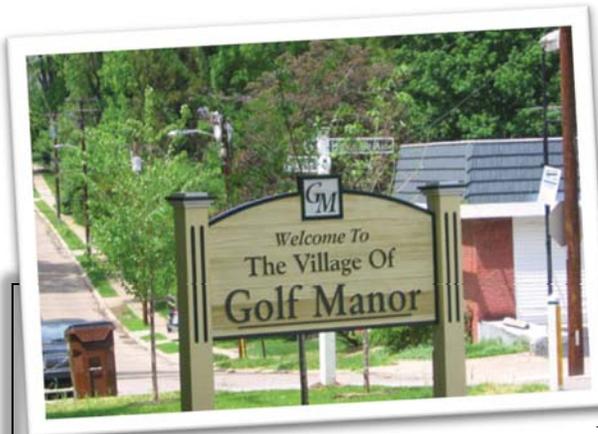


## Neighborhood Stabilization Program II (NSP II)

As previously reported, Golf Manor was awarded \$1,000,000 in federal funds from the NSP II. We are now in the process of acquiring abandoned houses and rehabilitating them for sale to qualified homebuyers. The buyers must live in the home for at least five years; that is, the program prohibits renting and property flipping. Down payment assistance and homeowner training are provided. The Village has retained a real estate agent to identify and acquire property in key redevelopment areas of the Village. The Village has contracted with Homesteading and Urban Redevelopment Corporation (HURC) to administer the NSP program.



NSP II Rehab on Mayflower Ave.



## Property Maintenance

Setting and enforcing high standards for property maintenance is an important tool in the fight to revitalize older communities. Take a look at the result of the City of Cincinnati's lack of enforcement in Roselawn along Reading Road between Section and Sunnybrook, or at the corner of Langdon Farm and Seymour. The Village will continue aggressive enforcement of its property maintenance codes. See the announcement about rusty fences in this newsletter. Peeling paint, junk stored in back yards and driveways, dilapidated storage sheds, deteriorated retaining walls, deteriorated siding, gutters falling off or with vegetation growing in them, broken steps, high weeds, and high grass are all violations of our ordinances.

## Last Year for Home Improvement Grants

This is the last year Golf Manor will offer grants for exterior home improvements. Please contact Mr. Wane Creager at the Village offices (531-7418, 531-5155) or the Mayor at 200-7041 (or by e-mail at [golfmanor@fuse.net](mailto:golfmanor@fuse.net)) for an application.

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.

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 with qualifying household income 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

### Rusty Fences by Mayor Alan Zaffiro

Rusty and deteriorated fences and rusty metal structures are a violation of the building maintenance code. I have asked our inspectors to sweep the Village for such violations of the code. Please evaluate fences around your property. Consider removing rusty fences that are no longer needed. Many times, we just get used to these and other unsightly structures in our community. Imagine how much brighter and more attractive your home will appear without that old rusty fence. Think about the visual impact your rusty fence has on your neighbors and the overall image of the neighborhood. If you have questions about this or any other property-maintenance requirement, please call National Inspection Service (NIC) at 513-745-0370.

Formal orders for fences that are in violation will go out this spring. Because there are so many violations, we will address the most severe this year (those fences that are rusty, broken-down and/or overgrown with vegetation) and the remaining cases next year (2012). You may also call me at 200-7041 or e-mail me at [golfmanor@fuse.net](mailto:golfmanor@fuse.net) about the fence project.

### Waste Collection and Recycling

Golf Manor is in the third 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 raccoons attracted to food waste. Note: bags are prohibited by law. Garbage must be placed at the curb in a ridged container with a lid. Brush and branches must be tied in bundles no more than four feet in length.

Please take advantage of the recycling service. Just use the bin Rumpke provides. Put in cans (tin, bimetal, aluminum), bottles (glass, plastic #1- #7: bottles only, no tubs or other plastic waste), newspaper, junk mail 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.

### Waste Collection and Recycling (cont.)

The Village receives incentive money for each ton recycled. This money is used for community beautification and to purchase goods made from recycled materials such as park benches. 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 19-gallon red bin or a 65-gallon outdoor recycling cart with wheels and a lid.

If you have hazardous waste (used motor oil, pesticides, oil paint) in your home, please take it to the Hamilton County drop-off site on Spring Grove Ave. It is illegal and bad for the environment to dispose of many of these materials in storm sewers, drains, or municipal trash. Also remember, tires are not accepted in the trash (Ohio law); recycle these at a tire dealer. For more information regarding the 2011 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program and a list of acceptable wastes, please call the Hamilton Co. Department of Environmental services @ (513) 946-7700 or email [susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org](mailto:susan.schumacher@hamilton-co.org).



### TV and Electronics Recycling

Televisions and computers with screens are banned under the rules of the Golf Manor waste collection program. Your best option for these items is to take them to a Best Buy store: Tech Trade-In program. They will accept most consumer electronics, including televisions and monitors up to 32 inches, desktop computers, notebooks, videocassette recorders, DVD players and phones. Customers will be able to drop off up

to two devices per day at any

Best Buy store. A \$10 recycling fee applies to any unit with screens, such as televisions and computers. However, customers instantly receive a \$10 Best Buy gift card in exchange for the recycling fee.



## DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL ENCOURAGES FIRE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY UNDER AGE FIVE

The Division of State Fire Marshal urges parents and guardians to take precautionary measures to avoid unnecessary fire fatalities, particularly related to children age five and under. Last year in Ohio, 20 of the 26 children who lost their lives in fires were under the age of five.

"In the event of a fire, children age five and below are almost entirely dependent on outside help in order to survive," said Interim Fire Marshal Donald Cooper. "Since many fatal fires occur at night while families are asleep, parents and guardians must be prepared by establishing a home fire escape plan and teaching their young ones what to do if a fire should occur."

Escaping from a fire - especially at night - can be very difficult for young children due to their age, level of understanding, and fear in a traumatic setting.

According to the United States Fire Administration, more than half of all child fire deaths occur to children under the age of five. Unfortunately, the percentage of fire deaths for Ohio children last year under the age of five was significantly higher than the national rate.

Parents and guardians can prevent fire fatalities by following the safety and prevention tips below:

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out!

Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.

Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.

Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and wait at the designated meeting place.

Teach children how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.

Always dress children in pajamas that meet

Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.

Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.

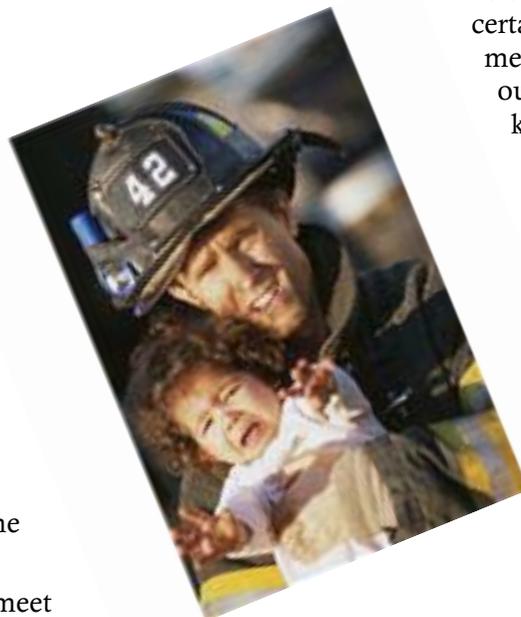
Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.

Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, clothes, paper and toys. This can be evidence that your child may be playing with fire.

Teach children to check the door of their bedroom. When it is HOT, they should leave it closed and go to a window to signal for help.

A complete list of fire safety tips can be found on the Division of State Fire Marshal's web site at [http://www.com.ohio.gov/fire/docs/fire\\_safetychildren.pdf](http://www.com.ohio.gov/fire/docs/fire_safetychildren.pdf).

While you are thinking fire safety, take the time to test your smoke detectors. If you have not already changed the batteries, do it now. Also, dust or vacuum around the detector and replace any that are 10 years old or older. Finally, review your home fire escape plan and make certain every family member has two ways out of the home and knows the outside meeting location.



**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.**



**Waste Collection, Recycling and Monthly Brush Collection**

Golf Manor law requires Rumpke to provide each homeowner with recycling services. Please call them if you do not have a bin. It is included in your bill. **Rumpke: 851-0122.**

**Golf Manor Elected Officials**

Alan Zaffiro	Mayor
Donna Faulk	Vice-Mayor Executive Committee Chair
Brenda Dubose	Finance Chair Planning Commission Chair
Greg Brown	Finance Committee
Steve Gilbert	Finance Committee
Brian Doering	Executive Committee
Elaine Moscovitz	Executive Committee
Greg Doering	Clerk/Treasurer

“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.

**Facts About Golf Manor:**

- ✚ Incorporated in 1947
- ✚ Police Department: 11 police officers & 24 hour patrols
- ✚ Fire Department: 35-member fire/paramedic department

**Council Meetings:** Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. Council is organized into two committees: 1) Executive and 2) Finance. The Executive Committee meets at 6:45 p.m. before the regular Council meeting on the 2nd Monday, and Finance meets at 6:30 p.m. 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 law, safety and health, economic development, community beautification, recycling, waste collection, communication, education, public relations, parks, recreation, etc.

**Golf Manor Police Department**

Eddie Taylor	Police Chief
Chris Campbell	Lieutenant
Robert Heiland	Sergeant
Michael Forrest	Patrol Officer
Casey Fox	Patrol Officer
Brian Kinamore	Patrol Officer
Mike Mullen	Patrol Officer
Philip Van Cleve	Patrol Officer
Ryan Rump	Patrol Officer
Ron Wallace	Patrol Officer
James Gilbert	Patrol Officer
Dorthea Powell	Police Clerk

**Important Telephone Numbers**

Police, Fire, Health 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 Office	531-7491
Tax Department	531-5155
Building Department	531-9941