

Important Village Contact Information – SAVE THIS PAGE

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 and Recycling

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.**

“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 with four firemen stationed 24/7
- Education: Golf Manor public school children attend the newly built Pleasant Ridge Montessori School & Woodward High School.

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

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Golf Manor Elected Officials

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

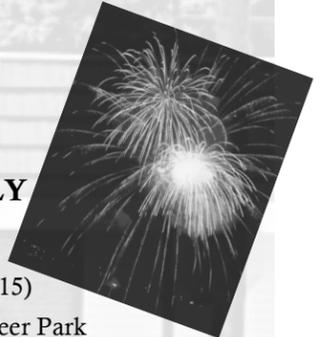
Council Meetings: Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. Council is organized into two committees: 1) Executive and 2) Finance. The Executive Committee meets at 6:45 p.m. before the regular Council meeting on the 2nd Monday, and Finance meets at 6:30 p.m. before Council 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.

Important Telephone Numbers

Police, Fire, Health Emergency	911
Police non-emergency (dispatch)	825-2280
Police non-emergency (officer cell)	615-3001
Police Clerk	531-3108
Fire Department	531-2022
Service Director	531-7418
Village Office	531-7491
Tax Department	531-5155
Building Department	888-433-4642

The **Villager**

Village of Golf Manor, Ohio



SOAP BOX DERBY TO BE HELD IN GOLF MANOR – SATURDAY JULY 28 9:00 A.M. BREMONT AND FAIROAKS

www.cincinnatisoapboxderby.com



Information: 351-8848

COME OUT AND WATCH THIS COLORFUL EVENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

GOLF MANOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE

July 4TH at 11:00 a.m. (line up @ 10:15)

Fair Oaks and Englewood to Volunteer Park

Decorate bikes, wagons, strollers, golf carts, and pets. Walk or ride!!! Enter a float. We welcome organizations, churches, local businesses, bikes, wagons, strollers, walkers and pets.

Prizes at the end of the parade for best-decorated entry!!!

SOAP BOX DERBY OF CINCINNATI WILL JOIN THE PARADE THIS YEAR!

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

GOLF MANOR CLEAN UP DAY AND COMMUNITY YARD SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 23 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 24

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. Tires, 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 inside this edition for recycling options. **Open 10 a.m. – 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.

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.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR (I)

Last fall, the president of the Golf Manor Concerned Citizens, Janet Blannon, asked me what it takes to create and sustain livable communities. After much reflection (this is not an easy one), I formulated a one-word answer: EVERYBODY. We do not have the privilege and advantage that many in more affluent communities enjoy. Our strength is resourcefulness borne of necessity. Let's add strength in numbers to the ledger. Our goal is safe, attractive, and family-oriented neighborhoods with affordable, dignified housing for all who choose to live here. There is no reason we cannot achieve this if everyone simply thinks beyond themselves to what is best for their community. I ask everyone to take just one step this summer to improve their surroundings: trim your sidewalks and street berm, offer to help an elderly neighbor with yard work, plant a tree or some flowers, pick up litter, make that exterior home repair you've been ignoring. I especially appeal to renters—urge your landlords to landscape and trim; in turn, offer to help maintain it. Consider volunteering with the Golf Manor Recreation Commission or the Concerned Citizens. The benefit of taking pride in your community extends beyond outward appearance. It sends a powerful message that we care about each other and sets an example that others will follow.

Redevelopment Update and Council News

Volunteer Park and Pool

Golf Manor was awarded a Community Development grant to raze the old pool facility and restore the natural surface. The Village applied for two additional grants to build new park facilities to include: a picnic shelter, a shaded picnic grove, new bathroom and concession building, an earthen amphitheater, and walking trail. These elements were selected by a committee of citizens chaired by Vice-Mayor Donna Faulk. A prestigious and local architectural firm, Glaserworks Architecture and Design, designed the new park based on the committee's input.

Dennis Puthoff Veterans Park (Ardmore and Losantiville)

Plaques identifying each of the native plantings were added this spring. Memorial bricks sold to honor family members will be ordered this summer. These bricks will be installed around the flagpole as previously announced. The final element of this project, the veteran's memorial, will be built late this summer. Council decided on a stone marker, flanked by a memorial walkway, with an inscription honoring all Golf Manor residents, past and present, who served in the military. The walkway, starting behind the main viewing area, will be constructed of brick pavers engraved with the name, dates of service, and branch of the military for each of the over 100 veterans identified to date.

Litter Control

Ten new garbage cans were placed along Losantiville and Vera, and at the east end of the Village. We will place additional cans this summer. Thanks to all residents and business owners who pick up litter around their properties and while in the park or walking in the village.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Vera Ave. Project

Recall that this is a 1.25 million dollar grant awarded to Golf Manor to rehab abandoned homes and eliminate blight. We have purchased four homes to date and sold one. Three are in the process of rehab. The village razed two buildings at the dead-end of Vera late last year— of the four abandoned apartment buildings existing there last year: two are now greenspace; one is rehabbed and occupied; and the last is renovated and currently for rent. Surrounding landlords have stepped up their landscaping and property maintenance efforts. The overall result, as intended, is significant improvement in the image of this area and a more inviting neighborhood environment.

Community Garden

Billy Simpson is chairing a committee to manage the community garden in the veteran's park. If you are interested in utilizing this space and working with your neighbors to grow local food, please call Billie at 351-2252. The veteran's park a beautiful place for this outdoor activity. Please share your farming expertise with the committee.

Street Resurfacing

No streets will be done this year. The village is taking a financial break to allow the street levy fund to rebuild. We hope to have sufficient funds to repave one of the longer streets next year.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR (II) – PARKING ETIQUETTE

Council recently considered resident requests for reserved parking in front of homes and for disabled persons. The latter may be possible; however, for general parking, most communities have found no viable solution. Certainly, Golf Manor lacks the capacity to administer and enforce such laws.

That still leaves us with a solution: making sure we are aware of our neighbor's needs and, as I always preach—taking better care of each other. First of all, operating a business storing and working on cars in the residential district is prohibited (Chapter 1129, Zoning Code). Please report violations of this law to the Police Chief: 615-3001(c). All vehicles, even those on private property, must have a current license.

Please talk with your neighbors face-to-face about parking conflicts and try to reach a compromise. Remember, we have a large elderly population. Please allow the elderly and handicap persons to park on level ground in front of their homes. Use your driveway and garage. Do not store inoperable vehicles, or cars not being used, on the street. Look for long-term storage options outside of the community.

Curbside Brush Collection

Golf Manor will provide this service the second and fourth Thursday of the month: April through October. 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.

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!



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

If you have hazardous waste (used motor oil, pesticides, oil paint, batteries) in your home, please take it to the Hamilton County drop-off site at 4600 Spring Grove Ave (across from Winton Rd.). 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 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program and a list of acceptable wastes, please call the Hamilton Co. Department of Environmental services @ (513) 946-7766 or visit www.hcdoes.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 (www.bestbuy.com; Search "recycling"). 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.

WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM REVIEW

Rules: Garbage must be placed at the curb in a ridged container with a lid; our program includes a Rumpke waste container of your choice. **Bags are prohibited by law.** Call Rumpke at 851-0122 if you need to start service, order a waste wheeler, or resize your waste cart. One large item per week is allowed. Branches must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet.

Please take advantage of the recycling service. Just use the bin Rumpke provides. **Put in cans (tin, bimetal, aluminum), bottles (glass, plastic #1 to #7—lids can be left on; bottles only, no tubs or other plastic waste), newspaper, office paper, brown bags, aerosol cans (discard lids and tips), metal lids from glass jars, junk mail, clean pizza boxes, and cardboard; then place it at the curb with your garbage.** Rumpke is required to supply a bin (by Golf Manor law) at no extra charge on your waste collection bill. 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.

*Golf Manor recycled 6.5% (110 tons) of its waste last year.
Let's double that this year.*

HAMILTON COUNTY CHANGES WEATHER SIREN POLICY

The Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has changed its long controversial policy regarding the use of weather sirens. Sirens will no longer be sounded during "a severe thunderstorm warning during a tornado watch". Listed below are the new criteria regarding siren activation in Hamilton County.

The sirens will continue to be tested at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Your response to these sirens at any other time should be immediately moving to a pre-designated place of safety. Pick a place in your home where family members could gather during a tornado. The safest place to be is underground, or as low to the ground as possible, and away from all windows. If you have a basement, make it your safe place. If you do not have a basement, consider an interior hallway or room on the lowest floor. Putting as many walls as you can between you and the outside will provide additional protection. Less than 2 percent of all tornadoes are powerful enough to completely destroy a sturdy building. Make sure there are no windows or glass doors in your safe place and keep this place uncluttered. Store a battery operated radio and flashlight in your shelter area to stay informed on current conditions and events.

Tornado Warning:

When issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) of a TORNADO WARNING for Hamilton County, the warning sirens will be activated on a county-wide basis by the county's primary control point using the steady tone. Warnings issued by the NWS for Hamilton County are based on severe weather occurrences observed in or approaching Hamilton County.

Report of a Tornado or Funnel Cloud Sighting:

Upon confirmation of an actual sighting of a tornado with a public safety official from the jurisdiction making the report, the warning sirens will be activated on a county-wide basis using the steady tone.

Hazardous Material Release:

Sirens may be activated at the request of the incident commander during a hazardous material release. The siren activation should be accompanied by an Emergency Alert System (EAS) activation, which can only be authorized by the Sheriff or Emergency Management Director. Press releases, and the activation of the Codespear system will be accomplished as soon as possible, to advise the public regarding proper actions to take during the emergency. Proper actions could be to evacuate, or to "Shelter in Place".

CONCERNED CITIZENS OF GOLF MANOR
MONTHLY MEETING (ALL RESIDENTS INVITED) at the MUNICIPAL BUILDING
4TH TUESDAY AT 7 P.M. – CONTACT: Janet Blannon @ jbannon@gmail.com

Please come to share your story with your neighbors, discuss safety concerns, and other problems/successes in your area. Learn about your police department, village services, and local government operation.
AGENDA: Update and questions with Police Chief Eddie Taylor, invited speakers, discussion, light refreshments.

REGISTER TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS BY PHONE

SOSINK (Southeastern Ohio, Southwestern Indiana, and Northern Kentucky). SOSINK provides County Wide Emergency Alert Notifications to citizens. The Emergency Alert Notification system allows local officials to telephone, email, text, or page targeted areas in the event of an emergency situation that requires immediate action. An emergency notification could be made for things like a natural disaster, a man-made disaster, a missing child or a public safety emergency. You may choose to have these messages go to your cell phone for quick access wherever you are.

By registering your preferred means of contact at <https://sosink.smartmsg.com/> either home phone, cell phone, text message, email and fax, local officials affiliated with SOSINK will be able to contact you when an emergency occurs in your area.

You will still receive emergency notices through home phone numbers whether you sign up for additional services or not. But if you are like the growing number of people who only use a cell phone, you may prefer to receive emergency information via these alternate means. Best of all, YOU DECIDE what communications method works for you and your family. There is no cost to residents.

You may cancel at any time when you no longer want to be contacted by the Emergency Alert Notification system.



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LOCAL BUSINESSES AND DISCOUNTS FOR GM RESIDENTS
PLEASE PATRONIZE NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESSES! – SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY

AB Realty, 2249 Losantiville Ave., Realtor Bobby R. Johnson, e-mail bobbyrjohnson.abrealty@fuse.net . Call 513-396-6677.	
Ace Exterminating Co., 1920 Losantiville Ave. 513-351-9100 General Pest Control, Certified for Bed Bug Inspection and Treatment.	
B & J Electric, 6316 Wiehe Rd. 351-7100	
Bicknell Heating and Cooling, 2675 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-4228	
	In-Home Care and Skilled Nursing Services Phone: 513.271.6700 Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial Insurances
Clayt Werden Electric Company Inc., 6256 Wiehe Rd, 513-731-6843, owners Clayton D. Werden, Jr. & Clayton D. Werden, III	
	Coffee Break Roasting Co., 1940 Losantiville Ave, 513-841-1100, www.coffeebreakroasting.com , 10% discount for Golf Manor residents
Cuisine East West Catering/Personal Chefs, 2700 Losantiville Ave, 513-351-7300, Catering services, 10% discount for Golf Manor residents & businesses	
Faulk's Tax Service, 6033 Elbrook Ave, 513-351-8848, computerized bookkeeping, taxes, payroll & Notary Public	
Golf Manor Custom Care Cleaners, 2198 Losantiville Ave, 513-631-3305; ask about discount for Golf Manor residents	
Golf Manor Self Storage, 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)	
Gospel Coffee Shop, 1745 Section Rd., 631-5400, Mon to Fri 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Jen's Furniture & More Mattress Outlet, 7990 Reading Road Suite 500, 513-208-1060, 513-225-0512, email: jensfurnitureandmore@yahoo.com , Mention seeing us in The Villager and get a 10% discount (not valid with other special offers or clearance items), new furniture & appliances, mattresses, plus full line of new Sauder furniture	
Cincinnati Communications (high-speed internet and phone service via power outlets) 1.877.775.8446, Call for special offers available to Golf Manor residents – up to 33% off normal prices! Promotion code is "GolfManor"	
Kalb's Auto Body, 2201 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-2944, kalbsautobody@gmail.com , "Lowest Prices, Highest Quality Repair in Town" Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. -- 5% discount for Golf Manor residents; ask about help with deductible	
Kay's Electric Service, 513-213-6139, Low-cost electrical repair work for older homes	
	Kenny C's Barber Shop, 2130 Losantiville Ave, 513-287-9346, owner/barber/stylist Kenny C, barber specializing in Wave Nouveau, Fades, Tapers and regular hair cuts
	La' Sam 'U' L Styling Salon, Elbrook and Losantiville, 513-227-8986, Daryl Jones: owner and stylist. Perms \$60, Relaxer \$45 – 5% discount for Golf Manor residents, 10% for seniors on Tuesdays
Lois Obermeyer, 513-531-2610, Certified Health Educator, Call for free 30 minute consultation	
Merry Maids, 6324 Wiehe Rd, 513-631-9594, Rich & Bobbi Levin franchise owners	
Mills Fence Co., 6315 Wiehe Rd, 513-631-0333, www.millsfence.com , 8% discount for Golf Manor residents & businesses	
Nathaniel Robbins, 513-379-8517 cell, 513-351-4740 office, carpet cleaning \$25 per average room	
Ohio Building Services, 2212 Losantiville Ave, 513-761-0268, janitorial services and building maintenance	
Zero Company Roofing, 6225 Wiehe Rd, 513-541-1848 office, Residential & Commercial Roofing, http://www.ZeroCoRoofing.com , info@ZeroCoRoofing.com Mention seeing us in The Villager and get \$75 off of \$1000 or \$250 off of \$3000	
United Dairy Farmers, 2151 Losantiville Ave, 513-531-5006, www.udfinc.com	
Visiting with Care, 2411 St. Albans Ave #3, 513-924-0095, owner Alexis Webster, visitingwithcare@yahoo.com , www.visitingwithcare.com , Non-Medical In-Home Care Services	
WFOVideo Productions, 513-886-2062, owner Rich, www.wfovideo.com , Life stories of family elders, digitize old photos/videos/films to DVD	
Grade-A Uniforms, 2128 Losantiville, 513-841-0505, school uniforms and medical scrubs, 20% discount for Golf Manor residents. Call for current sale items.	
Mary Kay Cosmetics, Independent Beauty Consultant, Tierney E. Hamilton, 2425 Kellerman Ave. 45237, 513/307-3182, 15% Off First Order, Additional Hostess Gift for \$200 Party	

NEWS FROM THE GOLF MANOR RECREATION COMMISSION

Golf Manor's Recreation Commission is expanding neighborhood events. We are looking forward to being able to offer our residents a bit more fun and neighborhood spirit.

Tuesday Social

Recreation is sponsoring a social for seniors in the hall at the municipal building every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. There are games, snacks, coffee, and friendships to share. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Call Lisa (365-9422) or Yasemin (631-8873) for information.

Free Community Dinners

Recreation has sponsored two free spaghetti dinners for Golf Manor residents. The most recent was in February to help chase the winter blues and also to celebrate Valentines Day. We plan to have another dinner in October. Thanks to residents who provide entertainment. We have enjoyed poetry and outstanding harmonica playing at the first two events.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt at Volunteer Park was a fun time for the kids. Every child found lots of candy-filled eggs and prizes. Event Chair, Jennifer Mallot, planned and executed one of the best Easter Egg Hunts in the area. Thanks to Chief Eddie Taylor who gave away 20, \$1 coins hidden in golden eggs. Thanks also to members of the Concerned Citizens Organization for their help at this event.

Recreation Commissioner Seat Available and Volunteers Needed

Council is looking for a resident to fill a vacant seat. Call Vice-Mayor, Donna Faulk, if you are interested in becoming a commissioner. Recreation meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the municipal building. Volunteers are also welcome to attend the meetings and to work at events. The beginning of every meeting is reserved for resident participation and new ideas. Call the Recreation Commission Chair, Cindy, at 351-3513 for more information.



RESIDENTS AT TUESDAY SOCIAL (MAY 1)

Watch for banners announcing recreation events. They are posted at the park and at the entrances to the village: Losantiville and Elbrook near entrance signs.

KEN-SIL FALL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Agnes 4 – 15
June 13 & 18 @ Pleasant Ridge Comm. Ctr.
6:30 – 8 p.m.
Or call/text: 513-375-1190
ken.sil.soccer@gmail.com

Chapter 721: Solicitors *** *KNOW THE LAW* ***** NOTE: PIT BULLS ARE STILL BANNED IN GM!**

Residents frequently complain about door-to-door sales persons, and coupon packages (Door Store Ads, Red Plum Ads) left in yards and on porches. Here are the applicable local laws:

Solicitors are defined as persons selling house-to-house or from a vehicle any goods, services, or food. Such soliciting is prohibited unless invited by the resident, or if the business registers with, and is approved by, the police department. Soliciting on any property posted "No Soliciting Allowed", or before 9 a.m. and after 9 p.m., is always prohibited. Solicitors must produce their Golf Manor license upon request. Property owners have the right to register a no soliciting request with the police department. It is a violation of the law for anyone to solicit at these addresses. Solicitors seeking registration are given a list of the prohibited properties.

Advertisements distributed door-to-door are allowed and protected under the U.S. constitution. However, it is a violation of Golf Manor litter laws to deliver advertising materials any place other than porches or attached to doors. The advertising companies could be fined \$500 (and more for repeated offences) if advertising materials are deposited on yards, sidewalks, and public property. Please call the police (825-2280 or 615-3001) to report such violations. The village will take action, and in fact, the village has warned several companies to clean up their practices.

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.

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 "Property Maintenance & Building Permit Phone Numbers" on the back page and to review the services NIC provides.