



Mayor's Report 3/24/25

Good Evening Everyone,

As Mayor of Golf Manor I also serve on the executive board of the First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio (FSCSO). I was asked to participate as a member of the Selection Committee for RFPs on Development of the Central Corridor/ Millcreek, as part of a Reconnecting Communities Grant, secured by the First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio. We've made our selection and I'm looking forward to discussing more about this project after the official public announcement by the committee.

The quarterly membership meeting of FSCSO is tomorrow at 6 PM. Dinner will be served (both vegetarian and non vegetarian options typically available), and is open to the public. State Rep Sedrick Denson will speak at 7PM about the State House and current legislation affecting suburban areas like ours.

I attended the Hamilton County Public Health District Advisory Council Meeting. This is an annual meeting to elect new board members to the Board of Health. The Village of Golf Manor has a vote in this as we contract with the Hamilton County Board of Health. Dan Meloy was (re)elected for the 2025-2030 term. The 2024 Year in Review Presentation was presented by Health Commissioner Kesterman. I have a physical copy of the report to share today, as well as a digital copy for anyone interested.

I attended the State of the County address by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners' President Driehaus, where she highlighted the work the county is doing. One of the larger projects is moving a number of Hamilton County's offices to Bond Hill, including Job & Family Services, Developmental Disabilities Services, Environmental Protection Services and others. This move makes physical access to these services much easier for residents of our village. The move should be completed by early 2026.

I have a color-coded property map to share with everyone, showing where village owned properties are located. The purpose of making this map and sharing it publicly is to more transparently show opportunities for further development of the community, increasing the amount of input we get. This should aid our elected officials, residents and others interested in further development of our community.

I've directed the administration to develop email addresses for commission and committee chairs independent of who is holding the office, to aid in knowledge retention when transitions in who holds those offices occur. Also directed the administration to create addresses like this for use with 3rd party vendors, such that a village venmo email account, for example, doesn't have to be recreated each time there is a change in staffing.

I've talked to a third party interested in striping a portion of the field in Volunteer Park for soccer use. They are willing to take on the cost of this as well as providing goals. They are part of a soccer league for kids, hoping to grow larger in the local area. I've heard much interest from residents about bringing more little league teams back to the village, and see this as an exciting development in that direction.



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I attended the Golf Manor Bicycle and Helmet Give Away yesterday. It was a huge success. There were more kids in the municipal building than I believe there ever has been before. We had to have overflow seating! We had to do two sets of two presentations because we couldn't get everyone into the municipal hall. One presentation was on bike safety (facilitated by Lt. Forrest of the GMPD), and one all about the benefits of membership in the MOBO bicycle coop. MOBO provides a space with free tools and parts when kids need to work on their bikes. They also have experienced members that can help younger members with bike repairs and maintenance, and have FREE used bikes available for members. Membership is free for Golf Manor residents under the age of 18 (\$20 for those above 18).

A team from MOBO set up 4 bike "fitting and repair" stations in the Municipal Hall so that those who received bikes yesterday could have them fitted and learn about maintenance. About half of all the kids in attendance received bikes, and those who didn't were given direction on how to get a free bike through the coop. We had a table for completing the applications for free memberships in the coop, and these membership applications are still available in our hall for those who didn't make it to the event.

Lt Forrest was amazing with the kids. I want to thank him and officer Reynolds for their support at the event. Special thanks to Pat Lalesnel for all her work planning the event, and to Phyllis Thomas and Elaine Moscovitz for being the boots-on-the-ground at the event, showing up early to get everything set up, and helping all the guests navigate the event.

And thanks of course to Cincinnati Circus for the donation of bikes, and Children's Hospital for the donation of helmets. And all the membership of We Thrive, Community Engagement, and the Recreation Commission for their roles in making the event possible.

And one final item. I've asked our fiscal officer, Mr. Pridenoff, to provide an overview to council members of the OPERS program, which is a State retirement program required for municipal employees. Council members pay into this system as well, so I've directed the administration to provide an overview of the program for each new council. We haven't had this done before so Mr. Pridenoff will provide a brief overview of the program for the council today during his fiscal report.

This Mayor's report is respectfully submitted to the residents of Golf Manor. Thank you for the honor of being your Mayor. To our staff and elected officials, thank you for your service to the community.

Stefan Densmore, Mayor
Village of Golf Manor

