

# GOLF MANOR

## Community Voice



Members of your community were asked:

*"In your opinion, what are the most important issues that affect the health, safety, and well-being of your community? Please briefly describe."*

Here's what they had to say.

### NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

*"Regular police patrols through the village to show a presence and reduce crime. Quick response to residents' calls about concerns in the village. Monitoring businesses to make sure they don't pollute the air. Providing trash bins to reduce garbage in the village. Weekly recycle bin pickup to keep environment cleaner. Working to keep pipeline out of vicinity to insure safety of citizens."*

*"Mainly our roads. The Service Drive that runs parallel between Vera Avenue and Losantiville Ave, needs immediate attention. Its unsafe and needs repair. Shrubbery and Bushes protruding out in the roads on The same Service Drive as mentioned causing the road to be narrowed.."*

*"Housing & property maintenance, absentee landlords, abandoned properties in the business district."*

*"Fleas! The city is infested with them. I really regret buying a house in this area because of it. I know the city is big on knowing who lives within the city limits and want to know all the renters but it really lacks in its understanding of home owners. A dog that lives next door is covered in dreadlocks and fleas and is causing my dog and cat to lick off all their fur. THE FLEAS ARE EVEN ON ME (\$400 later). It's really horrible and my animals are suffering."*

*"There is a safety concern where pole light is out on the walking path where residents(children) travel to and from the bus stop. Also there is overgrown brush on both sides where these small children and adults travel daily.."*

*"The pollution, rubbish and waste."*

*"First, my street Kellerman Avenue is not patrolled by police enough. I live near end by grove of trees and there's no light nearby on street. Finally, speeding cars going up and down Losantiville."*

*"Trash everywhere on Wiehe road. Litter."*

*"Lots of litter on Wiehe, also need more police patrol on Wiehe not seeing them as much like they use to be seen."*

*"Number of older people that may need access to resources or advocates. We also have a significant Orthodox Jewish population with small children that play at or near busy streets and fail to use sidewalks. Need better sidewalks that are more passable. Home owners need to keep their properties up."*

*"I am very concerned about Duke Energy's plans to run a pipeline very close to Golf Manor. Pipelines do leak and explode with potentially deadly consequences to their surroundings. And Duke sure doesn't care."*

*"The giant pot holes in the service drive between Losantiville and Vera Avenue."*

*"Safety, lighting of streets. Dogs."*

*"Lack of walking trail/path around the village that is safe and well marked. Lack of multiple community gathering places / where neighbors can gather together outside within walking distance from home, e.g., a small shelter house with picnic table, fireplace and water fountain in each quadrant of the village."*

*"Golf Manor has great infrastructure in terms of lighting and sidewalks. If one drives that is access to grocery stores with fresh fruits and vegetables. However, if one drives and has a car is the qualifier. As far as the health and well being of the community, more can be done to increase the use of the municipal park by everyone, such as a track, outdoor group exercises which include socialization for older folks it encourage attendance, and a productive and useful community garden IN A SUNNY LOCATION, not hidden in the shade where it currently is located and of little use. We missed the boat when we closed and filled in the community pool. That provided exercise, recreation and water safety instruction for all children. Well being also includes, I believe 0 tolerance on litter, dumping and broken bottles on the sidewalks. This gives a terrible message to folks when they attempt to walk, push a stroller or walk their dog."*

*"There are a lot of cracked, broken and uneven sidewalks throughout the village. Many older people, children on bikes and strollers can tip over, fall, get hurt."*

*"More police presence."*

*"Environment. cleanliness."*

*"-Police coverage. -Children running across the streets without adults."*

*"I think one of the biggest problems facing our community is that residents throw out trash in their yards that bring in rodents. I've seen multiple properties on my street where people have mattresses, old couches/chairs and other trash that should not be there. I've seen possums, rats and raccoons running around these properties and it's unsanitary. I've had to put repellent outside of my house so the rodents don't make their way to my property."*

*"Lately there has been an increase in littering and vandalism. There are constantly parts of Golf Manor where people have thrown trash on the ground. Most of the time I see older kids doing this or people that are passing through the neighborhood. Vandalism has increased as*

*well with minor incidents such as pumpkin smashing, keying cars, etc.”*

*“Old cars in the drive way, that is not being used. Cars and trucks that Oil is leaking out on the streets. In the summer you smell it.”*

## EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

*“All residents should be included for income taxes and rental property taxes. Many are not and money slips through the village’s hands.”*

*“Possible new pipeline on the border of our park. Limited funds. Our taxes are the highest in the county. Residents not maintaining sidewalks in front of their homes. Dystar Hilton Davis on Langdon Farm Rd. makes chemicals. Crime around Golf Manor--Eastlawn Dr. in Roselawn has drugs and prostitution that City of Cincinnati does not feel is a priority. Business district is very small and has empty buildings we struggle to fill, which are not Golf Manor owned. We have a high poverty rate. We do have younger families moving in that may help that rate. Pleasant Ridge growth has been an asset for us as families who cannot afford Pleasant Ridge are moving here mostly for the Pleasant Ridge Montessori school. Residents not caring about the maintenance of their homes. We have approximately 50% rental vs. home ownership. A lot of Section 8 housing. Many landlords who live out of state or not caring about upkeep and who they rent to.”*

*“Keeping residents safe from petty and small crime. Attracting new businesses.”*

## HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES

*“Staying healthy.”*

*“Environmental cleanliness, access to medical care.”*

*“- Unhealthy life-style choices: smoking, high fat diet, addictive behavior. - Access to health care, especially for women & children - including reproductive care.”*

*“Lack of doctor offices and/or urgent care facilities.”*

*“I believe that there are several challenges facing the Village of Golf Manor that has an impact on the health, safety, and well-being of the Village. In listening to members of the Fire Department, they state that they frequently respond to EMS calls for health matters that would be more appropriately suited by the individual seeing a primary care physician. Similarly they report that they are often responding to calls for truly emergency situations that could have been prevented by regular monitoring by primary care physicians. I believe this indicates that there is a disconnect in the relationships between primary care doctors and patients that promote health and well-being among some residents of the Village. I also believe that the Village government is somewhat disconnected from significant portions of the residential population. This isn't meant to be a criticism of the Village government or elected officials, when in fact I believe that the Village leadership has taken tremendous strides at making the Village as inclusive as they can. Yet, the approximately 70% of the Village belongs to a minority*

population and this is not necessarily reflected among the elected leadership and staff of the Village. I think its apparent that representation and inclusion promote general safety and well-being for an entire community. And third I believe that the Village is challenged in providing the kinds and levels of services that resident's of the Village demand given the resources (or lack there of) at the Village's disposal. The rising costs of health care, training, and equipment/ capital infrastructure have strained and will continue to strain the Village's budget. Ultimately, this could impact service levels for Village Departments and detrimentally impact Village health, safety, and well-being of the community. Other significant issues that impact the health, safety, and well-being of the community include the lack of a Village grocer to provide healthy food options, dining and entertainment options in the Village, neighborhood doctor's offices/walk-in clinics, and sufficient public transportation options."

"Quick response to all emergencies."

"Fluoride in the water. It is time to get it out. It is a toxic poison and amounts to the forced drugging of all of us without our consent. Good science that proves it is good for our teeth is non-existent. Toxic food is the root of most all our social and health problems. The lower the income level, the more toxic their food supply is. Not an easy fix but it is the biggest problem by far. Educating low income people on the importance of eating clean, healthy food is a starting point and taking steps to actually make healthy food available is critical. I am a very healthy eater. When I walk in to places like UDF and look for something to eat I find there is not a single thing there that I would consider eating yet many people survive from that store alone."

## SOCIAL & COMMUNITY CONTEXT

"Running stop signs, speeding."

"Heroin is a problem. I see people stumbling down the street possibly under the influence of heroin or heroin mix. Street parking is becoming a concern. Most families have more than one vehicle and with increased street parking also comes increased traffic which is a safety concern for pedestrians and children who play outside. There is a semi-truck that parks on Langdon Farm between Yosemite and Hammel making turning left onto Langon Farm from either street unsafe and compromising the safety of turning right from Hammel."

"The young people hanging around on the corners and walking in the street on chuck harmon between ridge acres and mayflower. They don't move out of the street when you are driving."

"Our village has a "poor mouth" attitude and reputation. Overall, few residents exude pride to live in the village, and those that are proud, talk about the past. Even though I've lived here over a decade, there is still a sense of embarrassment that has developed of saying I live here. People either don't know we exist, or they have stories of a depleted neighborhood of things to do, community pride, and negative stories, yet positive about "how it used to be." I heard there's a new group called Go Golf Manor, and they seem to have the right idea for the future."

"I believe the main issues are poverty, crime, and unsupervised individuals suffering from mental illness."

*"Drug activity."*

*"High Density of Unsupervised Mental Health housing; Lack of accessible community resources; Issues with local school district and getting juveniles to school, leaving juveniles with nothing to do all day, as they are left unsupervised by parents who are working."*

*"The most important issues that affect health and safety are preventing violent crime and drug activity in our community. I think we should have a ban on guns. We have had multiple shootings since I have lived here and regularly hear reports of drug activity. I know police do all they can so I wonder if there is more we could do as a community to report suspected drug activity."*

*"Illegal drugs are being distributed in Golf Manor."*

*"Making sure all community members' needs are addressed, by email and/or snail mail. Persons that are not tech-savvy may not be receiving important information. Parking ordinances should be observed by all of us who drive. Especially where fire hydrants are concerned. Speed limits should be observed at all times. Common courtesy and appreciation of diversity would be wonderful."*

*"Agreed upon rules and standards being upheld and followed by the community."*

*"Drugs - sales commonly take place with buyers & sellers from other communities."*

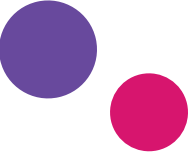
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