

August 2026 Mayors Report

Village Administrator Search Update. I mentioned in my previous report that I've been working with Michael T. Hinnenkamp, Executive Director of the Ohio Plan, which is a member-driven insurance and risk-management program that we have through our Village membership with the Center for Local Government. They put together executive search processes for municipalities, thoroughly vetting candidates based on best practices and our input into what kind of characteristics, skills and experience we're looking for. Michael will be attending our council meeting in September to answer questions about the process he has put together, and how long it can reasonably be expected to take from start to finish. We will need to consider the extension of Mr. Cahall's contract as our interim administrator to accommodate our selection and onboarding process. We have scheduled an executive session for our August council meeting for this discussion.

Thanks to Service Department personnel for their prompt response, clearing streets of downed trees in the village in the immediate aftermath of the storms last week. Our government liaison with Duke Energy reports that major storms throughout the week caused nearly 261,000 customer outages across Greater Cincinnati. These storms resulted in significant damage to Duke Energy's electric infrastructure, reaching levels not seen since Hurricane Helene in 2024. Duke Energy has designated funds to assist tri-state area customers most affected by the storm, information about how to apply for those grants is available online.

Community Engagement event August 23rd and 24th. If you were unable to cast your vote on the community development survey in June or July, we are holding another event for you to do so in August. The survey will be available in Administration building on Sunday, August 23rd from 2 PM to 4 PM and Monday August 24th from 5 PM to 7:00 PM.

The survey is being administered by the Community Engagement team in partnership with our Weihe Development Steering Committee, and is geared to get input from residents about what they would like our main street business district to look like. So far, the results are the following:



Residents have been asked to pick their favorite type of transitional space. So far most favored is a “main street” feel with multiple storefronts, using a template like Madeira. Second favored is an active street with

bicycle-friendly infrastructure.

As for commercial uses, residents have so far favored indoor/outdoor commercial space. Second favored is community gathering space with room for events.



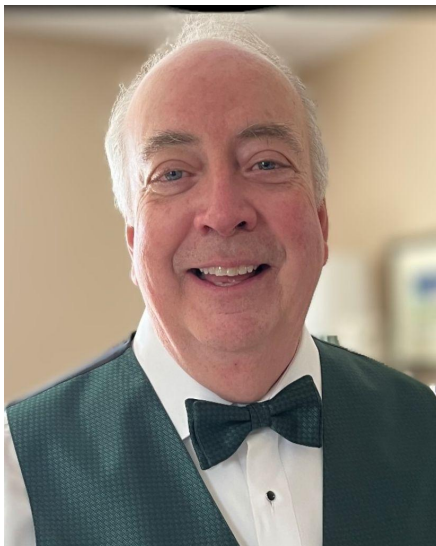
In regard to building scale, residents have so far favored small residential style businesses. Second most favored has been mid-sized development, first floor retail

with multifamily units above.

And for Streetscapes, residents have so far most favored diagonal street parking with opportunities for outdoor commercial use. Second most favored is landscaped bump outs with pedestrian safety.

Again, if you have not participated in this survey, please come to the municipal building on Sunday August 23rd between 2 PM and 4 PM, or Monday August 24th between 5PM and 7PM. Come and vote and let your voice be heard!

September Recreation Event. There has been a request from former council member Danny Kneipp, for the Village's support of a Bengals vs. Steelers tailgate gathering at Volunteer Park. This is very much in the planning stage and we're trying to expedite that process. I've asked our administrator to meet with Danny, and work with the head of our service department, and our police and fire chiefs, to explore the details as thoroughly as needed. We'll get more details out to you as they are discerned, hopefully in the next couple weeks.



In Memory of Terry Donnellon. Terry Donnellon and his family law firm served our village for over 40 years. He and his father before him are responsible for writing most of our village's charter updates and laws. I met Terry when I first joined council in 2013 and worked with him for over a decade. I remember him as a joyful personality, always happy to provide the alcohol for the celebration of newly elected officials or staff retirements. I also remember him as a calming and steady counsel during intense legislative debates in council. Terry was born in Cincinnati and graduated from Moeller high school, class of 72. He received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Cincinnati. He and his law firm served our village up until about 2 years ago, and Golf Manor is deeply grateful for his service and the legacy he left enshrined in our charter and

ordinances. Terry's funeral mass was on Saturday August 8th. And I have a proclamation honoring Terry Donnellon's service to the Village of Golf Manor (see next page).

Terry's [obituary](#) is available online. His law firm also has a bio that additionally highlights his [legal career and expertise](#).

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Honoring the Service and Memory of Former Village Solicitor Terrence "Terry" Donnellon

WHEREAS, Terrence "Terry" Donnellon dedicated over 40 years of distinguished service as Solicitor for the Village of Golf Manor alongside his family's law firm, Donnellon, Donnellon & Miller; and

WHEREAS, Terry Donnellon and his father before him played a foundational role in authoring most of the Village of Golf Manor's charter and ordinances, leaving a lasting legacy enshrined in the Village's laws; and

WHEREAS, Terry was born in Cincinnati, graduated from Archbishop Moeller High School in 1972, and earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, throughout his decades of service, Terry served as a calming and steady counsel during intense legislative debates, demonstrating an extraordinary work ethic, a sharp legal mind, fairness, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Terry brought a joyful personality and warm camaraderie to the Village of Golf Manor, earning the deep respect and gratitude of council members, Village staff, and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, Terry passed away on July 30, 2026, leaving behind his beloved wife of 50 years, Joyce; his four children Molly, Meghan, Jeff, and Annie; and 8 grandchildren, as well as an extended family, and a community that cherished his leadership and humanity; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Golf Manor wishes to express its profound gratitude and honor Terry Donnellon's enduring contributions to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Mayor Stefan Densmore, together with the Council and residents of the Village of Golf Manor, do hereby honor and recognize **TERRY DONNELLON** for over four decades of dedicated legal service, leadership, and outstanding contributions to the Village of Golf Manor.

Mayor Stefan Densmore, Village of Golf Manor

Great Village

This Mayor's report is respectfully submitted to the residents of Golf Manor. Thank you for the honor of being your Mayor.

Mayor Stefan C. Densmore
Village of Golf Manor