Mayor's Report, November 2026

Committee Appointments. I have an updated list of committee appointments to announce, given the new council members we have. I have assigned Meriam to the Finance Committee, and Naftali to the Executive Committee. With those appointments the Finance Committee membership now includes: David Fischer, Gwen Chesser, Darren Dall and Meriam Goldstein. The Executive Committee now includes: Brittney Kreimer, Minna Fischer, Naftali Savin, and Danny Kneipp. For Community Engagement I have Gwen Chesser, Minna Fischer, Phyllis Thomas and Elaine Moscovitz. I'd like to get two more residents to serve, one for Finance and one for the Executive, and one more council member to serve on Community Engagement. As always, reach out to me if you are interested, I'm happy to discuss the roles and the expectations.

GMPD Promotions. We had a ceremony earlier this evening for a number of GMPD officers who have received promotions. I asked them each to re-affirm the mission of our police department and their oath of office, which they did. Cameron Ammerman and Timothy Bard were promoted to Sergeants, and Michael Forrest was promoted to Captain.

Retirement of Captain Michael R. Forrest. As some may know, Captain Forrest has announced his upcoming retirement. I had the privilege to read a proclamation honoring his 21 years of service to the village and celebrate with his family. I've attached that proclamation to my report, and will read it into the record and ask the council to affirm.

Update on Admin Search. I've asked for council to have an executive session this evening to meet with our executive search consultant. He has reviewed all the applications we've received for our vacant village administrator position and will be providing council his assessment of the applicants. He has told me he considers 8 of the 16 applications to be excellent opportunities for us. He will be answering whatever questions council has about the applicants. I am asking council to select three candidates from the group for us to move forward with interviews. Our consultant has a list of questions for these interviews, and I'm asking that council provide any additional questions to these that they have. I've been advised to have these additional questions reviewed by our legal counsel ahead of the interviews.

I have had an opportunity to review the candidates with our consultant and answer the questions I have. I've been told that any of the 8 candidates the consultant has selected can do the job, so council and I just need to decide who we think has the best combination of skills and experience to meet the specific challenges we have as a village.

While we face many challenges as a village, where I believe we need the most help is in the area of economic development. From my discussions with the consultant I believe we are fortunate to have at least three candidates that bring a proven skill set in that area.

All last week my wife and I were in Denmark for a funeral, and upon our return on Friday we were grounded at the Minneapolis airport for two days. We were able to return home Sunday night, but missed having the weekend to love on our kids. In addition to that, my wife has to work tonight so I will not be here for council's meeting with the consultant. As I've said, I've already had an opportunity to ask the consultant the questions I have, and I trust council's judgement to further narrow the field of candidates.

I'll reiterate what I said in my previous mayor's report, about the importance of keeping the names of the candidates private. The reason is to protect the candidates, allowing the finalist to make the announcement to their current employer themselves, before we publicly identify them, and allowing those who are not selected to more gracefully continue on in their current positions.

I'm aware that council persons Dr. Fischer and Ms Kriemer are unable to attend the meeting in person this evening, but that there is an opportunity for them to join the executive session remotely. I am asking council to remember to invite them as needed under the rules.

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

The Village of Golf Manor OHIO.

Proclamation

VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR, OHIO
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Honoring Captain Michael R. Forrest

WHEREAS, Captain Michael R. Forrest has faithfully served the Village of Golf Manor for 21 years, dedicating his career to the safety, well-being, and quality of life of the people of this community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Captain Forrest has held every rank within the Golf Manor Police Department and has served in specialized assignments, including the U.S. Marshals Southern Ohio Fugitive Task Force, Detective, and K-9 Handler, demonstrating versatility, dedication, and a steadfast commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, Captain Forrest has consistently been a shining example of what a Golf Manor police officer should be—a trusted public servant, a responsible steward of the community, and an approachable neighborhood liaison who leads through his actions; and

WHEREAS, he has embodied the Community Oriented Policing philosophy of the Golf Manor Police Department, recognizing that lasting public safety is built upon trust, compassion, mutual respect, and meaningful relationships with the people he serves; and

WHEREAS, Captain Forrest has touched more lives than he may ever know, with the lasting impact of his kindness and guidance reflected in residents who return as adults to thank him for the time, attention, and encouragement he offered during their younger years; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, November 20, 2026, Captain Forrest retires from the Golf Manor Police Department, leaving a legacy of service, friendship, and community connection that will endure long beyond his final day in uniform; NOW, THEREFORE, I, **STEFAN DENSMORE, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR, OHIO**, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 20, 2026, as

"CAPTAIN MICHAEL R. FORREST DAY"

in the Village of Golf Manor, in grateful recognition of his 21 years of distinguished service, and encourage all residents to join in honoring his contributions and wishing him a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. Captain Forrest has served this community well. He will be deeply missed and will always remain a valued member of the Golf Manor Police Department family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Golf Manor to be affixed this day of

PROCLAIMED this day of

Stefan C. Densmore, Mayor