Mayor's Report, October 2026

Update on Admin Search. Most recent update from Mike is that there are currently 13 applications that have been received. Several of these are out-of-state applications, ranging in distance from Detroit and North Carolina. Five of the applications are from candidates that are also applying for relatively the same position in other nearby villages and townships. Four of the applicants are currently admins at another village, town or city. Mike is currently evaluating the candidates based on the feedback he has received from Nathan, myself and the council.

In addition to reviewing the applications, Mike is inviting candidates to answer several essay questions that will be available to me and for council review. Based on the applications, their answers to these questions and an informal interview, Mike will select 5 candidates he feels are finalists. At our November 17th council meeting, Mike will briefly review each of the candidates with me and the village council, and let us know his thinking about why he has selected those five over the other candidates. I will then ask the village council to select 3 from those five to proceed.

The review of the candidates, their identities and our discussion, will all be conducted in executive session. The reason for this 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 am told that we get more serious, high quality candidates, when we conduct ourselves this way.

When we have agreed on a final three, we will pick a single day to do back to back interviews. This is a best practice to keep the final three freshly in mind for comparison. Mike will provide some standard questions for the interview, as will I, and council members can submit some as well ahead of time, such that the same questions will be asked at each interview.

I'm told these types of interview marathons are most typically done on Saturday mornings as it tends to be the most available time for candidates. As we have orthodox council members who may want to attend the interviews, I told Mike that Saturday mornings may involve complications. As stated, the executive session will be held at our November 17th council meeting, at which we will ideally agree on the final three candidates, and a date to conduct the final interviews.

Recreation Commission Update. I want to thank the members and friends of the Golf Manor Recreation Commission for their weekly sweat and labor put into making the Bengals Steelers tailgate party in the park such a success. I want to also thank the village staff involved. I was

able to stop by a couple times at the event and was very impressed with the organizing and collaboration and attendance. The event was very well attended.

I'm told Dani Lape resigned recently from the commission. Dani has been one of the most active volunteers in recent years, helping make a number of events possible including the two little free pantries we have in the village, and she also served as the Recreation Commission Chair. I am very grateful for the time volunteers commit to the village, as I understand that we all have private lives that also demand our time and energies. So I thank Dani for her service, and also welcome Beth Meents, who has volunteered in the past, and I'm told has committed to volunteering time to the Village Recreation Commission.

Tots to Teens Resource Event. Commissioner Reece attended and helped get the word out about our September 19th event. We had several livestreams of the event broadcast with local radio stations. I want to thank all the providers who attended the event, including: UC Health, Talbert House Behavioral, Council on Aging, Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services, Hamilton County Birth Certificate, Hamilton County Job and Family Services, Gen Mobile, Beech Acres, Cincinnati Public Library Story Time, Lighthouse Youth, United Healthcare Community Plan, Hamilton County Public Health Lead Hazard Program, Beech Acres Parenting Center, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati Public Schools, Healthy Minds-Love in Action, Avondale Respite Center, Harbor Youth, Cincinnati Vibrant Youth Project, UC Women's Health Lactation Consulatant–family planning, birth plans, and pregnancy tests, Hamilton County JFS-Children's Services Hamilton County office of Family Voice, Mercy Health, Care Source, and Healthcare Connection. Cincinnati Circus provided recreational events for kids in attendance, as well as popcorn, and Golf Manor provided everyone free snow cones from Kona Ice. Thank you to Commissioner Reece for her support getting the event to Golf Manor, and to Travina Adams, Senior Social Programs Director at 513 Relief for the detailed coordination directing the event.

Community Blood Drive. Paul Plotsker has requested help getting the word out about, as well as participating in the annual Dr. Doug Behman, z'l Memorial blood drive at Golf Manor Synagogue. The goal this year is 100 pints. A full classic Jewish breakfast in the morning and a wild all-you -can-eat Kosher Chinese buffet from 11:30 AM on to the conclusion. The event will be held at 6442 Sover Avenue. I've attached a flyer about this to the mayor's report.

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