

Village of Golf Manor Strategic Plan

Mission, Priorities & Action Items

Mission Statement: The Village of Golf Manor is dedicated to provide a welcoming and safe community for its diverse residents, patrons, and businesses. The Village will implement policies focusing on fiscal responsibility, helpful service to its residents, positive interactions with patrons, and a proactive approach to economic growth and prosperity.

Priorities: People and Neighborhoods, Parks and Services, Image and Prosperity.

Action Items:

People & Neighborhoods

People: As a village we recognize our first priority is to the residents of Golf Manor. The village council and administration will engage in activities that help individuals, and promote a feeling of unity throughout the Village. We will:

- Through Community Engagement explore and implement strategies that increase community input into municipal decision making.
- Through Community Engagement explore and implement strategies that increase community awareness of existing resources and services beneficial to residents.
- Expand the use of the WeThrive Health and Wellness partnership with the Hamilton County Board of Health, to better understand the health needs of the community and to increase and expand programming in response.
- Use the Recreation Commission to expand programming and infrastructure that addresses the recreational preferences of the community.
- Pursue placement of bus stop shelters throughout the village to increase quality of living for Golf Manor residents that use public transit.
- Pursue and implement methods to better connect cost-burdened households to existing Federal, State, and County assistance programs (e.g., home and community hall visits from resource navigators).
- Strive to provide services for the unique dietary needs of the community (Kosher, vegetarian/vegan, non-dairy, gluten-free) at all village events where food is served.

Neighborhoods: As a predominantly residential community, we recognize the importance of neighborhood development that protects property values and promotes community connectedness for all residents, young and old. We will:

- Create additional public infrastructure to the direct benefit of our residential neighborhoods.
 - Pursue partnership with Hamilton County, toward placement of a Hamilton County Public Library within the village, walkable for all residents, but specifically for our residents who are children.
 - Monitor properties for sale within the *residential center* of the village for purchase, demolition, rezoning and redevelopment as a fenced Dog Park, with trees and sheltered picnic tables.
 - Increase the number of speed humps throughout the village.
 - Pursue adjustment of road plans to increase concrete rather than asphalt residential streets.
 - Add solar powered USB charging stations in public gathering spaces.
- Pursue partnerships that promote community service that directly benefits residents.
- Pursue partnerships that help homeowners connect to low interest Home improvement loans and other assistance programs (e.g., PWC, Habitat for Humanity).
- Expand community policing activities and events, which prioritize engagement with residents, young and old, such as walking the neighborhoods and playing competitive games with neighborhood kids in the parks.
- Pursue beautification projects along our streets and within our public spaces.
- Pursue partnerships to bring commercial services, such as a farmers' market and grocery store to the Village that can serve the unique needs of the community (basic as well as non-dairy, kosher, vegetarian/vegan, gluten-free options).
- Actively seek grants and donations to secure or supplement funding for these projects beyond appropriations designated by council.

Parks & Services

Parks: We recognize the importance of recreational green spaces for the health of communities, and are committed to both improving and increasing these spaces throughout Golf Manor with input from residents. We will:

- Have a publicly accessible plan for park development priorities.
- Incorporate community feedback into park development priorities (examples include circular walking path/par course, child splash pad, more trees and shelters with picnic benches, basketball and soccer nets, larger bathrooms and more water fountains).
- Use the Recreation Commission to plan, organize and supervise Village recreational programs for both children and adults in the Village Parks.
 - The programs shall be diverse as to serve all Golf Manor residents.
 - WeThrive (Health & Wellness partnership with Hamilton County Public Health) will be used to supplement programming and funds.
 - Community Engagement will be used to collect community input into programming priorities, and to coordinate strategies for community awareness of both existing and planned programs.
- Actively seek grants and donations to secure or supplement funding for these projects beyond appropriations designated by council.

Services: We recognize the importance of developing strategies for continuous improvement of the services provided to Golf Manor residents, that these be relevant and timely quality services, and that more such services should be developed and offered where possible. We will:

- Use Community Engagement to collect community input into service priorities, and to coordinate strategies for community awareness of both existing and planned services.
- Expand training of the Maintenance Department for increased expertise in new service areas beneficial to residents and businesses of Golf Manor.
- Provide an example to surrounding businesses of sustainable competitive salaries and benefits for the wellbeing of our employees.
- Actively seek grants and donations to secure or supplement funding for these projects beyond appropriations designated by council.

Image & Prosperity

Image: We recognize the vital importance of cultivating a positive image of Golf Manor, both for residential pride, and for healthier investment from neighboring and regional partnerships. We will:

- Establish and maintain partnerships with Golf Manor residential real estate companies, to keep a pulse on our outside image and opportunities for improvement.
- Establish and maintain partnerships with surrounding neighborhoods (for example through existing organizations like “Community Happens Here”) to share and promote community events and success stories.
- Establish and maintain partnerships with local media outlets to improve image through promotion of community events and success stories.
- Partner with Metro to refurbish (e.g. fresh coat of paint and signage) the train trestle bridge at the village’s western gateway (Village of Evendale example).
- Pursue ordinances that protect roadways and sidewalks while simultaneously promoting increased canopy trees along our major roadways (City of Wyoming, example).
- Pursue commissioning lifesize statues at main intersections throughout the village representing families, partnerships, and friendship (City of Montgomery example).
- Continue efforts in code enforcement and increase the number of proactive strategies to combat vandalism and theft (examples: community watch, security cameras).

Prosperity: We recognize and are committed to the four components of prosperity in Golf Manor: financial growth, social connectedness, professional achievement, and legacy of stewardship. We will:

- Pursue strategies that increase municipal revenue and property values, to support new and existing services, without increasing taxes.
 - Pursue control of blighted areas in the business district for redevelopment attractive to new business development opportunities.
 - Pursue control of blighted areas in the residential district for redevelopment attractive to new housing development opportunities.
 - Prioritize business development partnerships that provide higher paying job opportunities to Golf Manor residents.
 - Seek additional innovative strategies to increase the number of successful businesses and higher paying employers in Golf Manor.
 - Pursue strategies that increase property value through municipal improvements and code enforcement.
 - Pursue “gaslight” style light fixtures throughout select areas of the business and residential districts.
 - Pursue consolidation and/or undergrounding the utility and data lines in select areas of the business and residential districts.
 - Annex agreeable outside residential and business properties, to increase revenue, if/when cost/benefit of doing so is beneficial to the village.
- Pursue projects to revive the natural ecosystem of the village, and sustainability of the broader biosphere as a legacy for future generations:
 - Pursue projects that decrease each year the carbon footprint of municipal operations (e.g., use of solar power, electric vehicles).
 - Pursue partnerships that help Golf Manor residents and businesses reduce the carbon footprint of their operations (e.g., public access to electric vehicle charging stations within the business district, solar conversion projects).
 - Pursue business partnerships and ordinances that transition use of styrofoam and single use plastics to paper containers and bags.
 - Pursue projects that increase native flora throughout the village (e.g., transition municipal planting of annual non-native flora with perennial native flora).
 - Pursue projects that provide annual resident education about how to increase native pollinators in home landscaping, and about the dangers of carcinogenic weed killers.
- Actively seek grants and donations to secure or supplement funding for these projects beyond appropriations designated by council.