

After speaking at the last meeting about the need for moderately priced senior housing (not Section 8 or government subsidized) in Green, several people contacted me. This seems to be a concern of our moderate income seniors. Rental housing does not work—it uses up our resources. Only home ownership works. I do not understand the objections the city have given to considering such housing. At least take a survey to assess the need.

One reason given is that moderate income residents stress EMS/Fire. I spoke with 10 EMT or EMS/Fire personnel. Eight work for adjacent community fire departments and two work for a private company—AMR. All said the major stress on EMS/Fire are calls for opioid overdoses, which are all ages and income levels. When asked specifically about income level, they all said more calls come from lower income residents than from moderate or higher income. I am a moderate income resident. Here is a record of my EMS/Fire usage.

Another reason given is that moderate income seniors do not contribute significantly to the city to merit consideration. How is “contribute significantly to the city” defined? Are past taxes paid considered? Moderate income senior homeowners will continue to pay income, sales and real estate taxes. Here is a record of taxes I have paid since I moved here in 1989. I took early retirement in 1995 due to a medical condition, so I have not paid city income tax to the level that I would have had I been able to work to at least age 65. Most moderate income seniors have been able to work to full retirement age, and paid significantly more in city income tax.

Are contributions other than financial even considered? Our senior moderate income residents have served in city offices, supported city and school activities, and volunteered for city and school committees. Is high income the only factor the city considers? If so, I feel this is elitism, which is now driven by the highest levels of federal government to the detriment of middle class citizens. There is no place for this mean-spirited divisiveness at the local government level.

No one needs to tell me that I cannot afford a Jaguar, Lexus or anything else. I learned at a very young age to live within my means. In fact, I quite enjoy zipping around in my little red Chevy.

Thank you.

Pat Carleski 9/10/19

EMS/Fire Usage

- 1994 Medical Emergency---transported to Akron City Hospital. Hospitalized for two weeks.
- 1994 Kitchen Fire---released from hospital, unable to fully take care of myself, tried to cook food after I ran out of canned and frozen foods on hand. Put out the fire myself, called non-emergency dispatch and requested only that a fireman come out to verify that there were no other problems and to make a report for insurance.
- 2018 Fall at City Council Meeting---transported to Summa Green Emergency for Evaluation.

TAXES

Federal Income	\$103,881
State Income	\$ 17,900
City Income	\$ 6,070
Property Tax	\$ 42,545
Sales Tax	\$??????
Grand Total	\$170,396

I have never received food stamps, unemployment, or any other government benefits. I do not receive Social Security. I do pay premiums for and receive Medicare.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Participated in GPS Superintendent's Focus Group

Made Cash Donation Building GHS—See Brick in Building

Volunteered at Akron VA Clinic for Several Years

Worked at Fundraisers for Green's Veterans' and First Responders' Memorial

Attended Numerous City and GPS Activities

Donated Books for Green Library Book Sales

Recycled Paper in Green Library Bin

Recycled Aluminum Cans at Green Fire Dept. for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children

Member of Green AARP---Supports Green Good Neighbors

Donated to Green Good Neighbors

Packed Food Items for Blessings in a Backpack

Purchased Girl Scout Cookies, Boy Scout Popcorn, GHS Band Calendars, etc.

Made Cash Donations to Salvation Army, Akron Zoo, and Other Organizations