



Report of the Mayor  
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- The Census self-response concludes at the end of October.
- As of September 8, 2020, the Census 2020 self-response rate in Woodmere Village is 52.9%. The response rate in Cuyahoga County is 67.4 % and the State of Ohio 70.6%. It is critical that the self-response rate increases in Woodmere over the next two weeks. Federal and State funding is tied to population.
- Gov. Mike DeWine is telling counties and local governments to prepare because the COVID-19 outbreak could lead to a "tough winter and the Outbreak is 'Likely' To Get Worse in Ohio." Therefore, the Governor continues to recommend sanitation and face coverings to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus.
- Village Hall remains a polling place for registered voters for the November 3, 2020 General Election. It was confirmed with the Board of Elections on October 13<sup>th</sup> that voters are encouraged-- but not compelled or required to wear facial coverings when they enter Village Hall.
- Woodmere Village was a background for a national voting campaign endorsed by Akron Native, and NBA – MVP, Lebron James. Regina Glenn and Daphne Evans were featured in the social media commercial.
- Orange Schools will have students back on campus Monday. In-person/remote learning hybrid will begin in the second quarter. As long as the county COVID-19 designation does not return to Level 3, "red" then the In-person/remote learning hybrid will remain in effect.
- The administration participated in a public service announcement promoting safety and sanitary practices for students and staff.
- The administration continues to work with area real estate agents to promote the availability of properties in the Village. In the last year, there has been increased interested in available housing stock. Beechmont Towers continues to make strides toward renovating the south tower.

This concludes the Mayor's report in progress.