

Report of the Mayor

Benjamin Holbert III, Mayor

November 13, 2019

November 1, 2019, the Mayor appeared on WKYC – Live on Lakeside to promote the November 16, 2019 Blood Drive in cooperation with the American Red Cross. The First Responders Blood Drive is a Woodmere Village Initiative. The event will be held at the Beachwood Public Library beginning at 11:00 AM.

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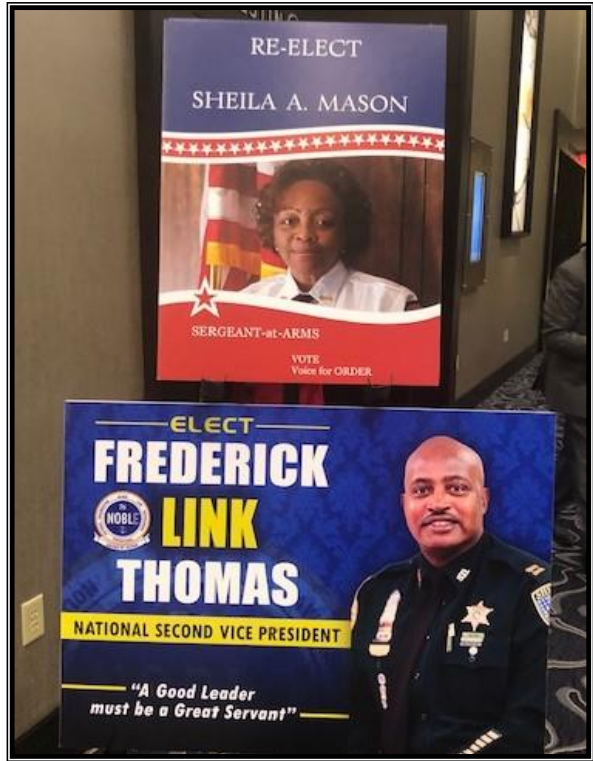
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Chagrin VALLEY TIMES

Residents ask trustees to repair or replace playground

By JOAN DEMILIAN

Residents filled the Board of Trustees meeting space Monday to voice their support for playgrounds at River Road Park on Chagrin River Road. They were responding to the Township Trustees discussion at a

previous meeting about the hazardous condition of the playground at River Road Park.

Resident JP Ayasypov was one of many parents who said at the meeting that there is a lot of activity at River Road Park and assumed that the playground would re-open soon.

"So we can have a playground by next summer," he said.

Resident Chris Durham, who lives near River Road Park, said his daughter is "incredibly disappointed" because they can't play on equipment. He said he would volunteer in any way that the community

supports.

A portion of the play equipment is closed because of its deteriorating condition and is fenced off for safety reasons. There was a previous trustees meeting how strong of a community

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Music, food and fun in Woodmere Village

Area residents took advantage of recently perfect summer weather this past Sunday to attend the second annual Woodmere Music Fest at Eton Chagrin Boulevard. They joined for the music, food and games. ABOVE: Noreen shows pop tunes with the crowd estimated at 1,500 over the entire day. RIGHT: One of the crew provided a new DJ of funk and variety tunes. Woodmere also went inside the mall for food and beverage tastings from Tazs Lebanese Grill. They also engaged in dance and musical activities. Children made a stop at the Apple store to learn how to use the GarageBand app. See story on Page A8.



AB The Times, August 29, 2019

Second annual Woodmere Music Fest draws large crowd to village

By JULIE HULLETT

WOODMERE — A crowd of 1,500 or more gathered on Sunday for the second annual Woodmere Music Festival, which featured games, activities for children, food and drink tastings, tech demonstrations and, of course, music. One performer after another entertained crowds both inside and outside of Eton Chagrin Boulevard shopping center on the warm, summer afternoon.

Musical acts ranging from rock to jazz to R&B entertained on the outdoor stage near Mitchell's Fish Market, including AfroLouis, Nia Primus and the headliner of the event, Old Skool, which attracted a crowd of dancers. The stage found inside the mall entrance, known as the chill zone, featured other activities such as a dance performance by Daughters of Nia, Zumba and line dancing.

"I was just elated," Mayor Ben Holbert said. "We had a significant turnout, people really enjoyed it and they're looking forward to next year. There was entertainment for kids of all ages and it was a fantastic event."

On the other side of Citizens Bank, families found Kids Village, which offered face painting earlier in the afternoon. Jamal West, 34, of Bedford brought his family to the festival for a day of fun for everyone. His wife, Tisha, 34, along with their two daughters, Jade, 6, and Cole, 13, said that the food trucks were their favorite part of the festival. Mr. West also said that the kids had fun in the video game truck. 2Fly Mobile Games brought a truck with video games inside, attracting many kids at the festival.

Kelly Foust of Beachwood brought her twin niece and nephew and her grandson to the festival to enjoy the beautiful weather and the bands.

"We like the live entertainment," Ms. Foust said. Ashlyn and Ashton, both 13, of South Euclid played basketball at the festival with Ms. Foust's grandson, Brandon, 7, of Lyndhurst. Other kids also slid down an inflatable slide in Kids Village. The village brought a fire truck, ambulance and police cruiser for kids to explore, as well.

Tazs, the Lebanese restaurant at Eton, offered a food tasting and adult beverages during the festival. The Apple store sponsored a tutorial for the app GarageBand and taught the kids how to make beats, drum patterns and soundscapes.

"It was wonderful," Vicki Danuby of Imagine That Entertainment and Event Management said. "People said that the festival was a great idea, it had good timing and it was good to have programs outside and inside."

Various vendors had tables at the festival, including Calhoun Funeral Home, Bahama Breeze and SAFY of Cleveland, a youth organization in Shaker Heights. Food trucks lined the parking lots, and people munched on food from Kimmy's Kitchens, Dave's Place, CJ's Famous Angus, Rose's Braai and more.

Inside the mall, FLOH Vodka offered a cocktail to commemorate Woodmere's 75th anniversary. Ms. Danuby said that the cocktail was named "A diamond in the rough" after the village. She added that the crowd was more diverse than last year and truly represented the residents of Woodmere. Officer Christopher

Denson and Revan, the K-9 officer, also came to visit the crowd.

Mayor Holbert said that he hopes the festival was successful for Woodmere's businesses, noting that the food trucks ran out of food.

"We're excited that we were able to make the cash registers ring for the vendors and those businesses inside of Eton," he said. "We're hoping people who weren't aware of the businesses inside the mall are aware now and will make those businesses part of their buying habits."

Council set aside \$20,000 for the music festival and the total cost was near \$24,000, according to Ms. Danuby. She found various sponsors for the event, including Corporate Vision League, Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council. Some products and services were traded, for example, Beachwood Transportation was a sponsor and provided a shuttle to the festival. Ms. Danuby said that some money will be returned to Woodmere's general fund but is not sure of the amount yet.

Public hearing set for sewer project

The Geauga County Department of Water Resources will hold a public hearing for the tentative assessment of constructing sanitary sewer services to 113 households in the Berkshire Heights Subdivision in Chardon Township in the Geauga County Sewer District, 470 Center St., Building No. 8.

Steven Oluic, department director, received approval from the Geauga County Board of Commissioners during Tuesday's regular meeting of the plans, specifications, estimated cost and tentative assessment of constructing sanitary sewers to provide sanitary sewer service to the subdivision.

The public hearing of this assessment was 7 p.m. on Sept. 24. Public notice was given to the property owners subject to

assessment by mail and advertisement Aug. 29 and will be given additionally Sept. 5 and on the county website.

Mr. Oluic said this would be the only public hearing for the tentative assessment, but he noted that he may do an update presentation or discussion following the hearing.

The scope of the project includes construction of a sanitary sewer system and a 50,000-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment plant. The estimated cost of the project is about \$4.5 million, according to the Geauga County Water Resources website. Funding for the project is anticipated to come from special assessments and loans from Ohio Water Development Authority, Ohio Public Works Commission and/or Ohio EPA.

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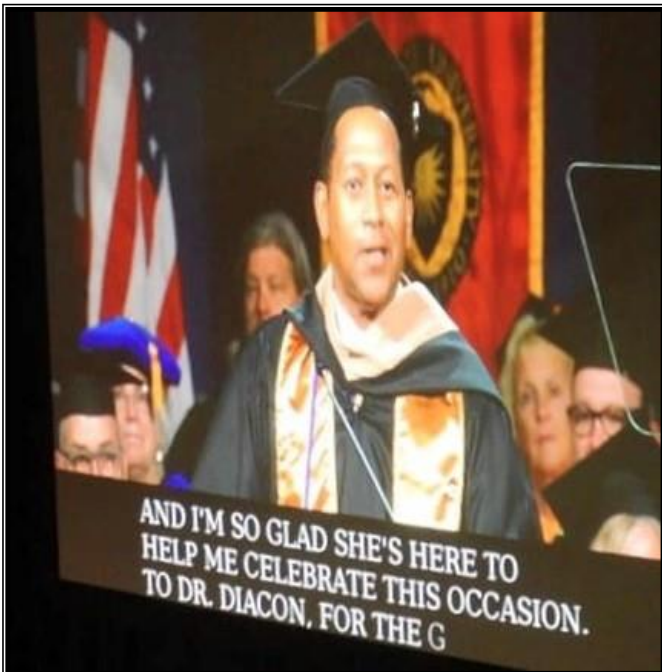




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