



Report of the Mayor

Benjamin Holbert III, Mayor
December 11, 2019

Condolences

Recognizing the passing of Maina Consolo, the mother of Woodmere Village Law director Frank Consolo. She departed this life on November 26, 2019. Condolences to law director and his family.

Economic Development

The Mayor, Economic Development Specialist, Gary Murphy, Mayor Martin Horowitz and his economic development director made a presentation to the Cuyahoga County Development Department. The County was impressed with the presentation and recommended the Village apply for matching funding to move the proposed project forward. The Supplement Community Development Block grant cycle ends January 3, 2019. The Village administration worked expeditiously to engage a grant writer (McCaulley and Company) to explore specialized funding options. This proposed project could extend several years and become a major benefit for the Village.

Regional Leadership

Mayor Holbert serves as president of the Valley Enforcement Regional Council of Governments (VerCog) and Police Chief Mason is a board member and hosted the annual meeting at Mitchell's Fish market with more than 20 municipalities participating.

The Mayor continues to represent The Village of Woodmere in Leadership Cleveland Class 2020. The December session pertained to racism in education.

The Mayor met with Orange school board member Beth Wilson-Fish about significant matters involving education and students who live in the Village of Woodmere.

2020 Noble Conference

Police Chief Shelia Mason and executive assistant Daphne Evans continue to make preparations for the 2020 Noble Conference in Cleveland Ohio

First Responders Blood Drive

Woodmere Village conducted the first annual first responders blood drive to Beachwood library. More than 40 people donated life-saving blood including fire chief Brewington, police chief Mason, executive assistant Daphne Evans and Mayor Benjamin Holbert.

This concludes the report in progress of the Mayor.