



Report of the Mayor

Benjamin Holbert, III

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Year-three / Month II

Season's Greetings!

- Compliments to Service Director Frank Paparone and his three team members for the extraordinary work performed during the December 2, 2020 snow event; 22 inches of snow fell in Woodmere within 24 hours.
- The Service Department experienced unexpected equipment failure but the staff was still able to work around the clock to maintain Chagrin Boulevard, side streets, and ensuring the roads were passable while clearing the driveways of nearly 70 seniors who registered for the snow plowing service. The Service Department is also working with residents to re-install mailboxes that were toppled by the heavy snow.
- Kudos and special thanks to the police officers who manually pushed out 12 vehicles stuck in snowbanks and unable to move their automobiles from residential driveways.
 - Special thanks to Councilwoman Vivian J. Walker for her extraordinary effort to feed 100 residents in the Village. The mayor's office also appreciates the work of Councilmen Tennyson Adams, and his wife Debra, and Joyce Holbert who volunteer along with Councilwoman Walker, twice a week, to perform this critical public service.
 - As Woodmere Village Mayor, we represented our community to a national audience, moderated a panel discussion featuring Franklin County Commissioner Kevin Boyce, California community activist Rickey Lewis, and comedian and syndicated radio talk show host, DL Hughley in a conversation about social change. The program was presented on YouTube with nearly 1000 viewers attending the evening session.

Finally, the Mayor submitted an impassioned request to Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish for **much needed** assistance to help village staff to perform their work as **FIRST RESPONDERS**.

The Mayor's request was for **\$53,516.07** for fire-related services; **\$97,994.30** for the police department, including salaries and overtime; and **\$11,377.38** for the service department. The appeal letter also asked for money to purchase Personal Protection Equipment (**PPE**) and other sanitizing materials to safeguard employees and visitors against COVID 19.

The **total request** by the Mayor was **approved** and the Woodmere Village administration will be provided with **\$162,877.75** through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. (*SEE THE ATTACHED LETTER FROM ARMOND BUDISH*)

This concludes the Mayor's report in progress.