



Report of the Mayor
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Happy New Year!

- ∞ The United States has incurred two million new cases of coronavirus in the first 13 days of the year. In Ohio there are 770,977, cases and 9,599 deaths. Ohio also reports a single-day spike of 100 COVID-19 deaths and 7,981 new cases.
- ∞ Reports from Britain and South Africa suggest the new coronavirus strains seem to spread more easily.
- ∞ The virus has placed a significant strain on medical staff and hospitals.
- ∞ The Management at Eton have obtained heated outdoor seating in the form of green houses. Paladar is awaiting the heaters before opening the tents to customers. The apparatus will allow for social distancing and private dining and will give the restaurants an opportunity to be competitive during the COVID-19 pandemic. The sunset date for the igloos is May 2021.
- ∞ On Christmas Day, TJ Maxx experienced significant damage when a snowplow driver fell asleep and drove his rig through the building. The insurance company is settling with the injured parties.
- ∞ The mayor wrote a letter of support to Cuyahoga County so one of Woodmere's businesses could receive \$10,000 in funding through the CARES ACT. The business in question would like to remain anonymous.
- ∞ The Mayor was interviewed on Spectrum Cable discussing MLK JR, "Not a day off but a Day of service" In 1982, the Mayor was part of a contingent of college students nationwide who went to Washington DC to join Coretta Scott King and Stevie Wonder to deliver six million signatures to Speaker of the House, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill supporting Dr. King's birthday as a National Holiday. Signed by President Reagan in 1983 and the first Holiday was January 1986.
- ∞ Kudos to Councilwoman Vivian Walker for her initiative to coordinate with the Western Reserve Department on Aging to feed dozens of seniors in the Village.

This concludes the Mayor's report in progress.