



Report of the Mayor

Benjamin Holbert III, Mayor
January 8, 2020

Condolences

Presented remarks at the Homegoing service of Former Woodmere Village Mayor Betty J. Perry. She departed this life December 25, 2019. The services were held at Lakeview Cemetery on December 30, 2019. Woodmere Village First Lady Joyce Holbert, Council member-elect Charles E. Smith Jr, Clerk of Council Sheryl Blakemore, and resident Gladys Melvin attended the funeral. **(See Photo)**

Proclamation

Provide Stark Enterprise Owner Robert Stark with the “James E. Jordan Trailblazer Award” and Louis and Bettina Marason with the Mayor’s pioneer award. The Marason’s are believed to be the oldest original inhabitants of the Village preceding the November 18,1944 date of incorporation. Bettina’s father was the first police chief of Woodmere.

Robert Stark had the vision to develop Eton Collection. He collaborated with Councilman Jordan in the early 2000s to make a concept a reality. **(See Pictures)**

Council Swearing-in Ceremony

Mayor was invited to, and attended the swearing in ceremony for Councilmembers Walker, Nickerson, and Smith. A capacity audience attended the ceremony at Village Hall. The event was attended by State Representatives Kent Smith and Juanita Brent and State Senator Sandra Williams swearing in Councilwoman Nickerson. More than a dozen area elected officials and city leaders attended this event. Call and Post Newspaper sent a reporter to the Swearing-in Ceremony. **(See Pictures)**

Community Support

The Mayor and First Lady participated in community service program to assist family subject to an apartment fire in Warrensville Heights. Provided clothes and fed guests and also registered voters and encouraged Census Bureau 2020. **(See Pictures)**

Hanukkah Celebration

The Mayor attended the first night of the eight-day Jewish celebration of Hanukkah at Eton Mall. Often referred to the festival of lights. **(See Pictures)**

Supplement Community Development Block

The Village submitted Supplement Community Development Block grant cycle ends January 3, 2019. The Mayor also engaged (McCaulley and Company) to explore the Bi-Annual Budget funding options. The Mayor and McCaulley and Company met with State Senator Kenny Yuko on January 6 with follow-up discussions expected in January/February 2020.

Sexennial Real Estate Appraisal

Mayor received a letter indicated that the Village received \$1550.87. Funds were reimbursed to the taxing districts based on ORC section 325.31 **(See Picture)**

U.S. Senator Brown

The Mayor attended VIP reception for Senator Brown at the Cuyahoga County Library **(See Pictures)**

State of the Village Address

Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Friday January 24, 2020, Woodmere Mayor Ben Holbert will be our guest speaker! Mayor Holbert will give his State of the Village presentation - a great way to learn what is happening in our community and super program to start 2020!

Woodmere is one of the 4 municipalities served by Chagrin Highlands Rotary - the others being Beachwood, Pepper Pike, and Orange. And it is always exciting to get updates on what is happening directly from each of the Mayors.

Attendance at this event is expected to be high, so we request that you make a reservation by contacting Rotarian Gayle Schwarz by phone: 216.315.1186, or email: gschwarz@roadrunner.com

This concludes the report in progress of the Mayor.



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