



**Report of the Mayor
Benjamin Holbert, III**

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- Feb 5th the Mayor was on a conference call with US Senator Sherrod Brown. The Senator shared the need, and his efforts, to ensure as many people get inoculated with the COVID 19 vaccine including seniors. There is a significant concern that minority populations are skeptical about the vaccine due to past US/medical practices.
- Senator Brown is confident congresswoman fudge will be confirmed as the next secretary of the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He expects to see her place emphasis on housing starts and nutrition.
- Ohioans age 65 and older are eligible for the COVID 19 vaccine. The Mayor is working with Council woman Vivian Walker to determine if a mobile inoculation site can be established in Woodmere. There are 800 providers selected to be distributors across the state and the county board of health will work to get the vaccine to those needing it most.
- Eton has also reached out to the Mayor to advocate to Cuyahoga County for assistance to combat the potential of the COVID 19 virus in Eton Mall. The Macaron Tea Room has a grand opening Friday.
- The Mayor has a meeting scheduled Friday with Cuyahoga County officials to discuss Economic Development opportunities in the region.
- Cuyahoga County announced applications for the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program for funding in 2021. Grant program funds will be awarded on a reimbursement basis.
- Kudos to Councilwoman Vivian Walker who continues to advocate through the Western Reserve Department on Aging to feed dozens of seniors in the Village.
- Kudos to former Woodmere Village Law Director and County Commissioner Peter Lawson-Jones. He appeared in a January episode of NBC syndicated show Chicago Fire
- Administrative efforts to post meeting notice on the Village website was successful on Feb 4, 2021.
- The mayor will present remarks to the Rotary Club Friday at noon.

This concludes the Mayor's report in progress.