



**Report of the Mayor
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Year Two: Meeting two

This morning, Gary Murphy and I attended a meeting today hosted by Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. Members of his staff detailed various services available to municipalities through his office. The program ranges from everything from economic development, public works, senior and adult services, dog warden, Information Technology and Geographical Information Systems and mapping.

There was a tremendous networking opportunity to discuss best practices, grants, and the federal opportunity zone project. We are pleased to say that Woodmere was mentioned in several projects including the Brainard Road Improvement project and the Master Planning Grant.

On March 5th the County will present a public forum for community input.

- We would like to thank the people at Barnes and Noble for inviting officer Christopher Dotson and his new partner K-9 Raven for an appearance last Saturday. The team have a growing following and are well received by the community. The event received coverage from Fox Eight news.
- We want to congratulate the people of Eton Mall for winning an outstanding landscape competition. At the 46th annual Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association award ceremony Eton received the **Project of the Year**. This designation will likely bring more visitors to Woodmere in the Spring/Summer of 2019.
- There was a fire at Beechmont Apartments in the early hours of Wednesday, January 23, 2019. We are pleased to report no one was injured. We want to thank Hard Rock Casino for recognizing our first responders and the American Red Cross for assisting displaced residents impacted by the fire.

Special Thanks for WOIO Reporter Paul Orlousky for positive reporting and presenting the recognition to Chief Brewington and his team.

- I want to thank Gary Murphy for working with our businesses and developers to enhance the Village relationship and interaction and keeping the businesses informed of county programs and financial opportunities.

Finally, I want to share with Council and the Community that the Mayor is making application to Leadership Cleveland. Leadership Cleveland is a transformative, unique experience that deepens civic understanding and allow participants to have a greater impact in our community.

Through Leadership Cleveland and mayor of Woodmere we will have the opportunity to cultivate relationships with leaders across a wide range of sectors, industries, and backgrounds. Approximately 65 leaders are selected through a highly competitive selection process.

This is a 10-month program.

Last year, the leadership Cleveland class of 2019 included Katherine Gallagher, Mayor City of Brooklyn and Latoya Walker Minor is Chief of Public Affairs for the City of Cleveland. Latoya is the daughter of Woodmere Village resident Vivian Walker. Successful applicants will be notified in June.

Copy of the written report is on the table.