



**Report of the Mayor  
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Year Two: Meeting four

The administration continues to move forward on efforts that are in line with the platform of Economic Development, Beautification and Community Awareness.

The County Master Planning Team provided this office with an outline of what the residents want the Village to look like through the lens of the Master Planning Survey. The administration is pleased that we are addressing those concerns in advance of the final report.

- As mentioned in the Finance Committee Meeting – The Village will soon exhibit ornamental flower containers on Village utility poles. The foliage will add to the aesthetics of Chagrin Boulevard and will also offer fragrance for pedestrians.
- Eton Mall is working on a public relations event featuring Officer Christopher Dotson and K-9 Officer Raven. This program will include books and reading materials and encourage students to continue to read over the summer.
- The administration continues to work with – and stay in communication with -- the residents displaced by the Beechmont Tower Apartments Wednesday, January 23, 2019. The Mayor met with a representative of one of the affected units and we continue to offer support and resources, if where applicable. A representative of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health conducted an inspection based off of complaints that some apartment units did not have heat or water. The BOH will appraise the administration of any material findings.
- We are aware that at least one high school senior was displaced by the fire. The administration is working with the Orange School District to see if Village can do anything to assist.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> the County will present a public forum for community input.

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.

Copy of the written report is on the table.