



Report to Village Council *Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Mayor*

April 11, 2018
Meeting Four- Year 1

Summary

Madam President and to the esteemed members of the Village Council. I am pleased to provide this report for your consideration. There are a handful of items I'd like to emphasize in the oral presentation and bulk of my report will include highlights of events of significance.

- Today, myself, Council President Earley and Village Economic Development Consultant Gary Murphy attended the State of the County address. It was a very well attended event with plenty of information communicated to businesses, community organizers, and elected officials. **A full report is attached.**
- On March 30, 2018, the administration held of a business reception at Barnes & Noble for companies operating in Woodmere. The program was well-attended. We shared the vision for the Village during this administration. However, the bulk of the reception was reserved for listening to our guests.

We heard several things from the perspective of the owners, and the business representative, and I would like to highlight the top five concerns:

- Joint marketing efforts
- Signage concerns
- Traffic flow
- Pinecrest development
- More networking opportunities

We are planning a business roundtable to follow up on the concerns and advance the ideas presented to the members of the administration.

- Administration is also happy to report that we submitted a grant to Cuyahoga County requesting \$50,000 for master planning initiative.

We receive the support from various businesses and area mayors including Mayor Horwitz of Beachwood, and Mayor Bain of Pepper Pike. Should the Village prevail in receiving this grant. it will help our community develop commercial/residential/infrastructure/green space initiatives.

- Consultants Mary Flenner and Gary Murphy met last Friday with Keri Zipay, Business Retention Specialist in Beachwood. They are collaborating with other municipalities on marketing and communication projects that can mutually benefit Woodmere and other communities in the region. This initiative is in step with what our businesses were requesting additional promotion to help bring the cash registers in our community.
- We participated in a program called Muffins with the Mayors! where we joined mayors from Orange Village Ohio, Moreland Hills, Ohio and Pepper Pike, Ohio for a Q&A session with residents. We heard lots of great questions and gained helpful feedback. The event was held at the Orange senior center.
- The Village participated in the Grand Opening of Kendra Scott. We provided the company with a proclamation of congratulations. The document is attached.

Next 30 days:

4/12/18 - Re-Grand-Opening -**LANDMARK LUGGAGE** The finest selection of Luggage and specialty travel accessories and leather goods promise to improve your next business trip, vacation or daily commute.

4/14/18 – 9:30 AM Calhoun Funeral Homegoing Service for former councilmember and Council Clerk Cynthia Samples

- Village officials will have a meeting with the Western Reserve Historical Society.
- Cuyahoga County Library Officials



Heritage Home Community Information Session: If a residents' home 50 years old or older then exterior maintenance project are available. This free program includes impartial rehab advice, free technical assistance and low-interest financing which covers home rehab costs (current rate of 2%). Please contact 216-426-3116 with any questions or contact hhp@heritagehomeprogram.org



April 14 at 2:PM Geraldo Rivera book signing at Barnes and Noble

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Who's Who In Black Cleveland-Akron

13th edition of Who's Who in Black Cleveland. The edition will debut Tuesday April 24 at the Intercontinental Hotel Cleveland.



Wednesday, May 2

Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce

Business to Business Expo

5:00-7:00 PM

The Bertram Inn & Conference Center [600 North Aurora Road, Aurora](#)

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