



**Report of the Mayor  
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Year Two: - Meeting Six

I'm very pleased to report out to the community and to village council the work of the administration for the last 30 days.

- ⇒ Congratulations to the Woodmere Village students who graduated from Orange High School, and other academic institutions. The mayor's office provided each graduate with a personalized letter and well as medallion commemorating their achievement.
- ⇒ In advance of Memorial Day, and the celebration of our veterans and those who gave their lives for the service to our community and country, members of our service department installed US flags along Chagrin Boulevard. The service team also put up flowers baskets on Chagrin Boulevard complementing landscape from Eton Mall.
- ⇒ Master Planning Committee continues its work. The committee plans to have two more public meetings before presenting its findings to Village Council for approval. They w County would like to brief council – possibly through the Utilities Committee – on what information they have gathered and provide a preview of what could be included in the final report.
- ⇒ Canine Officer Raven is recovering from emergency surgery this past weekend. His handler Officer Christopher Dotson realized that Officer Raven was experiencing difficulty. He took him to a veterinarian in Akron who determined that Officer Raven required surgery to correct an intestinal obstruction. We are pleased to say that Officer Raven is doing better, and when appropriate, will be able to continue his training.
  - There was some disappointment in the community because Officer Revan and Officer Dotson we're going to appear Monday at Eton Mall to encourage Youth to continue to read over the summer. The program has been postponed until further notice.
- ⇒ Renovations to Village Hall continue through Phase 1. There still a couple of punch list items that need to be completed. The second phase to the Fire Department will likely begin in July 2019.

- ⇒ Vicki Dansby has secured a headliner for the Music Fest. The group is name **Ole Skool** and they are billed as the Best Cover Band in Cleveland. The Music Fest has been promoted on social media and so far on Facebook the marketing effort has reach more than 14,000 people.
- ⇒ Tomorrow evening at 6 PM the administration is meeting with Village businesses to offer suggestions on how they can participate in the Music Fest and what they may do for customer acquisition and retention.
- ⇒ The Administration has also made contact with the Cleveland Sports Commission to speak with our businesses about how they can prepare for the NFL Draft that will be held in Cleveland in 2021. The NFL indicates that the draft could realize \$133 million in direct spending and \$224 million in economic impact to the region.
- ⇒ Communications Specialist Mary Flenner delivered her baby on June 3, 2019, the child's name is Reese. Prior to going into labor, she completed the Village newsletter. We hope that it will be out to the community next week – both hard copy and electronic distribution. She works in collaboration with Stephanie Gandy who keeps the Woodmere Village website fresh and vibrant.
- ⇒ Jennifer Osborn is handling HR specialist duties. She is working with Council and the Law Director to vet treasurer candidates; she is working with the mayor to vet building commissioner candidates.
- ⇒ Gary Murphy has met with several key stakeholder to advance a technological project. He met with a local community college representative about workforce development for high school and college students. The Economic Development team including Mr. Murphy, Ed Hren and Stan Kosilesky met with a developer today a noon to continue discussions on a project that we first started working on in March of 2018.
- ⇒ Daphne Evans has attended several meetings for the complete count committee for the 2020 census. Our goal is to make sure that every resident in Woodmere Village on April 1, 2020 is counted. That translates not only into an accurate population count but also to ensure that appropriate federal dollars come back to the 11th Congressional Districts in Cuyahoga County.
- ⇒ Finally, the Mayor will travel to Washington DC and the White House with a delegation of Northeast Ohio mayors to receive a briefing from the administration and Ohio's Congressional delegation as well as the Speaker of the House on issues of significance to Northeast, Ohio.

**Copy of the written report is on the table.**