

Report to Village Council

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Meeting Six- Year 1

Summary

To the Council President (Pro-Tem) and esteemed members. February and March have been productive for the administration including numerous meetings with elected officials, community partners, and business leaders.

Honestly, if I were to provide an oral report on all activities that we have been engaged in, it would wind up being an exhaustive presentation; that is not my intent. The written report has all pertinent information. Please allow me to offer three critical highlights

1. The Administration putting together the requirements needed for a Cuyahoga County Grant to develop a Master Plan for Woodmere. The last time the Village had a document of this nature was 1999. The previous administration applied but the Village did not receive the award.

I met with Mayor Horwitz of Beachwood this morning and we agree the world, and the surrounding area has changed dramatically over the past decade or two. Eton, Harvard Park, Legacy Village, Pinecrest, and health care and assisted living facilities have changed our regional landscape. It's imperative that Woodmere keep pace.

Since the last Council Meeting we've met with the Village Architect, Engineer, Economic Development consultant and mapped out a strategy to submit an application. That deadline is April 6. Not only are we developing the narrative for the request, we are visiting with area Mayors, State Representatives and business owners to share our intent and hopefully receive buy-in and letters of support to bolster the application.

Aside from Mayor Horwitz, we have met with Mayor Bain, State Senator Ken Yuko, State Representative John Barnes Jr, we have meetings scheduled with Woodmere Business Leaders and Health Care officials. healthcare officials.

2. On March 28 at Barnes and Noble we will host a mayor's business reception for area businesses. The goal is to introduce business leaders and develop relationships, explain our vision, and generate feedback for what our community can do to help our businesses thrive.
3. The Village installed a device heading south on Brainard to alert motorists of their speed. If they are driving the limit the speed will remain solid. If they exceed the speed the device will flash their over-the-speed. Our goal is to have motorists travel safely through our community and be aware of the speed limit.

Other Information:

1. Working with the Village Inspector to solicit assistance in his department
2. Confirmed as Keynote Speaker for Christian Business Leadership Program
3. Keynote Speaker for Heritage Middle Program in East Cleveland
4. Keynote Speaker for the Moreland Hills Middle School Program
5. Attended Council of Government Meeting – Maple Heights was admitted in the COG
6. Finalizing the publication for Who's Who in Black Cleveland.
 - Woodmere Village feature section will be "In Color"
 - 12 Profiles of Village employees (Private Sector is typically charged \$3000 for 10 employee profiles)
 - The Woodmere Village video will run during the reception.
 - **Added** MC will acknowledge Woodmere 75th Anniversary during the program
 - **Added** eight tickets (table) to the reception at the Intercontinental Hotel
 - **Added** the publisher will e-blast to 1000 database recipient's information about the Woodmere Music Fest
 - **Added** Woodmere Village Logo Cover page accompanied by two pictures" In Color"
7. The festival committee has met weekly to advance the program. Highlights of the meetings include, honorary chair persons, theme for each street, and logistics for the program.
8. Article – Chagrin Valley Times- Mayor of action on Village Hall Project

The NEXT 30 days:

- Meeting with the Woodmere Business Leaders
- Attending the Annual Chagrin/Southeast Council of Government Annual Meeting
- Chaplain Vance Garrett will preach the Seven last words of Jesus from the Cross on Friday, March 30.
- Update on Woodmere Village Meetings

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