



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

September 12, 2018
Meeting Nine - Year 1

Summary

Madam President and to the esteemed members of the Village Council and our community. I am pleased to provide this report for your consideration.

- We would like to thank the members of the Village Council for their support and participation in the 2018 Woodmere Music Fest – the program by most accounts was a resounding success. It was a family-friendly event and was promoted widely on social media, mainstream media, and throughout the community. Thanks, one and all...
- Woodmere was represented well at the 11th District Congressional Parade. The Council President, Police and Fire Department, and Joyce Holbert participated. We distributed candy to the children and information about the Village to adults and provided well-wishes to as many parade goers as possible.
- **Keeping with the platform of public awareness of the Village:** Chief Mason was interviewed by Channel 3 for her election to NOBLE Sergeant of Arms; The Mayor will be keynote-speaker at a Fatherhood Initiative at Kenneth Clement School; and keynote at the Christian League Breakfast. We will be interviewed by Channel 3 for Zip codes unzipped and The History Makers out of Chicago.
- As Mayor, we attended the homegoing service for the mother of Woodmere Detective April Arendt and the father of former Woodmere Police officer Sherman Whaley. The Mayor provided a proclamation to Tom Brick retiree Joan Oneacre who registered 43-years of service and retired last Friday. Provided a card of condolences to Orneha Corney on the passing of her sister
- Met with Human Resources Specialist Jennifer Osborn – Employee Handbook is being amended and department heads are being consulted on addressing staffing concerns and workplace culture.
- The East Brainard Road renovation started September 4 and is expected to last 34 days. All construction work appears to be going well.
- The field was narrowed to three bidders for the Village Hall Renovation Project – Sterling Professional Group, Garfield Heights; Dunlop and Johnston, Valley City, Infinity Construction Group, Warrensville Heights.
- Master planning Grant is proceeding on schedule. We signed a memorandum of understanding with the county to perform the work and we are working to populate the Steering Committee.
- We met with Buckeye Area Regional K-9 training group (BARK) of Medina owned by Tom Schmidt and we have an agreement in principal to add a K-9 unit to the Police Department. Officer Christopher Dotson has been selected to serve as handler. The litter is expected in November and we expect to swear in the new officer in December. He will immediately go into training that will include public relations appearances. This concludes my report.

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