



Report of the Mayor Benjamin Holbert, III

August 4, 2021

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- In roughly 30 days, TC Construction began work on the sidewalk on Brainard Road and completed the concrete slabs. Landscaping is next. The Village Engineer is monitoring progress and is expected to update the utilities committee next Tuesday. A couple of Brainard Road residents shared concerns that were immediately addressed. Two senior residents expressed jubilation over the sidewalk installation. They stated the pathway offered a safe vehicle for them to walk to visit neighbors and travel to Chagrin Boulevard to patronize stores.
- Woodmere Village Police operated Safety Town at Orange Schools. Tricycles were involved but it's nice to obey the traffic laws in Safety Town, the interactive traffic safety exhibit where Officer Ana Baric ensured the security of pedestrians and established rapport between children and law enforcement. Woodmere is glad to partner with the Orange Schools on this important project.
- The mayor met with Majority Whip, Representative James Clyburn representing South Carolina's 6th district. We discussed Woodmere and fiscal opportunities to assist the Village.
- Several businesses in the Village have been forced to limit operations because they do not have sufficient staff to work required shifts. Lack of staff continues to be a challenge for local operations.
- TJ Maxx posted on its website that the store will re-open August 26 at 10 AM. This is welcomed news for shoppers in advance of the school season.
- The Restaurant Revitalization Fund distributed \$28.6 billion in grants to eateries that sustained financial losses during the pandemic, including three Woodmere restaurants. combined, Woodmere restaurants received roughly \$675,000. The three Woodmere businesses receiving a Restaurant Revitalization Fund grant include. Pacific east chagrin Inc.; Grant amount: \$262,237; Phuong t. Nguyen; Grant amount: \$259,359 Finally, the Taste of Kerala LLC, Grant amount: \$151,025.88.
- August 6-8 is Ohio Tax Free weekend. Shoppers can take advantage of back-to school items. During the tax holiday school supplies, clothes, and instructional supplies are tax free.
- The Mayor participated in the Omega Psi Phi and Cleveland Browns American Red Cross Blood Drive. It's believed that someone needs a blood transfusion every two to three seconds. Donations are critical during a blood shortage. The mayor wrote an editorial to local newspapers expressing the same.
- The Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club continues to seek new members living in the Village of Woodmere. Interested residents should contact Rotary President, Mr. Girish Mahotra at 216-288-6489 or via email girish@epcotint.com

This concludes the mayor's report in progress.