



Report of the Mayor
Benjamin Holbert, III
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- TJ MAXX: Re-opened August 26. The retail shop opened at 8 AM on this day and there was a line of customers outside the door at 7:30 AM. We trust this is good news for the economic vitality of Village Square.
- Restore Hyper Wellness is expected to open later this month at Eton Mall. The company has been paying withholding tax.
- Mabel's BBQ is expected to open at Eton Chagrin Boulevard. The eatery is undergoing interior renovations transforming from B-Spot restaurant.
- August 20, administration, council members and residents officially opened Brainard Road sidewalk. We were honored to have State Senator Kenny Yuko present for the ribbon-cutting. Woodmere exchanged gifts at the Orange/Woodmere corporation line with Mayor Kathy Mulcahy.
- The Village received a beautiful placard from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Department asked that the plaque be displayed near the Brainard Road Pedestrian Trail near Chagrin Boulevard. Efforts are underway by the Village service department to build a space that appropriately recognizes the installation.
- The administration is working with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank to eliminate vacant, blighted properties and returning the space to productive use.
- Joyce Holbert is spearheading a home restoration program with Heritage Homes. Fliers will be distributed to residents in September.
- Village is working with Destination Cleveland to promote our community on a county and state level. We hope to attract people from out-of-town to Woodmere and market our businesses to visitors.
- August 19, The Woodmere Village Police Department hosted a program by the Ohio Highway Patrol and entitled "drive sober or get pulled over". As mayor and safety director, we were pleased to make remarks to those assembled. There were roughly 20 police departments throughout Cuyahoga County participating.
- August 7, the mayor participated in a community Trophy presentation for the B-Buzz baseball little league program. A couple of Woodmere residents participate and the mayor serves on the advisory board. The guest of honor was former major league baseball slugger Ellis Burks. Mr. Burks also played professionally in Cleveland. registration for the 2022 season begins in April.
- Beechmont Towers is being renovated. The south tower has been raised and a new apartment wing will be constructed.
- Several retailers in the village of Woodmere have expressed the need define part-time and full-time workers. Administration is working with these businesses to identify qualified staffers.
- Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner Terry Allan announced his intention to retire in 2022. Mayor Holbert has been asked to participate with the search committee to find his replacement. Meantime, COVID-19 and its Delta variant continues its resurgence in Ohio.

This concludes the report in progress of the mayor.