



Report of the Mayor Benjamin Holbert, III

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- The mayor testified before Cuyahoga County Council advocating for \$435M in renovations to Progressive Field to keep the ballpark attractive and keep the Guardians in Cleveland through 2036.
- Engaged in reputation management for the Village following an unfortunate police intervention on October 7, 2021. We thank Woodmere Officers and municipal neighbors for mutual aide.
- Attended State of Ohio Redistricting Hearings at Cuyahoga Community Corporate College.
- Received certification from the Ohio Secretary of State that Woodmere's population based on the 2020 Census is now 641 inhabitants. This number represents a 24.05% decline from 2010.
- Administration met with a potential grant writer to share needs and provide information to submit information for police body camera submission.
- Mayor Swore in Woodmere Officer Sean Lemiec to full-time duty.
- Attended funeral services or provided Mayoral Proclamations for Village residents of community residents. Most notably, Long-time resident Marie Mischal and former NAACP Executive Director Stanley Miller.
- The mayor was invited to participate in a focus group to select the next Commission of the Board of Health to replace retiring Commissioner, Terry Allan.
- Attended Mayors and Managers Meeting and received a tour of the newly constructed senior citizen center in Westlake, Ohio.
- Participated in Grand Openings of Restore Wellness and Launch Work Space in Eton Mall.
- Coordinated Educational information for Dr. Culliver for the Educational committee including material on HB 322 and Sub HB 327. The pending legislation is said to have a chilling effect on anti-racism and equity efforts in education, higher education, and publicly funded institutions, with the most damaging impact being on K-12 education.
- Working with the Cuyahoga County Land bank to identify parcels in Woodmere that are currently inventoried by the Land bank or may be eligible for consideration.
- Several businesses in the Village continue to limit operations due to insufficient staff to work required shifts.
- 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.