



Report of the Mayor Benjamin Holbert, III

November 10, 2021
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- Congratulations to the members of Village Council and to the new members of the Charter Review Commission elected November 2. Congratulations to Shontel Brown who was sworn in as Congresswoman for the 11th District in the 117th Congress. We are excited to see Woodmere move forward in a progressive fashion.
- Participated in Mayors meeting with the Orange School Board and Superintendent. Discussed business development in Woodmere as well as diversity and inclusion initiatives.
- Attended a briefing by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge. She discussed a variety of concerns relative the housing and homelessness. She stated that the Biden administration is going to make the largest single investment in affordable housing, in US history.
- Attended a reception at Case Western Reserve University honoring legendary Civil Rights Attorney Fred D. Gray. The preacher and activist, returned to Case to speak about his pursuit of racial justice throughout his career. Gray graduated from Case law school in 1954.
- Represented the Village at the Grand Opening of Launch Work Spaces at Eton.
- Roughly 30 applications have been received from companies seeking permission for the state of Ohio to open a medical marijuana dispensary within the corporation limits of the Village of Woodmere.
- Attended Bruce Hennes, crisis communications seminar for Municipalities.
- Served as Master of Ceremonies for the One South Euclid hometown hero awards gala.
- Attended The Sunshine Laws Certification Training provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- The mayor will be participating in the Virtual coaches' corner sponsored by the urban league of greater Cleveland this event will take place November 12th at 11:30 AM via podcast. The goal is to get qualified employees to come work at stores in Woodmere Village.
- The mayor will make remarks at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for ERIEBANK November 19 at 11:30 AM
- Pleased to have sworn in Woodmere Officer Selena Colon as a part-time police officer.
- Happy Veterans Day to the men and women who have served our nation. We appreciate your service!

This concludes the mayor's report in progress.