



**Report of the Mayor  
Benjamin Holbert, III**  
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- ⇒ We are excited to have participated in the ERIEBANK Groundbreaking at ETON Mall on November 18. It was a wonderful event. I invited Sharrae Henderson, a senior at Orange high school and Woodmere Village resident to be our guest at the groundbreaking. Ms. Henderson operates a small business entitled Rae's Chocolates. I pledged personal funds to establish a business account with ERIEBANK in her name. The owner of MVP Plastics, Darrell McNair, matched the funds and Ezra Stark of ETON rounded up the donation and provided Ms. Henderson with space in Eton Mall to sell her confectioneries over the holidays. Special thanks to Councilman Adams, Chief Mason and Chief Brewington who attended the event.
- ⇒ The mayor participated in the virtual coach's job search program sponsored by the Urban League of Greater Cleveland. The program took place November 12th at 11:30 AM via podcast. Part of the goal was to get qualified employees to come work at stores in Woodmere Village. Several businesses in the Village continue to limit operations due to insufficient staff available to work shifts.  
[workforce@ulcleveland.org](mailto:workforce@ulcleveland.org)
- ⇒ Roughly 30 applications have been received from companies seeking permission from the state of Ohio to open a medical marijuana dispensary within the corporation limits of the Village of Woodmere. The announcement from the State is expected in February 2022.
- ⇒ Attended the Mayor's and Managers Annual Meeting with a tribute to Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Terry Allan, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. The award ceremony was held at Window's on the River in the Flats. Councilman Seth Young was also in attendance.
- ⇒ Attended the Menorah Lighting Ceremony at Eton Mall. A Chanukah celebration and public menorah lighting was presented by Fromotvitz Chabad Center. We welcome the festival of lights to Woodmere and applauded Stark Enterprises for hosting the annual event.

This concludes the mayor's report in progress and  
the final report of the first term of the Holbert Administration