



**Report of the Mayor  
Benjamin Holbert, III**

*December 14, 2022*

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- The mayor attended the December 7th Ribbon Cutting at ERIEBank. The Smart Center lobby is beautiful and features images in Woodmere and Orange High School. At the request of Bank Executives, Mayor Holbert recommended the Chagrin Highlands Rotary, Club, Jewish Family Service Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Teen Lift Program and the bank made monetary donation to these civic-minded organizations.
- The mayor and finance department are working with a commercial mortgage broker, and Village property owners, to attract more clients to Woodmere.
- The administration worked with the Treasurer to prepare and present the 2023 budget.
- The mayor received a donation of 40 stuffed animals from the Chagrin Highlands Rotary through Wild Republic. The Woodmere Police department will distribute the toys to children who are in need or distress.
- The Administration is receiving positive feedback from are visitors and others on the implementation of the digital bulletin board in front of Village Hall.
- On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the mayor attended the 91st anniversary of Alson's Jewelers. The store has been located in Woodmere for 20 years.
- Attended Cuyahoga County Library Record Retention Meeting for concepts to incorporate into Woodmere Village policies and procedures.
- The Village is now a member of the Cuyahoga East Chamber of Commerce. Woodmere should enjoy the advantages of networking with a broader regional base focusing on enhancing the Village brand.
- Mayor Holbert met with executives of South Pointe Hospital and elected officials of the region to address Food insecurity, infant mortality, and Senior Transportation issues. The area mayors are working on a collaborative effort to address the aforementioned concerns.
- Mayor Holbert will welcome the Fromotvitz Chabad Center for the 13th annual Menorah Lighting ceremony Monday, December 19, 6:00pm at Eton Mall. The Chanukah celebration is a dedication of service and will include food, stilt walkers, and the Woodmere Fire Department.
- In November, Mayor Holbert was guest speaker at a class at Ursuline College and served as a panelist for the 16th Annual Fatherhood Initiative program. He was also interviewed for a television podcast at the Westlake Community Center.
- Woodmere resident Onetha Corney passed away in late November. Ms. Corney was 85 years old. She served on Council and was also a former Treasurer for the Village. Her memorial service is Saturday at Calhoun's Funeral Home.

This concludes the mayor's report in progress.