



## A Message from the Mayor, Charles E. Smith



### Red, White & Blue

It's official – November elections are weeks away and the following residents have filed to run for Village Council:

- Azaad Jeet Singh Khairo
- Ben Holbert
- Tennyson Adams
- Marie Jones
- Gerald Carrier
- Stu Lecht
- Sandra Hahn
- Sandy Rosenbluth

Seeing all these wonderful new people enter the arena of public

service is very rewarding to me.

The old guard is leaving and will be replaced with a vibrant, new generation of leaders. You have spoken with the recall of certain Council members and have shown that you, the people have the power to remove anyone from office.

As we forge deeper into the 21<sup>st</sup> century we will have a Village Council made up of people who are serving their terms in office because they want to serve you, the people.

With this strong, cohesive Council, there will no longer be a place for arrogance, nor disrespect towards citizens and their opinions.

I cannot stress strongly enough the need to have responsible lawmakers on Village Council.

Here is an example of how poor leadership on the Council has ended up costing the Village money: In April of this year, Pepper Pike sent us a 5 year dispatch contract that would cost the village \$105,000 with 30% incremental raises. We are currently paying \$127,000 with Chagrin Valley, and we have no control over incremental raises.

In order to implement this new dispatch contract, 3 straight legislative meetings were needed. For no reason, these meetings were cancelled and we lost the dispatch contract costing the village thousands of dollars over the next 5 years.

Please remember to cast your vote on November 8<sup>th</sup> and vote for responsible change.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all the candidates good luck in their election campaign.

Thank you,  
Mayor Charles Smith



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## SAFE & SOUND AT DUSK'S DIMINISHING LIGHT

The Village of Woodmere has passed a curfew ordinance for minors. It is now official that children under the age of 12 cannot be alone in public spaces or parks from darkness until 6:00 AM. Children between 12 and 15 years of age are restricted from 10:30 PM to 6:00 AM. Children of 16 or 17 years are restricted from 12:00 Midnight until 6:00 AM. The curfew does not apply to children in any age group that are accompanied by an adult over the age of 21 years.



*Silver Star for the New Neighborhood Block Watch*



We are proud to be a community with a new and strong Block Watch program. This program provides crime prevention information as well as security information on locks, lights, alarms, etc.

You can contact the Crime Prevention Unit for a free security survey of your home.

The Block Watch program will:

- Develop neighbors into becoming the eyes and ears of the police department.
- Open the lines of communication between neighbors
- Build a better understanding of the Police Department.
- Provide good tips and tools for communicating necessary information to the police when writing

crime reports.

- Create a bond between the citizens and the police in their community.

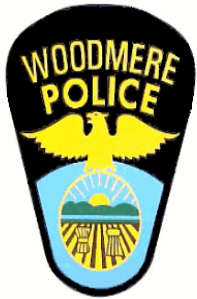
*If you are interested in starting a Block Watch in your neighborhood, call (216) 831-1234 or email Block Watch Coordinator: [smason@woodmerevillage.com](mailto:smason@woodmerevillage.com)*

*Cautionary Police Audit*

Last November, in an attempt to create transparency within my administration I ordered a Police Audit to be conducted by the State of Ohio Auditors. The audit was completed this past April, 2011. The purpose of the audit was to explore various avenues to reduce costs. The findings of the audit are merely suggestions for better effectiveness and efficiency within our village.

I am currently meeting with Police Chief Terence Calloway, Treasurer Ton Cormtoff, Law Director Ross S. Cirinhcione and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) representative to discuss the best avenues for us to take.

One of the suggestions was to reduce the size of the police department by three full-time officers and to contract police activities to other communities which would save the village up to \$181,300. But, as voiced by Police Chief Calloway, the state has not taken into consideration that we have a day-time population of 250,00 people, and that our ¼-mile stretch on Chagrin Boulevard is the most traveled ¼ mile stretch in the entire state of Ohio. Chief Calloway has further stated that, for this reason, the police department must keep its current level of staffing.



*Pure Gold*

An ordinance was passed to honor high school students Derrick Cooley and Daniel Gutalyak for the completion of their school projects in Village Hall. Derrick Cooley did a fine job while working in the mayor's office. Daniel Gutalyak did an equally fine job working in the fire department. Congratulations and many thanks to Derrick and Daniel.



## *A Plum of an Opportunity—The Business Academy*

Along with Chief Calloway, I am inviting all business owners in Woodmere to attend our exciting new Business Academy. This is a totally free, 8-week academy beginning on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, and ending on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

We will meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the second floor of Eaton.

The 8-week syllabus is as follows:

- Introduction
- A representative from the Secret Service will explain to business owners the way to detect counterfeit money
- A representative from Crime Prevention in the Cleveland Police Department will teach you how to make your business less appealing to thieves.
- Fire arms – Using the state of the art training simulator from Tri-C, attendees will be able to shoot it out with a criminal in a heart-stopping, real life gun battle.
- Car Chase – Again, using the simulator from Tri-C, attendees will be able to drive a virtual police car at warp speeds in a death defying police chase.
- There will be two presenters (1) A representative from Homeland Security will discuss what to do when an unidentified package is found left in your place of business.
- (2) A representative from Crisis Intervention will educate you on how to handle a person with mental illness who has come into your place of business.
- A Juvenile Court Official will teach you what to do if you see a juvenile stealing from your store, and also how to handle the situation of a parent leaving a minor alone in your store.
- The final week is graduation. There will be an appreciation dinner for all graduates. The chief of police will give each graduate a tee shirt and a certificate signed by the mayor.

**Don't miss this plum of an opportunity!**

**Please call Sheila Mason at 216-292-7023 to reserve your spot.**

## *Hue Knows Our Names?*

Did you know that the Old English definition of the word “mere,” as in our village name of Woodmere, meant lake or marsh? Therefore, the Old English name of our village would be “Wood Lake” or “Lake in the Woods.” “**HUE**” knew?

Likewise, the Old English definition of the word Eaton is “island settlement.” This would make Eaton, our upscale shopping Mecca, an island situated in Wood Lake. “**HUE**” would have thought?

## *Who Knows These Hues?*

**Question: Why are school buses painted the color yellow?**

Answer: Because it shows up best in the worst light of early morning and late afternoon.

**Question: What is the actual color of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco?**

Answer: International Orange

**Question: What is Kate Middleton's favorite color?**

Answer: White

**Question: In the USA flag, what do the colors red, white and blue stand for?**

Answer: Red -valor and hardiness, White- purity and innocence Blue- justice, perseverance, and vigilance

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