

Mayor's January Report

Hello Residents :

A belated Happy New Year to all residents with the hope that 2009 will be a better year for all of us. For those of you who did not see the front page News Herald article about our finances on January 6th I will give you a recap. The State Auditors Office completed our required 2 year audit for 2006 and 2007. We received a very good clean audit putting us in good financial standing with state. They found that we were using our funds correctly with no citations and no material findings. The auditor's office commented that "the city should be commended for making all the improvements they have in such a short time." Our residents should feel confident that this administration is spending the funds we receive properly and to provide the needed services to the residents of Eastlake .

Once again this year we will be working with the Lake County Captains in providing tickets to our residents for \$ 1.00 for one game. This year the game will be on Opening Day and we are very excited to be able to offer this to Eastlake residents. We will have more details later and the tickets will be available at City Hall in early March. Also our Fourth of July Fireworks display will be held at the stadium again this year .We are planning more activities at the ballpark to go along with the fireworks display on that day. Last year over 5000 people attended the fireworks display on July 4th.

Lastly I am working with Council on the final budget for 2009. As in the past years we plan to spend conservatively and achieve a balanced budget for the year. Since we are in the middle of a recession the first 4 months of the year will be watched closely to see how revenues come in. I am hopeful that we will at least be close to the revenues from 2008 and will not have to make any cuts.