

Mayor's March Report

Hello Residents :

Several months ago the City of Eastlake purchased three HUD foreclosed homes from the Federal government for \$1 each. I am pleased to report that we sold one of the homes for \$41,000. The money will be put into a capital recreation fund which we will use to benefit the residents of Eastlake. We can use the money to help fix the pool, buy more playground equipment or better, more durable picnic tables to name a few things.

Council recently approved the purchase of four police vehicles for 2009. By purchasing vehicles on a rotating basis every three years we are able to update the cars and keep our maintenance and repairs costs down on vehicles that are in constant use. We have done the same thing for equipment such as snow plows in the service garage and ambulances in the fire department. There comes a time just like our own personal vehicles where the repair costs and repair time become too great and the vehicle needs to be replaced. By replacing on a planned basis we are much farther ahead than waiting until something breaks.

The police department recently installed new 911 communications equipment. The system we replaced was over 20 years old and replacement parts were no longer available. We were able to purchase brand new 911 equipment from a city in Michigan that no longer needed the equipment. Their city went to a countywide system and we were able to purchase the 911 equipment for \$82,000. This was about 40% less than if we had bought it from AT&T brand new.

We have tickets at Eastlake City Hall for the Lake County Captains opening day game for \$1 for Eastlake residents. They are available after March 10. The game is Thursday, April 9. Please bring proof of residency and there is a limit of 4 tickets per family.