

Mayor's May Report

Dear Residents :

Spring is finally here with the start of the baseball season. We had over 2500 residents purchase the \$1 tickets for the Captains season opening game. Our thanks to the Captains ownership for giving back to Eastlake residents. The \$2,500 has been deposited into the Stadium Bond Account to pay off stadium debt.

Over the last three years we have been replacing the wooden picnic tables in Eastlake Parks with new, more durable picnic tables. All of our parks have received at least one of the new picnic tables with more to come in the future. We constantly had to buy wood and use many man-hours of labor to repair the wooden picnic tables. The new ones are much more durable and need little maintenance. They cost \$700 each but the labor and material savings more than make up the cost. If any resident sees vandalism at any city parks please call the police department. Help us keep our playground equipment, picnic tables, tennis courts and skate park free from vandalism this summer.

On the advice of our Service Director and pool consultant we have decided that we cannot open the pool this year. As we started to access the repairs it became apparent that many months of work will be needed to refurbish the pool. The main problem is in the piping and filtration system that are 40 years old and have many leaks. We also need to repair the bathrooms and shower facilities as well as replace the boiler that heats the pool and showers. We will spend all summer and into the fall doing the repairs. We then will have a pool to open in 2010 that will last at least another 10-15 years. More importantly it will be a safe pool to swim in. I thank all the residents for their patience in working with the city to re-open the pool and to bring back recreation programs to our city.

The City of Eastlake's Farmers Market and Flea Market will open Saturday, May 30, and run through October. It is operating in the city-owned parking lot across from the stadium. This year, starting now, we will also have a Farmers Market on Thursday-Sunday in a large tented area in the corner of the parking lot. Please support these activities.