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Dear Residents:

As I write this article we have just passed Labor Day which is the traditional end of summer. Our Service Department is checking out and getting ready the leaf pickup machines as well as servicing the snow plows. It is good to have all the fall and winter equipment ready to go well before we need it. There is a large amount of preventative maintenance that must be done as well as ordering and stocking parts that will wear out or break. The yard waste will continue to be picked up through the first week of December so any leaves that can be bagged and put out will be greatly appreciated.

The City of Eastlake and the Radisson Hotel's restaurant "Eastside Boulevard" entered and was the winner of the Mayor's Cup Best Dessert at the Labor Day Taste of Cleveland event. The Radisson won out over 15 other restaurants and their mayors. I was pleased to represent the City of Eastlake and the Eastside Boulevard Restaurant at this event which brings a great deal of recognition to our city and the Radisson. They have a very nice trophy on display for their fine effort as well as bragging rights for the next year.

We have started the complete reconstruction of South Lakeshore Boulevard. This is a very large project for which we have received a grant for \$560,000 from the State of Ohio. This enabled us to do the street at one time rather than over a period of years. I will continue to work and apply for grants from the State to fix our roads and sewers. When we are able to get 40% of the project paid for by a grant, it enables us to stretch our road levy dollars and to fix more roads. Over the past 4 years we have obtained \$3.4 million in grants to repair South Lakeshore Boulevard, Roberts Road, Route 91, traffic signal upgrades and the complete reconstruction of our pump stations. Our residents have supported our road levy over the years and this enables us to have the matching funds that are needed for these state grants.

I want to emphasize one more time that the Houston-Fisher pool will be open in 2010. We have the funds set aside for the repairs from the \$150,000 State of Ohio Grant and another \$194,000 in funds from inheritance taxes. Recreation continues to be at the top of my list for addition into our 2010 budget. That includes the pool and other programs and activities for the youth of the city. Until next month enjoy the nice fall colors.