

September 2009

Hello Residents:

The City of Eastlake 's Home Days Festival held July 29 -August 2 was a huge success. We had five great days of weather and more rides and vendors than last year. The kids of Eastlake also enjoyed the parade and candy on August 1. We plan to continue to grow the festival each year and I thank all of you who stopped and talked to me at the event.

The first six months of 2009 are now history and I am pleased to report that the city is doing fine financially. Our revenues and expenses are where we expected them to be and we are looking for the same in the second half of the year. As always our financial reports and statements are available for anyone to see on the city's web site at www.eastlakeohio.com.

With the paying off of \$21 million in stadium debt we should have some funds available for 2010 to restore some services that have been cut. My top priority is restoring a recreation department to our city. I plan to ask Council for a Full-time Recreation Coordinator. That person will be in charge of the re-opened Houston-Fisher Pool as well all recreation programs in the city. We need recreation programs to attract home buyers to Eastlake and I will continue to be a strong advocate for recreation.

My other top priority will be to hire a Full-time Economic Development Director. All of our surrounding cities have an Economic Development Director to work in attracting businesses to their city. We also need to work to attract new businesses and also to work with our existing businesses to keep them in the city and to help them expand. A strong business base means steady tax revenues and the opportunity to keep Eastlake moving in a positive direction.

We have achieved working our way out of debt, now is the time to put plans in motion for more recreation and more economic development in the city. City Council and I have worked well together and with their approval with these two items in the 2010 budget we can continue Eastlake's recovery.

In regard to NOPEC, electricity choice and the City of Eastlake. The City does not change residents from NOPEC to First Energy or any other electric supplier. That is a personal choice and must be done by the resident. In August, First Energy sent out a very confusing letter regarding NOPEC and GEXA LTD. GEXA is the supplier of electricity for NOPEC. That should have been spelled out in the letter.

Have a great rest of summer.