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Dear Residents :

I have two good items to report to you this month. The first is that barring any unforeseen situations when the work is going on, the Houston-Fisher pool will be open this summer. We received bids totaling \$504,000 which was \$27,000 less than our engineer's estimate for renovating the entire pool. We have saved money for three years from the inheritance taxes that we receive, along with a \$150,000 State of Ohio grant and \$40,000 from the sale of a HUD home that the city owned. The entire cost of the renovations will be paid for out of these funds with no need to ask the taxpayers for any money or no need to cut anything from our 2010 budget to pay for the renovations. This is a good example of Council (with the exception of one) and the Mayor working together to make this project a success. This is an example of good planning and setting aside funds to pay for a project well before the project is completed.

I am also pleased to announce that our public channel 12 on Time Warner will once again be on the air. The same program will be run on AT&T U-verse for their subscribers. We have worked out an arrangement with a private company to produce the shows for us in exchange for use of an unused room at the Senior Center. By the time this article is published we will have taped our first program. This is an excellent way for the Mayor and Council to communicate with our residents and let them know what is going on in our city. As with the pool there is no cost to the city or any negative effect on our budget by this deal that we have worked out with the private company.

In January, the Eastlake Kiwanis Food Pantry helped provide food to 119 families from the City of Eastlake, Timberlake and Lakeline. The Food Pantry is located at the Eastlake Senior Center at 1580 East 332nd Street. In addition, 281 families received help with bread and pastry items which are distributed every Saturday. These are families including 85 children who live right in our neighborhoods. I am writing about this to let you know that the Food Pantry needs your help. If you would like to contribute please send a check to the Eastlake Kiwanis at P.O. Box 7225, Eastlake, Ohio 44095. For more information please visit www.Eastlakeohio.com and look under community groups.

The Outdoor Skating Rink is open at Classic Park. Outdoor skating is available free of charge every day. Ice Skate Rental is available on Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 8 p.m. for just \$2 at the concession stand near the rink. Eastlake PAL is helping the city with the ice skating rink and also sells concessions on Saturday and Sunday. This is a great low-cost way to get some exercise and family fun. Why not come out and join us this weekend.