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Hello Residents:

I have some very good economic development news to report . After Kmart announced that they were closing, I called Walmart headquarters in Arkansas and suggested that they look at the Kmart site for a Super Walmart. I am pleased to report that last Tuesday Walmart came in with plans to build a very large Super Walmart at the former Kmart site. It will be a completely new 161,000 square foot building complete with groceries .We are working with the Walmart engineers and architects to get the project moving forward as quickly as possible. This new Super Walmart along with the new Walgreens store and potentially another new building on Vine Street shows that developers are looking favorably on Eastlake and Vine Street for economic development. These new stores will also bring many new jobs for our residents and will bring in much needed revenue to our city.

As you read this article I am sure many of you will be raking leaves. I would like to request that residents help the city by bagging as many leaves as possible and put out for pickup for our yard waste collection. This will help the city get the leaves off the tree lawns and out of the drainage ditches quicker .We never know when an early snow will come and hamper the pickup of the leaves. Please remember that leaves **should not** be put into the street. Please rake the leaves on the tree lawn or in the drainage ditches. Leaves put in the street clog our sewer pipes and may cause backups of water into the street and homes.

The pool has been closed for the season and I would like to report that we had a very successful season. It was nice to have the pool open, especially with so many 90-degree days that we had this summer. Residents emailed me or talked to me in person about how pleased they were that the pool was open and how it has helped our city, especially the youth of the city. We sold over \$30,000 worth of season passes and daily passes and that helped keep the cost of the pool down.

For those residents who live in the surfside area we added a large picnic pavilion, new grills and picnic tables to the park. Also we have repaired and opened the bathrooms that are located in the building at the park. Surfside Park will continue to be one of the most used parks and playgrounds in the city. We will continue to improve the park as money becomes available. The service department has done a good job this year in keeping the park clean and the grass cut and the playground areas filled with mulch. This administration will continue to improve and add to the recreation activities in our city.

Good luck to the North High Rangers and Cleveland Browns as football season has begun again in Northeast Ohio.

Thank you,

Mayor Ted Andrzejewski of Eastlake, Ohio