

Hello Residents :

The July 4th Fireworks at Classic Park drew over 5,000 people and was a great success. We intend to build on this for next year and include more activities. Our second Eastlake Home Days Festival also has been a success with residents and non residents enjoying family fun including rides, a parade and carnival food and games.

We recently installed \$ 10,000 of new playground equipment at Surfside Park. This was our fourth city park to receive \$ 10,000 of playground equipment due to the administration's efforts in securing Community Block Grant funding from the Lake County commissioners. The other parks are Green Road, Eastlake Gardens, and Jakse Park. This same block grant has provided \$ 15,000 the last 3 years and \$ 20,000 this year to hire a part time building code enforcement employee to help keep our housing stock up to code.

Through the State of Ohio's Issue 2 Grant program we have been awarded \$ 303,000 in grant money and interest free loans to replace 18 year old pump stations at King , Forest and Robin drive areas. These pump stations are vital when it comes to pumping sewage out of our city and to the sewage treatment plant. . We have been constantly repairing these pump stations the last 4 years using many man hours of labor and thousands of dollars in replacement parts. By the end of 2009 all of our pump stations will have been replaced with new equipment.

We have purchased a new machine and system to repair pot holes. This new system will allow us to patch pot holes to last up to two years. We now have to fill the pot holes with cold patch which is a patch that only lasts a few months and then we have to patch again. Between now and until the freezing weather starts we will fill as many pot holes as we can with this new system. Residents will see a significant change in the condition of our streets as we fix the pot holes. We will continue to explore new technology as it becomes available to help decrease our costs and provide better solutions for our roads.

Until next month enjoy the good weather and come out to our Flea market / Farmers market every Saturday morning at the city parking lot across from the stadium.