

DECEMBER 2011

Monthly Letter to Residents from Mayor Ted Andrzejewski
City of Eastlake, Ohio

Dear Residents:

I hope that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday and had a chance to rest and relax with their families over the holiday.

The residents have spoken with the defeat of the operating levy and I am now working with every department in the city on their list of budget cuts. The majority of the cuts will have to come from personnel since that is the largest single item in our budget. The cuts will be painful and will be reflected in the service we can provide to our residents but by Ohio law we must have a balanced budget. We will spend only the amount of money that we take in and will reduce the budget in 2012 accordingly. To those of you who supported the operating levy, we thank you for your support.

Due to the need to cut our costs immediately we will not be able to put up any Christmas lights at City Hall or on Vine Street. We also will not be able to put up the outside skating rink at Classic Park. Several employees have left the city due to retirement in the last few months. We are not going to replace them even though we need every employee in the Service, Police and Fire departments due to past layoffs in these departments.

We will have an evening with Santa Claus for the children of Eastlake at the Community Center on Sunday, December 11, at 7 p.m. The children's gifts as well as the cost to open the community center are being donated and paid for by several Eastlake residents. The cost of this evening will not come from our budget. The Eastlake Police Department will once again be collecting toys and monetary donations for less fortunate families in Eastlake. Donations can be dropped off at the Police Station until December 13. On Saturday, December 3, you can also drop off donations at the Eastlake Walmart from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Edwards Avenue Storm Sewer Project has been completed except for landscaping which will take place next spring. This is the second area of the city that has in the past experienced flooding that we have addressed. The funding for these projects comes from the Sewer Fund and not the general fund.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our residents.

Thank you,

Mayor Ted Andrzejewski