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

Dear Residents,

It is hard to believe we are already thinking about and planning for the upcoming holiday season but it is fast approaching.

Leaf pickup is going on and will continue until all the leaves are picked up. Please try to help our service department by bagging as many leaves as possible or putting them in yard waste containers for pickup. We are trying to stick to the schedule so please note when your street is scheduled to be done and get your leaves out in time.

November 8 is just a few days away. I ask for your help in voting yes on Eastlake Issue 7, our small general fund levy to keep city services. Even if I was not Mayor, I would be voting yes on this levy because I intend to live in Eastlake for many years and I know we need to keep our city services at their present levels. We need to continue to be a city that attracts new residents and one of the things they look at is police and fire protection and services such as snow plowing and road repair and the condition of city parks. Without new residents wanting to buy in Eastlake, all of our home values will decrease. As a reminder we have not had a general fund levy in our city since 1982. Only 9.5% of your real estate taxes come to the city that provides all of your basic services and if you work outside of Eastlake your 2% local income tax goes to the city you work in and not Eastlake. The bottom line is that for the amount of your real estate taxes that actually come to the city, residents get good value for their money. We have been very efficient in spending taxpayer dollars and if it were not for the \$1.4 million that the Governor took from Eastlake we would still be in good shape financially. We have mailed a blue brochure about the levy to every home in Eastlake. Please take the time to be an informed voter and review the information in the brochure. The choice is

yours of course but I hope you will join with me and all of City Council, the Police and Fire departments and Vote YES on Issue 7.

Our new Snow Plow will be delivered in mid-November, just in time for the winter season. This is the third new snow plow that we have purchased and each one has replaced plows that were at least 10 years old and constantly breaking down. The funds to purchase this new plow come from the road levy and not the general fund. This is another way that we control costs by replacing older equipment on a planned periodic basis.

Have a nice and restful Thanksgiving Holiday, and thank you,

Mayor Ted Andrzejewski