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

Dear Residents:

The fall weather has now begun and with that brings some city services to you. Our annual leaf pickup will begin on **Monday, November 7**. This year we will delay the program if the leaves have not begun to fall. We will also have one leaf crew out before the formal pickup begins to test the leaf pickup machines and to get a head start on streets with many trees. So if you see a leaf crew on your street before the program begins, remember that they will be back for your street as scheduled later.

The city's new LED sign for Rt. 91 and Vine Street will be installed and working the first week of November. To make a long story short, the company who won the bid had problems with their LED supplier. All that is fixed and we have a firm delivery date of the first week in November. The sign is worth the wait, for it will be bigger and brighter with newer LED technology.

Residents will notice that a couple of areas behind the Service Garage have been planted with grass and plants. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has required the City to implement measures to satisfy water quality requirements. This project was 100% paid for by a grant from the EPA's storm water improvement fund. In essence what this will do is to help trap runoff from our salt bins and prevent the salt brine from entering our storm water system and enter the Lake. This helps the city fulfill some of our requirements from the EPA and prevents future fines to the city. CT Consultants (city engineers) and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners helped the city in securing the grant.

Some residents have sent me emails asking if we have done all that we can to reduce the expenses of our city government. Since the year 2000 we have reduced the number of employees from 157 to 115 which is a 28% decrease. The

police department has been reduced by five officers and the fire department has been reduced by nine firemen. Our employees now pay more for health insurance and other employee benefits have been reduced. Lights in City Hall and at night around the building have been reduced by 50%. We have done what we can to reduce expenses but there comes a point where we cannot reduce any further. Please help us in November and keep your city services from being reduced any more.

Thank you,

Mayor Ted Andrzejewski