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

Dear Residents:

So far this winter we have been very lucky with the mild weather. It helps save the city money on both the cost of salt for the roads and for the cost of overtime for our employees to plow the streets. We will continue having Service Department employees on all three shifts to be available for plowing as the snowstorm occurs. We also have some employees on duty from Tuesday thru Saturday as well as Monday thru Friday.

In December we refinanced \$9.5 million of Stadium debt to take advantage of the low interest rates. The result is a savings to the taxpayers of \$756,000 or \$47,250 per year. This did not extend the length of time to pay off the loans which will be paid off in 2027. Similar to a home refinancing we saved money by getting a lower interest rate on the \$9.5 million of bonds. When I became Mayor I indicated that we were going to manage the stadium debt and over time reduce the debt as best as we can. With this latest refinancing we have reduced the Stadium debt from a starting point of \$48 million which includes the interest on the bonds to total remaining of \$19.4 million. This represents a 60% reduction in the stadium debt. In 2003 we had to use \$1.3 million each year out of the general fund to pay the loans. That number is now down to \$580,000 per year. It is still quite a bit of money but it is certainly better than where we started. Mike Slocum, our Finance Director, did an excellent job of putting together the paperwork and numbers to get the refinancing accomplished. We will continue to look for ways to reduce the Stadium debt in future years.

Many residents have asked for an update on the new Super Walmart that will be built at the old Kmart property. The project is proceeding and the Walmart representatives have told me that they will go out for bid on a General Contractor for the project in late February. The general contractor will then begin the work to

hire contractors both to tear down the existing building and then to build the new Walmart. I will keep our residents informed as the project moves forward.

Until next month stay warm and enjoy the winter sports.

Thank you,

Mayor Ted Andrzejewski