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

Happy New Year, Residents:

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and had a chance to spend time with their friends and family.

As the New Year begins we will see the full impact of the budget cuts that we made in mid-December. It will be a very challenging year but City Council and the Administration have done what is necessary to have a balanced budget. I know I have said this before but it is worth repeating that by law, city governments must have a balanced budget each year. We are not like the Federal Government where we can have a budget deficit year after year. Therefore the cuts that we made in December were necessary in order to balance the budget. The cuts had to be mostly employees since that is our biggest expense. We ask all residents to be patient as we strive to keep city services at the level that we can provide within the current budget.

This year we will be operating our Eastlake Home Days on our own without the help of a promoter. We want to expand the festival to include more vendors including food, beverage and vendors selling merchandise. In order to make this event very successful for our community we need volunteers to help plan and organize the festival. If you would like to help your city with this event please leave your name with the Mayor's office. The first committee meeting will be in January.

One of the changes that we made this year was to have more Service Department employees on second and third shift during the winter months. This will reduce our overtime expenses when we get the large snowstorms. We have also staggered the work week so that we have some employees working from Tuesday to Saturday instead of Monday to Friday. We are always looking for ways to reduce expenses and this one should result in some good cost savings.

Until next month drive safely as we enter the winter months with the most snow fall.

Thank you,

Mayor Ted Andrzejewski