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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you found last month's letter informative. As we begin budgeting for the next fiscal year, we have made great progress in the Village. I will continue to update you on the latest happenings and what is yet to come.

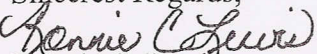
With steady leadership and the efforts of my team, we have accomplished some great things. We have seen new businesses enter the Dolton community. We've taken our bond ratings from a B- to a AA-. We saved over \$500,000 by refinancing our bonds. We submitted applications for grant funding, and were recently awarded funds to hire three new policemen and 10 new firemen. We were able to pave nearly five miles of Village roadways. We were also able to repair and purchase some much needed equipment including a new street sweeper and a new pick-up truck with a snow plow and salt dispenser to help us better cope with the winter months. With maintaining our fiscal standing, grant support, and your support, we are steadily working to strengthen our community, to reinforce our values, to raise levels of accountability, and to be of great service—even in difficult times.

As we enter the month of June, I would like to encourage residents to continue to support our community in every way possible. It is important that we support local schools, local businesses, and local programs that help us to recycle the dollar right here in Dolton. Dollars spent here in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on our community as dollars spent in the city and across state lines. When shopping locally, you simultaneously help us to create jobs, fund more city services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvements and promote community development. This is very important for us, especially in this economy. I also want to remind you that we are now offering the Village Parking Ticket Amnesty program for those who qualify. This program allows residents to resolve outstanding parking and red light tickets at a reduced cost. If your ticket record is not squeaky clean, you may receive a letter inviting you to participate in this initiative. The program gives residents 30 days to resolve violations in a more cost effective manner.

Thank you for your support, suggestions, and feedback. Dolton is a great community of great people. You make it a great place to live and an even greater place to serve. I look forward to seeing all of you on the fourth of July at our traditional celebration.

In the meantime, my doors are always open.

Sincerest Regards,


Ronnie C. Lewis

Mayor, Village of Dolton