



### **Message**

#### **From William B. Matakas, Mayor To the Allen Park Community**

It's an excellent time to reflect on the good in The City of Allen Park! Allen Parkers have demonstrated both individually and collectively why we're known as "*The Pearl of Downriver*".

In reflection, we've overcome some serious issues. Last year, Allen Park was determined by the State to be in a financial emergency. Governor Snyder appointed Emergency Manager Joyce A. Parker to develop a Financial and Operating Plan. The Plan was submitted to the State in January, and many measures are being taken to accomplish the objectives that will eliminate the deficit.

As Mayor of this amazing City, it is particularly rewarding to see the community working together for the common good.

Several individuals (*The Allen Parkers*), and their young ones volunteered to clean up and plant flowers around the "Allen Park" signs. This was a positive movement in addition to the United for Allen Park Walk and Rally sponsored by St. Francis Cabrini and the AP Presbyterian Church. These actions show the love and concern our residents have for their city. The actions of all these citizens were acknowledged during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Town Hall held at Allen Park Performing Arts Auditorium.

There are countless others (*not mentioned here*) who help restore Allen Park on a regular basis, and do not receive community recognition. I would like to take this time to sincerely thank each person that takes pride in their neighborhood and this City.

**Yes**, we've come together for Allen Park; and the recent 70/30 vote in favor of the Police and Fire services millage was an outstanding show of support, concern and willingness to overcome adversity.

On behalf of the Elected Officials, City Staff, and State Appointed Emergency Manager - it is our privilege and honor to serve you, and we will strive to meet or exceed your expectations.

Economic instability has affected several cities throughout the United States including Allen Park, and during this time of uncertainty we have proven and confirmed our resilience.

Allen Park has always been a community of hard-working homeowners caring for our neighborhoods, businesses and schools. We will continue to maintain these values and work to improve our residents' "*quality of life*", as well as those who work and visit here.

In closing, I would like to wish each family a healthy holiday season. Let's take this time to reflect on the good and look forward to a productive and prosperous future!

**YOURS TRULY,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William B. Matakas". The ink is a dark purple or blue color.

**WILLIAM B. MATAKAS  
MAYOR**