

To Our Norridge Community,

This has been a year of ups and downs for many of us including the Village of Norridge. As we prepare for the beginning of winter, we also reflect on the end of the year and what 2010 has meant for each of us. With 2011 just around the corner, it is a time of new beginnings and new challenges.

In reflecting on the year, the Village's main focus has been trying to do more with less. In previous messages I have written about the services the Village offers and the fact that we are a sales tax driven community. With the economic downturn, our sales tax has decreased, however we have been very fortunate to continue to provide our excellent services at little or no additional cost to Norridge residents.

Looking back on 2010 many good happenings have occurred in our community. I have challenged my staff to look into new ways of funding. This year I'm happy to report the Village received grants for:

- Street paving
- We have our first hybrid police vehicle
- Our officers were fitted with state of the art bullet proof vests
- The Village has conducted DUI and Seatbelt patrols with funding coming from IDOT
- Safety Grant for equipment
- Hybrid lighting grant-look for new street lights on Montrose Avenue

As you prepare for winter so does the Village. We have posted some winter safety tips on our web site. Please remember to check on your neighbors and also be respectful of our plows and plow drivers. They do an excellent job of keeping our streets clear and clean.

Also, please remember to support our local businesses during this holiday season and throughout the year. From my family to yours, I wish you warm and heartfelt wishes this holiday season.