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Hello Neighbor,

Spring is here....????? Can we actually say that? Let's hope so. As I look out my office window here at City Hall I see the buds on the big tree across the street blooming, daffodils and tulips peaking from the ground. Spring is here!

Spring also means a lot of work begins here in the City of Lyndhurst, I'm sure you have seen the street sweeper machine out on your street, cleaning up the last dirty vestiges of winter's grime, we have had had a tree crew out planting and trimming trees throughout the city, our repair crews out taking care of the cracks in the street. We have made good progress on the new Brainard Park Sprayground to be opening in June, just in time for summer fun. We will be holding a grand opening event and will let you all know the date and time as it draws closer. Make sure you sign up for your 2011 swim pass soon. The Dads' Club, and Soccer clubs, have begun their sign ups, watch the City website for more details.

We here at City Hall have been watching very closely the budget meetings going on in Columbus. Unfortunately many of Governor Kasich's, budget proposals will have a detrimental effect on the City of Lyndhurst's budgets as we move forward. We can only anticipate the loss we will experience from the reduction in the Local Government Fund and the repeal of the Estate Tax, we depend on both of these revenue streams to help us fund City Services. I have come to term it "*The State Imposed Budget Deficit on the City of Lyndhurst.*" As the drama unfolds we are watching very carefully and planning for the future of our community. I can tell you this; Lyndhurst stands as a strong community able to provide you with the many services you have received over the years because of the work of the employees of Lyndhurst working hard and long. The City Council has done a great job in looking to the future to help my administration balance our budget by working smarter and harder with less revenue coming into the city. The City faces the same financial difficulties as many of you, but with hard work, and a nose to the grindstone work ethic, we will meet the challenges and come out ahead.

On that note I will close by inviting you all to my monthly coffees at *Appetite Deli and Bakery* on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Join me for coffee and talk. Have a great summer. See you around the neighborhood.