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**A Message from Mayor Brian K. Reaves**

Dear Lemont Friends:

It is with mixed emotions I share with you that I am ending my 14 years as a Lemont elected official, and that I will not be running for a third term as your Mayor.

A few times in life an opportunity comes along a person cannot refuse, and that has recently happened to me. I have been offered an opportunity to lead an organization at the apex of my professional industry and it is, quite frankly, the opportunity of a lifetime.

I have accepted the position of Executive Vice President of MHI, the nation's largest material handling, logistics and supply chain association. With this new opportunity, my family and I will be relocating to Charlotte, North Carolina in the near future.

Nothing is more important to me than my family, and while I have begun my responsibilities with MHI, I will be finishing my term as Mayor, spending the majority of my time in Lemont through the end of the school year.

There are many things I will miss about Lemont, but I will mostly miss the residents that make up our great community. We have had some engaging times together since I was first elected as Trustee in 2002, and I was never more proud to be a resident than when I was first elected Mayor in 2008. I am especially proud of the fact that Lemont is in a much stronger financial position than when I was elected.

Henry Ford once said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

The entire Lemont Village Board has worked extremely well together and is on a path for continued great success.