

Alton Telegraph  
Attn: Editor  
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Alton, IL 62002

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors and its entire membership, I would like to thank the Village of Godfrey for their efforts to reduce their property tax levy.

We understand property taxes are a primary funding source for the operations of the valuable services local governments provide, but the Village of Godfrey is showing that vital services can still be delivered while holding the line on taxes.

This action sends a strong signal that efforts are being made to reduce the financial burden placed on taxing property and will make potential homeowners feel more confident investing in their community by purchasing a home.

We will be led out of our economic troubles by a strong housing rebound and that rebound will be dependent upon making houses affordable. The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® looks forward to working with the Village of Godfrey and all other local governments in helping improve the local housing market with efforts similar to that of the Village of Godfrey's.

Sincerely,

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