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PARMA HEIGHTS RECEIVES FEMA AWARD FOR HURRICANE CLEAN-UP

Parma Heights - The City of Parma Heights has received a \$67, 227 Public Assistance Grant from FEMA and the State of Ohio EMA as a reimbursement for costs incurred by the community while recovering from Hurricane Sandy, which caused widespread damage in late October, 2012.

“The total claim submitted was \$75,221 and we received the full 87.5 per cent reimbursement,” said Mayor Michael P. Byrne. “Claimed expenses had to be extensively documented in a process that began in December, 2012, and ran through mid-April, 2013.”

Emergency Protective Measures consisting of labor costs, equipment and material for Police, Fire, and Service Department response to the storm accounted for \$7,994 of the total claim submitted, while debris removal accounted for an additional \$67,226.

“The timeframe for Emergency Protective Measures extended from the night of the storm through the next 72 hours. Debris removal expenses incurred were eligible for 30 days following Sandy,” explained Building, Housing and Recycling Coordinator Michelle Teresi, who headed the data and documentation collection effort necessary for the city’s successful claim.

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