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August 5, 2011

RE: Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer Back-ups

Dear Parma Heights Residents,

Over the past few months, the City of Parma Heights has experienced some very intense rainfalls which have caused localized flooding and sewer back-ups.

- There will be a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cassidy Theatre in the Greenbrier Commons concerning the localized flooding and sewer back-ups that occurred. A representative from Cuyahoga County, City Engineer Dan Neff and Acting City Service Director Michelle Teresi, along with Mayor Michael P. Byrne and members of City Council will be on hand to answer questions and bring residents up-to-date.
- Please fill out the attached questionnaire and return it to Parma Heights City Hall for evaluation within 10 calendar days. This information will help us focus on the areas that were effected and provide us with data to assist us in determining what can be done to help reduce problems in the future.

On July 19, Parma Heights was hit with rainfall in excess of 3.5 inches in just about two hours, which is far more than any sewer system is able to handle. Then again, on July 21, and in some areas on July 22, we experienced a rainfall of similar intensity.

- The Engineer for the City of Westlake has put together a presentation with a wealth of information on the flooding that impacted cities in Cuyahoga County. In cooperation with the City of Westlake, this packet is available via link on our website www.parmaheightsoh.gov. To access this packet, look for the blue box on the right hand side of our home page and click the **Drainage and Basement Flooding 2011** link.

Although we cannot control Mother Nature, in an effort to reduce the potential for sewer back-ups, we are asking your assistance in helping us understand the circumstances surrounding any back-up you may have experienced in the past month and in years prior.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Byrne
Mayor



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Council President