



The mural, on the southeast side of the building located at 6708 Pearl Road is the first public mural in the City of Parma Heights! Here's a guide to the images you see:

The vine with the purple flowers is there because a greenbrier plant that looked like this used to cover the ground in the area now known as the City of Parma Heights. There was so much of it that people coming to the area used to "yank it out by the handful". They pulled so much of it out that the vine is gone now but it is remembered here in the mural and around town everywhere you see the greenbrier (sometimes spelled greenbriar) name.

The daffodils represent Mayor Mike Byrne's "Greening of Parma Heights Initiative (program)". The Parma Heights Garden Club has supported the program by planting thousands of daffodils every year to welcome spring to the city!

On the far left, we see the Toll House. This is the home of the Parma Heights Historical Society. Located in the Greenbrier Commons, it is a replica (copy) of The York Street Tollgate for the Brooklyn and Parma Wooden Plank Toll Road Company that used to be located on Pearl Road, then called Wooster Pike. In the old days, people had to pay money, called a toll, to use the street!

The actual Historical Marker pictured above the word "grows" can be found at the intersection of Pearl Road and Old York Road. This historical sign tells us that in 1896, this part of Pearl Road was "The First Brick Rural Road in the United States"!

The waterpark here in the Commons is next on the mural. The children playing in the water physically represent our city tag line, "Community Grows Here".

It is often said that Parma Heights is the city with the "small town feel" and what small town doesn't have a gazebo? Ours is pictured at the far-right side of the mural, located as in real life right beside the official city clock.

And now you know the meaning behind the mural!

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