



## MAYOR MICHAEL P. BYRNE'S CITYVIEW

CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS

Fall, 2019

# COMMUNITY GROWS HERE

As we welcome fall with its bright colors and cooler days, we are also happy to welcome a new business at the corner of Pearl Road and West 130<sup>th</sup> Street; the new Speedway complex complete with gas pumping stations and a full service sit-in deli. Speedway officially opened on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

In order to have enough space to construct one of their new concept locations, Speedway became the first business to purchase lots that were a part of the Cornerstone land assemblage. We also thank Speedway for including our new logo and tagline "Community Grows Here" on the top of their sign, clearly marking the southern entrance to our city.



Speaking of signs, we are anticipating installation of a new electronic message sign in front of City Hall sometime in November. This sign will also include our new branding logo. Our sign is one way we communicate with residents to provide reminders and promote events within our city. In addition to this newsletter and the electronic sign, we regularly update our website [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov) and post on our city Facebook page: City of Parma Heights.

### Pearl Road

In 2020, you can expect to see major changes to our main street. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project will entail the entire length of Pearl Road from Snow Road in Parma, through Parma Heights and Middleburg Heights into Strongsville. Along with resurfacing, exciting elements of our TLCI "Pearl Road Complete and Green Streets" plan will be implemented, not only defining Parma Heights but making it more beautiful.

To quote Nate Kelly of commercial Cresco Real Estate, "This is not about being trendy. Advancing authentic neighborhoods by retaining their affordability and re-imagining their potential to attract investors and new demographics is a difficult thing to do on purpose. Environments that encourage live/work/play communities have more to offer, and it's where the workforce wants to be...in what amounts to a lifestyle choice in pursuit of density, amenities and 'walkability'."

### Thank You Partners

Our community is special because we have people who live and work here who really care about one another. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids in the Commons was a huge success, not only because of the beautiful weather, but also because of our community partners who shared their time and talent at no cost to the city: Cuyahoga County Public Library, University Hospitals Parma Medical Center, Parma Heights Garden Club, Parma Area Family Collaborative, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Metroparks, Parma Heights Food Pantry, Seek Ye First Ministries, Valley Forge High School Music and Athletic Boosters, Cleveland Water Department, Parma Hills Lions Club, MyCom, NOPEC and the Parma Heights Historical Society.



A special thanks to our partners at the Parma Heights Historical Society for the wonderful pumpkin painting event for children at the Gazebo that was held in October. They will again be having an Easter Egg Hunt for children in early spring next year.

This summer we had a new community event the first Saturday of every month: Yoga in the Park. Parma Heights resident Jill Pawloski, a yoga instructor, had an outdoor class in the Greenbrier Commons attended by dozens of residents and we are happy to report that she will again be in the Commons the first Saturday of May-September with this wonderful free class for our residents.

I also want to thank the businesses, schools and churches in our community who have upgraded their properties, taking an important step along the road to beautify Parma Heights and grow our local economy. A list of these establishments can be found on page 5.

On behalf of myself and the City of Parma Heights, I wish you a happy holiday season!

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### NEW BUSINESSES WELCOME HERE!

A friendly reminder to anyone interested in opening a business in Parma Heights: we look forward to welcoming you into our business community but please check with the Building and Service Department before you sign any building leases. The Building and Service Department can be reached at 440.884.9607, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

As in any community, there are licensing and permit procedures and zoning issues involved with being the owner of a business within our city. Please note that in the event of a change of ownership, licenses and permits do not transfer to new owners and new owners must obtain a new Occupancy Permit and a new Commercial License per Parma Heights codified ordinance.

For your convenience, we have a "How to Open a Business" guide on our website [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov). On the Community & Economic Development page, click on Business Resources and the guide will be at the top of the list.

For assistance or more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## SENIOR CENTER

9275 N. Church Drive ♦ 440.888.4416

Our Senior Center, under the direction of Trish James, is thriving! Located in the Educator Apartment building, a congregate meal is served daily at Noon. Meals are also delivered to those who are homebound.

There are a **variety of activities** at the Senior Center including exercise classes (yoga, tai chi, jazzercise and chair volleyball), bingo, movies, crafts, and visits from a local podiatrist, the Cuyahoga County Public Library and University Hospital Parma Medical Center...and more!

**Transportation** is available to our seniors for doctor appointments, grocery shopping, church services, or on certain days any destination you choose in the City of Parma Heights!

Our seniors travel by bus on **numerous trips** every month to local restaurants, museums, festivals, theaters, malls, and even to the polls on election day.

A monthly **newsletter subscription** can be mailed to you for \$8/year. Free copies are available at the Senior Center. It is also published on our website at [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov), or can be emailed to you every month.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking advantage of the services we offer seniors, please just call us or stop into the Senior Center on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TERRY HICKEY

Parma Heights resident Terry Hickey retired from the City of Parma Heights after 51 years of service! He began his illustrious career as a seasonal swimming pool employee and managed both the pool and ice skating rink. He retired as Finance and Personnel Director. Terry received an Ohio Auditor of State award for "exemplary financial reporting" in 2012, 2013 and 2016. We thank Terry for his service to our community and wish him many happy years in retirement!



## GET INVOLVED... MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are fortunate to have community organizations here that make Parma Heights a great place to live. Please consider volunteering your time by contacting them:

Garden Club - Call Kathy 440.829.7153

Maintains Community Garden and plants daffodils

Historical Society - Call Aldo 216.496.7150

Operates Tollhouse and plans community events for children

Greenbrier Art League - Call Susan 440.845.5373

Creates works of art for fun and for sale

Parma Heights Food Pantry - Call Ann 440.842.6491

Helps local families in need of nonperishable food and toiletries

Parma Area Family Collaborative - Call 440.887.4873

Collects and distributes holiday gifts to area families

# RECREATION DEPT.

440.884.9606

[recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov](mailto:recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov)

## FREE OPEN SWIM

In partnership with PCSD and Valley Forge High School, open swim is available to Parma Heights residents on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning November 12, 2019 through April 21, 2020 (except 12/24, 12/31, 3/10 and 3/24). Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult and proof of residency is required.

## CASSIDY THEATRE

Cassidy Theatre presents "Plaid Tidings", a Christmas-themed show, from December 6-22. Cleveland's internationally-renowned Singing Angels will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. on December 10<sup>th</sup> and tickets are only \$10.

The theatre has announced their 2020 season which includes "The Wizard of Oz." Season tickets make a great gift for the holidays! To volunteer or to purchase tickets, contact the box office at 440.842.4600.

## ZUMBA

The next session of Wednesday night Zumba will run from December 4-18 in the community rooms for only \$18. Register online or in-person. Want to just try one class or can't make every Wednesday? A drop-in fee is \$7/class.

## VINYASA FLOW YOGA

Using breath, Vinyasa Flow Yoga strings postures together so that you move seamlessly. The \$40 fee covers sessions from November 7-December 19 (no class 11/28 and 12/12) from 6-7 p.m. on Thursdays in our community rooms. Register online or in person.

## STOCKING STUFFERS

Register in November and December for a 2020 sports program (soccer, softball, baseball, T-ball) and receive a \$5 discount. You can also receive a \$10 discount on a single pool pass or \$25 off a family pool pass. Available online or at City Hall. Call 440.884.9606 for more information.

## NOW HIRING UMPIRES

Training and equipment is provided by the Parma Heights Department of Recreation. If interested, please contact us via email at [recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov](mailto:recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov) or by phone 440.884.9606.

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Register for recreation programs and classes through our website [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov) and click on the Recreation Department tab. Credit cards are accepted online and in-person at City Hall.

# COMMUNITY ROOMS FOR RENT

Perfect for holiday parties, birthday parties, baby or wedding showers! We have two rooms in the lower level of the Cassidy Theatre - one with a capacity of 50 and the other a capacity of 100 - or you can combine and rent them together. There is a kitchen with a full size refrigerator/freezer, stove/oven, microwave, sink and dishwasher. To check availability, to schedule a visit, or for more details, please call Lisa at 440.884.9606.

# ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

Please join us on Sunday, November 24 at 5 p.m. for our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony at the Gazebo in the Greenbrier Commons. Hot chocolate will be provided by Cleveland Vineyard Church and carols led by the Parma Park Elementary School choir. The cast of "Plaid Tidings" will be there to showcase a few songs from their upcoming show and there will also be a visit from the big guy himself!



# PARMA CITY SCHOOLS STRATEGIC CONSOLIDATION

Are you interested in learning more about the Parma City School District plans for our neighborhood schools? If you have not already, please attend an upcoming public meeting to discuss Master Planning:

Monday, November 18....6:30-8 p.m.  
*Valley Forge High School Media Center*

Saturday, November 23....10-11:30 a.m.  
*Parma Branch Library (Powers Blvd)*

Monday, November 25....6:30-8 p.m.  
*Normandy High School*

Monday, December 2....6:30-8 p.m.  
*Parma Senior High School*

# SERVICE & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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## YARD WASTE

Yard Waste is collected on Wednesdays through November 27. Yard waste, including grass clippings and leaves, can be placed in brown paper yard bags or loose in a 32-gallon can clearly marked “yard waste.” Small branches must be cut in lengths not exceeding 30 inches, tied with rope or twine in bundles not exceeding 40 lbs., and placed next to yard waste bags or cans.

## BULK ITEM COLLECTION

Bulk item collection takes place the third **full** week of each month. Upcoming dates are: November 20 and December 18. A calendar is posted on our Service Department webpage.

## SIMPLE RECYCLING

The city partners with Simple Recycling, a free curbside service that allows residents to recycle clothing and other textiles, especially those you would not consider donating anywhere else. Simple Recycling also accepts small appliances, furniture, jewelry, toys, and other housewares. Simple Recycling bags are available by calling 1.866.835.5068 or may be picked up at City Hall. Just put the bags out at your curb on Wednesdays.

## LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection has begun. Please rake or pile leaves to your tree lawn as soon as possible. The Service Department will continue to move around the city collecting leaves until inclement weather prohibits collection. The tentative final date for collection is Friday, December 6.

## TREE MEMORIALS

It is often difficult to find the perfect gift for a family or loved one who has lost someone. This year consider a tree memorial designated by a plaque with the loved one's name. For more details, please call Michelle at 440.884.9607.

## REGISTERED CONTRACTORS

If you are a contractor looking to work in the City of Parma Heights, please contact our office to register or visit the Building Department page on our website: [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov)

If you are a resident looking for a list of registered contractors for home repairs, yard work or snowplowing, please just give us a call and we will gladly provide the list to you.

## SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

As you clean out your garage, basement or around your house, hold onto recyclable items and bring them to drop off events at the Service Garage in the Greenbrier Commons between 9 a.m. - Noon on the following dates:

**Community Shred**  
Saturday, November 9

**Campaign Sign Recycling**  
Saturday, November 9

**Holiday Light Collection**  
Saturday, January 11, 2020

Additional 2020 dates will be posted soon!

## THIS WINTER... USE THE RIGHT S.A.L.T.

It's never too early to plan ahead to do the right thing for our environment and our storm sewers.

### STUFF

Road salt (sodium chloride) only works above 15° F. For colder temperatures, use a small amount of sand for added traction

### AMOUNT

Spreading more salt does not improve deicing. One 12 ounce coffee cup full of salt is enough to cover about 10 sidewalk squares.

### LOCATION

Salt only belongs on your sidewalk and driveway and never on your lawn, flower beds, the base of a tree and definitely not in a stream! One teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes 5 gallons of water.

### TIME

Salt works best when it is applied before the snow falls or right after snow is removed from your driveway or sidewalk. Never apply salt when rain is in the forecast, as it will wash away into the storm drain and wash out to our waterways.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergency 440.884.1234

## Congratulations Sergeant Jackson

Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Scott Jackson, promoted to this position on September 9, 2019. Sgt. Jackson began his career with PHPD in 1999 and has served in many capacities including being trained as a member of the SWAT team and Commander of the West Region for SEB (Southwest Enforcement Bureau). With over 20 years of service and leadership, he is an incredible asset to our department.



## Meet Our Newest Patrolman



Welcome to our newest patrolman Donovan Flynn. Sworn in as a member of the PHPD on July 2, he will complete his field training in November and will then start an 18 month probationary period. Welcome aboard and best wishes Officer Flynn!

## Citizens Police Academy

Would you like to learn more about how law enforcement works here in our community? Here's your opportunity! The PHPD, in conjunction with Tri-C, is providing a Citizens Police Academy. This 11 week program from January 15-April 20, 2020 will have a weekly 3 hour class from 6-9 p.m. to be held at the Tri-C Public Safety Training Center right here in Parma Heights. The instructors consist of a Parma Heights police officer and a Tri-C instructor who each week will discuss a different criminal justice topic. For more information or to get an application, please contact PHPD Captain Brown at 440.481.3100.

## CCPL PARMA HEIGHTS

Have you been to our Parma Heights Library recently? Not only do they have books and movies to borrow but there is free wifi, computers to use, and quiet study rooms.

Every month they have a variety of programs for children, teens and adults. Check the schedule by stopping in for a program book or online at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org).

The staff is friendly and very helpful. Stop in sometime to visit! They are open M-TH from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m., on FRI-SAT from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and on SUN from 1-5 p.m.

Feel free to call them with any questions at 440.884.2313.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

440.885.1717

## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

2019 has been an exciting and eventful year for the Parma Heights Fire Department.

- ◆ Three new firefighter/paramedics were hired in May
- ◆ Awarded \$5.38 million from the Department of Homeland Security to hire three additional firefighter/paramedics
- ◆ Awarded EMS grant of \$2,690 from the State of Ohio to purchase EMS equipment
- ◆ Purchased six new personal sized thermal imaging cameras as well as protective coats, pants, boots and helmets
- ◆ Purchased an emergency generator for the police and fire departments and a used 2009 EMS ambulance
- ◆ Personnel received an Excellence in EMS Award from Metro-Health Hospital
- ◆ Personnel received a Mission Lifeline Recognition Award from University Hospital for providing outstanding pre-hospital cardiac care and were recognized at the October 28<sup>th</sup> city council meeting



Thank you to the following who have invested in improving their property, making Parma Heights an even better place to live, work, and shop:

All Lite Electric - 6797 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street  
Best Furniture - 6485 Pearl Road  
Big Lots Shopping Center - 6282 Pearl Road  
Dollar Deals Plus Shopping Center - 6444 Pearl Road  
Dr. Shubyn Shopping Strip - 6573-79 Pearl Road  
Greenbriar Shopping Center - 6249-77 Pearl Road  
Greenbrier Square Mall - 6285-87 Pearl Road  
Holy Name High School - 6000 Queens Highway  
Key Bank - 6284 Pearl Road  
Speedway Gas Station - 6731 Pearl Road  
St. John Bosco - 6480 Pearl Road  
Swift Print - 6571 Pearl Road  
Queen City Café - 6454 Pearl Road  
Yorktown Lanes - 6281 Pearl Road

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**PLEASE HELP US WELCOME THE  
FOLLOWING BUSINESSES WHICH HAVE  
OPENED OR WILL SOON BE OPENING  
IN PARMA HEIGHTS:**

- Tattoo Therapy Ink - 6259 Pearl Road
- Sky Lounge - 6395 Pearl Road
- Buy Cell Cleveland - 6573 Pearl Road
- All Tune Lube & Total Car Care - 6708 Pearl Road
- Friends for Life - 6444 Pearl Road
- K&J Wireless - 6645 Pearl Road
- Thee Tree House - 6269 Pearl Road
- Extreme Auto Detailing - 6676 Pearl Road
- Professional Placement Services - 6406 Stumph Road
- Speedway - 6731 Pearl Road



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