



# RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

The greatness of a community lies in its people. We, here in the City of Parma Heights, experienced just how true that statement is following the November, 2014, arson fire at City Hall. Despite the challenging circumstances with our departments dispersed to locations throughout the city, all services and events have continued without interruption.



MAYOR • CITY COUNCIL • DEPARTMENTS OF LAW, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION & PUBLIC SAFETY

Heritage Building  
6500 Pearl Road, Suite 104B  
440.884.9600

TAX & FINANCE DEPARTMENTS

Greenbrier Shopping Plaza  
(next to City Hall)  
6277 A Pearl Road  
440.884.9600

On behalf of all of us at City Hall, I thank you for your patience and understanding, and for the many supportive phone calls and emails we received throughout this challenging time. Please be assured that we are working hard to keep any inconvenience to you to a minimum.



If you receive a summons from the Tax Department, please report to the Tax Department at 6277A Pearl Road before the date specified.

## FIRE UPDATE

Although fire damage was confined to my office, the building suffered extensive smoke damage and, as a result, City Hall offices have been temporarily relocated. We have been told the clean-up and reconstruction of the building's interior will take at least six months. As of this writing, necessary demolition is nearly completed and reconstruction will begin soon. We hope to be back in City Hall by the end of summer.



The deadline for filing city income tax returns is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Residents choosing to file in person are urged to stop by the Income Tax office in advance of the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to avoid long lines and reduce waiting times.

The arsonist pled guilty to a F-2 Aggravated Arson and F-3 Possession of Criminal Tools charge. He was sentenced to four years in prison by Cuyahoga Common Pleas Judge Brian Corrigan on March 18, 2015.

## WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

Many of our city departments have been temporarily relocated. All city departments can be reached at 440.884.9600. Please see the back page for all phone numbers, extensions and email addresses. You can also connect with us on social media.



## MAYOR'S COURT

Greenbrier Shopping Center  
(next to City Hall)  
6277 A Pearl Road  
440.884.9600

The Clerk of Courts is available if you need to pay a ticket, waiver fines, handle a license forfeiture, secure the release of a vehicle, get information about a warrant block or have any other court questions. If you received a summons from the Mayor's Court for an offence that is NOT tax-related, please report to the Cassidy Theatre in the Greenbrier Commons on the date specified.

The Building and Service Departments were not affected by the fire and are located as before in the lower level of the Cassidy Theatre. They can be reached by calling 440.884.9607 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Senior Center, located in the Educator Apartment building, was also unaffected and can be reached at 440.888.4416.

## THREE GRANTS AWARDED

With the New Year came the awarding of three competitive grants: a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a Community Planning Grant and a Recycling Grant.

The \$150,000 CDBG grant will allow us to complete the reconstruction of Ackley, Dellrose east to Denison, with all phases paid for with CDBG funding and a small local match. The bidding and construction process will take place in the late spring through summer of this year.

The Planning Grant will allow the city to update our ten-year-old Master Plan, a document crucial to the redevelopment of our community. Master Plan activities will be coordinated with those for our TICI grant to ensure that the TICI study recommendations will be incorporated into the city's updated Master Plan.

Finally, for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the city received a Recycling Awareness Grant through the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District. The grant finances the informative Special Waste Collection Event postcard that has been mailed to your home, the purchase of a recycling station for City Hall, and the cost of two Community Shred Events.

## TLCI INPUT NEEDED

TLCI activities are ongoing and we need your input! Many of you have taken the Resident Survey included in my 2014 Spring *Cityview* issue or available online. If you have not yet had an opportunity to share your thoughts, I urge you to log on to [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov) and follow the link to the survey. If you would like to have a survey mailed to your home, call 440.884.9600 x5610 and one will be sent to you.

The third and final Public Meeting for the grant will be held on April 22, 2015, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Cassidy Theatre in the Greenbrier Commons. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we continue to work on our plan for Pearl Road.

## ATTENTION BUSINESSES

Mark your calendars to attend a Business Forum on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Cassidy Theatre. A formal invitation is forthcoming.

To facilitate enhanced communication with our business community, we are asking businesses to submit your email address to Joe Sebes, Community & Economic Development Director: [ced@parmaheightsoh.gov](mailto:ced@parmaheightsoh.gov).

## WARM WEATHER AHEAD

March has finally arrived and we can begin to look forward to the return of warm weather. Now that you have received your Parma Heights Recreation Brochure in the mail, I'm sure you will agree that the many Spring and Summer activities being planned by our Recreation Department ensure that you will be able to find something for every member of your family to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you out and about in our beautiful parks!

# SIMPLE RECYCLING

We are pleased to announce another curbside recycling opportunity for Parma Heights residents – Simple Recycling. This program, free of charge to residents and to the city, is another way to reduce the amount of waste going into garbage cans and landfills.

Simple Recycling offers the ability to recycle unwanted household textile items that are too heavily worn to donate to charitable organizations like the Salvation Army, Special Olympics, veterans organizations, etc. Items that can be recycled through the program include: clothing, bedding, curtains, pillows, linens, stuffed animals, toys, towels and more!

## How It Works

In April, Simple Recycling will be sending you a letter of explanation and promotional materials. The program will officially begin sometime in May and bags will be provided to you. Bags filled with acceptable textile donations will be picked up from your curb on Wednesdays. As bags are collected, Simple Recycling will provide new bags for future donations.

## Why Should I Participate?

When household textiles have reached the end of their useful life, they are sorted for international export or broken down for raw materials. Many textiles are turned into wiping cloths used in industry or processed back into fibers and turned into paper, yarn, insulation, carpet padding and other items. The result is less volume going into the landfill!

Although Simple Recycling is not a mandatory program, we hope you will participate.

**We urge you to continue donating gently-used items to your usual charitable organizations.**

**NOTE: Please continue to use the green recycling bin for paper, cardboard, glass and plastic items. As warm weather approaches, please be considerate to your neighbors and store your waste collection bins out of sight from the street.**

**Keep Recycling - it makes a difference!**

# ReadyNotify

ReadyNotify is a FREE program offered through Cuyahoga County that will be replacing our CodeRED notification system. To receive important messages via home phone, cell phone, email, text or fax, register online at: [ReadyNotify.CuyahogaCounty.us](http://ReadyNotify.CuyahogaCounty.us).

An email address is required to register. To learn how to get a free email address, visit the Parma Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library in the Greenbrier Commons any time or receive individualized training for this purpose in the library's main meeting room on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at any time between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Call the library for information at 440.884.2313.

# RECREATION DEPT.

440.884.9600 x5670  
recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov

## POOL PASSES

Season passes can be purchased on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at St. John Bosco Church; 6480 Pearl Road.

Residents must bring a current utility bill and valid drivers license to receive the resident rate of \$45 for a student/senior, \$55 for an adult and \$190 for a family. Passes purchased at the pool beginning June 6, 2015, will be \$5 more.

The pool opens for the season on June 6, 2015.

## SWIM LESSONS

Sign-up on May 2<sup>nd</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup> with the purchase of a pool pass. There are two sessions: M-TH from 6/8-6/25 and 7/6-7/23 for \$10/session.

## SWIM TEAM

Open to swimmers ages 6-18 to learn freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and flip turns as part of a league that swims competitively. Purchase of a season pass is required and the team fee is \$30.

## INDOOR SWIMMING

Residents can swim FREE at Valley Forge High School on Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. until April 28<sup>th</sup>. Proof of residency is required. Children under 12 require adult supervision.

## TENNIS LESSONS

Register at St. John Bosco Church, 6480 Pearl Road on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The city will provide tennis balls. Students must provide their own racquets.

## CASSIDY THEATRE

"Southern Hospitality" will be on stage from April 10<sup>th</sup> - April 26<sup>th</sup>. For ticket information or to volunteer, please call 440.842.4600 or visit their website at [www.cassidytheatre.com](http://www.cassidytheatre.com).

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the City and the Parma-South Presbyterian Church will conduct the 148<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Day Service, followed by the Memorial Day Parade to the Parma Heights Cemetery for a graveside service.

## FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. downstairs at the Cassidy Theatre. The fee is \$40 for youth who will be ages 5-9 by September 1, 2015.

*A special "thank you" to our friends at N.E.O. Soccer, Yorktown Lanes, St. John Bosco Church and the Celebration Center for helping us with space for recreation registrations or meetings while City Hall is undergoing renovations.*

Parma Heights is a member of the Heritage Home Program which offers services FREE to residents with homes 50 years old or older.

Through this program you have access to free technical assistance from qualified Heritage Home Program staff about a home maintenance or improvement project.

They also help find contractors and review contractor estimates. Additionally, their staff provides color consultation for exterior painting.

Through the Heritage Home Program, you have access to financing as low as 1.85% for your interior or exterior project.

To schedule an on-site consultation with a staff member, call 216.426.3116 or visit [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org).

## SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

As you clean out your garage, basement or around your house, hold onto these special items and bring them to drop off events at the Service Garage in the Greenbrier Commons between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the following dates:

### Household Hazardous Waste

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

### Recycle Your Computer

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

### Community Shred

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

## PARMA HEIGHTS GARDEN CLUB 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

At the Gazebo in the Greenbrier Commons

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Parma Heights Police Department was once again awarded AAA's highest honor - the Platinum Award - for efforts and enforcement activities to make our community safer. Pictured below right is Sgt. Mike Luzniak receiving the award on our behalf.





City of  
Parma Heights, Ohio



City of Parma Heights  
6281 Pearl Road  
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

PRSR STD  
US Postage  
PAID  
Cleveland, OH  
Permit No. 647

Please deliver by  
April 1, 2015

**\*\*ECRWSS\*\***

# POSTAL CUSTOMER PARMA HEIGHTS, OH 44130

CITY OF  
PARMA HEIGHTS



@PARMA HTS



PARMA HTS



CITY OF  
PARMA HEIGHTS

## HOW TO REACH US

[www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov)

City Council.....	440-884-9600 x5500 .....	council@parmaheightsoh.gov
Community & Economic Development.....	440-884-9600 x5610 .....	ced@parmaheightsoh.gov
Finance Department.....	440-884-9600 x5620 .....	hickey@parmaheightsoh.gov
Fire Department.....	440-884-9600 x8300 .....	phtsfd@aol.com
Law Department .....	440-884-9600 x5630 .....	law@parmaheightsoh.gov
Mayor's Court.....	440-884-9600 x5640 .....	mayorscourt@parmaheightsoh.gov
Mayor's Office.....	440-884-9600 x5600 .....	mayoroffice@parmaheightsoh.gov
Personnel.....	440-884-9600 x5650 .....	personnel@parmaheightsoh.gov
Police Department.....	440-884-1234 .....	parmaheightspolice@gmail.com <i>(general infomation)</i>
Prosecutor.....	440-884-9600 x5660 .....	prosecutor@parmaheightsoh.gov
Recreation Department.....	440-884-9600 x5670 .....	recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov
Safety Department.....	440-884-9600 x5680 .....	safety@parmaheightsoh.gov
Senior Center.....	440-888-4416 .....	seniorcenter@parmaheightsoh.gov
Service Department.....	440-884-9607 .....	service@parmaheightsoh.gov
Tax Department.....	440-884-9600 x5690 .....	tax@parmaheightsoh.gov