CIVIC PRIDE IN PARMA HEIGHTS

You’ve no doubt noticed the many bright daffodils all along Pearl Road - a sign that spring is here and evidence of the continuing effort of the Parma Heights Garden Club called “The Daffodil Project.”

The Garden Club partners with Parma Heights Garden Club members have planted 3,000 daffodil bulbs in strategic locations all along Pearl Road and in many of our city parks. I want to thank the Garden Club and business owners for supporting this important community beautification project.

Also, many thanks to the Parma Heights Historical Society for sponsoring the April 8 Easter Egg Hunt in the Greenbrier Commons. What a wonderful event for the children of our community!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE & PARADE

The 150th annual Memorial Day Service will be hosted on the front lawn of the Parma-South Presbyterian Church (6155 Pearl Road) on Monday, May 29 at 9:30 a.m., immediately followed by a parade that begins in front of the church and continues north on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery where a veteran's memorial service will be conducted. See page 5 for additional information.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATIONS

Thanks to the receipt of a $50,000 grant from the State of Ohio, the rooms on the lower level of the Cassidy Theatre have undergone a major renovation. We have been able to upgrade the lighting, electrical system, floors, and ceilings of these spaces with the intent of using them as a Community and Event Center.

There are now two rooms available for rent to Parma Heights residents. The smaller room accommodates 50 guests and the larger space, 100. The rooms can be combined for functions with up to 150 guests. This is a terrific place for weddings, showers, and other special events. If you would like to rent the available spaces, contact Maggie at 440.884.9606 or via email at recreation@parma-heights.org. The city has also been awarded $50,000 from the new 2017 Community County Department of Development Supplemental Grant Program for the renovation of the outside of the Cassidy Theatre building. Work will begin soon to stabilize the wood siding that has been damaged over the years by insects and the elements, before installation of commercial-grade vinyl siding will begin.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Encouraging reinvestment in our community is key to growth and we have two powerful tools available to assist you: the Heritage Home program for homes 50 years and older, and a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA).

The City of Parma Heights is a member of the Heritage Home Program offered by the Cleveland Restoration Society. Over 5,500 eligible homes recently received an informational mailing on how to access free home repair and technical assistance. CRS Preservation Specialists are just a phone call away with answers to renovation or restoration questions. Further, the Heritage Home program offers low-rate fixed financing options from local lenders to help get projects financed from conception to completion. For more information, please call them at 216.426.1000.

Under the citywide CRA program, Parma Heights does not see one dollar less than it does now in real property tax revenue, yet residents and commercial property owners can benefit from an incentive to enhance their property. For details, please call our Building & Housing Coordinator Michelle Teresi at 440.884.9607 or visit our website Economic Development Department tab and click on “Community Resources.”

REALTORS’ OPEN HOUSE

Spring is the time for “Open House” signs on lawns throughout Northeast Ohio. If you are interested in selling your home, or have family/friends interested in buying a home in Parma Heights, you’ll be pleased to know that we recently hosted the Akron Cleveland Area Realtors (ACAR) at the Cassidy Theatre to hear about our community and all that we have to offer. Over 40 realtors gathered to earn a Continuing Education credit as they heard presentations about the wide variety of home styles, parks, activities, services, quality education, and cultural opportunities available to Parma Heights residents.
VOTE BY MAIL
www.443VOTE.com • 216-443-VOTE (8683)

There is a special primary election on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. The only issue on our ballot will be the Parma City School District levy.

All registered voters may enjoy the convenience of voting by mail. Vote by Mail applications are available at the Board of Elections website: www.443VOTE.com or by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote by Mail ballot applications are also available at all public libraries.

LIBRARY

Our branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library has undergone an $800,000 renovation and facility upgrade. In addition to its comprehensive collection of materials in various forms, the library now has 30 public Internet stations, three (3) study rooms and three (3) meeting rooms. This year, the library has started a Kindergarten Club with readiness programs for preschoolers.

REPRESENTING PARMA HEIGHTS

As Mayor, it is an honor to represent the City of Parma Heights on both the First Suburbs Consortium Executive Committee and since 2013, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. First Suburbs was created in 1996 by elected officials from mature, developed communities surrounding Cleveland. This consortium is the first government-led advocacy organization in the country working to revitalize inner-ring suburbs and to raise public and political awareness of our unique concerns and issues. We are also members of the First Suburbs Development Council which provides free economic development training. The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission’s mission is to inform and provide services in support of the short and long-term comprehensive planning, quality of life, environment, and economic development of Cuyahoga County and its cities, villages and townships.

RESIDENTS WHO CARE

I would like to acknowledge the contributions of Parma Heights resident Gina White, a single working mother of three young boys, who created the Facebook group “Parents for Parma Education” to unite the community in support of public education and provide a forum for communication.

Additionally, I had the pleasure of meeting Sue Randall Alexander of Rochelle Blvd. who shared the story of her next-door neighbors, Tim & Maureen Heller (and their children), who have showered her with exceptional kindness. This past Christmas season, the Heller’s not only decorated Sue’s home with holiday lights, but also put them on a timer so she wouldn’t have to turn them on and off.

These stories are just a small example of what makes Parma Heights a great city…neighborhoods filled with people who really care about one another.

Happy Spring! I look forward to seeing you around town!

The Cuyahoga County Public Library
Parma Heights Branch
440.884.2313 • Nick Cronin, Branch Manager
Something for Everyone!

Everyone knows you can borrow books but did you know that with your library card you can also borrow audiobooks, music, movies, magazines & newspapers, digital materials, toys, story kits, puppets and puppet shows, story sets, and a variety of accessories to augment youth programs?

You can also download the free CCPL App (available from the App Store or Google Play), giving you access to the Cuyahoga County Public Library 24/7/365.

The library also has an array of databases, perfect for research and homework. Accessible online, visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org and click on the “Research” tab. The Parma Heights branch also offers three (3) study rooms.

Any group or organization can access the meeting rooms which are equipped with state-of-the-art plug and play audio visual equipment so you can plug in your laptop to display on drop down screens. There is also an audiovisual cart and projector. Call or stop by to schedule your next meeting there.

WiFi is available throughout the CCPL system, and at our branch, there are 30 public Internet stations available for use (24 for adults and 6 for children/teens) with printing capability. The branch also has two (2) fax machines, (a free service) and a copier, which costs a dime per page.

The branch is an official Passport Acceptance Facility for the U.S. Department of State. Passport processing and photo services are offered every day of the week from opening until one hour prior to close. No appointment is necessary.

At the branch you will also find tax forms, a public bulletin board available for postings from local non-profit organizations and schools, additional study tables, and comfortable seating throughout. The Friends of the Library conducts an ongoing book sale where you can purchase all types of materials at a great price. Be sure to stop and browse next time you’re in!
RECREATION DEPT.
440.884.9606
recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov

CASSIDY THEATRE
“Titanic, The Musical” will be performed at the Cassidy Theatre through April 23. “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” will be performed June 9 through June 25. Get your tickets or volunteer by calling 440.842.4600.

RENOVATED COMMUNITY ROOMS
Community rooms with kitchen facilities are available for rent to Parma Heights residents. One room holds 50 people, another holds 100 people and both rooms can be combined to accommodate 150 guests. For rental rates or more information, please call Maggie at 440.884.9606.

FREE OPEN SWIM
Free open swim for Parma Heights residents continues on Tuesdays through April 25 from 7-9 p.m. (excluding 4/18) at Valley Forge High School. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

ONLINE REGISTRATION
You can now register online for all of our recreation programs. Please follow the link on our city website or visit www.register.parmaheightsoh.gov. New this year is Girls Sand Volleyball for ages 10-15.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
In person registrations are accepted at City Hall, 6281 Pearl Road, on weekdays until 4 p.m.

POOL PASS/SWIM LESSONS/SWIM TEAM/TENNIS LESSONS
Register online beginning Friday, May 5 or in person at City Hall from 10 a.m. - Noon on Saturday, May 6 or May 13 to get earlybird rates. For all rates and discounts, please check the 2017 Recreation Brochure mailed to your home, visit our website at www.parmaheightsoh.gov or contact us directly at 440.884.9606. The pool and waterpark complex open Saturday, June 9 at Noon.

MOVIE IN THE COMMONS
“↑ Secret Life of Pets” will be shown on Saturday, June 17 at 9 p.m. in the Greenbrier Commons behind the tennis courts. Another family-friendly movie will be shown on Saturday, July 15. Bring chairs and blankets. N.E.O. Soccer is the indoor rain location.

FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION
Available online in June. In person registrations accepted at City Hall on Wednesday, June 14 or June 21, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
440.340.4810
ced@parmaheightsoh.gov

HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY
ABC Rental - 6514 Pearl Road - June 1

CONGRATULATIONS
THE WHIP - 6406 Pearl Road, a staple in our community since 1940, was listed on cleveland.com’s “35 of Cleveland’s Best Small Restaurants and Bars: 2017 Guide.”

CLUBHOUSE - 6365 Pearl Road also named to a cleveland.com list of “Fish fry in a bar: 30 of Cleveland’s best places.”

FRATELLO’S PIZZA - 7021 West 130th Street, was awarded a 2017 Pride Award from the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. The owners, Mimosa Hadjari and her husband Eric Qoku, received the honor at the annual gala where Mayor Byrne presented them with a proclamation recognizing their achievement. The PACC Pride Award was instituted in 1980 to honor those who have made a lasting impression and contribution to the Parma area.

MYCOM.NET
My Commitment, My Community
MyCom helps Greater Cleveland’s youth find their voice and learn to speak with passion and conviction about issues facing their future in the community. MyCom is a broad-based initiative of people who believe youth development is a direct path to healthy, safe communities for everyone. The Parma City School District urges you to visit Mycom.net to find out how you can get more involved.

4th ANNUAL WARD 3 YARD SALE
Saturday, July 15 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
RAIN OR SHINE
Interested in participating?
CALL JOANN KOCH at 440.842.3177
Leave your name, address and phone number no later than June 24.
Councilwoman Koch will provide advertising and street signs at no cost to you or the city. Signs can be picked up in the City Hall parking lot on Saturday, July 8 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Congratulations to recently promoted Captain Steve Scharschmidt and Sergeant Dan Kravanis.

The Fire Department was able to take advantage of a unique training opportunity to conduct hands-on safety training in the home located at 6728 Beresford Avenue, which was razed after suffering extensive damage in a January, 2017 fire. The training drills consisted of search and rescue, working off ladders, cutting holes in the roof, breaking out windows, hoseline advancement, and flowing water inside the home. Many thanks to the Beresford neighbors for their understanding and support.

Please join us in welcoming our newest Patrolmen Andrew Fischer and Eric Taylor who graduated from the Police Academy on January 6, 2017. Officers Taylor and Fischer are currently in the third month of a four month field training program working with a veteran officer to prepare them for solo status. Welcome Aboard!

Ohio Flags of Honor Returns

The Ohio Flags of Honor (OFOH) will be returning to Parma Heights this summer for the fifth consecutive year. The OFOH was founded to honor the men and women of Ohio who paid the ultimate price protecting our freedom in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Created by Gino Zimmer, father of Fallen Hero Army Specialist Nicholas Zimmer killed in Iraq on May 30, 2004, this traveling display has over 550 United States flags, of which over 250 represent the brave Ohioans who lost their lives.

What makes this memorial so powerful and meaningful is the fact that the families of Ohio's Fallen Heroes are invited to attend the opening ceremony. Over the years they have shared how much it means to them that our community remembers the sacrifices of their loved ones and we, in turn, are able to extend our gratitude to the families who themselves have sacrificed so much.

The Flags of Honor will be on display in the Greenbrier Commons at 6200 Pearl Road and open to the public from Friday evening, August 11 after the 7 p.m. Opening Ceremony until the Sunday Closing Ceremony at Noon on August 13. Please join us in honoring these Ohioans and to give thanks to their families.

Join Us for a Very Special Memorial Day Celebration in the City of Parma Heights

Mark your calendars now for Monday, May 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the annual joint celebration at Parma-South Presbyterian Church in Parma Heights. We want you all to be a part of it. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. This 150th anniversary is thought to be the longest continuing Memorial Day observance in the State of Ohio.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 29, 2017 on the front lawn of the Parma-South Presbyterian Church, 6155 Pearl Road, where we will mark this milestone occasion with a service of remembrance. In honor of the 150th anniversary, we are working on plans for a very special guest speaker, to be announced as the event gets closer. Watch our website and Facebook page for details.

After the ceremony concludes, we’ll parade north on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery, where there will be the playing of “Taps,” a traditional wreath laying, and another brief community service honoring those Parma Heights residents who sacrificed their lives for our country.

We are asking as many of you as possible to attend this solemn service, and to have a huge turnout of residents lining both sides of Pearl Road on this all-important 150th Memorial Day anniversary. We’re also asking residents to wear red, white, and blue to visually demonstrate our civic pride.

Join your neighbors and your friends to show your pride for our city, country and most especially, for those who have died in military service.

Fire Department

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
The program will continue this spring with the goal of preserving the quality of properties through ongoing and proper maintenance. The following are typical property maintenance violations: overgrown lawns and shrubbery; noxious weeds; detached, sagging or malfunctioning gutters and downspouts; chipping and peeling paint on homes and garages; uneven sidewalks and driveways; and house numbers missing or not clearly visible from the street.

YARD WASTE
Yard Waste is collected on Wednesdays from April 19 - November 29. 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: April 19, May 17, and June 21. A calendar is posted on our website on the Service Department page.

SIMPLE RECYCLING
The city partners with Simple Recycling to add textiles and household goods to the list of curbside recycling materials. The free service allows residents to recycle clothing, bedding, socks, draperies, stuffed animals, unwanted rags, and other textiles. In addition, Simple Recycling picks up and reprocesses small appliances, furniture, jewelry, toys, and other housewares. For a complete list of items accepted, please visit our website or www.simplerecycling.com. Simple Recycling bags are available by calling 1.866.835.5068 or may be picked up at City Hall.

TREE MEMORIAL PROGRAM
The Parma Heights Tree Memorial Program is a wonderful way to remember and honor the memory of a loved one while beautifying our community. Memorial trees are planted on city-owned property throughout the city.

Each memorial tree, planted by our Service Department, is identified with a personal plaque at its base. If interested, please contact Michelle at 440.884.9607 for additional information.

HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM
As Mayor Byrne mentioned, any home 50 years or older is eligible for free technical assistance from qualified Heritage Home Program staff regarding home maintenance or improvement projects. They also help find contractors and review contractor estimates. Additionally, their staff provides exterior painting consultation and access to low-interest loans. To schedule a private consultation, please call 216.426.3116 or visit www.heritagehome.com.

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, May 13
Saturday, July 22

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**
Saturday, May 13
Saturday, July 8

DUMPING DOWN A STORM DRAIN OR IN A CREEK IS NOT JUST A BAD IDEA...IT’S ILLEGAL.
Many common household and automotive wastes are highly toxic in the aquatic ecosystem, killing fish and amphibians while drastically altering water chemistry.

An April, 2012, fish kill that affected three miles of the East Branch of the Rocky River was caused by the illegal dumping of a metal plating chemical down a storm drain that flows to the river.

Substances commonly dumped illegally include paint, automotive fluids, concrete washout, lawn chemicals, and cooking oil.

Just one quart of motor oil will pollute 2 million gallons of freshwater.

Please take advantage of the Special Waste Collection events we host throughout the year and never, ever dump in neighborhood creeks or storm drains.

Report illegal dumping by calling City Hall at 440.884.9600.
City of Parma Heights
6281 Pearl Road
Parma Heights, Ohio  44130

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POSTAL CUSTOMER
PARMA HEIGHTS, OH  44130

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

Double Tap Shooting Supplies - 6295 Pearl Road
Partners for Wellness, LLC - 6500 Pearl Road, Suite 299
The Center for Conscious Community - 6500 Pearl Road, Suite 299
Ohio National Express Transportation - 6929 W. 130th Street, Suite 509
India Grill - 6339 Olde York Road
Woodside Health, LLC - 6929 W. 130th Street, Suite 604
Noggin LLC - 6325 York Road, Suite 208
Tranquility & Wellness - 6500 Pearl Road, Suite 105

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