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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **PARMA HEIGHTS HOSTS LANDLORD/TENANT FAIR HOUSING SEMINAR**

*Parma Heights* – The city will host a Fair Housing & Landlord/Tenant Rights class on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Training Classroom in the Greenbrier Commons, 6200 Pearl Road, Parma Heights. Seating is limited. The class is free to the public.

“Parma Heights has a long, proud history of supporting fair housing,” said Mayor Michael P. Byrne, “and seminars such as this one help to ensure that will always be the case in our town.”

Darlene English, Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Housing Research & Advocacy Center, and representatives from the Cleveland Tenants Organization will present information regarding the responsibilities of landlords and tenants and how federal law prohibits rental discrimination with regard to religion, race, ethnic background or disability.

The mission of Cleveland Tenants Organization is to preserve and expand the supply of safe, decent, fair, affordable and accessible rental housing in Greater Cleveland. The Housing Research & Advocacy Center is a non-profit fair housing agency that promotes fair housing and diverse communities, and works to eliminate housing discrimination in Northeast Ohio by providing effective research, education and advocacy.

### **PARMA HEIGHTS SUPPORTS FAIR HOUSING**

***The City of Parma Heights is a community historically open and accessible to any and all persons without exception or exclusion. Our first Fair Housing Resolution was adopted in 1968 and in 1996, the city adopted a Fair Housing Ordinance, which was updated in December, 2011.***

***The Fair Housing Ordinance provides for Fair Housing throughout the city, assuring that all persons have full and equal opportunity to consider all available housing for themselves and their families within the city without being discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, handicap, familial status, national origin or military status and to promote a stable racially integrated community.***

***The Fair Housing Ordinance also established a Fair Housing Review Board to mediate any complaints of discriminatory housing practices.***

***Parma Heights Hosts Fair Housing Seminar***

Any resident or prospective resident of Parma Heights who feels they are being discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, handicap, familial status, nation origin or military status or needs further information, are asked to contact Housing Coordinator Michele Teresi at 440 884-9607.

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