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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PARMA HEIGHTS HOSTS LANDLORD/TENANT FAIR HOUSING SEMINAR

Parma Heights – The city will host a seminar on Fair Housing & Landlord Tenant Law on Thursday, May 16, 2013, in Council Chambers at Parma Heights City Hall, 6281 Pearl Road. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited and registration is required. Interested parties are asked to call The Housing Center at 216 361-9240 or to email dhonsa@thehousingcenter.org.

“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.”

Angela Shuckahosee, Executive Director of the Cleveland Tenants Organization will open the evening with a presentation on Landlord/Tenant Law. 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.

Information about Fair Housing laws will be presented by Darlene English, Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Housing Research & Advocacy Center. 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.

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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