



Mayor Michael P. Byrne's Cityview

Spring, 2018

# SUNSHINE IN PARMA HEIGHTS

Dear Residents:

I think we can all agree that it has been a long winter but finally spring has arrived – and with it the thousands of daffodils blooming in our parks and along Pearl Road. As many of you already know, the Daffodil Project is a joint venture between the Parma Heights Garden Club and our local businesses, who support our efforts with donations and planting locations. In 2017, over 5,000 bulbs were planted by our Garden Club members and other volunteers. Thanks to everyone involved for their vision and participation in the beautification of our community. The best news is that summer really is right around the corner!

## Let the Sunshine In

Summer in Parma Heights is all about the great outdoors and coming together as a community. I have mentioned before that we are very fortunate to be a city where 62% of residents are within a half-mile walk to a park. According to studies conducted by The Trust for Public Land, only 55% of city dwellers nationwide have this kind of easy access to free outdoor recreational spaces.

Of course, the Greenbrier Commons, in the heart of town, is the hub of our recreational offerings. Plan to enjoy many walks along the Parma Heights – Big Creek Connector trail, work out on the fitness trail, play a game of tennis or boccé ball or try your hand on the recently installed pickleball courts. If swimming is more your style, our waterpark complex with lap pool, diving pool, children's splash/activity pool and dual waterslides will open on Friday, June 1.

We have five summer Concerts at the Gazebo scheduled to begin during the month of July. The annual Gazebo Gallop (5K Run & Walk & Kids Dash) takes place on Sunday, August 5, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kids in the Commons event on Saturday, August 11 from Noon-5 p.m. In addition, our Rec Department has a variety of team sports and individual activities lined up for your summer enjoyment. You can check out all the possibilities on our website under Publications or stop by City Hall for a copy of our Recreation Brochure.

For those of you looking for a night out – and some air conditioning – the Cassidy Theatre is producing two great shows for your summer entertainment: the ever-popular musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in June and Neil Simon’s hilarious “Plaza Suite” in August. If you prefer your entertainment under the stars, mark your calendars for our family-friendly Movie in the Commons nights featuring “Paddington 2” on June 23 and “Sherlock Gnomes” on August 11.

Be sure to read through this newsletter for full details on these and other scheduled events and activities.

## Police and Citizens Together (P.A.C.T)

P.A.C.T. is a new unit of the Parma Heights Police Department, formed to reconnect the department with the community and citizens. The programs and services they provide are a quality-of-life benefit.

All Parma Heights residents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the opportunities P.A.C.T. provides, including:

**Town Hall Meetings:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m. at the Cassidy Theatre in the lower level community rooms. You will have an opportunity to meet the P.A.C.T. officer assigned to your neighborhood, learn about our civic organizations, and be introduced to great summer opportunities.

**Youth Group Meetings:** These bi-monthly meetings are for youth, ages 12-17, and are held on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. One meeting each month is a social night with P.A.C.T. unit officers, such as the recent bowling night at Yorktown Lanes. The other monthly meeting features a presentation on a relevant issue. Open discussion is encouraged to give the young people in our community an opportunity to be heard. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.



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## Mayor Byrne's message continued:

**Senior Knock-n-Talk:** Senior Citizens can sign-up for a monthly home visit with their neighborhood P.A.C.T. officer. The officer will stop at a pre-arranged time to discuss any concerns the senior may be having and will share any information about scams or crimes that may affect them.

## Spring Cleaning

Here in Parma Heights, we have consistently shown our commitment to recycling and the environment. As you finish your spring cleaning tasks, don't forget to set aside your used household goods like old blankets, drapes or worn clothing, and place them on your curb in a Simple Recycling bag. See page 4 for more information. Bags are available at City Hall.

## Congratulations and Thank you

Our Police Chief Dan Teel retired at the end of April, 2018. Members of our police department, my administration and other area police chiefs, as well as members of his family, gathered in the Cassidy Theatre community rooms to thank him for 31 years of service to the Parma Heights Police Department. He has the satisfaction of looking back upon an honorable career. We sincerely appreciate his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Parma Heights and wish him only the very best in his retirement years.



*Pictured here with his wife Joyce*

## In Remembrance

Finally, our summer season in Parma Heights cannot begin properly without our annual **Memorial Day** observance on the lawn of the Parma-South Presbyterian Church to honor the Americans in our Armed Forces who have died fighting for, and defending, our freedoms. The 9:30 a.m. service will be followed by a solemn parade north on Pearl Road to the Parma Heights Cemetery for concluding remarks.

At the close of summer, we will again be honoring our deceased Ohio servicemen and women as we will host the **Ohio Flags of Honor** the weekend of August 10-12.

## Groundbreaking

Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus broke ground on January 24 for a new 60,000 sq. ft. building to house lab and classroom space for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), which are vital courses for the jobs of tomorrow. The \$34 million construction project, made possible by passage of the bond issue last November, should be completed by the fall of 2019.

## TRAVELING VIETNAM WALL

June 28-July 1

Tri-C West

**Volunteers needed.**

Please contact [crystaljardine15@gmail.com](mailto:crystaljardine15@gmail.com)  
or [budlinder15@gmail.com](mailto:budlinder15@gmail.com)

## BIG CREEK CLEAN-UP

Saturday, June 2  
9 a.m. - Noon

Snow Road Picnic Area  
(along the Big Creek Parkway)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS at the PARMA HEIGHTS LIBRARY

Family Storytime every Saturday at 10 a.m.

**Saturday, June 2**

**Ice Cream Social** 2-3:30 p.m.

*Kick off the 2018 Summer Reading Program for all ages*

**Babysitter Workshop** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

*For grades 6-12. Register in advance online or call 440.884.2313*

**Thursday, June 7**

**The Beatles in Cleveland**.....7-8 p.m.

*Author Dave Schwenson will take you behind the scenes with the Fab 4 and rare films, never before published photos, and more*

**Saturday, June 9**

**Babysitter CPR Workshop**.....10-11:30 a.m.

*For grades 6-12. Register in advance online or call 440.884.2313*

**Thursday, June 21**

**Kindergarten Club**.....12-1:30 p.m.

*For children entering kindergarten in the fall 2018, not currently in a preschool or child care center.*

**Wednesday, June 27**

**Cyber Security and Online Safety**.....7-8 p.m.

*Get tips on how to keep your identity and device safe*

**Thursday, June 28**

**Pearl Road Book Stop**.....1:30-2:15 p.m.

*Enjoy refreshments while the librarian shares a few new books*

**Drop in anytime to browse, borrow,  
download materials, and more!**

# RECREATION DEPT.

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## MEMORIAL DAY

The 151<sup>st</sup> annual Memorial Day service begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. on the front lawn of the Parma-South Presbyterian Church followed immediately by a parade north on Pearl Road, ending with a solemn service at the Parma Heights Cemetery.

## CASSIDY THEATRE

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” will be performed at the Cassidy Theatre June 8-24. Get your tickets or volunteer by calling 440.842.4600.

## COMMUNITY ROOMS

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

## THURSDAY YOGA

Offered for 12 weeks June 7- August 23 from 6-7 p.m. for \$80. These classes are held in the lower level of the Cassidy Theatre and outside in the park (weather permitting). Register online or in-person at City Hall.

## MOVIE IN THE COMMONS

The first outdoor movie of the season “Paddington 2” will be shown at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 behind the tennis courts in the Greenbrier Commons. Bring chairs and blankets. The rain location is the N.E.O. Soccer facility.

## POOL PASS/SWIM LESSONS/ SWIM TEAM/TENNIS LESSONS

For all rates and discounts, please check the 2018 Recreation Brochure available online at [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov) or at City Hall. Pool passes are sold online, can be purchased in-person at City Hall, or at the pool when it opens. Please contact us at 440.884.9606 with any questions.

## POOL/WATERPARK OPENS

The pool and waterpark complex open Friday, June 1 at Noon.

## FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Available online June 1. In-person registrations will be accepted in the Cassidy Theatre Community Rooms from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 or Wednesday, June 20.

## SOCCER REGISTRATION

In-person registrations accepted in the Cassidy Theatre Community Rooms from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5 or Thursday, July 12.

# COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD

Dr. Michael Shubyn was presented with a Special Recognition Pride Award at the 2018 Parma Area Chamber of Commerce President's Gala this past March. Mayor Byrne nominated Dr. Schubyn because of his ongoing major investments in the city's commercial district. In 2017, Dr. Schubyn purchased two commercial sites on Pearl Road: the Heritage Building at 6500 Pearl Road, and a commercial strip center at 6573 Pearl. The strip center is now undergoing extensive exterior renovations with new windows, paint, and a faux stone façade. The interior of the Heritage Building is being upgraded with new marble flooring, a fresh coat of paint and planned energy efficient upgrades.



Dr. Schubyn is the owner of Doc's Medical Repair and IMS Medical Supply, both currently located in Phoenix, AZ, which sell new and high-quality refurbished medical equipment. He has committed to creating 25 new high-paying technical and sales positions in Parma Heights and pledges to help attract other medical companies. He also plans to provide incubator space to medical business start-ups in Parma Heights.

## UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

You may have noticed the recent activity on a paved parcel on Pearl Road adjacent to Walgreens on the corner of Pearl and Stumph Roads. This privately-owned parcel has been under ongoing remediation efforts by the identified responsible party (in this case a petroleum company) and has been monitored by the Ohio Department of Commerce – Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) for the past 24 years. The site, a former gas station, has been contaminated and, as stipulated under EPA regulations, unavailable for development until the environmental concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshals. Remediation has been ongoing over the years and the city and the property owner are hopeful that the parcel will soon be awarded a letter of “No Further Action” (NFA), which will allow the property owner to put the parcel on the market to be sold for development.

## GRANT AWARD

In cooperation with the Parma Heights Historical Society, the city applied for and was awarded \$3,500 to fund the upcoming Kids in the Commons event. This grant is from the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Event Sponsorship Program, which is designed to provide financial support to communities and organizations that host free events accessible to residents.

# SERVICE & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The program will continue this spring with the goal of preserving the quality of properties through proper ongoing 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: May 23, June 20, July 18 and August 22. A calendar is posted on our website on the Service Department page.

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WARD 3 YARD SALE Saturday, July 21 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 30.

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 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

## SIMPLE RECYCLING

The city partners with Simple Recycling to add textiles and household goods to the list of curbside recycling materials. This 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](http://www.simplerecycling.com). Simple Recycling bags are available by calling 1.866.835.5068 or may be picked up at City Hall.

## 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, July 14

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, July 28

### Recycle Your Computer

Saturday, August 11

## 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.

## NEW SENIOR CENTER BUS

We are pleased to announce that we have acquired a new 12 passenger transportation bus (with two ADA wheelchair seats) for our Senior Center. The total cost was \$72,677 and we were awarded \$58,142 from a federal Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with disabilities (5310) grant through NOACA.



# ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Dan Neff, City Engineer  
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## COLOMBO PARK STREAM RESTORATION

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) has completed the design for a streambank restoration of a portion of Big Creek abutting the city's Colombo Park on Pearl Road. The project will include substantial bank stabilization, expansion of the floodplain, and riparian plantings. This project began the last week in March with removal of trees. The next phase will be for the stabilization of streambanks to help reduce extensive erosion and to protect public property. Once the stabilization is complete the project will replant trees and shrubs to help reduce further erosion and to improve riparian habitat along the stream. The estimated construction cost is \$1.7 million to be funded through the NEORS's Regional Stormwater Management Program.

## NEORS MASTER BASIN APPLICATION

In August 2017, the city applied to NEORS for a grant to help build a regional storm water basin to help reduce flooding in the southwest quadrant of the city. Unfortunately, Parma Heights was not awarded funds due to the number of applications and limited funding. We are re-applying in June of this year for the second round of funding intended for 2019 construction.

## CASSIDY THEATER EXTERIOR RENOVATION

Earlier this year, Parma Heights completed the second phase of the Cassidy Theatre renovations. A \$50,000 CDSG grant allowed for new vinyl siding that was placed over the aging wood siding. Stop by and see the new face of the Theatre!

## STORM & SANITARY MAINTENANCE

The city, with assistance from Cuyahoga County Public Works, spends an annual average of almost \$1.2 million on storm and sanitary maintenance and repairs. In addition, last year we contracted with AECOM to provide flow monitoring and storm sewer modeling in a large portion of the southwest quadrant of the city. This was done to better identify the weak points in our storm collection system and to help model a storm basin to help reduce flooding. We have found a few areas in our storm system that could be upsized to help in the overall efficiency of our storm

systems. This year we have again asked AECOM to provide the Phase 2 monitoring and modeling. The areas of study are along Pearl and north to Big Creek Parkway. Our goal after these additional studies would be to start to look at areas and ways to improve our storm capacity.

## PEARL ROAD RESURFACING

The City of Parma Heights along with Middleburg Heights and Strongsville have been successful in obtaining ODOT funds to help repair and resurface Pearl Road from Whitney Road in Strongsville all the way to our northern border at Snow Road. The funding is 80% through NOACA and ODOT and 20% local city match. The project is in design and will go to bid in late 2019 to begin in 2020. The estimated cost to the City of Parma Heights is approximately \$1.4 million.



## WEST 130<sup>th</sup> STREET RESURFACING

The City of Parma Heights, Middleburg Heights and Parma have obtained funding from NOACA for the resurfacing of West 130<sup>th</sup> Street from Snow Road to Bagley Road. The funding will be 80% grants through NOACA and a 20% local match. This project will most likely start in 2021. Final scope and costs are being reviewed.

## YORK ROAD RESURFACING

The City of Parma Heights and Parma have obtained funding from Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works (CCDPW) for the repair and resurfacing of York Road from Pleasant Valley to Pearl Road. The project will be 80% grant from CCDPW and a 20% local city match. The schedule for this project is 2020-21.

## EUREKA PARKWAY

Design is underway for a significant sanitary sewer project that will involve installation of a new sanitary sewer along Eureka Parkway in order to create a connection between Big Creek Parkway and Pearl Road. Long-term pavement repairs to Eureka Parkway have been postponed since any new pavement would be removed by the construction of the new sewer project. Short term options for improving the pavement conditions are being developed and implemented.



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Nile Seafood Market & Restaurant - 6863 W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street

Divine Image - 6861 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street

Top Tier Performance - 6339 Old York Road

Udupi Dosa Corner - 6339 Old York Road

Maid in Cleveland - 6285 Pearl Road

Hair & Stuff - 6265 Pearl Road

Stop-n-Stare Personal Training - 6690 Pearl Road

Boost Mobile - 6436 Pearl Road

Twisted Headz Smokeshop - 7271 Pearl Road

Welcome to the new owners of Luna's Deli & Restaurant  
and The Indoor Gardener Store



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