



SPRING FORWARD, MOVE AHEAD

While our winter has been unexpectedly mild, it is still exciting to welcome spring, the season of new life and renewal. It's a great time to get out of the house and spend some time around Parma Heights enjoying the beauty of our parks, walking the Metroparks Connector Trail, catching a show at the Cassidy Theatre, shopping locally or sharing a meal at one of our eateries. Nothing says "goodbye" to the winter blahs like spring blossoms so keep your eyes open for daffodils planted by our Garden Club blooming along Pearl Road and in our parks.



Public Library Branch Renovation

Springtime is also a great time for a different kind of renewal...think spring cleaning and remodeling! Since February 1, 2016, our Parma Heights library branch has been undergoing a \$900,000 renovation, authorized by the Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) Board of Trustees. Designed to upgrade the library facility and services, it will enhance the library experience of all of us. Fully aware of the unique history of our Parma Heights Library and the tremendous support of the community, the CCPL Board of Trustees signed a new ten-year lease, making a substantial commitment to our city both in longevity and capital. The planned improvements include:

- ♦ installation of automatic sliding glass entry doors
- ♦ new children's story time room
- ♦ new AV-equipped meeting room
- ♦ new quiet study room with a projector and screen
- ♦ complete carpet replacement
- ♦ thirty public computer stations with high speed internet
- ♦ new lighting and updated power/data connections
- ♦ remodeled public restrooms

As you may already know, the library is closed during the renovation and the book drop is not in operation. Borrowed materials can be returned to any other CCPL branch. Previously requested materials are available at the Parma branch at 6996 Powers Blvd. You can also request to pick up materials at another branch of your choosing during the renovations.

I look forward to maintaining a strong working relationship between the city and the CCPL as the renovations continue toward the expected completion date of May 1, 2016.

Open House

Our City Hall received a complete face lift and renovation following the November, 2014 arson fire. Re-opened in November, 2015, all city departments (with the exception of police, fire and the senior center) are now housed under one roof at 6281 Pearl Road. A joint City Hall/Parma Heights Library Open House will be held after the library renovations are completed in May.

Ground Breaking

In the fall of last year, I had the honor of participating with Bishop Richard Lennon of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese in the groundbreaking ceremony of a new Rose-Mary "Homes for Our Future, Community Integration Project", located at 9340 West Ridgewood Drive. This project is a new six bedroom home, being constructed to provide a safe, secure, comfortable, fully-staffed home for six children with severe developmental disabilities. Operated by the Diocese of Cleveland and Catholic Charities, the goal of the new home is to "continue the mission of Jesus Christ by nurturing individuals with disabilities and celebrating love, family, dignity and faith within the community." Please join me in welcoming these children into our community as you see them and their caregivers out and about in Parma Heights.



March 16, 2016 Election

Residents in Parma Heights will have a chance to vote not only for presidential and judicial candidates on March 15,

2016, but also to amend the city ordinance to allow limited deer archery hunting by permit only.

The cities of Broadview Heights, North Royalton, Parma, Parma Heights, Seven Hills and Strongsville, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and wildlife authorities, have formulated a regional strategy to reduce human-deer conflicts in our cities. Each city has placed a similar ballot issue before their voters on March 15, 2016.

The ancillary deer management strategy in the proposed ordinance would permit archery hunting from elevated, fixed platforms only, under specific state and local safety requirements. The ballot language reads as follows:

City of Parma Heights

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall the City Council amend Section 618.16 (Hunting Prohibited) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma Heights to permit the limited hunting of white-tailed deer by crossbow or long bow by licensed individuals conducted from elevated platforms, under terms and conditions established by the State of Ohio and City of Parma Heights, and under the supervision of the Chief of Police?

Memorial Day Appreciation

In late December, I received on behalf of the City of Parma Heights a "Certificate of Appreciation, Outstanding Community 2015" from the Association of the United States Army.

This award recognized both the City of Parma Heights and the Parma-South Presbyterian Church for conducting the longest running Memorial Day Service in the State of Ohio. We were presented with this award by Retired Colonel Ronald Schwachenwald, President of the Newton D. Baker chapter and Parma Heights resident and veteran Roger Pekarek.



L-R: Rev. Mark Juengel of Parma-South Presbyterian Church; Parma Heights resident Roger Pekarek; US Army Assn. Chapter President Ron Schwachenwald; and Mayor Mike Byrne

Whether you have attended or participated in the Memorial Day service, are a veteran, or have family members who have served or who are serving our country, this is an honor that belongs to all of us. Our 2016 Memorial Day service will be held Monday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. Please see the Recreation Department on page 2 for more details.

4th ANNUAL WARD 3 YARD SALE

Saturday, July 16th 9am-5pm

RAIN OR SHINE

Interested in participating?

CALL JOANN KOCH at 440.842.3177

Leave your name, address and phone number no later than June 18th.

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 9th from 9am-1pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VOTE BY MAIL

www.443VOTE.com

216-443-VOTE (8683)

All registered voters may enjoy the convenience of voting by mail. Vote by Mail applications are available at the Board of Elections website: www.443.VOTE.com or by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE (8683). Ballot applications are available at all public libraries. *(Please note that the Parma Heights library is closed for renovations until May).*

JOIN THE PARTY

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections reminds you to take advantage of the opportunity to join the political party of your choice or to be a nonpartisan voter by casting a ballot in the March 15, 2016, presidential primary election.

In Ohio, the only method voters may utilize to establish or change their party affiliation is by voting in a partisan primary election. People may also choose to vote an Issues Only ballot if they prefer to be considered a nonpartisan voter.

Ballot choices for voters are: Democrat, Republican, Green, Issues Only, and other.

Voters should check their voting information prior to each election. You can confirm your ward, precinct and voting location at the Board of Elections website or by calling them directly.

RECREATION DEPT.

440.884.9606

recreation@parmaheightsoh.gov

CASSIDY THEATRE

"Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" will be performed at the Cassidy Theatre on Fridays and Saturdays from April 8th until April 24th. Get your tickets or volunteer by calling 440.842.4600.

COMMUNITY ROOM FOR RENT

A community room with kitchen facilities is available for rent to Parma Heights residents. For more information, call Maggie at 440.884.9606.

FREE OPEN SWIM

Free open swim for Parma Heights residents continues through April on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (excluding 3/15 & 3/19) at Valley Forge High School. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration will be held on Saturday March 5th and March 12th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at City Hall; 6281 Pearl Road. \$30 fee for residents and \$50 fee for non-residents. Check or cash only please.

POOL PASS/SWIM LESSONS/ SWIM TEAM/TENNIS LESSONS

Register at City Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th or May 14th. For rates and discounts, please check the 2016 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 open Saturday, June 4th at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE & PARADE

The 149th annual Memorial Day Service will be hosted on the front lawn of the Parma-South Presbyterian Church (6155 Pearl Road) on Monday, May 30th 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 for a veteran's memorial service.

MOVIE IN THE COMMONS

A family-friendly Movie in the Commons will be shown Saturday, June 18th at 9:00 p.m. in the Greenbrier Commons behind the tennis courts. Bring chairs and blankets! N.E.O. Soccer is the indoor rain location.

AMBASSADORS NEEDED

The 2016 Republican National Convention is seeking volunteers for July 18-21 to greet and assist visitors at airports, hotels and more.

Individuals and groups of volunteers are needed.

Sign up online at www.2016cle.com. Groups of 25 or more should email volunteers@2016cle.com

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS FOR SENIORS

Due to a generous gift from Greenbrier Senior Living Community and Lowe's Home Improvement Stores, the City of Parma Heights is able to offer free smoke detectors to senior citizen homeowners ages 60 and older.

While supplies last, every senior citizen homeowner in a single family dwelling is eligible to receive two (2) free smoke detectors and two (2) nine volt batteries. The Parma Heights Fire Department will install these detectors free of charge for senior residents between the hours of 8am-12pm and 1pm-4pm, Monday through Friday.

Anyone interested should call the fire station at 440.885.1717 and speak with Anita Demeter.



L-R: Assistant Fire Chief Pat Finneran, Lorraine Paul, Brent Hovanec from Lowe's, Mary Carratola, Mayor Byrne, Audrey Peterson, Chris Hope from Greenbrier Senior Living and Larry Paul

MAKE A DIFFERENCE...VOLUNTEER!

"Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer." ~Allen Klein

There are many rewarding volunteer opportunities here in the City of Parma Heights:

- Senior Center ♦ 440-888-4416
- Community Garden Club ♦ 440-888-9178
- Historical Society ♦ 216-496-7150
- Food Pantry ♦ 440-842-6491
- Cassidy Theatre ♦ 440-842-4600
- Family Collaborative ♦ 440-887-4873
- University Hospital Parma ♦ 440-743-2372
- Parma Heights Library ♦ 440-884-2313
- Big Creek Connects ♦ 216-661-7706
- Pleasant Valley Elementary STEM ♦ 440.885.8676
- Ohio Flags of Honor ♦ 440-884-9604

TAX DEPARTMENT

440.888. 6440 or to leave a message 440.884.9600 x5698

taxdept@parmaheightsoh.gov

The city's Income Tax Department prides itself on customer service. The proximity of having the department in City Hall is an added benefit where free municipal income tax preparation is provided. Personnel are available during normal business hours to assist residents with filing tax returns and accepting payments.

The city no longer mails out tax forms. Instead, a postcard is mailed out to all individuals required to file. The sealed postcards contain a secure website address and personalized access code to allow a tax filer access to an online personalized tax form where updated tax information such as estimated taxes can be found. All tax forms are available on the city website (www.parmaheightsoh.gov).

Resident taxpayers are requested to include a copy of page 1 of their Federal 1040 tax form, to assure that the income being reported to the federal government is also being reported to the City

or Parma Heights.

The Income Tax Department also strives to account for all Parma Heights residents; which is why we require everyone over the age of eighteen years, including retirees, to file an annual tax return. Retired or disabled residents who did not work in 2015 may meet the city's annual filing requirement by submitting a simplified form requiring only a signature, if they did not:

- ◆ Receive a W-2 earning statement
- ◆ Have any gambling or lottery winnings
- ◆ Receive a shareholder/partnership distribution (Federal Form K-1)
- ◆ Have any net profit business
- ◆ Own rental property

A new state law requires estimated taxes to be paid quarterly if the 2016 estimated tax liability is at least \$200 compared to previous years when the threshold was at least \$40.

Please contact the Income Tax Department with any questions.

EXTENDED HOURS

For your convenience

April 1st - 16th
Monday & Wednesday
until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2nd
Saturday, April 9th
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

PARMA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL



President Marie Gallo
Ward 4



Pro-Tem JoAnn Koch
Ward 3



Renee Everett
Ward 1



Jim McCall
At-Large



Anthony Stavole
At-Large



Bob Verdile
At-Large

Ward 2 Councilwoman Lesley DeSouza retired from City Council after twelve years of dedicated public service. Lesley served as Chairperson of the Finance and Safety Committees and was appointed to the Planning Commission as Council's representative. She also worked closely with Mayor Byrne while she served as Council President during 2011. Although Lesley will be missed as an elected official, she will still remain involved with the community. Her replacement has not yet been appointed.

Our Clerk of Council, Florence Bohdan, is responsible for managing the legislative process and oversees the office on behalf of Council representatives. Florence served as former Brook Park Mayor Mark Elliott's Executive As-

sistant, and she brings a wealth of knowledge and municipal experience to the City of Parma Heights. Please feel free to contact Florence at 440.884.9601 or council@parmaheightsoh.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

City Council meets the second and fourth Monday of every month at 8:00 p.m. except for the months of July and August and the fourth Monday in December. If a Council meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday. Please contact our Clerk for meeting information, or visit our website at www.parmaheightsoh.gov. Council information can be found by clicking on the City Council tab found under Departments on our homepage.

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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 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 13th to November 30th. 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: March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th and June 22nd. For your convenience, Republic Services will again be mailing out a magnet with the bulk item and holiday collection calendar for April, 2016-March, 2017. This calendar can also be found on our website.

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.

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

The City of Parma Heights now accepts Styrofoam! While this service is not offered curbside, residents may bring packing Styrofoam to our Service Garage in the Greenbrier Commons on

the 2nd and/or 4th Saturday of each month or to any of our Special Waste Collection Events. Please note that packing peanuts will not be accepted but should instead be taken to any UPS store for recycling.

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.

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 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Recycle Your Computer

Saturday, April 23rd

Community Shred

Saturday, April 23rd

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, May 14th

CLEAN UP, GREEN UP: Removing Home-Based Hazardous Materials NEW THIS YEAR!

Tuesday, April 19th ♦ 7pm
at City Hall

Join the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for a free, interactive lecture about household hazardous wastes, effective ways to remove them and safe alternatives. This 90 minute educational seminar will help you learn what materials are hazardous and how to properly store and dispose of them. Come and take

home ideas and resources for greening your home. Please join us!

HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM

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.

A free Community Information Session will be held on **Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room 123 of the North Royalton Library (26100 Bagley Road)**. To schedule a private consultation, please call 216.426.3116 or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org.





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

Sweet Caroline Boutique - 6295 Pearl Road

Metro PCS - 6448 Pearl Road

JNS Automotive - 6330 York Road

Sleep Source - 6479 Pearl Road

SM Vapors - 6436 Pearl Road

Learn & Grow Daycare - 6248 Pearl Road

Curvy Consignments - 6339 Olde York Road

Dr. Sharma, DDS; 6929 West 130th Street #302

Ukrainian Village (expansion) - 6492 & 6500 York Road

Lucas Precision, LLC - 6929 West 130th Street #509

Northern Mortgage Co. - 6285 Pearl Road #3

Dakshin Restaurant - 6339 Olde York Road

Sky Mediterranean Cuisine (formerly Cleats); 6405 Pearl Road



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