



Mayor Michael P. Byrne's Cityview

Summer, 2013

# CELEBRATE WITH US!

Every year our community comes together to celebrate the simple joys of just being neighborly. Our Weekend in the Commons is not a full-blown, expensive affair but rather, an unpretentious get-together reminiscent of a simpler, less hurried time: an opportunity to enjoy old friends and make new ones, a chance to take a dip in the pool or just sit back, listen to music, and let someone else do the cooking and the cleaning.

This year, we are adding an even-deeper meaning to the concept of community with the presentation of the Ohio Flags of Honor, courtesy of the Ohio Flags of Honor Foundation. This memorial display honors all the Ohio men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedom in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Opening Ceremony for the display will be Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the posting of the Flags of Honor. They will remain on display in the Greenbrier Commons until the Closing Ceremony for the display on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.



The Flags of Honor features over 550 United States flags, with over 250 of them representing those brave Ohioans that lost their lives. Individual flag poles are inscribed with each service member's name. ***I encourage you to join the families of our Fallen Heroes as we remember and honor their loved ones.***

This year during our Weekend in the Commons we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our historic Parma Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Our library is the first of its kind in the State of Ohio: an example of what can be accomplished when a community tackles a problem together. Fifty years ago, the citizens of Parma Heights wanted a branch library but the County library system did not have the funds to build it. Undeterred, our residents approved a bond issue that provided the funds for the city to construct the building and then lease the space to the library. I invite you to come enjoy a slice of cake and celebrate a piece of our history on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

For your convenience, information about all the entertainment and events scheduled for our Weekend in the Commons is located in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there!

## MAYOR PAUL W. CASSIDY 1919-2013

After winning the Distinguished Flying Cross serving as a navigator in World War II, Paul W. Cassidy was elected to Parma Heights City Council in 1953 and was named Law Director in 1954. He was elected Mayor in 1957 and served our city for 43 years guiding us from a rural hamlet to a modern suburb.

Under his leadership, our city flourished. It is his vision that resulted in the Greenbrier Commons we have today. He proposed and shepherded publicly-supported bond issues that resulted in our public library and the Parma Heights Cultural Center with the Greenbrier Theatre, re-named "Cassidy Theatre" in his honor in 1999.



In the 1970's Mayor Paul Cassidy joined with other suburban mayors to challenge water authority and helped create what is now the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. He is a founding father of the Parma Bar Association. He is also one of the founders of Parma Community General Hospital where he served as their General Counsel for 42 years.

He will be remembered for his devotion to faith and family, his unabashed pride in his Irish heritage, his courage, honesty, loyalty, selflessness and patriotism. He influenced so many people with his dignity and his passion for public service and I feel fortunate to have been one of them.

# Weekend in the Commons Schedule of Events

## Friday, August 9th

7:00 p.m. Ohio Flags of Honor opening ceremony  
9:00 p.m. Movie in the Commons  
"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

## Saturday, August 10th

12:00-4:00 p.m. Car Show & DJ at Yorktown Lanes  
12:00-8:00 p.m. Free swimming at pool  
(Donations benefit Ohio Flags of Honor)  
2:00-5:00 p.m. Island Jeff at the pool  
4:30-5:30 p.m. Victor Samalot (acoustic guitar)  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Liverpool Lads (British Invasion)  
9:00-11:00 p.m. Stone Pony (Bruce Springsteen)

## Sunday, August 11th

12:00 p.m. Ohio Flags of Honor closing ceremony  
2:00-8:00 p.m. Free swimming at pool  
(Donations benefit Ohio Flags of Honor)  
2:00-5:00 p.m. Island Jeff at the pool  
2:00-4:00 p.m. Tom Mrozcka (polka)  
4:00 p.m. Cake to celebrate 50th Anniversary  
of the Parma Heights Library Branch  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Ted Riser (Allman Brothers/ Marshall  
Tucker/Lynyrd Skynyrd/Neil Young)  
8:00-10:00 p.m. The Brothers Blues Band  
(Featuring Fox8 TV Personality "Todd Meany")

## UPCOMING SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Service Garage ♦ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### EXTRA REFUSE DROP-OFFS

Second and Fourth Saturday every month

### RECYCLE YOUR COMPUTER

Saturday, August 24th

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Saturday, September 14th

### SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION

Friday, September 20th

9:30-11:30 a.m. & 12:30-3:00 p.m.

## Family Movie Night

Bring your chairs, blankets, family,  
friends, neighbors, food & drinks  
(no alcoholic beverages permitted)

Friday, August 9th ♦ 9:00 p.m.  
"Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"  
(Rain location - NEO Soccer)

## 9/11 Memorial



Courtesy of Firefighter Joe Campana

The City of Parma Heights received a steel beam from the World Trade Center in memory of the tragedy on September 11, 2001. On the left you will see that it was cut with a silhouette of the twin towers.

Our memorial has been an ongoing tribute to those who lost their lives on that fatal day. Donated labor by the Iron Workers Local 17, Bricklayers Local 5, Electricians Local 38 and Laborers Local 310 as well as Architecht Ray Priest has resulted in our lasting monument. Parma Heights Fire Department administration and Firefighters Local 169 have led the way from the acquisition of the steel through the completion of the memorial in front of the Fire Station on Pearl Road in the Greenbrier Commons.

**We invite you to join us for the dedication ceremony on Sunday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m.**

## "NEVER FORGET"

## Service Department

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS

#### AUGUST IS FREE PERMIT MONTH

Get started on your home improvement with a FREE permit which is valid for six months.

#### HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM

For any home 50 years or older, the Heritage Home Program offers FREE technical assistance to help you with improvements to increase your home's value as well as to provide rehabilitation loans below market interest rates.

#### COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA

Apply for a 10 year tax abatement on the increase in valuation due to your home improvements.

Please call our Housing Officer Michelle Teresi at 440.884.9607 for additional information.

**Dennis Patten, Director**  
**440.884.9607**

## Economic Development Department

In response to a recent magazine's ranking of the suburbs, WDOK, 102.1, decided to conduct an online polling of their listeners to name their favorite suburb – and the winner was – **Parma Heights!** One of the reasons given by the voters, was the delicious confections of our own Lydia's Hungarian Strudel Shop on 6230 Stumph Road. Lydia's was named the winner of the June 14th Hometown Friday award and hosted WDOK Producer Sean for the day. Congratulations to Lydia's Strudel from everyone here at City Hall! And thank you to the listeners of WDOK, 102.1 for voting Parma Heights their #1 suburb!

Since we published our business issue of *Take A Look At Parma Heights*, we have welcomed the following new businesses to our community:

- ◆ Anello Body Fitness
- ◆ Schwebels Bakery Outlet
- ◆ The Reike Shop, LLC
- ◆ Nina G's
- ◆ Scorekeepers
- ◆ Unite This City, LLC
- ◆ Coin Store & More
- ◆ Expert TV
- ◆ Lilly's Massage Therapy
- ◆ Salem's Food Market
- ◆ Thee Treasure Chest
- ◆ Z Wireless
- ◆ Mickey Becker's Donut Shop & More
- ◆ First Response Transportation, LLC
- ◆ Thomas & Thomas Attorneys & Counselors at Law, LLC



**Joseph E. Sebes, Director**  
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## Recreation Department

Many thanks to our partners at Valley Forge High School who helped us create works of art with our new city garbage cans. The City purchased the cans, which under the direction of art teacher Joseph Hnat, were transformed and can be found throughout our many city parks.



**Tom Moran, Director**  
**440.884.9600 x37**

## Public Safety Department

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP-OFF BOX

The Parma Heights Police Department has become an official drop off location for the Cuyahoga County Prescription Drug Drop Box Program.

A secure Drop Box is located inside the Parma Heights Police Department lobby at 6184 Pearl Road in the Greenbrier Commons.

The program gives residents the opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. Needles and liquids cannot be accepted.

In 2012, in Ohio more than 1,500 people died from accidental prescription drug overdoses. This program provides a convenient way to protect your loved ones from potentially dangerous and addictive medications and provides a way to dispose of medications if a loved one has passed away.



**Brent Collins, Director**  
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**OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR**  
**AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATION**  
**Sunday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m.**

***In the Greenbrier Commons***

**\*\*ECRWSS\*\***

**POSTAL CUSTOMER**

# YOUR ELECTED CITY COUNCIL



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## SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

*Greenbrier Commons ♦ 6:30 p.m.*

July 28<sup>th</sup> ♦ Frank & Dean ♦ *Singing Duo*

August 4<sup>th</sup> ♦ Ronnie Fiorentino ♦ *Rat Pack Music*

August 18<sup>th</sup> ♦ Fred Sivillo ♦ *Variety Music*

August 25<sup>th</sup> ♦ Al Battistelli ♦ *Variety Music*

August 26<sup>th</sup> ♦ The Northcoast Jazz Collective