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PARMA HEIGHTS NAMED ONE OF SAFEST CITIES IN OHIO

Parma Heights – Parma Heights has been named one of the safest cities in Ohio according to a study completed by SafeWise, a community-focused security organization.

“Public safety is a critical marker of the quality of life in a community and I have continually said that safety is, and always will be, my top priority. I am proud to say our efforts have paid off and we are ranked #20 in the state on the SafeWise *50 Safest Cities in Ohio* list,” explained Mayor Michael P. Byrne. The full list can be viewed at: <http://www.safewise.com/blog/50-safest-cities-ohio>.

To compile the report, SafeWise used the most recent FBI crime data from 2011, along with population and other ranking factors, such as unique safety initiatives and security programs implemented within the past few years. “From the hundreds of cities in Ohio, we narrowed the list down to 50 and assigned rankings according to how the city met our criteria,” explained SafeWise security analyst John Roskelley. “When neighbors know each other, they look out for each other. Ohio’s safest cities are brimming with civically-minded residents who clearly take pride in where they live.”

Mayor Byrne agrees and feels the small-town atmosphere of the community is one of the reasons Parma Heights scored so high in the ranking. “We are a small city that takes pride in being small. In Parma Heights, you can walk or bike the community and get to know your neighbors, plus, you can take advantage of free safety programs to keep you informed, ensure your safety, and be your eyes when you are away from home.” He points to the city’s CodeRED emergency notification system, fully-staffed Police and Fire Departments, Are You OK? phone program for seniors, shut-ins and disabled persons, the Vacation Check Program, and Home Security Survey as proof of the city’s commitment to safety. “These initiatives, along with our recent membership in the Heritage Home Program which helps owners keep up their aging properties, instills a sense of pride and ownership in the community at large,” Byrne added.

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SafeWise prides themselves on being “the source for everything safety and security” and assists consumers in comparing home security systems so they can choose the best method to protect their homes. The SafeWise Report provides resources to help make homes and communities a safer place by providing home security tips and tools, as well as the most recent news in the safety industry.

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