



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message From **MAYOR MARIE GALLO**



Dear Residents,

Winter is behind us, and we look forward to seeing green grass, flowers in bloom and a lot of new growth in 2024! There is a lot of news to share this Spring! We welcome two new firefighters to

our Fire department, two new officers to our Police department, our Senior Center is once again offering many great opportunities for our senior citizens, our Service Department has worked diligently to prepare a schedule of waste collection dates to help you dispose of unwanted materials safely

and our Recreation Department has a full calendar of upcoming activities and events that provide something fun for everyone! Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss a thing.

I hope you enjoy the milder weather, and I look forward to seeing you around our great city.

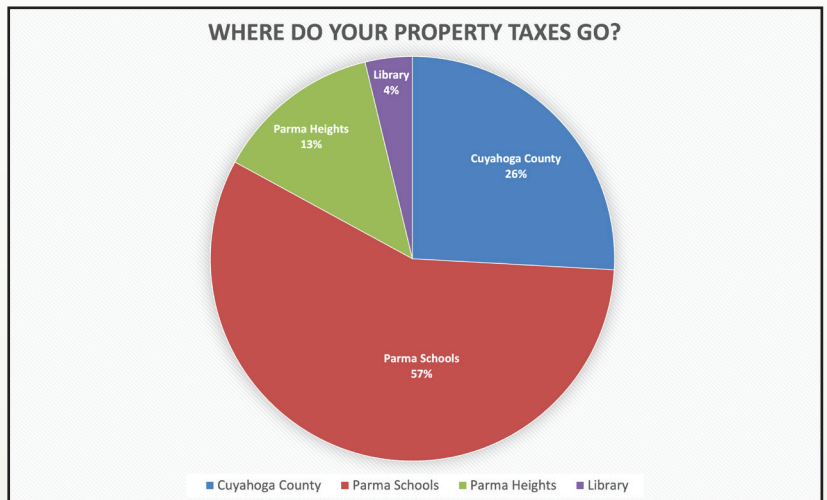
Sincerely,

Mayor Marie Gallo

PROPERTY TAX

Every \$100.00 Paid in Property Tax:

- **Parma Schools** **\$57.00**
- **Cuyahoga County** **\$26.00**
- **Parma Heights** **\$13.00**
- **Library** **\$4.00**



FIRE *Department*

We welcome firefighters Jim Gaeckle and Sean Kahl to the Parma Heights Fire Department. The two men took their oath of office at the January city council meeting in front of a full chamber of family, friends and residents who are excited to see these two new firefighters begin their careers.

Jim Gaeckle grew up in Medina and attended Highland High School before joining the Army National Guard while simultaneously earning his Bachelor's degree in marketing from Cleveland State University. While completing his paramedic training at various fire departments, Jim found that the comradery and positive outlook displayed by the members of the Parma Heights Fire Department were exactly what he was looking for in a career department.

Sean Kahl grew up in North Royalton where he attended North Royalton High School. He obtained his paramedic certification and began working in the medical field for a private ambulance company. He then worked for Cleveland EMS. After honing his paramedic skills in Cleveland, Sean was hired by the Columbus Fire Department. Sean never lost his love for his home in Northeast Ohio. Sean decided to seek employment back home where his family and friends are, and states he feels he found his home with the Parma Heights Fire Department.



James Gaeckle



Sean Kahl

POLICE *Department*

As you recall, Officer Tanya Czack was sworn in as the Chief of Police on September 11th, 2023. It was a seamless transition into the position as Chief Czack worked closely with (Retired) Chief Scharschmidt for several years. Over the course of Chief Czack's leadership, the police department added two new officers. Officer Mena Garas was a lateral transfer from the Village of Glenwillow Police, and Officer Duane Parish was a new hire that Parma Heights sponsored to attend the Cleveland Heights Police Academy. Officer Parish graduated in December after passing his state exam for peace officer certification. Both Officer Garas and Officer Parish are currently in field training, and we anticipate them on solo patrol in mid to late Spring of 2024.

In mid-October, the police department's deer culling unit began the second season of culling recommended by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Eighty deer were culled over six weeks, and every deer was donated to families on a list who would benefit from the deer meat. This team of officers train as sharpshooters and work in pairs to ensure their safety and the safety of our residents. We have noticed a marked decrease in deer-related complaints and motor vehicle accidents. These are significant signs that the program is having a beneficial effect.



SERVICE *Department*

The City of Parma Heights will be hosting the following special waste collection events. These events are an excellent opportunity to dispose of your unwanted materials in an environmentally safe manner.

All events will be held at the Parma Heights Service Garage in the Greenbrier Commons from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Proof of residency is required – for residential use only.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection - May 11, 2024

Community Shred Event - April 27, 2024

GARBAGE COLLECTION IMPORTANT DATES:

Weekly Bulk and yard Waste Collection

- Republic Services is now collecting bulk and yard waste weekly, year-round on your regular curbside collection day: Wednesday.
- Bulk waste is considered items that cannot fit into your trash cart. Residents may place up to 6 items per household per week.
- Yard waste may now be placed in clear plastic bags or loose in a trash container marked “yard waste” not to exceed 32 gallons and no heavier than 35 pounds.
- Small branches must be cut and bundled not to exceed 4 feet in length and no heavier than 35 pounds.

Republic Services 2024 Holiday Schedule – Delay in garbage collection on May 27th, Memorial Day.
Pick up will be Thursday, May 30th, 2024.

BUILDING *Department*

Parma Heights Residents, Business Owners, Contractors, and Rental Owners can now apply for permits and licenses online on the City’s website. The application is now web-based and streamlined to make the process of applying and uploading documents for building permits and licenses more efficient. The online portal can be found on our website.
www.parmaheightsoh.gov.

Building Code Updates: Notice of Building Code Updates effective March 1, 2024

At its meeting on August 11, 2023, the Board of Building Standards adopted the update to the Ohio Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes by incorporating by reference the 2021 International Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, and existing Building Codes (I-Codes) with Ohio amendments and the National Electric Code effective March 1, 2024. The City of Parma Heights will be part of this code update and by ordinance will be implementing the new requirements moving forward as per the State of Ohio laws. If you have questions regarding this update, please reach out to the Parma Heights Building Department at 440-884-9607.

Contractor Registrations

Any person or company performing work related to the construction or alteration of a structure or property must be registered with the City of Parma Heights Building Department for the current calendar year. Registration can be completed online by visiting the city’s website or with the Building Department. Homeowners should not make applications for building permits on behalf of their contractors. Contractors should apply and obtain building permits for your project. For any permit pulled after the work is done, the permit cost doubles the initial cost.

RECREATION *Department*

Youth sports registration is available now! Information on programming, sports, and other updates can be found at <https://parmaheightsoh.gov/recreation-department/> - Facebook.com/ParmaHeightsRecreation – or give us a call 440-884-9606. Registration is available online (<https://parmaheightsoh.myrec.com>) or in person at City Hall.

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION – *Ongoing*

Spring Soccer registration is available with limited availability. If you don't see your desired age group available, don't sweat, the Fall 2024-Spring 2025 season will open this summer for all age groups.

Get an early start on your child's summer activities - Baseball, Softball, and T-ball registrations are opening! Practices start in May (weather dependent) with games in June and July. Registration is available to residents and non-residents; prices vary by age group.

SOLAR ECLIPSE PRE-PARTY – *Thursday, April 4th, 6:00-7:30 p.m.*

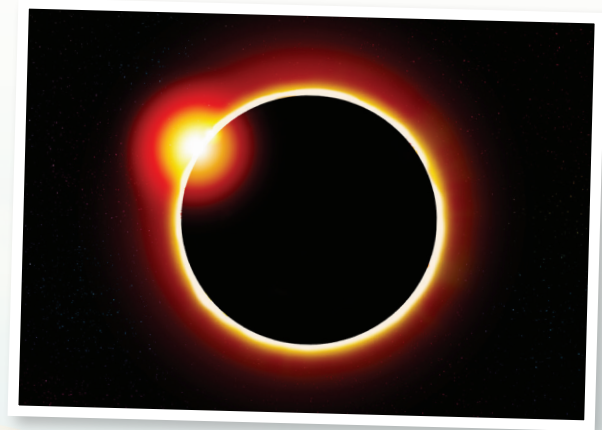
Valley Forge High School, 9999 Independence Blvd.

Parma City School District, Cuyahoga Community Library and Parma Heights Recreation will have programming available while students are on spring break the week before. The total solar eclipse will be visible on Monday, April 8th, 2024! Please remember to view the eclipse safely with eye protection. The next total solar eclipse will not be until 2099.

EARTH DAY – *Saturday, April 27th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

Greenbriar Commons, 6200 Pearl Rd.

Mark your calendars for our Third Annual Earth Day Event! Come celebrate with us and show your appreciation for our Earth at the Commons! Food trucks, live animals, and environmental education tables hosted by NEO environmental leaders. Available to residents and non-residents - free to the public.



RECREATION *Department*

SUMMER SNEAK PEEK

PARMA HEIGHTS POOL OPENS – *Saturday, May 25th*

Greenbrier Commons (6200 Pearl Road)

2024 pool policies and procedures will be updated on the Parma Heights website before the pool opens for the season.



MEMORIAL DAY – *Monday, May 27th*

157th Annual Memorial Day Service – 9:30 a.m., Parma South Presbyterian Church, 6155 Pearl Road

Parade – Parade route from Parma South Presbyterian Church to Parma Heights Cemetery for wreath-laying.

YOGA IN THE PARK – *Every 2nd and 4th Saturday, May through September*

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Greenbrier Commons Gazebo (6200 Pearl Road)

Join Jessica Reddick in the park for summer yoga classes. Please meet at the Pool Gatehouse (blue-roofed building) in Greenbrier Commons. Available to residents and non-residents - Free to the public.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – *Sundays, July 14th, 21st, 28th, and August 4th*

6:30-8:30 p.m. | Greenbrier Commons (6200 Pearl Road) and Nathan Hale Park (7075 Parma Park Blvd)

Grab a chair and relax for some fun tunes and food! Every week we will have a food truck and a new band performing from July 14th through August 4th. Performing bands will be announced on Facebook and Parma Heights Recreation Website. Available to residents and non-residents - FREE to the public.

SECOND ANNUAL CITY-WIDE YARD SALE – *Friday, July 19th & Saturday, July 20th*

Interested residents can participate by signing up using the following website link or QR Code.
forms.gle/tnSMSwkgVXCvWGTx9



SENIOR *Center*

The City of Parma Heights and the Senior Center are committed to providing many opportunities to the seniors of Parma Heights. We enjoy getting together often and you are invited to join us every day for lunch in our dining room. It's a great opportunity to socialize with old friends while making new friends. Recently, Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley, Economic Crimes Unit Supervisor Andrew Rogalski, Chief Czack, and Mayor Gallo joined us during our lunch and spoke to senior citizens about the warning signs of prominent scams targeting our aging population. The information was well received and it was another example that caring for and protecting our seniors is important to us. For resources regarding scams and to learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/Elder-Abuse-and-Fraud>.



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