



SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Message From **MAYOR MARIE GALLO**



Dear Residents,

I trust that you are relishing the summer season, cherishing moments with family and friends, and exploring the adventures and natural beauty that Parma Heights has to offer.

Exciting developments are unfolding in our city. We have enhanced our website with an Accessibility Tool Bar to ensure better access for all. The Nathan Hale Retention Basin has been finished, addressing flooding concerns in the area and residents of all

ages are enjoying the new walking trail surrounding the basin. The Memorial Day Parade made a grand return, and it was heartening to see many of you participate in honoring our heroes during the ceremony and parade.

Don't forget to explore the calendar of events from our Recreation Department. There are entertaining activities for everyone to enjoy!

Wishing you a safe and wonderful summer!

Mayor Marie Gallo

ACCESSIBILITY TOOLBAR

The City of Parma Heights added accessibility tools to the revamped website. The upgrades with the addition of the Recite Me toolbar will provide users with certain disabilities to have access to it.

Recite Me is an online software service system that allows our website to become accessible to users with visual impairments or dyslexia. Disabilities can come in many different forms, but many experience significant barriers when trying to read and understand content online.

The Recite Me toolbar allows users on the City of Parma Heights website to utilize the audio option to have the text read aloud, increase text size, change

fonts, and add/change the background color of the page. In addition, the user can use a ruler or screen mask, creating a letterbox for focused viewing of a page section.

Recite Me also has a dictionary with translation, a magnifier, helps those with color blindness, and can read in a different language. The new Recite Me toolbar on the City of Parma Heights website www.parmaheights.us makes the website more inclusive and user-friendly. Scan the barcode to tour the possibilities.

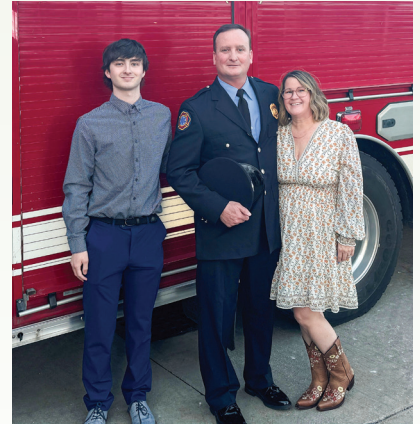


FIRE *Department*

We are pleased to announce that Firefighter Mason has been promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Mason has been with our fire department for 18 years and has consistently demonstrated exceptional skills, leadership and dedication to protecting our community. In his new role, Lieutenant Mason will be responsible for supervising a crew of firefighters, ensuring their training and readiness and helping to coordinate emergency response efforts.



You may see your fire department personnel out and about at various training locations around the city this summer. We are committed to maintaining the highest levels of preparedness, and routine hands-on training is a critical part of that process. Feel free to stop by and say hello if you see us training. We are always happy to engage with the public and share information about fire safety and the important work we do.



To help keep our community safe, the Fire Department offers up to 2 free smoke detectors per residence which we will install for you. Smoke detectors are a crucial first line of defense against home fires, providing early warning that can save lives. In fact, according to the National Fire Protection Association, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 55% and have been credited with saving thousands of lives each year across the United States. If you need new smoke detectors or are unsure if your existing ones are working properly, please email our office at FirePrevention@ParmaHeights.us to schedule a free installation. We're here to help ensure your home and family are protected.

POLICE *Department*

We want to welcome our newest police officer, Jeremy Badea. Officer Badea is from Brook Park, Ohio. He is attending Lorain County Community College Police Academy and is due to graduate in September. We are also excited to announce that we have hired Katelyn Romanowski. Katelyn grew up in Olmsted Falls and will have her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in forensic science by the time she graduates from the academy. Thank you for your continued support and trust in the Parma Heights Police Department!



SERVICE *Department*

The City of Parma Heights will be hosting several special waste collection events. These events provide an excellent opportunity to dispose of your unwanted materials in an environmentally safe manner. These community-driven events will be held at the easily accessible Parma Heights Service Garage, located in the heart of Greenbrier Commons. These events will take place from 9:00 a.m. to noon and proof of residency will be required.

Scrap Tire Collection - September 14, 2024

Community Shred Event - September 28, 2024

For additional information or questions about any special waste collection event, please get in touch with the Service Department at 440.884.9607 or visit the city's website for a list.

REPUBLIC SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Labor Day - September 2, 2024 - pick up will be Thursday, September 5, 2024

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring a smooth waste collection process. We kindly ask you to ensure that no refuse, bulk, or yard waste is placed at the curbside before 4:00 p.m. on the day before collection (Tuesday) and that carts are pulled back out of view of the street by 9:00 p.m. on the day (Wednesday) of rubbish collection for the premises. Your efforts contribute to the cleanliness and beauty of our community.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We understand that road construction can be inconvenient, and we appreciate your patience. The resurfacing of Kingsdale Boulevard and North Church Drive, which began in June, is progressing well, and we anticipate that Specialized Construction will complete it in late August. Crossroads Asphalt Recycling will also be resurfacing Denison Boulevard from West Ridgewood to Crestwood Drive in late summer. We assure you that we are working diligently to minimize any disruptions and ensure your safety. We kindly ask that you slow down or choose an alternate route when driving in the construction area.

SIDEWALKS

As a homeowner in Parma Heights, you are legally responsible for maintaining and repairing the sidewalk adjacent to your property. The property owner of any lot or land abutting upon any street is primarily responsible for fixing the sidewalk in front of the lot or land and keeping such sidewalks in repair and free from nuisance and obstruction. Furthermore, the abutting property owner must repair any hole or defect capable of causing injury, inconvenience, or damage to sidewalk users within a reasonable period of time.

A permit is required to repair the sidewalk, and the contractor must register with the city. To apply for a permit online, please visit the city's website at www.parmaheightsoh.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Parma Heights Service Department at 440.884.9607.

RECREATION *Department*

Parma Heights Pool is open daily.

Greenbrier Commons (6200 Pearl Road)

All pool information can be found on the Parma Heights Recreation website.

Starting July 1st, 2024, the Parma Heights Pool will no longer sell day passes to non-residents. However, non-residents can purchase season passes. For more information, please call 440.884.9606 or visit the Parma Heights Recreation website.

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

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

Join Jessica Reddick in the park for summer yoga classes. Please sign up for MyRec mobile communications to be notified of weather updates. Available to residents and non-residents - free to the public



RECREATION *Department*

MOVE WITH THE MAYOR – September 1st-30th

New this fall, join Mayor Gallo as part of the national initiative Move with the Mayor. Mayor Gallo will lead walks as part of the Move with the Mayor and SparkAmerica Fit City Challenge. The City of Parma Heights invites the community and local businesses to join the Parma Heights Team as part of the Fit City Challenge.



Mayor Gallo will lead two walks, the first on Saturday, September 14th at 9am at Nathan Hale Park and the second on Wednesday, September 18th at 6pm at the Cleveland Metroparks Connector Trail behind Cassidy Theatre.

Move with the Mayor is a national initiative that works with mayors nationwide to challenge their communities to be more physically active. Mayors encourage their communities to be physically active to lower their chances of heart disease and its risk factors like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

The SparkAmerica Fit City Challenge is a free, interactive, multi-city event that encourages individuals and companies to become healthy leaders through friendly competition. The challenge takes place in the fall and involves participants tracking their daily fitness activity minutes in a fitness game. The 2024 challenge is scheduled to run from September 1st–30th.

SENIOR *Center*

Now that summer is here we are enjoying trips to baseball games, restaurant patios and picnics. Your Senior Center offers many activities here at the center as well. The Senior Center provides exercise classes, games, crafts, trivia, and lunch every day of the week. If you qualify, lunches may be available to you at home. The center has a monthly Drive-Thru produce giveaway which includes a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, bread, and canned and boxed foods. If you live in one of the senior apartment buildings in Parma Heights, we also have monthly food distributions there. Our monthly newsletter is available online through the city website, City Hall, the Senior Center, or by mail with a subscription. Look us up, check us out, stop in, or call us, we'd love to hear from you. We are located on the main floor of the Educator Apartment building at 9274 North Church Drive. Call us at 440.888.4416.



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