



# FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Message From **MAYOR MARIE GALLO**



Dear Residents,

As the crisp air of Fall begins to embrace our beautiful city, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to you all as we transition into this vibrant season. The changing leaves and cooler temperatures signal the start of a period filled with joy,

reflection, and community bonding.

This time of year, Parma Heights transforms into a hub of activity and festive spirit. Our parks and public spaces will soon be adorned with the rich hues of autumn, creating the perfect backdrop for family outings and

leisurely strolls. I encourage you to take advantage of the picturesque scenery and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us.

As we embrace the spirit of Fall and the holiday season, please take part in the festivities and create lasting memories with your loved ones. Let us celebrate the sense of community and togetherness that makes Parma Heights such a wonderful place to call home.

With warm regards,

Mayor Marie Gallo

## PARMA HEIGHTS LIBRARY

The new Parma Heights Library is set to be a cornerstone of the community, offering residents a state-of-the-art facility that caters to diverse needs and interests. This exciting development is part of a broader initiative to enhance community resources and infrastructure, bringing significant upgrades to the area.

This project is made possible through a strategic partnership with the Cuyahoga Public Library, which brings additional resources and expertise to the table. Together, they aim to create a vibrant, inclusive environment that supports the educational and cultural development of Parma Heights residents. This collaboration promises to enhance the quality of life in the community, making the library a cherished destination for years to come.



## POLICE *Department*

As summer closed out, the Police and Fire Departments had their 4th Annual Battle of the Badges Softball Game. The annual game raises money for charity with donations and raffles. This year's game was won 18-9 by the Police Department for the 4th win in a row! Join us next year to cheer on our teams!

The department welcomes officer Jacob Pursley to our team. Officer Pursley came to us from Kent, Washington and is currently in the field training program.

Every October the police department honors the life of Sgt. Robert Bennett. Sgt. Bennett lost his life in the line of duty on October 25, 1972. Officers wear mourning badges and you will see magnets on the police vehicles to honor his sacrifice. This year is the 52nd year since the bank robbery that took his life.



## FIRE *Department*

As the leaves change and the days grow shorter, it's important to keep safety at the forefront of our minds. This fall, your local fire department wants to remind you of key safety measures to protect your home and loved ones.

### Fall Safety Reminders:

- **Change Smoke Alarm Batteries** - As you adjust your clocks for the end of daylight-saving time, take a moment to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. A functioning smoke alarm can save lives. Test your alarms monthly and replace them every 10 years.
- **Create a Home Fire Escape Plan** - In the event of a fire, having an escape plan can make all the difference. Here's how to create one:
  - Draw a map of your home. Mark two ways out of each room, including doors and windows.
  - Choose a meeting place. Select a safe spot outside where everyone will gather.
  - Practice your plan. Conduct fire drills at least twice a year to ensure everyone knows what to do.
- **Be sure your Smoke Detectors are working** - Do you need smoke detectors? Our department offers a **\*\*free smoke detector program\*\*** for residents who do not have working alarms. Contact us to schedule a time for installation.
- **Use caution when using candles** - With the holidays approaching, remember that candles can pose a fire risk. Consider using battery-operated LED candles instead of traditional ones to reduce the risk of accidental fires. If you do use candles, keep them away from flammable materials and never leave them unattended.
- **Space Heater Safety** - As temperatures drop, many people turn to space heaters for warmth. Here are some safety tips to follow:
  - Keep heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including furniture and curtains.
  - Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
  - Ensure you have working carbon monoxide detectors, especially if you use any fuel-burning appliances. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer, and detection is crucial.

# SERVICE *Department*

## LEAF COLLECTION

Fall is approaching, and leaf season will be here soon. Here are some guidelines for efficient leaf collection:

- Do not put leaves in the street.
- Place leaves within six feet of the curb for collection.
- Stack leaves as high as possible to keep them in this area and avoid covering fire hydrants.
- Only leaves should be placed by the curb; do not add sticks, branches, ornamental grasses, vegetables, vines, pumpkins, rocks, tarps, etc. to leaf piles.
- Please limit parking on the streets from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays to facilitate leaf collection. Leaves won't be picked up if a car is parked in front of a home during collection hours.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Regarding snow removal, follow these guidelines:

- Do not shovel or blow snow into the streets.
- Do not block any public sidewalks with driveway snow.
- Keep your snow on your own property.

Leaf collection and snow removal updates will be posted on our website at [www.parmaheightsoh.gov](http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov) and on our City of Parma Heights Facebook page. We encourage residents to register for ReadyNotify to receive updates by text message, phone call, and/or email. Thank you for your patience as our service department works hard to clean your streets this winter.

## WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

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

### Campaign Sign Recycling

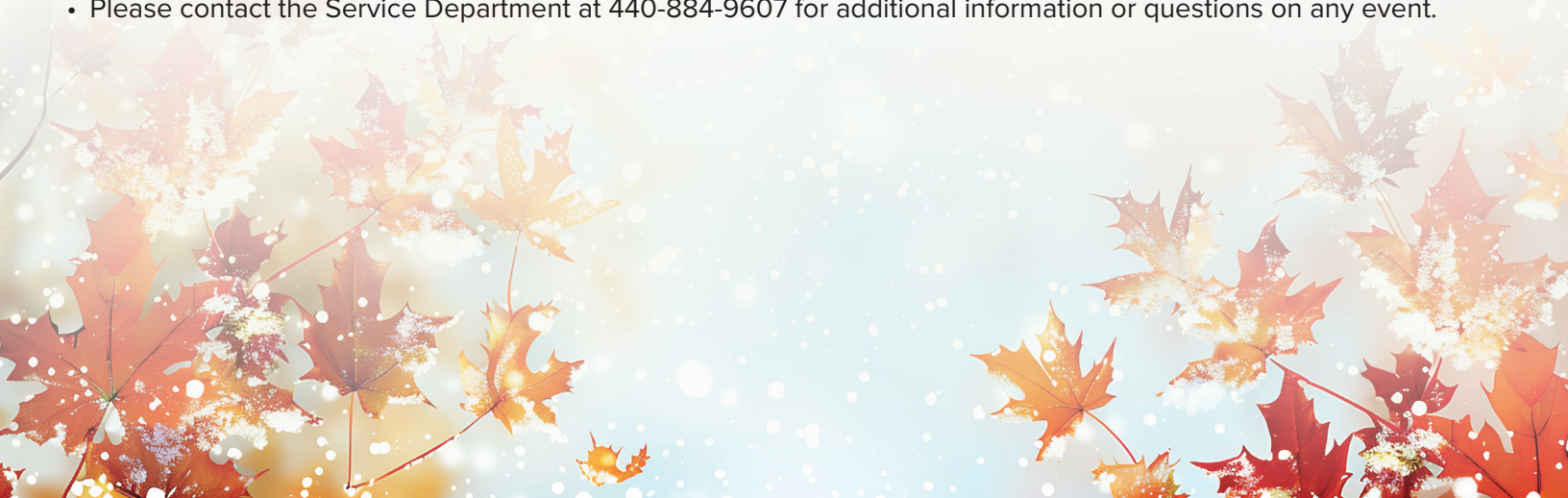
Saturday November 9th, 2024

### Holiday Lights Recycling

Saturday January 25, 2024

#### Please Note:

- All events will be held at the Parma Heights Service Garage in the Greenbrier Commons.
- All events will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Proof of residency is required – for residential use only.
- Please contact the Service Department at 440-884-9607 for additional information or questions on any event.



# RECREATION *Department*

## PARMA HEIGHTS FRIGHTS – *Saturday, November 2nd*

Greenbriar Commons Tennis Courts, 6200 Pearl Road | 5:00pm – 9:00pm

The Young Professionals of Parma and the Recreation Department invite you to celebrate the spooky season a little longer with us for a trunk-or-treat event, crafts, games, food trucks, creepy critters, and more!

## PARMA HEIGHTS FRIGHTS RUN – *Saturday, November 2nd*

Greenbriar Commons, 6200 Pearl Road | 2:00pm – 5:00pm

5k run through Greenbriar Commons and Big Creek Reservation. Check-in starts at 2pm with the race starting at 4:00pm. Register at [www.gcxracing.com/parma-frights](http://www.gcxracing.com/parma-frights). Uneven terrain and elevation can be expected throughout the course. \$35-\$40 per runner.

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY – *Sunday, December 1st*

Greenbriar Commons, 6200 Pearl Road | 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Happy Holidays from Mayor Gallo and the City of Parma Heights! Kick-off the season with special visitors from the North Pole and a countdown to the tree lighting!

## STORYTIME WITH SANTA – *Saturday, December 14th*

Cassidy Theatre Community Rooms, 6200 Pearl Road | 10:00am – 12:30pm

Join us for a magical morning of holiday cheer and Santa's storytelling! The jolly old man in red is making a special stop at the community rooms beneath Cassidy Theatre for a cozy morning filled with hot cocoa and Christmas tales! Bring your holiday wish list and don't forget your camera to capture all the smiles and festive moments! Registration is required.

**Mark your calendars!** Softball, Baseball, T-Ball, and Spring Soccer registration begins on January 2nd, 2025. Swim team registration starts in February 2025. Fall Soccer registration begins in June 2025. We can't wait to get back outside!

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION! Email us at [recreation@parmaheights.us](mailto:recreation@parmaheights.us), or call us at 440.884.9606.



Mayor Marie Gallo and Young Professionals of Parma invite you to

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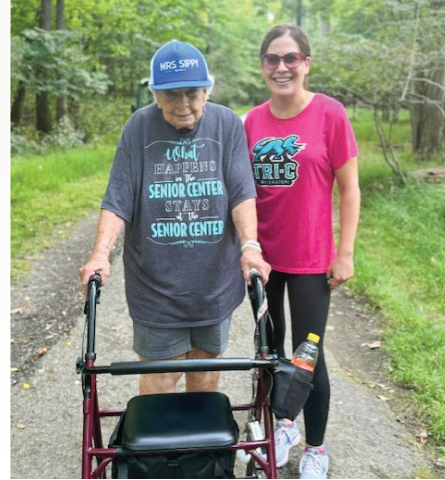
Saturday, November 2nd (5:00P-9:00P)  
Greenbrier Commons Commons (6200 Pearl Road)

Let's celebrate the spooky season a little longer with trunk-or-treat stations, crafts, games, food trucks, creepy critters, a 5k run, and Schnitz Ale Brews!



# SENIOR *Center*

We had a summer filled with fun attending ballgames, restaurants, trips, and community outings. Heading into Fall we have a lot to look forward to. October is going to be a celebration of the fall season, Octoberfest and Halloween. Please check out the Senior Center's monthly newsletter for all the information. We continue to serve lunch at the Senior Center Monday through Friday, beginning at 11:30 a.m. In addition to meals, we offer transportation, home-delivered meals, hospital meals and daily exercise programs and activities. Please call 440.888.4416 for more information on how you can participate. This is "your" Senior Center and we look forward to serving you!



## MOVE WITH THE MAYOR A SUCCESS

The Move with the Mayor initiative was a remarkable success, demonstrating the community's enthusiasm for staying active and connected. With over 100 participants of all ages joining in, the initiative brought people together for two invigorating walks.

The first walk, held at the scenic Nathan Hale Park, offered participants a refreshing way to engage with nature and each other. The second walk took place at the Parma Heights Connector Trail, providing a beautiful route that led to the Cleveland Metroparks behind Cassidy Theatre. Both locations offered unique experiences and opportunities for participants to enjoy the great outdoors while promoting the importance of physical activity.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who joined us in making this event so successful. Your participation and support are what make events like this possible and meaningful. We look forward to seeing even more of you next year as we continue to build a healthy, connected community through initiatives like Move with the Mayor. Keep moving, and see you on the trails!



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