



RECREATION *Department (Cont.)*

YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION – *Now Open*

Register online parmaheightsoh.myrec.com
Spring Soccer (ONLY), Summer Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, and Penguins Swim Team.

LEPRECHAUN HUNT – *Saturday, March 22*

Cassidy Theatre Community Rooms | 10-11 a.m. & 11:30-12:30 p.m.
Registration Required (\$5 resident) (\$6 non-resident) | Ages: 3-10 years with an adult
Help us hunt down the leprechauns hiding behind Cassidy Theatre.
Inside, you will get your certified leprechaun hunter license and learn how to catch your leprechaun.
Please dress for the weather, you must venture out in the cold to get them.
Once you have caught your Leprechaun, head to the Pot 'O' Gold table to get your treasure.

PARMA HEIGHTS ART LEAGUE – *Tuesdays From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

Lower level of the Cassidy Theatre, 6200 Pearl Road, Parma Heights
The group works in all artistic media | Bring your own materials and coffee cup
For additional information, contact Susan Kedio at 440.845.5373.



SENIOR *Center*

It's hard to believe that we are saying goodbye to another year and beginning 2025 already. We had some great trips, fun activities, new exercises and best of all, 243 new seniors joined the Senior Center this past year.

The Senior Center offers all that and also provides Congregate lunches at the center, delivers meals to eligible homebound seniors, and provides transportation to doctor appointments, grocery and department stores, banks, the library, post office, BMV, hair salons, barber shops and more. Please make visiting us a part of your New Year's resolution!

City of Parma Heights
6281 Pearl Road
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130



MAYOR MARIE GALLO CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS

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- Phone number 440.884.9601
- Tom Rounds, Council President & Ward 3
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- Christopher Kolezynski, At-Large
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*** For Ward 4 concerns, please contact 440.884.9601.*

CITY PHONE NUMBERS

- City Hall 440.884.9600
- Police Non-Emergency 440.884.1234
- Fire Non-Emergency 440.885.1717
- Service and Building 440.884.9607
- Senior Services 440.888.4416
- Recreation 440.884.9606



WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Message From **MAYOR MARIE GALLO**



Dear Community Members,
Now that we are well into the New Year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of you. May this year bring you joy, prosperity, and countless opportunities to create cherished memories with your loved ones.

Reflecting on the past year fills me with gratitude for the vibrant spirit of our community. From Move with the Mayor walks to our Parma Heights Frights and our Christmas Tree Lighting event, our city has been alive with activities that celebrate our diversity and unity. I sincerely hope you have had the chance to participate in these events and experience the unique offerings of our beautiful city.

Your unwavering support and active involvement are the cornerstones of our thriving community. Your enthusiasm and dedication allow us to continue hosting such enriching events and initiatives. Thank you for your contributions, which have not only strengthened our community bonds but also made our city a better place for all.

Let us continue to work together, support one another, and build on the successes of the past. Together, I am confident that we can achieve even greater things in the year ahead.

Wishing you a prosperous and joyful 2025.

Warm regards,

Mayor Marie Gallo

MAYOR REAPPOINTED TO CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND ELECTED TO RTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Parma Heights Mayor Marie Gallo has been re-appointed as a member of the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission by Cuyahoga County Executive Christopher Ronayne. She has been serving as a member since 2022. The Planning Commission is comprised of eight members appointed by the County Executive for each of the eight County Planning Regions, the County Executive, and two members of County Council appointed by the President of County Council.

Additionally, Mayor Gallo was recently elected by her peer Mayors to serve as a member of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

She will be sworn-in for a three-year term running from March 2025 through 2028.

POLICE *Department*

We are pleased to announce Detective Eric Taylor's promotion to Sergeant. Sgt. Taylor has been an officer with the Parma Heights Police Department since August 2016. He served in uniformed patrol until his move to the detective bureau in 2021. Sgt. Taylor will be assigned as the Administrative Sergeant and will have additional Detective Bureau supervision duties. Congratulations to Sgt. Taylor and his family!

We also want to congratulate Sergeant Jeff Krepina on his retirement from the department after 33 years. Over his career, Sergeant Krepina held many positions in the department, including uniform patrol officer, detective, uniform patrol Sergeant, and finally, Administrative/ Detective Bureau Sergeant. We thank him for his service to the city of Parma Heights and wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

As winter is upon us, we want to remind you to give you these winter safety tips:

- Completely clean your car from snow and ice before driving.
- Make sure you have good tires on your vehicle to assist in bad conditions.
- Remember that all-wheel or 4-wheel drive does not help you stop in snow/ice.
- Drive a speed appropriate for the road conditions.
- Maintain a good distance between you and the car ahead to ensure you can stop in all weather.
- Keep a blanket, flashlight, and cell phone charger/power bank in your car in case you get stuck.



FIRE *Department*

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

We are excited to introduce Dominic Agresta, one of our new Parma Heights Fire Department hires. Dominic grew up in Middleburg Heights and has always been inspired by the fire service. He follows in the footsteps of his father, a Lieutenant in Strongsville.

From a young age, Dominic knew he wanted to pursue a career in firefighting. He attended the Polaris Career Center, where he completed the Firefighter/EMT program while still attending high school. After graduating, he furthered his education by enrolling in the Paramedic program at Cuyahoga Community College.

Dominic's journey continued as he gained valuable experience working as a part-time firefighter in Seven Hills and Olmsted Falls. During this time, he frequently participated in ride-a-longs with the Parma Heights Fire Department and quickly recognized that our community was the perfect fit for his career aspirations.

We are thrilled to have Dominic join our ranks, bringing his passion, dedication, and community spirit to the Parma Heights Fire Department. His commitment to serving the community aligns perfectly with our mission, and we look forward to the positive impact he will make.

Winter Safety Tips

- Stay off frozen ponds. We DO NOT allow ice skating on any of our bodies of water.
- Ensure all smoke alarms are functional and replace batteries as needed.
- Ensure your chimney is cleaned and inspected annually. Always use a screen to prevent sparks from escaping.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable and turn them off when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Use fire-resistant materials for decorations and keep them away from heat sources.
- Make sure your family knows how to escape in case of a fire and practice your plan regularly.



SERVICE *Department*

2025 HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION PROGRAMS

The City of Parma Heights will host several special waste collection events throughout 2025. These events provide an excellent opportunity to dispose of unwanted materials in an environmentally safe manner.

All events will take place at the Parma Heights Service Garage located in Greenbrier Commons from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please note that proof of residency is required and these events are for residential use only.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates:

- Saturday, May 10, 2025
- Saturday, July 26, 2025
- Saturday, October 25, 2025

Recycle Your Computer Events:

- Saturday, June 14, 2025
- Saturday, October 11, 2025

Community Shred Event (Limit of 2 boxes per household):

- Saturday, April 26, 2025
- Saturday, September 27, 2025

Campaign Sign Recycling:

- Saturday, November 8, 2025

For further details about each event, please contact the Service Department at 440.884.9607 and visit the City's website. For additional information on sustainable materials management and waste reduction programs, visit the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District at www.cuyahogarecycles.org.

Republic Services 2025 Holiday Schedule:

Memorial Day May 26, 2025 – pick up will be Thursday, May 29, 2025.
Labor Day September 1, 2025 – pick up will be Thursday, September 4, 2025.

The holidays listed above are the only ones that will experience a one-day delay in refuse collection.

BUILDING *Department*

Building permits are classified based on the type of work being done, including electrical, mechanical, structural changes, or new construction. Before applying for a permit, it is essential that your plans comply with local codes and ordinances. The Building Department must verify that your property can support the proposed changes.

A permit will be needed if you intend to make significant alterations to your home's footprint. This includes additions such as bedrooms, new rooms, most decks, garages, and sheds. Any modifications that alter the existing support system of your home—such as changes to load-bearing walls, patios, balconies, and porches—will also require a permit. Here are some additional situations where a permit is typically necessary:



BUILDING *Department (Cont.)*

Fences: specific height requirements and location on your property

New installations: This includes windows, siding, and roofs.

Plumbing and electrical work: A permit is required to install new plumbing or electrical systems, as well as to remove existing fixtures.

Water heaters: A permit is needed to replace your water heater.

HVAC: A permit is required for the installation of heating and air conditioning systems.

As a homeowner, you are responsible for ensuring that all necessary permits are obtained for your projects, even if you hire a contractor to perform the work. Any individual or company involved in the construction or alteration of a structure or property must register with the City of Parma Heights Building Department for the current calendar year. Homeowners should not apply for building permits on behalf of their contractors. Instead, contractors are responsible for applying for and obtaining the building permits for their projects. Please note that the cost of a permit will double if it is obtained after the work has been completed.

The city's website, www.parmaheights.us, allows you to apply for a building permit or register as a contractor online. Please reach out to the Building Department with any questions at 440.884.9607.

RECREATION *Department*

Please remember to sign up for Parma Heights MyRec to purchase pool passes, register for programming, and more! Registering is required for all programs unless otherwise specified.

Information can be found at parmaheightsoh.gov/recreation-department/ - Facebook.com/ParmaHeightsRecreation - give us a call 440.884.9606

Now Hiring for 2025

Park Attendants – support our youth sports teams by representing Parma Heights by setting up equipment, monitoring parks during games, and supporting coaching staff. 18+ preferred but not required.

Park Maintenance – spend your summer outside by maintaining our parks and ball fields for programs and residents. Driver's license required.

Seasonal Pool Staff – lifeguards, customer service, and deck crew. Training will be available. Must be 15 or older.

Pool Manager - Looking for a year-round opportunity? Our Pool Manager Position is a variable position, typically with full-time hours in the spring/summer and part-time hours in the fall/winter. Training is available for the hired candidate.

Please visit <https://parmaheightsoh.myrec.com> or stop by City Hall to pick up an application.
Email your application and resume to Recreation@ParmaHeights.us

