

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA MAYOR PREPARES STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero will discuss the local economy, Ukrainian Village, the upcoming Polish Constitution Day Parade in May, unveiling a new city logo, the soon-to-bebuilt Westcreek Stewardship Center and other issues in his annual State of the City Address February 22. The address will be held in Parma City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m.

"My message will be one of optimism," said Mayor DePiero. "My gut tells me that our city is being cautiously optimistic that we can rebound from this devastating recession. We're holding our own by trimming the budget but not cutting the basic quality services that our residents have come to expect."

Mayor DePiero says staying financially healthy in 2010 will greatly depend upon a balanced budget, attracting good businesses to the community and continuing to offer great safety services and programs for residents.

"Our sewer projects and our sanitary sewer cleaning program will continue," said Mayor DePiero. "There will be a lot of good news in my address, not the least of which is our new city logo, improvements at Ries Ice Rink and the fact that Business Week Magazine has named Parma as one of the best cities in which to raise children. We're very proud of that distinction."

The unveiling of Parma's new logo will take on an added flair of excitement. The logo creator is planning to attend the mayor's State of the City address. Residents chose the new logo from the four finalists posted online on the city's website, <u>www.cityofparma-oh.com</u>.

Plans are also in the works for the Polish Constitution Day Parade that will be held Sunday, May 2 after moving from its traditional location in Slavic Village in Cleveland. "Big Chuck" Schodowski will be the grand marshal. Tentative plans call for participants to march from Parma City Hall to Snow Road. A program will follow at St. Charles Church on the corner of Ridge Road and Wilber Avenue.