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PARMA ANNOUNCES ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES

(PARMA) – The City of Parma has rolled out its new Energy Efficiency Rebate Program geared to assist Parma homeowners and business owners with the costs of making energy efficient home and/or building improvements.

“The City received federal grant monies totaling \$609,000 to either make public buildings energy efficient or assist homeowners and businesses to do the same,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “We decided the better idea was to invest this grant money to help our residents, their homes and their businesses.”

The rebate program offers cash rebates on Energy Star qualified appliance such as clothes washers (\$150), refrigerators (\$150), dish washers (\$150) and freezers (\$50) and even expands to energy efficient hot water tanks, entrance doors (\$50), windows (\$25) and whole house insulation (\$500). There is a \$750 maximum rebate limit per household.

“There is no better time than now to make those big ticket energy efficiency improvements to your home,” said Mayor DePiero. “Couple our rebate program with the federal tax credits being offered and the new Columbia Gas Home Performance Solutions Program and, in many cases, insulating your entire home will wind up costing you next to nothing.”

Owners of commercial buildings can also take part through rebates and loans to make energy efficient lighting and heating improvements. Low interest loans for large scale residential and commercial projects are also available.

The rebate program is only for Parma residents and business owners, and rebates apply to any qualifying improvement or appliance installed after September 1, 2010. The rebate program will end when all funds are exhausted. Mayor DePiero encourages all interested parties to visit www.cityofparma-oh.gov/energy.aspx, www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com/HPS and www.energystar.gov for information on applications, qualifying products and services and information on federal tax benefits. For City of Parma rebate information call (216) 661-7372. For information on Columbia Gas Home Performance Solutions call (877) 644-6674.

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