



## NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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### **PARMA CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR TV'S LEGENDARY DICK GODDARD**

**(PARMA)** – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero and members of Parma City Council will honor local broadcasting legend Dick Goddard March 7 during its regular Monday night Council meeting. They will present Cleveland's longtime meteorologist with a Proclamation and a key to the city.

“Dick has been a good friend to the City of Parma and the Parma Animal Shelter,” said Mayor Dean DePiero. “We want to help celebrate the generosity Dick has shown all of Greater Cleveland for the past five decades.”

Dick Goddard has been a fixture on Cleveland television on Fox 8 and WKYC, channel 3. He will mark 50 years on local television May 1. Goddard just celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

“I was always happy to do something to support the Parma Animal Shelter because of the good work they do,” said Goddard. “Anything that helps to get those dogs and cats adopted is good enough for me.”

For the past several years, Goddard has promoted pet adoption on the air while reminding pet owners to get their cats and dogs spayed or neutered. The popular Cleveland broadcaster attracts thousands of people to Vermilion every year for his Woollybear Festival. It is considered to be the largest sing-day festival held in the state of Ohio.

“The greatest compliment I can give Dick Goddard is the same one he's been hearing for years, what you see is what you get,” said Mayor DePiero. “We are so happy Dick is giving his time to allow us to honor him at Parma City Hall. But that is exactly what he is known for – giving his time and energy to help promote pets, charities and good quality programs across Greater Cleveland. He's a class act.”

Parma City Hall is located at 6611 Ridge Road at the corner of Ridgewood Drive.

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