



NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA MAYOR SAYS HE WILL NOT RUN FOR A THIRD TERM IN OFFICE

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero has announced his decision not to run for a third term in office. He is currently in the last year of his second, four year term, elected the 13th and youngest Mayor of Parma, Ohio’s seventh largest city, in November of 2003.

“This is a bittersweet decision that I have made after discussions with my family and close friends,” said Mayor DePiero. “I am happy with it. I feel in my heart it is a good time because there are good things happening in our city. I am also at the stage of my life to consider other options that are available to me while I am still relatively young. I have no definite plans at the present time.”

Mayor DePiero sent a letter (**attached**) to all Parma residents this past weekend announcing his decision. He says he wanted his constituents to be the first to be informed of his plans as well as personal reasons for not running for a third term.

“If anything, this past year has taught me to appreciate what is truly important to all of us and the priorities we set in life,” Mayor DePiero stated in his letter. “My family experienced incredible joy at the birth of our son, while at the same time dealt with the loss and struggles of those dear to us.”

Mayor DePiero also stressed his pride in numerous accomplishments while in office. They include enacting important reforms in the Parma safety forces and a record for keeping neighborhoods safe; spurring investment and redevelopment; launching vital economic development projects; building two state-of-the-art fire stations and improving the city’s recreational facilities and parks; promoting regionalism; spearheading important partnerships including the city’s effort with Cleveland Metroparks and the West Creek Preservation Committee to create a 300 acre park with a one-of-a-kind Watershed Center and cutting spending while avoiding major cuts and layoffs while not raising taxes.

“The credit for all these things belongs to the dedicated employees who I have worked with over the past seven years,” Mayor DePiero stated in his letter. He concluded by saying, “I look forward to finishing my final year as your Mayor and promise to continue to work hard and will serve the city with the same enthusiasm and vigor that I always have. I am incredibly optimistic about the future of Parma.”

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