



NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA MOVING FORWARD WITH STREETSCAPE PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WALKABILITY

(PARMA) – Parma City Council has given its approval to major funding projects for several streetscape and sidewalk improvement projects. The programs are designed to make foot traffic safer, more attractive and user-friendly for residents and businesses.

“Federal funding has enabled the city to invest more than \$250,000 a year in each of the last 5 years for commercial and residential neighborhoods,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “The goal is to help in taking the cost of these improvements off their books, so to speak, and allow them to invest in other priorities or improvements.”

Community Development Block Grant funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development provides the money for the street improvement programs.

Commercial streetscape improvements include new concrete curbs and public sidewalks. The target sites are the former Geppetto’s Restaurant on Pearl Road, the Zabor Funeral Home on Pearl Road, National Bank on Ridge Road, the Mallchok Funeral Home on Ridge Road and Red Circle Lanes on State Road.

Public sidewalk replacement is designed for income eligible census tracts. That amounts to 27,000 square feet of replacement concrete and 1,250 feet of new curb. The target sites are Orchard Avenue between W. 67th and Ridge. The area will receive all new code compliant sidewalks with all new curbing on the south side of the street. Also, Westlake Avenue between 67th and Ridge Road will receive a new public sidewalk.

Mayor DePiero says the City of Parma still does a large number of spot improvements to sidewalks but is now improving entire neighborhoods in one shot to have more of an immediate impact.

“The end result is worth it – improving aesthetics, walkability and safety of the improved areas,” said Mayor DePiero.

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Residents can call each year starting on April 1 to get on that year's waiting list for sidewalk replacement. You can contact the Community Services and Economic Development Department at 216-661-7372 for more information. The City of Parma prioritizes those who have been cited for repairs but cannot afford them.

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