



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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## **PARMA OFFERS NEW GRANT PROGRAM TO AID SENIORS TO LIVE “SAFE AT HOME”**

**(PARMA)** – The City of Parma is announcing its new “Senior Safe at Home” program, being administered by the Parma Community Services & Economic Development Department.

“This is a truly unique venture for older residents who may have medical issues but who desire to continue living in the safety and comfort of their own homes,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “Our program is geared to make sure any emergency medical situation is addressed as quickly as possible.”

“Senior Safe at Home” assists seniors over the age of 65 or those under 65 years of age who have a medical disability. The City of Parma will contract with SafeMed Alert, Inc. to provide a telephone-based emergency monitoring station and personal necklace alert system.

In order to qualify for this free service, the applicant must live alone, have an annual income less than \$36,300 and either be over the age of 65 years of age or provide medical documentation of a disability.

Those who do not income qualify, have a disability or live alone, but would like to have an emergency alert system can still take advantage of the City’s discounted price of \$49 for activation. In addition, there is also a cost of \$24.95 per month for monitoring by the vendor.

Those interested can call Gloria Wohl in the Community Development Department at (216) 661-7375 or the main office at (216) 661-7372 for an application and information.

This program is provided through Community Development Block Grant funding.

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