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### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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## **PARMA OFFICIALLY DESIGNATES UKRAINIAN VILLAGE ALONG STATE ROAD**

**(PARMA)** – Parma City Council has passed a resolution officially renaming a portion of State Road as Ukrainian Village. The two-mile corridor between Tuxedo Avenue and Grantwood Drive has long been heavily-populated with Ukrainian residents, churches, stores and businesses.

“This is just the beginning of a true renaissance for that portion of Parma,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “We will soon be seeing Ukrainian banners lining the streets and storefront redevelopment, many projects being undertaken as an investment by several members of the Ukrainian community.”

City officials say the effort to create the "commerce-friendly" neighborhood is the most appropriate way to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of local Ukrainians, Parma's largest new immigrant demographic. Nearly 10 percent of the City of Parma's population is foreign-born, and the largest number represented, nearly 1,500, are from Ukraine.

“These are exciting times for the Ukrainian community in Parma,” said Andy Futey, honorary Ukrainian consul for Ohio. “The Ukrainians are being recognized for their many contributions to the area. They are also giving back to Parma while becoming more active in the community.”

The City of Parma is investing approximately \$250,000 in federal grants over the next four years to help create the Ukrainian Village. Parma city officials have been working closely with the recently created Ukrainian Village Advisory Committee.

Futey says he believes the Ukrainian Village area will continue to grow with new residents from Cleveland's Tremont Ukrainian neighborhood as well as new citizens from Ukraine.

“Growth and prosperity are a given,” said Futey. “We're so pleased Mayor DePiero and the City of Parma have taken this great idea from the talking stages to reality. I have no doubt the Ukrainian Village will benefit the entire region.”

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