



NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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CITY OF PARMA'S ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SURVEY SEEKS COMMUNITY'S INPUT

**Deadline to provide feedback is February 8, 2010;
Upcoming public meeting to announce results**

(PARMA) – The City of Parma is asking residents and businesses interested in helping to create various city-sponsored energy efficiency programs to complete a brief online survey before February 8, 2010. The residential and commercial surveys, which should take less than 5 minutes to complete, can be accessed at www.cityofparma-oh.gov.

“We think it’s important that all members of our community have the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the types of energy efficiency programs the city should offer,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “This survey is the first step in helping to ensure we develop programs that our residents and businesses want and need. So far, the response has been extremely good. I encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming public meeting, where we’ll discuss the survey results.”

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The public meeting has been scheduled for February 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Parma City Council Chambers, which is located at City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road in Parma, Ohio.

Members of the community are invited to complete the residential and/or commercial surveys that have been posted on the City of Parma's Web site. Residents will be asked around 15 questions regarding their interest in purchasing or using Energy Star® rated appliances, programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent bulbs, home energy audits and insulation. Businesses that access the commercial survey will be asked questions dealing with the HVAC equipment, lighting, insulation and plumbing systems at their facilities.

The programs offered by the city will be funded by a \$715,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) that Parma received from the Department of Energy (DOE) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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