

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA PUTS OUT "GONE FISHING" SIGN AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

(PARMA) – The City of Parma is now offering residents a chance to fish without having to leave the city. Thanks to a partnership with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, the City of Parma is making fishing available at the Veterans Memorial Park pond off State Road.

"This unique agreement will provide some excellent opportunities to all those local anglers out there," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "We are thankful for the help from the state on a project that will create yet another recreational venue for family fun in our great community."

Following an extensive dredging project by the City of Parma to improve the quality of the pond, the Ohio Division of Wildlife stocked fingerling largemouth bass and fingerling bluegill. By the summer of 2012, the largemouth bass can be expected to average nine inches and the bluegill should average about four inches.

"We are pleased and excited to enter into this partnership with the Ohio Division of Wildlife," said Parks and Recreation Director Mickey Vittardi. "This additional recreational activity will benefit our residents from youngsters to seniors for years to come."

Park visitors will notice two new signs around the pond reminding anglers 16 years and older that an Ohio Fishing License is required, and that all fishing is catch-and-release only.

Ohio fishing licenses can be purchased at <u>www.wildohio.com</u> and at traditional vendors.

For more information on recreational opportunities offered by the City of Parma you can visit the city website, <u>www.cityofparma-oh.gov</u>, or call the Parma Recreation Department at 440-885-8144.

For more information about Ohio's fishing opportunities go to <u>www.wildohio.com</u> or call 1-800-WILDLIFE (945-3543). Phil Hillman, District Three Fish Management Supervisor, Division of Wildlife, can be contacted at 330-245-3015 or <u>phil.hillman@dnr.state.oh.us</u>.