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Parma Looking Beautiful Thanks to Federal Funding

(Parma) – The city of Parma is using nearly \$400,000 in federal block grant funds to complete several beautification programs, commercial property upgrades and handicapped accessible curbing.

“We are partnering with several area business owners to improve commercial districts across town,” says Parma Community Development Director Erik Tollerup. “We are continuing to follow Mayor DePiero’s lead in declaring war on eyesores and buildings in disrepair.”

Butt Hutt, Parma Hobby’s Fotomat and many nuisance garage structures are scheduled for demolition between June 16 and June 20. The old Parma Fire Station number two has already been demolished to make room for a million dollar, 24-hour veterinary hospital operated by Bartels and Busack. The new building is scheduled to open in March of next year.

“We have once again discovered that beautification and expansion in our city spreads quickly from one business to another,” says Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “The federal money is being put to good use and will make Parma look and feel more attractive to both our residents and visitors to our great city.”

In addition, projects scheduled for the fall call for streetscape improvements such as new curbs, brickscape, aprons and sidewalks. The Ripepi Funeral Home at the corner of Pearl and Snow Roads will be among the beneficiaries. Other similar upgrades on Pearl Road are planned for Union Eye Care, Das Schnitzel Haus, Tire King and the old India Fashions building. The area surrounding Friar Home Improvement at State and Brookpark Roads will also be upgraded. City officials say any remaining money will likely be spent along Ridge Road between Pearl and Snow Roads.

“Making the most of our federal grant programs is what it’s all about,” says Mayor DePiero. “What may sound like a bricks and mortar project enables us to make more street corners handicapped accessible and allows our business community to be proud of their properties.”

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