



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

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## **PARMA PLANS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC FORUM**

**(PARMA)** – The City of Parma has finalized a tentative schedule for its two economic community forums in November, addressing issues like foreclosure and credit relief while offering a host of professional speakers to provide answers for area residents.

The forums will be held on Thursday, November 13 and Thursday, November 20. They will be hosted by Parma Treasurer Anthony Zielinski. The following scheduled presentations are subject to change:

On Thursday, November 13, presentations are planned by Third Federal Bank, TA-Check – Financial Advisors, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Common Pleas Court Foreclosure Mediation Program, Housing Advocates, Inc., the Legal Aid Society and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office – Tax Foreclosure Division.

On Thursday, November 20, presentations are planned by Key Bank, Kohler & Associates – Financial Advisors, United Way 2-1-1 program, Neighborhood Housing Services, the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office – Predatory Lending/Mortgage Fraud Division.

Also planning to attend but not speaking will be ESOP (Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People) and a representative from the Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office.

All organizations will be present on both nights for individuals to ask questions privately. The organizations will be offering brief presentations to an interested audience on the dates provided.

"Foreclosure and the credit crunch are critical issues of the day that we'll be facing for some time," said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "Our city treasurer is gathering together people who know the answers to the question we hear most, 'What do I do now?' These meetings are important to our entire region. We're giving out quality information we all can use."

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The Parma Economic Forums are designed for speakers to touch on several economic issues including foreclosure, credit counseling, 401k savings plans, financial advising, banking solutions and United Way's 2-1-1 First Call for Help Hotline program.

"We plan to have several speakers available to area residents, many of whom believe they have nowhere to turn," said Parma Treasurer Anthony Zielinski. "Countless others are just trying to survive by staying one step ahead of a crisis that is now affecting every community around the globe."

There will also be several tables manned by financial experts who will provide written information that residents can take home with them. All materials are available at no cost.

The Parma Economic Forums will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center (formerly the Parma Senior Center) adjacent to Parma City Hall. The programs are open to residents from all communities.

"The hope is that by providing solutions we will provide some peace of mind," said Treasurer Zielinski. "Everyone is welcome to attend for information and education, hopefully erasing some of the desperation that folks are feeling in cities across the country."

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