

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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Parma Parade and Fireworks Highlight City's Fourth of July Celebration

(**Parma**) – Parma residents are looking forward to another fun-filled, family-oriented Fourth of July celebration that will continue throughout the day.

The annual Fourth of July Parade featuring dozens of marching units will kick-off at 10 a.m. The parade begins on Ridge Road, just south of Snow Road, and concludes at Parma City Hall at the corner of Ridge and Ridgewood Drive.

The parade is again being organized by the Parma Jaycees.

"This is a traditional holiday time for families that we all look forward to," says Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. "Family picnics and cookouts are always squeezed in between our morning parade and fireworks that night."

The city of Parma is proud to once again present a spectacular fireworks show at Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus the night of July 4th.

Mayor DePiero will be on hand for the annual event. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. with opening remarks by Parma Recreation Director Mickey Vittardi. Also present will be Tri-C West President Dr. Patricia Rowell, Donna Smallwood, President of Proud of Parma, other Tri-C West dignitaries and Miss Parma 2008.

"We are honored to host such a well-loved community tradition at Tri-C," said Dr. Rowell. "Tri-C has been an integral part of the community since we opened our doors more than forty years ago, and we continue that partnership today."

The city of Parma Auditor Dennis Kish will sing our National Anthem. Music will be provided by the Mike Jacobs Band.

Fireworks begin at dusk. In case of rain, a fireworks only show is scheduled for the following evening, July 5th. The "rainout" program is also scheduled to begin at dusk.