



NEWS RELEASE

From Mayor Dean DePiero

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Contact: Jack P. Marschall
(440) 885-8181 or (216) 346-9935 (cell)

Parma's Pothole Patrol: Bigger and Better

(Parma) – The city of Parma has beefed-up its Pothole Patrol work crews around the area to speed-up street repairs and ensure the safety of local motorists and pedestrians. Mayor Dean DePiero says it is quality service that residents have come to expect.

"This is one of those annual rites of spring that no one likes," says Mayor Dean DePiero. "But this year we're adding some much-needed ammunition by hiring private contractors to help our city street crews get the job done at a faster rate."

The City of Parma has contracted with Cross-Roads Asphalt Recycling, Specialized Construction Incorporated and the Shelley Corporation for asphalt patch repairs on the streets of Parma. Service Director Brian Higgins says the work has already begun and will continue on a strategically-based schedule as long as the weather cooperates.

"At any given time, we will have five or six crews filling and repairing the worst holes and ruts left behind by a pretty brutal winter," Higgins says. "It's the typical damage caused by the constant cycles of freezing and thawing that we see every year."

Parma has approximately 550 streets to maintain year-round. Mayor DePiero says responding to calls from residents keeps the work crews on top of their game, keeping-up with potholes that can damage cars and create a potentially hazardous situation.

"All we're doing is trying to get a jump start on essential road maintenance with an extra emphasis on speedy, quality repairs," says Mayor DePiero. "Residents and others driving through our city deserve a fighting chance, and it makes me happy to say we're doing our best as fast as we can to make that happen."

###