



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **From Mayor Dean DePiero**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**In cooperation with county and state agencies...**

### **City of Parma is working diligently in light of storms**

**(Parma, OH)** – The City of Parma, along with Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, are working to gain access to FEMA funds to assist residents whose homes were damaged due to Tuesday's rainstorm that swept the area.

If there is a federal declaration of emergency, the City of Parma will make information available to our residents about what type of federal assistance is available. The City said that it may not know until the week of August 13 or after if federal assistance will be authorized.

Affected residents who have not done so already should contact City Hall to provide information about flooding in their residences, said Mayor Dean DePiero. He also urged residents to visit the city's website ([www.cityofparma-oh.gov](http://www.cityofparma-oh.gov)) and click on the "2007 Flood Information" – a link that provides vital tips about home cleanup in the aftermath of a flood.

Property owners and renters should maintain receipts, take photographs if possible, and maintain documentation of flood damage for insurance purposes and in the event FEMA authorizes emergency funding for flood related damages to homes.

Also, the Parma Community Services and Economic Development Department is offering \$150 reimbursement vouchers to residents 65 and over for home cleanup. All residents living in the house must be 65 or over and the home must be in the resident's name. Eligible residents should call (216) 661-7372 for more information. There are no income requirements and this money is available only for cleanup. Receipts from a contractor that has done the cleanup work must be provided.

Since the storm hit, the city's service department has begun extra trash pickup for affected residents. All trash should be placed on the tree lawn. The City cannot guarantee when the garbage truck will be at an individual residence, but every effort is being made to visit all effected homes.

The Red Cross will be distributing home "cleanup kits" TODAY ONLY, AUGUST 9, 2007, at Valley Forge High School, 9999 Independence Blvd., Parma Heights, until 5 PM, on a "first come, first served" basis.

“We are working diligently in the best interest of our citizens who have been affected by the storm,” Mayor DePiero said. “We will continue to do so.”

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