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# PARMA NEWSLETTER



**City of Parma and  
Parma Police  
Department**

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## City Hall News and Updates

**Parma City Hall**  
209 S. Broad  
P.O. Box 668  
573-357-4375

### COUNTY MAYORS ASSOCIATION

Mayor: Randall Ramsey  
Board of Alderman:  
Barry Aycock  
Oscar Sapp  
Simon Wofford  
City/Court Clerk: Pat Wallace  
City Judge: Phillip Santie  
City Attorney: Amy Pryer  
City Treasurer: Kim Hampton

During this past year the Mayors of the 15 Cities of New Madrid County met and formed a County Mayors Association to promote economic development and jobs for the communities. An economic developer has been hired by the Mayor's to assist the Cities with this project. The developer is currently making contacts around the country to promote interest in the Towns. A website has been put together and placed on the world wide web with information and pictures about the Towns. The address for the site is [www.newmadridcountyworks.com](http://www.newmadridcountyworks.com). It will take time but hopefully some jobs and economic progress will come out of this effort.

#### City Maintenance

Water Plant: 573-357-4808

### WATER RATES

Manager: Steve Lewis  
Foreman: Rick Seuell  
Alice Holmes

Due to increases in supplies, labor, repairs, etc., it has become necessary for a rate increase in the monthly rates for water use. Effective with the January 2009 bill, each meter will increase \$8.00 per month. The last increase was made in October 2006.

#### Police Department

Office: 573-357-4641  
Emergency: 911

### NEW TORNADO SIREN INSTALLED

Chief of Police: Trish Cohen  
Officer Rinda Williams  
Officer Tracy Shelton

A new Storm Siren has been installed and put into service. This siren has about twice the sound of the siren that has been in use since 1992 and will cover the entire town plus some of the rural area next to town. The siren was purchased with a 75%-25% Rural Development grant. A test of the siren will be conducted once a month,

#### Fire Department

Office: 573-357-2006  
Emergency: 911

### Parma City Court

Fire Chief: Chris Blackburn  
Assistant Fire Chief: Mike Collum  
Captain: Justin Kinsey

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### New Madrid County Library in Parma

Hours:  
Tuesday and Friday  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Below is a list of telephone numbers for utility, phone company, sanitation, and cable company servicing the Parma area:

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BPS Telephone	573-293-2277 or 800-785-8630	Best Sanitation	573-688-2605

# Police Department News and Updates

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW OFFICERS

There will no longer be warnings given for loud music. Citizens willing to sign complaints are encouraged to do so. If citizens want to sign a complaint we ask that they try to get a vehicle description and license plate number or if it is a residence get us an address. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

*We would like to announce that the Police Department has two new officers, Rinda Williams and Tracy Shelton. There is approximately 19 years of experience between the two officers. Everyone please welcome them and extend your support to them. Thank you.*

Remember : TO LOUD WE IM-  
POUND.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
EVERYONE A SAFE AND  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**



Parents are reminded that children are to be restrained in proper restraints while riding as a passenger in vehicles.

There will be no warnings given for loitering on street corners, pants not being pulled up, walking in streets blocking flow of traffic, failing to comply with reasonable request of police officers, etc.

We would like to remind the parents that the curfew is 9:00 p.m. every night for children 16 years of age and younger.

This next section is information on the types and amounts of calls the police department has received and tickets that have been written from **August 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008.**

### TYPES OF CALLS RECEIVED

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|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1 Barking Dog  | 2 Curfew                     | 1 Break-in                               |
| 7 Ambulance Assist   | 9 Thefts                     | 14 Assist other Law Enforcement          |
| 2 Assaults   | 4 Fighting                   | 5 Loud Music                             |
| 2 Trespassing  | 3 Harassment                 | 2 Abandoned Vehicle                      |
| 1 Dog at Large   | 6 Disturbance                | 1 Vehicle Theft (unfounded)              |
| 1 Property Damage  | 1 Verbal Argument            | 2 Disruptive Person                      |
| 1 Stray Dog  | 16 Prowler                   | 1 Illegal Burning (tires)                |
| 2 Unsecured/Open Doors                                     | 9 Domestic                   | 1 Assist Division of Children's Services |
| 1 Vandalism  | 1 Verbal Argument            | 1 911 Hang-up Call                       |
| 2 Request for Extra Patrol                                 | 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents    | 1 Air Evac                               |
| 1 Well Being Check   | 2 Prostitution               | 2 Keeping of Pit Bulls (unfounded)       |
| 1 Sexual Assault (unfounded)                               | 1 Abduction (unfounded)      | 2 Neighbor Disputes                      |
| 2 Pedestrians Blocking Traffic Flow                        | 1 Male Stripping (unfounded) | 1 ATV Theft                              |
| 1 Juveniles Ganging Up                                     | 1 Water Meter Tampering      | 1 Theft by Deceit                        |
| 2 Alarm  | 2 Illegal Dumping            | 1 Unlawful Entry (unfounded)             |
| 1 Unattended Children (left home alone—Child Endangerment) |                              |  |

### TICKETS WRITTEN

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|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Illegal Burning                                | 3 Disorderly Conduct                      | 4 Peace Disturbance               |
| 1 Tampering With Water Meter                     | 2 Trespassing                             | 1 Blocking Traffic Flow           |
| 1 Property Damage                                | 2 Domestic Assault                        | 1 No Water Service                |
| 1 Assault  | 1 Illegal Dumping                         | 1 Interfering With Police Officer |
| 4 Code Violations/Nuisance                       | 2 Driving Without License                 | 2 No Insurance                    |
| 2 Child Endangerment                             | 1 Consumption of Alcohol on Public Street |                                   |
| 1 Responsibility of Parent (Lack of Supervision) |   |                                   |

## Fire Department News and Updates

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Parma Fire Department will be holding a Chili Supper on **Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Parma Community Building**. The supper will include chili or stew, drink and desert. Tickets can be purchased from any Fire Department member or you can pay at the door. The cost of the meal will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 per child under the age of 10. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the Fire Department.*

### CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

On the morning of **Saturday, December 20, 2008**, the Parma Fire Department will do their annual Christmas Candy event with Santa Claus. The Fire Department with the escort of the Police Department will drive around town with Santa Claus and give out candy. Everyone is encouraged to be on the look out for Santa Claus outside of their homes on this day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!!

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We know this is not the most common way to build our ranks. However, as of late the Fire Department has been losing our members for one reason or the other. We are in need of dependable, healthy people who are willing to show up and work with the current members of the department. It is a strenuous, hard job to volunteer for but well worth it. We are down to just a few members at this time. Understandably all can not show up at every fire but with more members, the more probable to have enough people on scene. We will provide in house training along with training from MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute. We will not ask any that is willing to help, to do something we are not willing to do ourselves. If you think you are interested, contact any fire department member you know or we meet every FIRST Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the station on Main Street or call 357-2006 and leave a message.

To date for the year of 2008 the Fire Department has had a total of 39 (thirty nine) fire calls. Of those 39, five (5) were for severe weather warnings, seven (7) were other calls (such as false alarms, vehicle accidents, gas spills, etc.). Nine (9) calls were for structure fires or other types of fires. There were a total of 18 (eighteen) calls to standby/medical assist for helicopter landings. The new helicopter pad has made those type of calls, go much smoother for all emergency personnel.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### VETERANS LIST

There is currently a project going on in Parma to Compile a list of people who live in Parma or lived here in the past and served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The current list can be seen on the City Website at [www.parma-mo.com](http://www.parma-mo.com). If you know of a person that is not on the list please turn their name into the City Clerk Office. Once the list is complete, the names will be placed on Plaque's that will be installed in the Community Center Building.

### Special Thank You from Trish

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone for their support, concerns and prayers for me in the past few months and during the rest of my treatments and recovery. With hope, I should be finished with all treatments and testing by the 1st of February. The diagnosis of Breast Cancer scared my family and I, but we all have faith in God and know that everything will be fine. No one really and truly knows how much support and friends they have until they really need it. We would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts that we have received. You don't know what it has meant to my family to find the kind of support and prayers everyone here in Parma and around Parma has given. It will never be forgotten. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!

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