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**City of Parma and
Parma Police
Department**

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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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PARMA NEWSLETTER



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City Hall News and Updates

Parma City Website Address: www.parma-mo.com

BUDGET

The City Council recently approved the 2009-2010 operating budget. The budget consists of five different funds and they operate separately of each other. They are the General Fund, Water and Sewer, Street, Sales Tax, and Insurance Fund. The revenue projection is \$471,840.00 and expenditures of \$448,472.00. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities was also approved with Assets being \$6,418,458.00 and Liabilities of \$938,505.00 with a net equity of \$5,479,953.00.

So far the City has received from FEMA for Ice Storm claims \$59,909.00 and \$11,000.00 from the City Insurance carrier. The City still has additional claims that are pending and hopefully they will be paid soon.

The City Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend so you can see how your City operates.

USDA GRANT FOR P.E.R.T.

The City of Parma has applied for a grant through USDA for the emergency shelter at the old school cafeteria. The grant is in the amount of \$67,000 with the City having to match funds of \$16,000. The grant is to help purchase a generator, furnace, air conditioner, folding tables, etc. There will be a public hearing held regarding this grant on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 5:00 pm. In the Council Meeting Room at the Community Center.

FLU SHOTS

The New Madrid County Health Department will be scheduling a date to come to the Parma Community Center to administer flu shots. The Health Department is anticipating the date to be scheduled in the month of October. Everyone is encouraged to watch for the posting of the date or check with City Hall.

TRICK OR TREATING HOURS

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND
HAPPY HALLOWEEN.**



MAYORS NOTES

The City maintenance crew has been busy this summer picking up the remaining limbs, mowing, weed eating, and cleaning ditches while at the same time maintaining the water and sewer system. I am very proud of the job these guys do as they work really hard to keep everything fixed. We still have just a few people that will not keep their property maintained. This hurts the entire community and I have instructed the Police officers to issue court summons to these people that are in violation of the City property codes. As the old saying goes “they can explain it to the judge”.

I have noticed that Chief Cohen has cautioned for residents to keep their homes and vehicles secure as we have had some house break-ins recently. I am glad to report that Chief Cohen and Lt. McFarlen have arrested and jailed the people responsible and they are currently in the court system. The town is fairly quite now and we want to keep it that way.

We enjoy putting out this newsletter in order to keep residents informed of the City business. We would appreciate any ideas or items that you would like to see in the newsletter. Let Chief Trish Cohen or myself know what you would want added to the newsletter. We hope to have another one on December 1st for the Christmas season.

Randall Ramsey

PARMA COURT NEWS

The Parma City Council has elected for the Parma City Court to be automated with the Missouri State Court System. City Court Clerk Jackie Bradshaw attended a week of training in Jefferson City this past month for the new system. The new court system is scheduled to begin the month of October. With this new court system, court fees/costs will raise from \$23.00 to \$29.50. Also with this new court system individuals with any unpaid fines that are owed and are more than 30 days behind and in excess of \$25.00, will be withheld from their income tax refunds. This new system will interact with other Missouri Court Systems which will allow exchange of information of all court cases. The Parma Court information will be accessible to other law enforcement agencies and other Municipal Court systems.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CITY HALL HOURS
Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m.

PARMA CITY COURT
First Tuesday Each Month
At 5:00 PM

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

AmerenUE	800-552-7583
New Wave Cable	888-863-9928
BPS Telephone	573-293-2277 or 800-785-8630
Best Sanitation	573-475-9395

P.E.R.T. MEETING
Every 2nd Monday at 6:00 PM At the Emergency Shelter



Police Department News and Updates

Police Chief Notes

The Police Department received the COPS Grant under the President's Recovery Act Stimulus Package. Unfortunately we only received the grant for one officer instead of two, but we are very thankful for getting funding for at least one officer. Only 14 departments in the State of Missouri received the grant. We ranked in third in the final index percentile of the awards system. Only two other departments in our area received this award. We are very fortunate. We have also been awarded a 100% grant for needed equipment for the Police Department. The City and Police Department has also received a grant through USDA for a new patrol car. Lisa and I picked up the new patrol car September 14th and now have it in service.

This next section is information on the types and amounts of calls the police department has received and tickets that have been written from **May 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009**.

TYPES OF CALLS RECEIVED

21 Breaking and Entering
 8 Ambulance Assist
 7 Assaults
 4 Reports Regarding 4-wheelers
 14 Property Damage/Vandalism
 5 Prowler
 12 Domestic
 1 911 Hang-up Call
 2 Peace Disturbance
 2 Air Evac
 1 Well Being Check of Animal
 1 Disorderly Conduct
 1 Motor Vehicle Theft
 4 Alarm
 13 Thefts
 12 Assist other Law Enforcement
 1 Dispute
 2 Trespassing
 5 Dog at Large
 2 Disturbance
 1 Phone Harassment
 4 Assist Division of Children's Services
 3 Fire Assist
 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents
 3 Keep Peace
 1 Assault with Motor Vehicle
 1 Snake in Residence
 1 Attempt to Locate
 3 Child Endangerment
 1 Harassment
 1 Discharging Fireworks
 1 Animal Neglect
 1 Hit and Run Parked Vehicle (unfounded)
 1 Intoxicated Person
 1 Threats
 1 Gang of People
 1 Fighting
 1 Child Custody
 1 Drug Activity
 2 Stolen Property Return
 1 Extra Patrol
 1 Child Bit by Dog
 1 Suspicious vehicle

TICKETS WRITTEN

1 Fleeing
 1 Disobey Lawful Order
 8 Domestic Assault
 7 Peace Disturbance
 2 No Insurance
 1 Failure to Maintain Right Half of Roadway
 2 Private Property Damage
 1 Alcohol on Public Street
 5 Disorderly Conduct
 18 Code Violation
 1 C&I Driving
 1 Domestic Assault with Motor Vehicle
 2 Assault
 2 Resisting Arrest
 3 Breaking and Entering
 3 Theft
 1 Animal Neglect
 1 No Water Service
 1 Interfering with Police Officer
 1 Driving While Revoked
 3 Child Endangerment
 1 Unlawful Use of Weapon
 1 Supplying Alcohol to Minor
 1 Discharging Fireworks
 5 Failure to Disperse
 1 Indecent Exposure
 1 Loud Music
 1 Refuse Reasonable Request
 1 No Proof of Insurance
 1 Harboring Fugitive



ATV (4-Wheelers)

Due to increased calls, complaints, problems, etc. Racing or sports 4-wheelers are barred from the streets. Only persons with a valid drivers license are allowed to operate a 4-wheeler on streets with no passengers. The 4-wheelers have to have a bicycle flag and a triangle on the rear of it and must be Missouri inspected. All operators of 4-wheelers are to obey all traffic laws. NO 3- wheelers or go-carts are allowed on the streets at anytime.

We have seen an increasing problem with child restraints. EVERYONE is reminded that children are to be in child restraints when riding in a vehicle (no matter how far you are going)!!

There are several reports coming in the last two weeks of adults supplying alcohol to minors. EVERYONE is reminded that this is against the law. Those supplying alcohol to minors will be charged with this crime and issued summons to appear in court. If you are in doubt of someone's age, just say NO. This also includes supplying tobacco (cigarettes, etc.) to those under the age of eighteen.

Everyone is encouraged to call the police if they see or suspect that a crime is being committed. These calls can be reported anonymously.



There have been several break-ins and thefts lately and all residents are urged to make sure their homes and vehicles are secured (doors, windows, etc.).

Fire Department News and Updates

The Parma Emergency Response Team (P.E.R.T.) would like to Thank everyone who helped out and participated in the 1st Annual Yard Sale/Craft Show. It went very well considering it was our first one. We would also like to Thank everyone for their donations and hours spent helping out at the shelter. It is greatly appreciated.

To date for the year of 2009 the Fire Department has had a total of thirty four (34) fire calls. Of those 34, three (3) were for severe weather watches, seven (7) were good intent calls (such as gas spills, power line down, service calls, etc.), one (1) for motor vehicle accident, two (2) for false alarms. Nine (9) calls were for structure fires including mutual aid. There were a total of 12 (twelve) calls to standby/medical assist for helicopter landings.



We ask that all residents assist us with updating/ advising of citizens on oxygen, dialysis, etc. This list of citizens is needed so that when our City is with out power, etc. for an extended time, we can check on each one to make sure that they are doing fine and get them oxygen if needed. Please notify us or the City Hall of any changes or updates. Thank You!



P.E.R.T. OBJECTIVE

Our goal is to establish a volunteer Emergency Response Team for the Parma area. This group will repair and clean the cafeteria to a usable condition to be used during an emergency, such as the recent ice storm, for a warming center and to provide hot meals for residents of Parma and surrounding areas. The group of volunteer's will also help out when the warming center is needed for emergencies.