

September 2008



**City of Parma and  
Parma Police  
Department**

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Barry Aycock  
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City Judge: Phillip Santie  
City Attorney: Amy Pryer

**Police Department**  
Office: 573-357-4641  
Emergency: 911

Chief of Police: Trish Cohen  
Lt. Lesa Roberts  
Officer Art Fisher

**Fire Department**  
Office: 573-357-2006  
Emergency: 911

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

**City Maintenance**  
Water Plant: 573-357-4808

Foreman: Rick Seuell  
Alice Holmes

**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

Volume1, Issue 2

## City Hall News and Updates

### WATER SYSTEM NEWS UPDATE

As you have probably noticed construction and additions have been added to the water system. Larger water lines have been installed in different parts of town to replace old, smaller lines. These lines have been tested, sterilized and are in service. The water treatment plant is currently being enlarged. The large concrete structure that is being built is an Aeration/Sedimentation Basin. Water will be pumped from the ground wells thru the aeration basin after being injected with chlorine. The aeration and chlorine will strip out the iron and manganese that is in the raw water. The water will then be pumped thru the filters in the water plant and then to the clear well where the water settles out any remaining particles of iron and manganese. After a period of time the water is then pumped up into the water tower and then out into the distribution system.

The new additions will insure the residents of Parma will have safe, clean water for many years. Also in September, a contractor will start work on the elevated water storage tower. The outside will be sand blasted clean of all paint and rust. The inside will also be cleaned. The tank will then be painted inside and out with 2 coats of paint plus a third coat of clear finish. This process should last for twenty years. If you have any questions feel free to ask any city official about any concerns you might have.

In addition to these improvements a Kohler diesel powered generator has been installed to operate the water pumps and system in case AmerenUE electric supply is damaged and out of service to the town. It will also furnish electricity to the Fire and Police building.

### Parma City Court

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# Police Department News and Updates

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

*We have been receiving information that children/young adults are lying down in the streets when cars are coming. We ask that parents please speak with your children about this kind of activity. This is very dangerous and can be deadly. This is also showing a lack of supervision of children. Everyone please assist us in ending this kind of activity.*

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.

Remember : TO LOUD WE IMPOUND.

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 January 1, 2008 to July 31, 2008. We will try to include this in each newsletter.

### TYPES OF CALLS RECEIVED

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4 Funeral Escorts               | 1 Curfew                        | 6 Break-ins                       |
| 3 Fire Assists                  | 2 Harassing Phone Calls         | 1 Lost Drivers License            |
| 16 Ambulance Assist             | 2 Internet Scams/Threats        | 13 Thefts                         |
| 27 Assist other Law Enforcement | 4 Assaults                      | 2 Threats                         |
| 2 Fighting                      | 8 Loud Music                    | 6 Trespassing                     |
| 4 Harassment                    | 1 Unwanted Person at Residence  | 1 Juvenile Riding Bike on Hwy 153 |
| 1 Suspicious Vehicle            | 1 C & I Driving                 | 1 Suicide Threat                  |
| 1 Man with a Gun                | 1 Pit Bull at Large             | 1 Failure to Return Motor Vehicle |
| 6 Peace Disturbance             | 1 Subject Laying in Parking Lot | 1 Impersonation of Police Officer |
| 1 Vehicle Theft                 | 1 Attempted Rape                | 1 Road Rage                       |
| 4 Property Damage               | 1 Verbal Argument               | 1 Disorderly Conduct              |
| 1 Vicious Dog                   | 8 Disturbance                   | 1 Prowler                         |
| 1 Recovered Property            | 1 Illegal Burning (tires)       | 2 Riots                           |
| 2 Unsecured/Open Doors          | 2 Missing/Runaway Juveniles     | 18 Domestic                       |
| 1 Shoplifting                   |                                 |                                   |

### TICKETS WRITTEN

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Loitering                  | 17 Disorderly Conduct          | 21 Peace Disturbance                |
| 2 Pit Bull at Large          | 2 Tampering With Water Meter   | 2 Unlawful Use of Weapon            |
| 1 Property Damage            | 3 Domestic Assault             | 1 Improper Registration             |
| 10 Speeding                  | 2 Assault                      | 1 Failure to Register Motor Vehicle |
| 1 Keeping of Pit Bull        | 2 Tampering With Evidence      | 2 Giving False Statement            |
| 6 Code Violations/Nuisance   | 1 Driving While Suspended      | 1 Fleeing to Avoid Arrest           |
| 1 Littering                  | 1 Driving Without License      | 2 Expired Registration              |
| 3 Fighting                   | 1 Driving Left of Center       | 2 Driving While Revoked             |
| 1 Fail to Maintain Insurance | 1 Displaying Plates of Another | 1 No Proof of Ownership             |
| 1 Resisting Arrest           | 1 Indecent Exposure            |                                     |

# Fire Department News and Updates

## From the Fire Chief to the People of Parma

As you know we land medical Evac-Helicopters at our new pad behind the school. It is natural for people to want to see what's going on. However, it is a concern to us that non-emergency personnel are getting too close in an attempt to watch the excitement. For the safety of ALL concerned, I ask everyone that is not emergency personnel to stay back from the area. This means stay behind the tree-line on the East side of the field, West of the baseball field and not at all on the playground equipment. Also please use and follow safe practices at ANY fire or accident scene, (not getting too close for example). Some in town say I go overboard with these requests and that you can go anywhere you want to, but I only have the safety of all in mind. Not having to worry with this will allow us to focus on our job. Not only that, the Missouri laws classify it as interfering with emergency personnel. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL HELICOPTER LANDING PAD

The City of Parma is proud to announce that we now have an Emergency Medical Helicopter Landing Pad. This project was accomplished by the efforts of New Madrid County Commissioners Mark Baker, Don Day, and Clyde Hawes, with no cost to the City of Parma. The New Madrid County Health Department supplied the money for the materials. The New Madrid County Highway Department did the construction and labor. The City of New Madrid installed all lighting. We would like to thank everyone involved with this project and their getting it accomplished.

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

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