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City of Parma Christmas parade on December 4

PARMA, Ohio -- The City of Parma will host a Christmas parade on December 4 and pair it with Christmas at the Farm, a celebration at Stearns Farm on the same day. The parade steps off at 4 p.m. at City Hall and will travel south on Ridge Road to Stearns Farm, where the Mayor and other elected officials will participate in a tree-lighting ceremony immediately after the conclusion of the parade.

"We encourage Parma residents to come out and experience Christmas at the Farm after the parade," Mayor Tim DeGeeter said. "Combining these events is a great way for the whole family to experience not only the parade but also an old-fashioned farm Christmas. We hope Parma residents will embrace both parts of this experience."

The parade will feature walking and motorized units, marching bands and of course, a visit by Santa Claus. Side streets along the parade route will be closed off up to a half-hour before the parade begins and will re-open immediately after it passes.

There is still time for groups to register to participate in the parade. If your group would like to participate, please send an email to <u>parmaparades@gmail.com</u> stating the name of your organization or parade unit, the type of unit (walkers, float, car, etc.), and the number of people in your unit. Other questions can be directed to 440-915-2740.