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Safety Walkabouts begin eighth year tonight in Parma

PARMA, Ohio – The Parma Safety Walkabout program will begin its eighth year tonight on Englewood and Dawnwood drives in Ward Four.

Ward Four is represented by Councilman Brian Day. The next scheduled Safety Walkabout is Wednesday, July 23 in Ward Two with Councilwoman Debbie Lime. Streets have not yet been announced for Ward Two. In Ward Three, Mark Casselberry's walkabout is scheduled for July 31.

All Walkabouts are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Participating in the Safety Walkabouts are Mayor Tim DeGeeter, Safety Director Greg Baeppler, Police Chief Robert Miller, Parma Auxiliary Police and Parma City Council members. They will hand out information to residents about personal and residential safety, like how to make a home more burglar-proof.

“The beauty of this program is that it is pro-active,” Baeppler said. “By raising awareness among the residents, we are giving people tools to help contribute to the safety of their own neighborhoods.”

“Helping people to understand how they can make their own homes and streets safe contributes to a safer community overall,” said Mayor DeGeeter. “This is a participatory program for a more secure Parma, and it’s also a great opportunity for residents to meet city officials and tell us their concerns.”

Each Councilperson decides which street in their ward they will include for their Walkabout. If weather is not permitting, city officials will reschedule that day's Safety

Walkabout. Announcements about the Walkabouts will be posted on the City of Parma Facebook page and the @ParmaMayor Twitter account.

Councilman Mark Casselberry is looking forward to meeting more of his ward's residents during his Walkabout. "This program is entirely resident-friendly," he said. "We want our residents to know that we are concerned about their safety, and we also want them to know who we are and to know that they can call if they have a concern. The more residents who are aware of personal and residential safety, the safer our streets will become as a whole."