City of Parma's Christmas in July food drive underway

PARMA, Ohio - The City of Parma announces the return of its annual Christmas in July food drive. Between mid-June and mid-July, canned and non-perishable food items will be collected in boxes placed throughout the city; items collected will be donated to the Parma Hunger Center.

Christmas in July began because of the need for donations during the summer months. Often, after the holidays pass, food donation is forgotten and donations decrease. Additionally, when Parma's kids are out of school the need for donations becomes greater.

Wrapped collection boxes have been distributed around town and are available at, among other places, City Hall, Parma libraries, UH Parma Medical Center, Tri-C West, Parma Recreation Department and Rudy's Strudel & Bakery.

Additionally, donations can be brought to the Independence Day parade on July 4. Volunteers will be walking along the parade route collecting food donations from parade-goers.

"This is an opportunity for all of us to chip in and help those among us who are less fortunate," said Mayor Tim DeGeeter. "The Parma Hunger Center does great work, and we are pleased to be able to help with their mission."

All non-perishable canned or boxed food will be accepted and donated to the Parma Hunger Center.

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