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CITY OF PARMA UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE CANCELLED

(PARMA, OH) - In accordance with the State of Ohio COVID-19 Guidelines, the City of Parma and the Ukrainian Village Committee regretfully announce the cancellation of the Ukrainian Village Parade that was scheduled for August 22, 2020. While the Ukrainian Village Parade is an integral part of the Parma Summer Event line-up, the health and safety of our Greater Cleveland Community are of primary concern.

Though we cannot celebrate with a parade, we will be celebrating responsibly and adhering to social distancing guidelines through a new initiative. The City of Parma and Ukrainian Village Committee will sponsor "Ukrainian Village Days". This event will highlight the diversity of the small businesses as well as celebrate the rich Ukrainian culture located in the Village.

"Ukrainian Village Days" will begin on Friday, August 21st and conclude on Monday, August 24th (Ukrainian Independence Day). The celebration will have various highlights including a Ukrainian Village neighborhood decorating contest. Ukrainian Village businesses and residents are encouraged to decorate their storefronts, homes and lawns featuring a Ukrainian theme. Participants are asked to submit photos of their display to our Facebook page: Ukrainian Village in Parma Ohio. If a participant does not have a Facebook account, photos can be emailed to Ukrainian Village Days@gmail.com. At the conclusion of the three day event, one business and one neighborhood home will be randomly drawn as the winner of the contest and awarded a prize.

The Ukrainian Village Committee with the support of the Mayor's Office and City Council is looking forward to the "Ukrainian Village Days" celebration this year!

Mark your calendars for August 21, 2020 to August 24, 2020! Additional information will be made available on City of Parma social media, Ukrainian Village Parma Ohio Facebook page and Parma publications.

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