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**MAYOR TOURS FLOOD DAMAGED AREAS
REVISED (CITY WILL NOW PAY 100 PERCENT UP TO \$2,000)**

Toledo, Ohio - On Thursday, June 7, Mayor Finkbeiner organized a tour of flooded homes and talk to residents on Mayfield Street. Today, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner; Chief of Staff, Bob Reinbolt; Public Utilities Director, Robert Williams, and Ed Moore, Acting Commissioner of Sewer and Drainage toured Franklin Street to inspect flood damaged homes and talk with impacted residents.

Information was given to residents to explain the City of Toledo grant program to help subsidize basement improvements to reduce basement flooding. The City of Toledo will pay 100 percent of expenses up to \$2,000 for the installation of flap valves on sanitary sewer lines and the installation of standpipes on basement drains.

Mayor Finkbeiner directed the Department of Neighborhoods to send building inspectors into affected neighborhoods to inspect the foundations of flooded houses to determine if the impacted areas might be eligible for F.E.M.A. assistance. Inspections will begin on Monday.

“We are trying to determine if there is any aid available through various government agencies and non-profits,” said Mayor Finkbeiner. “Many of these people have lost, not only appliances and possessions, but precious belongings that they can never replace. It’s heartbreaking.”

Meanwhile, the Mayor has directed the Department of Public Utilities to conduct a careful examination of the storm water drainage system in the affected areas. “We are not going to have another summer like last summer,” the Mayor added. “I don’t want to hold my breath every time it rains.”

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