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Parkman Paragraphs

Winter 2007

*A Parkman Township Community Newsletter
created to bring our residents local news and events.*



.Can you guess the date of this town center picture?
Give your best guess at our Parkman Pancake Breakfast
held each Sunday in March (9am-2pm).

Newsletter e-mail - ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com
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Meetings are 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
in the rear of the Community House

Township Trustees

(meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30pm)

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Wayne Komandt

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

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(meets 4th Tuesday)

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(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

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(Wednesdays 7-8:30)

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(Zoning's new e-mail)

parkmanzone@jnz.net

E-mails must have residents
name and contact info to
be officially answered.

Roads Department

Tom Evers

Parkman Community Website introduces our Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team

Use the Parkman website menu to look for the link that brings you to our
Parkman Fire and Rescue volunteers and meet these brave souls.

www.ParkmanOhio.com

Past issues of Parkman Paragraphs, most up to date community event info
links to local businesses, specialty groups info, Parkman history, and much more!

If you see something that should be added to our website
contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the **3rd Monday** of each month at 7:30pm in the
Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

Membership dues are \$5 annually. Mail to: PO Box 525, Parkman OH 44080

Sandie Parnaby—President

Faith Kumher—Vice President

David Fuhry—Secretary

Donald Villers—Treasurer

Upcoming Events

Parkman Pancake Breakfast



Since 1969, Parkman hosted this traditional community fundraiser at the Commu-
nity House. Come help celebrate the Maple Syrup Season and join us for break-
fast. This all you can eat meal includes home made style Pancakes, Sausage,
and Drink. The Pancake Breakfasts are each of the 4 Sundays in March

Sunday March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - serving 9am-2pm.

Adults (12 and up) = \$6 / Children (6-11) = \$3 / Children (0-5) = Free

If anyone is interested in helping work the breakfast - please contact Lucinda
Gates at 440-221-0577. Remember that there is a schedule of times that helpers
are needed. This work schedule is designed to keep operations running
smoothly and without clustering of people just socializing. Please keep to your
scheduled times and socialize out of the work area. We traditionally have a very
large attendance to serve and need the working area obstruction free.

Thank you for your help to make this another successful year!

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt



The Parkman Easter Egg Hunt is April 7, 2007 at 11AM at
Overlook Park. This event is not advertised in the "Good News"
and since we are not able to send notes home from the school,
please mark this on your calendar and share this information
with anyone you know who has small children. Anyone inter-
ested in helping please call Sandie @ 440-477-0782.

Parkman Kite Festival

The "Come Fly With Us" Kite Festival is May 5, 10-5.

Anyone interested in helping please call Sandie.

Membership is open to anyone in the Community, you do
not have to be a business owner. We have a large agenda
for such a small group and we could use help.



Remember to stay current with all of the Parkman Community Events at:

www.ParkmanOhio.com or attending a Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting

Hope to see you at our next meeting—**Monday February 19, 2007.**



Ride the Red - North East Ohio All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Club

This is an off road club for ATV and Dirt Bike Owners, founded by Honda owners, and welcoming all brands.

Based in Geauga County Ohio, RTRNEO is a non-profit organization dedicated to fun family riding and responsible trail use. We are an active member organization of the Ohio Multi-use Trails Association.

For info, contact a member, visit our website www.RideTheRed.net
or E-mail us at RTRNEO@RideTheRed.net

Matthew T. Mesarchik, President: 440-313-1069
Adam Zeleznikar, Vice President: 440-821-3476

Upcoming events:

January 26-28

Cycle show at IX Center, RTRNEO will be helping man the NOHVCC booth.

February 16-18

Second annual Snow Stuck expedition. Come get buried in the deep white stuff in Michigan. Last year 12 miles took all day, but it was a blast! Will be staying at a motel in Rose City with direct trail access.

March 30-April 1

Spring OMTA ride. We will be camping at OMTA headquarters and riding the beautiful Wayne National Forest trails on Saturday, and then 400 acres of private trails on Sunday.

May 24-28

Spend Memorial Day Weekend enjoying hundresd of miles of trails in Michigan's forests. Campground/RV park with direct trail access and cabin rentals. Enjoy beautiful spring scenery on the trail, and on saturday a canoe trip. Club members get campsite and canoe rental paid by club.

Sept 7-9

Fall OMTA ride and quad raffle, same as the spring event, plus you could win a 2007 Suzuki King Quad!

If you love to ride, camp, and hang out around the campfire with fellow riders
Come ride with us!

This newsletter is yours, do you have anything that you would like to share
with the community? If so, send an e-mail at

ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or letter to PO Box 580 Parkman Ohio 44080

Don't forget to check out www.ParkmanOhio.com!

Thank you all for your support of this project!
Cory Anderson

Parkman Trustees Updates

From: Kevin O'Reilly – Parkman Township Trustee

Road Levy Results - With the failure of the road levy in November, the trustee's have begun implementing cost cutting measures. The amount of limestone and slag purchased has been reduced by 500 tons for this winter and likely will be reduced further for the spring road graveling. This in part is due to a 10-15% increase in the cost of the stone. Limited dollars have also resulted in a number of hours our part time road maintenance employees have been working. We are fortunate that the winter has been mild and very little snow removal has been needed. Also, those residents living on gravel roads should expect little dust control this coming summer with our current budget constraints.

Route 422 Construction - The 422 rebuilding project is scheduled to begin this spring and should last for 2 years. Be prepared for major changes in traffic patterns in the southeastern portion of the township.

Parkman Sewer Project - The county sewer project is progressing well. The majority of the lines are installed and progress is being made on the treatment plant located on route 422 just west of town. Those residents in the sewer service area should expect to be tying in with the next year.

As always, the trustees value the opinions of you the residents. Please come to the community house on the first or third Tuesday of each month for our meetings and share your input on how to make Parkman better.



Cardinal School SAFE After-Prom

The Cardinal High School S.A.F.E. After-Prom will be having several fund-raisers in the next several weeks. Cardinal HS S.A.F.E. (Safe Affordable Fun Evening) will be hosting:

“Nite at the Races”

“Nite at the Races” on Saturday, January 27th, 2007 at the Middlefield Fire Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM, with races starting at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 presale, \$10 at the door. Price of admission includes entrance to the races, food and beverages (soda, coffee, beer), a chance at winning door prizes, and lots of fun!

Also available will be a 50/50 raffle and side boards. Name your horse for \$10; winners take home \$50. Race tickets and horse naming rights can be purchased by calling Angela at 440/223-1055. (Twenty-one and over, please.)

Donkey Basketball game

On Thursday, February 22nd, 2007 be prepared to have more fun at the annual **Donkey Basketball game**. Tickets can be purchased at the Cardinal Board of Education Office, Middlefield Bow, and Great Lakes Outdoor Supply.

Also to be held during the Donkey Basketball game is “Donkey Dung”. A \$5.00 ticket gets you a square of “real estate” on the basketball court. The first “owner” to acquire “donkey dung” on their square wins money! Winnings are based on a percentage of the donkey dung ticket proceeds. For more information or to purchase your tickets, call Angie at 440/223-1055 or Simone Lee at 440/632-5986.



Cardinal Soccer Team Fundraiser

By: Wendy Anderson

CROP TILL YOU DROP

Join the Cardinal Soccer Team with a day filled with
scrap booking and card making.

This team fundraiser supports the cost of the Pay as you Play sports program in the Cardinal District. Vendors will be present at this event.

**Saturday, February 3rd from 8am - 9pm,
Parkman Community House.**

Tickets are \$40

Tickets include: Breakfast Lunch and Dinner.

For more information, or for tickets,

contact Lily at 440-632-1330 or Char at 440-548-5857



Amish Thoughts - Sometimes our winters here in north-eastern Ohio are cold, dreary and snowless. But, when we are graced with a beautiful blanket of white, fluffy snow, the change in attitude rekindles the spirit like the fresh smell of smoke rising upward from our wood burning fireplaces. The senses refresh us as we feel the peace and love found at the home.
Anonymous



Parkman Baseball and Softball

By: Pat Joyce

Believe it or not Southeast Geauga Baseball meetings have started and spring will be here before you know it. Mike and I hope to continue to make improvements and to provide the children in our community with the best recreational baseball and softball league possible. Last year local businesses

responded generously to our new sponsorship program. We also received donations from Walleye Sports Inc., Steve Marcu and Parkman Chamber of Commerce. We will again be looking for local business sponsorship and donations. This year we are seriously looking at providing concessions for the games at Overlook Park.

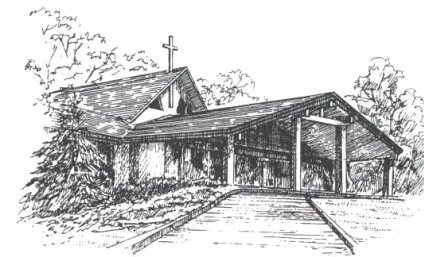
Sign-ups for baseball and softball have been tentatively scheduled for the last week in February and the first week of March at the Parkman Community House. Specific times and dates to be announced.

T-ball will be available for boys and girls ages 5 - 6; Pee-wee for boys and girls ages 7 - 8; Minors for boys ages 9 - 10; Softball for girls ages 9 - 10; Majors for boys ages 11 - 12; Softball for girls ages 11 - 12; Pony League for boys ages 13 - 14.

Team availability will be subject to the number of sign-ups. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a team, making a donation or helping with concessions;
Please contact Mike Peters @ 440-548-5565 or Pat Joyce @ 440-548-5576.



St. Edward Church
P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080
16150 Center St.



St. Lucy Mission
P.O. Box 98 Middlefield, Ohio
44062 16280 Kinsman Rd.

Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Rev. Harry Winca, Pastor Emeritus -- Rev. Mr. Greg Frania, Deacon
Karen Thrasher, Secretary

OFFICE: (440)548-3812 FAX: (440)548-2221 E-Mail: Kt@simcon.net

Annual Stewardship Dinner

The St Edward and St Lucy Parish operates with many volunteers that form groups called Stewardships. These groups support every part of the parish activity. To honor these volunteers, an annual dinner is hosted to celebrate thanks. The 2007 annual dinner will be at St Edwards Winca Hall February 18 at 4pm. If you like to get involved, call the church office at 548-3812. Thank you for your support.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross begin s on Friday February 23rd and will continue every Friday until March 30. Station times for St Edwards will be at 8:15am and for St Lucy will be at 7pm. Please feel welcomed to join us.

Bible Study

Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 7pm at St. Edwards. Anyone is welcomed to join.

Collecting Canned and Boxed goods for St Vincent De Paul

The St Edward and St Lucy Parish collects Canned and Boxed Food for the St Vincent De Paul Food Drive on the third weekend of every month. All donations are used to make food baskets for local families that need extra help. Donations and can be dropped off at either church location. Volunteers are needed on March 31st at 9am to help make the food basket deliveries. Thank you all for your generous support.

Parkman Bingo

Bingo is always held on Monday evenings at St Edwards.
Doors open at 5pm and Bingo games begin at 6:30pm.

Operating under the strict guidelines of Charitable Organizations of the State of Ohio, this program offers entertainment for members of the community with paper games, computers, and a variety of instant games. This event is run solely by volunteers.

Parkman Congregational Church

We will hold our annual meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2007, immediately following our Sunday morning Worship Service.

It may be true there is no "free lunch" but at Parkman Congregational Church, we're happy to provide you with a free dinner on the last Wednesday of each month! Everyone is welcome to join us, we're located at 18265 Madison Road (Route 528), just north of Route 422 in Parkman. The menu for the next few months:



January 31st	Homemade Stew
February 28th	Lasagna
March 28th	BBQ Pork Chops
April 25th	Meatloaf and Veggies

We'll be serving dinner from 5-7 PM. Please plan on joining us! And spread the word!

On the second Saturday of each month, we hold an old-fashioned hymn sing, starting at 6:30 PM. We welcome the community to stop in and join us.

On Sunday, March 4th, we welcome Doug Carmel of the Rock of Israel as a special speaker. The Rock of Israel Ministry is dedicated to reaching Jewish people with the good news that their Messiah has come, and will one day return. Come join us to learn more about this interesting ministry.

If you are new to Parkman, or just have been away from church for a while and have been thinking of finding a church, we invite you to join us anytime!

Our Sunday worship service is held at 10:15 AM, and we offer Sunday School classes and Bible studies for all ages.

North East Community is a new church in your area with a vision to show people how much God loves them. We want you to become a part of the experience.

Sunday Gatherings

11:00 AM @ Parkman Community House

The Community house is located just east of the intersection of 528 and 422 on 422 in Parkman.



Casual atmosphere, Fun learning for children, Authentic pursuit of God

Home groups are an important part of connecting members and friends and learning together about God. Call our contact number for information on current groups and times.

Bible study classes are beginning again meeting Sunday mornings before worship. The New Testament will be our next survey. All are welcome to come and grow together.

NEC Church is currently praying and looking for a permanent facility in the area because we plan to stay and be a part of the work Jesus is doing in people's lives in Parkman and the surrounding area.

Check Us Out. Get Connected. Get To Know God.

For more information go to www.necommunity.org or call 440-313-1092.



Boy Scout Troop #76

From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee member

We continue to meet at the Boy Scout Lodge in Middlefield (Sperry Lane next to the baseball fields) every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome.

If you would like more info about Boy Scouts, call Scott Villers at (440) 548-3622. or look at the most current information on www.ParkmanOhio.com.

Cub Scout Pack # 76.

From Wendy Anderson:

Boys in the 1-5th grades are welcomed to join us. We meet on Tuesdays at Parkman Congregational Church from 7-8PM. Contact Wendy Anderson for more info. 548-2388 or look at the most current information on www.ParkmanOhio.com.



Cardinal Music Boosters

By: Connie Hasman



The Cardinal High School Music Boosters are sponsoring a "Rock-Off" for Cardinal School music students who wish to earn money to help cover their pay-to-participate fees for the 2007-



2008 marching band and show choir season. The students are accepting pledges, and will rock (in a rocking chair) continuously for 28 hours, beginning on Friday, February 2nd, at 6 PM through Saturday, February 3rd at 10 PM. They will have short breaks allowed each hour to get up and stretch, grab a bite of food or something to drink, but other than that, they must continually rock in their rocking chair. If you would like make a pledge towards this fundraising event, please contact Connie Hasman at (440) 364-2214, or see your favorite member of the Cardinal High School Marching Band or Cardinaire. All money raised will be applied directly to offset the cost of students' fees.

Speaking of the fees, did you know that it currently costs students about \$400 a year to be a member of the Cardinal High School Marching Band or Flagline, and about \$350 to be a member of the Cardinaires show choir? With the failure of the Cardinal School levies, the school has implemented "Pay to Participate" fees for even these important school activities. Those fees are in addition to what the students already pay for camp fees and uniform expenses, as well as fees for participating in sports at Cardinal. We are finding that some students just cannot afford to participate any longer, and we're asking for your help. The students are given various fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of these fees. Some include the Rock-Off mentioned above, selling cookie dough, pies and candles, car washes, etc. In addition, we have established a fund to help students pay for these fees. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to Cardinal Music Boosters, and note "P2P fund" in the memo section. You can mail your check to Cardinal Music Boosters, PO Box 7, Middlefield, OH 44062. We thank you for your consideration, and your investment in the youth of our community.

Parkman Fire Report Chief Wayne Komandt

This issue article is about lessening the activity of the Fire Department. If we could do something to improve the health of the residents, we might have less EMS responses. University Hospitals have made this possible.

UHHS has started a program called Dare to Care. This program does screening for carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and peripheral artery disease. This is to catch these conditions in the early treatable stages and provide a proactive approach to the health of our community. The series of tests takes only about 35 to 40 minutes.

This program is a **FREE** health screening for all residents of Geauga County. The results will be discussed with you and sent to your doctor **FREE** of charge.

Contact Barbara Demagall at UHHS. She is in charge of the "Dare to Care" cardiovascular screening program. You can set up an appointment for this by calling Barbers at 440-735-3619. I strongly encourage everyone contact her and take advantage of this FREE service. Maybe we won't have to visit you with our ambulance if you do!



Parkman EMS Report

From: Joan Dillon - Medical Officer

Where's the snow? Am I the only one that loves the winter cool temperatures and snowfall? So far it's been an unusual year for weather in case you haven't noticed. We haven't had one case of frostbite or hypothermia. We've noticed a lot of stomach flu and upper respiratory infections. Don't despair, the weatherman promises more seasonable weather around the corner.

There have been some changes in the works.

First, we're looking at a 12 lead heart monitor (to replace our current 3 lead monitor) with hospital transmission capability for the squad. This will give the hospital more expanded information on a patient's heart condition. It will give the ER staff a "head's up" on care needed when the squad arrives at their door.

Second, **Ed Wilson** reports the paramedic class is interesting, he's learning a great deal, doing lots of hospital time and is looking forward to May and class finals.

Third, EMT **Luanne Baker** passed her fire fighter class course and is looking forward to wearing bunkers and crawling around on the roof for chimney fires. We welcome **Jim Baril** who also passed his fire fighter class. We're going to try to talk him into taking an EMT course so he can be a well-rounded volunteer.

Fourth, The Geauga County Mental Health Association donated 10 teddy bears for adoption to any passenger who needs a soft animal to hug. There are times when it makes the needles more bearable. Other times that's the best medicine we can offer.

Fifth, **Liz Sanders** has passed her Basic EMT class and National Registry. Way to go girl!! When she gets that card, we'll be seeing her on calls in the future.

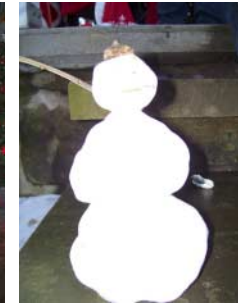
Once again, if anyone is interested in joining us, come around and meet the Volunteers on any Wednesday at the fire station in Parkman at 7:30pm.

Any questions? Call Chuck or Joanie Dillon at 440-548-7541.

Santa visits Parkman Gazebo - Holiday Cheer Resonates!



Holiday Songs and Spirited Smiles welcomed Santa back to Parkman as the community got together to enjoy another annual Sing-a-Long.



Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate refreshed the carolers. There was even enough snow to make a Snowman. Thanks to Santa and our Parkman Elf for the continued support.

Parkman Annual Holiday Dinner and Gift Exchange



Faith led the sing a long to promote Holiday Spirit



Members of the Parkman Cong. Church prepared the meal for the volunteers.



The annual Parkman Holiday dinner is a tradition that salutes those who volunteered at the Parkman Pancake Breakfast. This community event included a steak meal with all of the fixings and a gift exchange after. Faith Kumher led a sing along as Parkman Residents try to stay in tune. A very special thank you to those who prepared out meals.



Parkman Fire Department Street Address Signs

The Parkman Fire Department continues to make the highly visible green and reflective white letter Street Address Signs. These signs allow much quicker emergency response times for our volunteers. To help enhance your rescue time, please order yours today! Call Dale at 548-5636 for details.

Township History and Fact Finding - Parkman Lineage

Hello Parkman Paragraphs,

I wondered from where is the Parkman surname from? Scotland, England, Ireland, Holland? I would appreciate any help. Juan Sanchez

Hi Juan,

After some "uneducated" web research - I seem to see the name following a Scottish path.

Robert Parkman - Founder of Parkman Township

Samuel Parkman - Roberts Uncle (wealthy merchant from Boston)

Ebenezer Parkman - Samuels Father (Priest in Boston - lived 1703-1789)

A story that I found of Ebenezer Parkman stated that he was educated in Scotland at Edinburgh University. This is as much as I could find. I hope this might help you some. As one who is not experienced in tracing a family name - I am just doing guesswork. Don't take it as anything official. Keep me in the loop with anything you might learn and I will ask our community if anyone might have further knowledge. I wish you luck with your search.

Cory Anderson

From The Zoning Inspector

Most construction projects, whether a simple addition to an existing residence or accessory building, or the construction of a completely new structure require the issuance of a zoning certificate.

There are some structures that are considered exempt from the local zoning resolution and do not require an actual zoning certificate be issued. These structures would have to be used for agricultural purposes to qualify for exempt status.

Generally, a structure used to house livestock, or the feed (hay and grain for example) for livestock would be considered an agricultural use and therefore exempt from local zoning. Most other structures do not qualify for the agricultural exemption and therefore require a zoning certificate be issued. There are other uses that will qualify for the agricultural exemption, please contact the zoning office for clarification.

Before starting on the construction of a structure to be used for agricultural purposes, a zoning exemption certificate should be issued. This exemption certificate is for protection of the property owner as well as a record here in the zoning office the property owner has contacted this office.

Often times, we will receive a call from the Geauga County Building Department inquiring if an "under construction" structure has the necessary zoning certificate. If the appropriate zoning certificate or exemption certificate has been issued, the matter is cleared up immediately. If this office is unaware of an "under construction" project, further investigation will be necessary.

There is no fee for an exemption certificate, just a simple sight plan is necessary. Please contact the zoning office at 440-548-2904 or by email at parkmanzone@jnz.net.

Or, stop by the zoning office at the rear of the Parkman Community House on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 8:30 PM.

Parkman Historical Society

Contact Nikki Shrock 548-2208 for information on any upcoming events.

Our next meeting is

Thursday March 15th at 7:30pm in the Community House.

Hope to see you there.

Our November 2006 topic was

The Soltis Family History and the evolution of Farming

Our guest speaker, Linda Soltis Jacobs and her cousin Cindy Baptie Derifield presented the Soltis family immigration to America. Cindy researched their entrance into Ellis Island around 1906 and on to Ohio. Linda picked up and brought us to the present generation of Soltis' and the changes of farming and doing business as a farmer. She introduced all the various family members in attendance and they had many pictures to share from the turn of the century and pictures of the farm's expansion.

Parkman Roads Department

Tom Evers - Road Superintendent

Its time again for the annually road cost report. This report tracks the cost of maintaining the townships gravel roads, which includes dust control.

<u>Road</u>	<u>Total cost (\$)</u>	<u>Cost/Mile (\$)</u>
Newcomb	53,476.10	18,963.16
Sw Creek	11,765.65	17,302.42
Nash East	17,272.35	17,272.35
Reeves	22,569.26	12,823.46
Rutland	4,932.116	9,864.32
Nash West	9,476.28	9,476.28
Owen	11,944.03	8,847.43
Hosmer	22,745.42	8,748.24
Hobart	13,284.52	8,251.25
D Shedd	6,576.76	7,647.40
Payne	3,425.87	6,607.44
Patch	4,406.84	3,934.68
Soltis	4,048.07	3,783.25
Short Hosmer	2,592.15	2,592.15
Agler	3,293.38	2,514.03
Bradford	2,247.48	2,247.48
Doty	88.70	354.80



The township also spent \$10,306.66 on mowing roadsides.

REMINDER; It is the home owners responsibility to keep ditches and culvert pipes free of leaves and debris. With recent budget cuts, roadside grass cutting will be reduced.

Geauga Bicentennial Flags are available at first come first serve status. Contact Tom Evers if you like to have one. Only a few remain. Collect this historic treasure.

Meet the Volunteers of the Parkman Fire and EMS Team

This issue of the Parkman Paragraphs begins a series of introductions to our Parkman Fire and EMS Volunteers. Since its beginnings in the 1940's, Parkman relies on its residents to serve on this Team. Starting with our leaders and the newest members, all of the volunteers deserve our salute. Thank you to Fire Chief Wayne Komandt, Assistant Chief Chuck Dillon, and Medical Officer Joan Dillon for their continued service to Parkman Community. Congratulations to Luanne Baker, Jim Baril and Elizabeth Sanders for successfully completing their certifications and becoming a very welcome part of the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team.



Fire Chief Wayne Komandt

Chief Wayne joined the Parkman Volunteers in 1971 and has faithfully served the township community since. In 1988 he became the Fire Chief and faithfully continues leading the Team through many moments of crisis.



Assistant Chief Chuck Dillon

Chuck joined the Parkman Volunteers in 1965 and works as assistant Chief today. He is enjoying retirement from Civil Consultants.



Medical Officer Joan Dillon

Joan Dillon joined the Parkman Team in 1987, and is celebrating 20 years volunteering. She is also an EMS and CPR instructor. Her day job is a medical assistant for a medical clinic. She also drove a School Bus for Disabled in the past too.



Elizabeth Sanders

Elizabeth Sanders joined the Parkman Volunteer team in 2006. She has recently passed her Basic EMT class and National Registry.

Her youngest child started school, so now she has the opportunity to give to the community. With her husband Courtney already involved on the team, it was natural to join in in experience.



Jim Baril

Jim Baril recently became a Parkman Volunteer Fire Fighter. He has lived in Parkman since 2003 with his wife and six kids. With previous fire fighting experience in the U.S. Military, Jim felt comfortable to continue the adventure by volunteering on this team.



Winter 2007 Feature Volunteer Profile



Luanne Baker - Hello Parkman, I am Luanne Baker, your new firefighter and fairly new EMT. Thanks to assistance from the Board of Trustees & the fire dept, I earned my National EMS certificate in July and just earned my firefighter's certificate as well. A little background about me...I was raised in Boardman and graduated with honors from YSU with a Bachelors of Science. I've been working with kids & adults with disabilities going on 15 years now.

On a volunteer basis, I've visited elderly in a nursing home & helped people with disabilities take vacations. I've also done foster care, fostering 8 children. Every Dec, I go to the North Pole to help Santa. The last 2 years I came back with him, wearing Santa issued elf gear, to Parkman Gazebo to visit the kids at his annual visit. I am single

with 2 furry kids, Sunshine & Chestnut.

In my free time, I enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, canoeing, & camping. Due to Sunshine's background, I've learned that OH's animal abuse laws are way behind the majority of other states. As a result, I've been working on a state wide campaign to help OH catch-up & to protect our animal friends. If anyone wants to help, feel free to contact me. I also enjoy traveling. There are so many places to see! I personally love Parkman due to its beautiful farms & quiet country side. I also appreciate how the people are so kind & hold strong values.

I loved the area and decided I wanted to do something to give back to the community to feel more a part of this great town. In Oct '05, I read in the Paragraphs that the fire dept was looking for volunteers. I was excited about the idea, but concerned about my usefulness due not only to being a woman, but being a petite woman as well. I then went to the community Halloween party to meet some residents & ended up meeting some of the volunteers. Sandie Parnaby and Michael Komandt were very reassuring that they could use my help. I then sat in on the fire meetings and found everyone very welcoming. EMS classes started first & Joan Dillon gave me nothing but praise all the way. In fire class, I learned there are many things that even a small woman can do & that no one goes in a fire alone. I can't say that I didn't end up with any bruises, but bruises heal & the experience & knowledge will last forever.

There's a lot of things in the world that cause a great deal of pain. If I could change the world, I would. Since I can't, I figure I'll at least try to better little pieces along my way. It's comforting in its own right. I encourage anyone who has an interest in giving to the community, fire fighting, or just wanting to help others to come to our meetings and consider joining. If a small woman like me can be helpful, you can too. It's very rewarding to feel you're a part of something bigger than yourself.

I'd like to thank the board of trustees & the fire dept for making this possible. I'd also like to thank everyone in Parkman, especially the fire dept for being so welcoming & making me feel right at home. I'm very happy to be a part of and to give back to this community.

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