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## **Parkman Paragraphs**

### **Summer 2010**



**Parkman Community Picnic**  
**July 31, 2010 (5pm-8pm)**  
**Overlook Park**  
**All are invited to join us! See you there!!**

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### **Parkman Paragraphs**

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## **Parkman Board of Trustees**

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### **Fire/Medical Emergencies:**

CALL 911

### **Zoning Commission**

(meets 4th Tuesday)

### **Zoning Appeals Board**

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

Cindy Gazley

### **Zoning Inspector**

(Wednesdays 7-8:30pm)

John Hasman

Phone: 440-548-2904 or  
parkmanzone@windstream.net

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

### **Roads Department**

Tom Evers

### **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.

Our next event is the

# **2010 Parkman Community Picnic July 31, 2010 (5pm-8pm) Overlook Park**



# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

## *Kite Festival*

We had a few hardy kite flyers come out on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. It was definitely a cold and blustery day! It's hard to believe it can be TOO WINDY to fly kites – but it sure was that day! We had a couple broken strings and a Charlie Brown incident. (Just ask Terry Simmers how hard it is to climb a pine tree to retrieve a kite!) Thanks to the Parkman Youth League for running the concession stand – I think coffee and hot chocolate were the number one sellers of the day. See you next year! We are putting our order in for sunshine and a gentle breeze. (Ha ha!)

## *Community Picnic – Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>*

Check out our big ad on this year's picnic. The Parkman Youth League ball teams will meet before-hand and give the players their awards. The picnic will start at 5:00 p.m. and we'd love to see more of the community there.

## 2010 PARKMAN COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

## **OVERLOOK PARK – Route 168 – Parkman**

Please bring a dish or two to share.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage sandwiches,  
beverages and paper products will be provided.

### ***FUN FOR ALL AGES!***

Amish-Yankee Baseball Game	Corn-Hole Tournament
Carnival Games	Inflatable Bounce House
Cotton Candy	Popcorn
	Snow-cones

Sponsored by Parkman Chamber of Commerce

*(We do more than just pancakes!)*

We are always looking for new members – it's only \$5.00 per person to join. Our Chamber of Commerce is open to business owners as well as all community members.

We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. Come see what we're up to! A few things on our agenda include a Halloween party for the kids, Breakfast with Santa, and maybe even a New Year's Eve party.

Denise Villers, President  
Patty Hall, Vice-President  
Dave Fuhry, Secretary  
Don Villers, Treasurer

# Parkman Trustee Notes

From Pat Joyce

We hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. The township is busy maintaining its buildings, parks, cemeteries, parking lots and roads. As we receive information regarding issues or concerns, we are attempting to address these in a timely manner. We are also trying to be more proactive in our approach, in an effort to reduce the issues that cause our residents to have concern. One of these issues is dust control. Many of you know that Parkman has approximately 27 miles of roadway, of which nearly 20 miles are unimproved gravel roads. That equates to 40 lane miles of unimproved gravel roads that Parkman maintains on a regular basis. All who live and travel on our gravel roads know that this time of year can be very frustrating when it comes to the dust. Presently, we use calcium chloride as our main dust suppressant. Unfortunately the roads must be prepared (stoned and graded) to receive the calcium chloride in order for the product to be effective. When the weather does not cooperate, this can create a dust bowl that leaves our residents extremely frustrated and upset. We have improved our turn around time in getting the product applied by going with a different calcium chloride company and surprisingly, at a lower cost. However, even a couple days (let alone a week or two) of the intense dust prepping a road can create, is hard to stomach. We want you to know that your Board of Trustees and Road Department are currently investigating whether there are any other affordable options that could improve our ability to control dust in the short and long term.

Some other news: Parkman has recently begun the process of applying for a grant. If obtained, it will help improve the energy efficiency of the Parkman Community House. An energy audit was completed, free of charge, as a requirement of the grant application. Areas of improvement were identified and the Board is currently considering its recommendations. A course of action will be established by the Board based upon these recommendations. If the grant is obtained, we hope to make the Community House more energy efficient which will potentially reduce our energy consumption as well as our utility costs.

We hope the rest of your summer is safe and enjoyable.

**Don't forget the Community Picnic is 5pm on July 31<sup>st</sup> @ Overlook Park.**  
**Hope to see you there.**

## Parkman Road Department

From Tom Evers, Superintendent

This Spring we finished posting speed limit signs on the gravel roads. The Township Trustees have passed resolutions for each gravel road to lower the speed limit to 35 mph. Please be mindful of the new speed limit when posted. Thank you for your consideration when passing through road construction zones. Your patience will help promote a safe work area for our road crew. Please attend any trustee meeting for further road info.





For registration or more information on these and other Geauga Park District programs and opportunities, contact 440-286-9516 or [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

## **Music & Meteors at Chickagami Park** **August 13th, 2010 (9:00PM)**

Also a campout for this event is available - check out their website for all details.

Many other events throughout the summer is on the park website - find a complete list at:  
[www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)



## **Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76**

The Scouts meet every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane (near the baseball fields) in Middlefield. New boys are always welcome to join us (ages 11 – 18).

Scott Villers, Troop 76  
committee chairman  
(440) 548-3622

Come to the next meeting and find out what new adventures and projects the PBS Troop #76 is up to for these local boys.



## **Don forget about the Parkman Cub Scouts**

Check out our Parkman Website for any current contact information, meeting times and schedules.

**Hope you all have a fun and Safe  
Summer 2010!**

Both photos from Lower Cemetery  
2010 Memorial Day Parade.



## **SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community**



**Rev. John Burkley, Pastor**

### **2010 Mass Schedule**

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm - St. Edward 6:30pm –St. Lucy  
Sunday: 8:30am - St. Edward 10:30am –St. Lucy  
Confessions: 4:15-5:00pm-St Edward 7:15pm-St. Lucy  
Weekday Mass: M at 6pm and T-F at 8am in St. Edward Chapel

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

## **Annual Chicken Dinner and Car Show for St. Edward** **Sunday, July 25, 11am-4pm**

### **Vacation Bible School**

July 26-30.

Friday the 30th, all students go to the Cleveland Zoo.

### **3 special Bingo Nights:**

Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct 21 Door  
open at 5pm-games start at 6:30pm in Rose Hall.

### **Mass at St. Lucy is an outdoor Mass**

July 31 6:30pm (weather permitting)

### **Mass at St. Edward is an outdoor Mass**

August 38 5:00pm

**The Catholic Churches of Geauga County  
have a Fair Booth every year at the Geauga Fair. Check it out!**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

## **Annual Oktoberfest Polka Mass and Dinner.**

October 17, 2010

**Check out the website for the most current masses and event information.**

## Parkman Congregational Church

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer Time, 8:55 AM - 9:10 AM

Happy Quarter Hour, 9:00 AM (social time, light refreshments)

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:15 AM

All are welcomed and encouraged!



## Women's Fellowship Annual "Trash & Treasure Sale

July 22 – 24 Thursday, Friday (9am-5pm) and Saturday (9am-3pm)  
in the Church Social Hall.

## Parkman Congregational Church 12th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

will be held at DUCK CREEK GOLF COURSE,  
3351 Newton Tomlinson Rd., SW, Warren, Oh.  
on SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH at 9:00 AM.

Registration from 8:00 am to 8:45 am. We will use a scramble format-shot gun start. We will start with a continental breakfast, hot dogs & drinks at the turn, your choice of steak or chicken for dinner and many door prizes. You get all this for only \$65. We will appreciate your reservation by August 2, 2010. You may also call Duck Creek Golf Course for reservations – 330-872-3825. Everybody is welcome!

## Vacation Bible School

August 9th through 12th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
open to all kids K – 8th grade.

VBS Closing program will be on Sunday Aug. 15th. We will have a Potluck with a picnic theme to it for everyone to enjoy. Hot dogs, Buns, and Drinks will be provided, so please just bring a dish that you'd like to share along side. We are looking forward to celebrating a successful VBS with you!!!!

If you have questions please call the church at 440-548-4829. Applications can be picked up at the church from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, M–F or visit our website at [www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com](http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com) or send an email to [parkmanchurch@windstream.net](mailto:parkmanchurch@windstream.net) to request registration forms

## 2010 Feed-A-Friend Free Meal Dates/Menus

You are invited to join the members and friends of Parkman Congregational Church for a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month.

### All meals fall on the last Wednesday of the Month

July 28, 2010 - Mini-Cheddar Loaves

August 25, 2010 - Stuffed Cabbage

September 29, 2010 - Ham & Bow Tie Casserole

October 27, 2010 - Slovenian Night

November 24, 2010 - Cincinnati Chili

December 29, 2010 - Soup

## Parkman Historical Society

### A Brief History of Parkman's Cemeteries

Researched & written by Dale Komandt, Parkman Cemetery Sexton

Township Trustees are responsible for three cemeteries in Parkman. They appoint the Cemetery Sexton. I have been the Cemetery Sexton for 35 years.

The smallest of the three cemeteries is located at 16569 Bundysburg Road. It appears that it may have started out as a family plot since most are of the Gates surname.

However, there are three veterans buried there who died in 1812, 1824, and 1835.

The second cemetery is on Nelson Road just south of SR 422. The only name this cemetery has gone by to anyone's knowledge is the **Lower Cemetery**. As best we can tell there are forty four veterans buried here. The oldest burial with any accuracy is probably 1811-infant John W. Parkman. Also buried here are Mrs. R.B. Parkman, nee Lucy Phelps - August 1820, Samuel Parkman -1824, Edwin Parkman -1828, Robert B. Parkman -1832, Dr. George Parkman -1849 and Henry S. Parkman - 1867.

Very few burials took place in the **Lower Cemetery** after 1895; the last was in 1909. The official records of this cemetery were lost in the fire that burned down the Opera House in 1944.

The cemetery used by the Trustees since approximately 1845 is located at 18145 Tavern Road, and is named **Overlook Cemetery**. The first burial here unofficially was 1835 and was used in addition to the **Lower Cemetery** until 1909, when it was used exclusively. Catherine (Kate) and John Breckenridge Tinker donated the entrance pillars, sign at the front, and as best we can tell, part of the iron fence at the front of the property. Next time you visit **Overlook Cemetery** checkout the front pillars. The Urpi family redid the gates and pillars.

**Overlook Cemetery** was expanded when land was purchased from the Chalker/ Zeigler family for a Village Park. This cemetery will accommodate burials of any of those wishing to be buried here for many, many years to come.

There are two hundred and forty two veterans and fifty seven Parkman Volunteer Firemen buried at **Overlook Cemetery**.

## Parkman Zoning Inspector

For a complete listing of the driveway regulations, please contact the zoning inspector.

Note office hours, phone number and email address.

John Hasman -Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM,  
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

You can reach the Zoning Office at 440-548-2904 (extension 2 )  
or [parkmanzone@windstream.net](mailto:parkmanzone@windstream.net)

## Parkman Zoning Board

Don't forget that you can find Parkman Zoning Board minutes on the Parkman Website.

## Parkman Township Volunteer Fire Department

From Chuck Dillon

We can't say enough about the dedication of our volunteer firemen and women. There have been two house fires recently one of which was fought and won during the extremely hot and humid temperatures we've been experiencing. Our people need to be hydrated just as you folks need to be thinking about drinking lots of fluids (that's WATER and Gatoraid) to keep yourselves safe.

The department has received an EMS grant for \$5960.00 for the year 2010. Fantastic news which means we can purchase/replace supplies needed to serve the Township residents. Drive safely. Enjoy the summer.



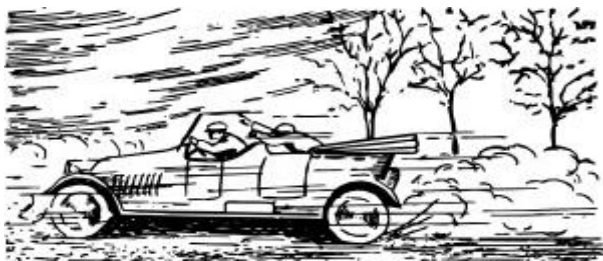
Sunday Gatherings start at 11am  
(Bible Study at 9:30am)  
in the **Parkman Community House**.  
All are welcome!

For more information call 440-636-2836 or check out the  
Church Website: [www.necommunity.org](http://www.necommunity.org)

**Learning to love God and to love people in the three life phases  
Finding Life - Living the life - Giving our life**

Check out our website for news, events, devotions, discipleship, groups and ministries.

We look forward to meeting you!



**Why are you still  
driving over  
35 MPH  
on Parkman's  
gravel side roads?**

As Parkman Editor, I have to apologize to the resident who sent in a letter about how people have been speeding on Parkman Gravel Roads. This was a story about how their child "Little Timmy" almost got hit from a vehicle exceeding the posted 35 miles per hour on all of Parkman's Gravel and Side Roads. The story was a nice input from a concerned citizen of Parkman.....but I have misplaced the hand written letter. Please forgive me!

I did read the story though and will be happy to add it to the next Paragraphs edition if you wish to resend it. The letter had no return address on it, so I could not contact you for another copy. If it does show up again, which it might....I will be sure to add it in. As for the rest of ALL OF US—**MIND YOUR SPEEDS ON ALL PARKMAN ROADS!**

## Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

The 2010 Parkman Youth League summer baseball and softball season is coming to an end. We would like to especially thank Dale Holcomb, who preps the fields before each home game; Mike Peters, who runs the league, preps and maintains the fields before and during the season; Tom Evers and our township maintenance crew for all the hard work they do at Overlook Park. We would also like to thank all our volunteer coaches for all the hard work and responsibility they take on throughout the season. Last but not least we would like to thank our sponsors who help make this possible. They are Mike's Auto, Middlefield Plastics, Grand River Pet Care, JDD Inc., Ken Fuhry, and Creepin' Creek Farm. Berg's Eye View provided our uniforms at a discounted rate and we'd like to thank them as well. It's been a great year. Parkman had approximately 85 youth participate this year and for the first time in several years, Parkman fielded a Girls 10u softball team. Six boys represented Parkman in the Minors and Majors GCBSYA League all-star game. The boys are voted to the team by their teammates. Representing the Minors were Matt Carney, Jarrett Mack and Charlie Joyce. Representing the Majors were Andrew Miller, Anthony Cribb and Dominyc Karasek. Thank you again to all who make this possible.

For more information about the Parkman Youth League call:  
Mike Peters: 440-548-5565 or Pat Joyce: 440-548-5576

## Overlook Park and Parkman Recreation Committee

By Pat Joyce

Overlook Park is our community park and is located on State Route 168 less than a mile west of State Route 528. There is a large pavilion as well as two smaller pavilions, a newly renovated playground, baseball fields, basketball court, tennis court, volleyball court and walking path. Many of our residents use the park each year; Parkman Youth League host their summer league practices and games there, community organizations hold various events, families use it for reunions, graduations, birthday parties, picnics etc. Overlook Park is a great park. A big thanks to our Township maintenance and the many volunteers for all that they do to preserve and improve our park.

If you'd like to volunteer with the  
Parkman Recreation Committee, please contact:

Mike/Candie Peters 548-5565, Scott Simms 548-2692,  
Sandy/Chuck Rought 548-5740, Dan Mack 548-2627 or  
Pat Joyce 548-5576.

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Overlook Park**

## Parkman Connections Summer/Fall 2010 Program

Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We meet in the Parkman Community House at 6:30 pm. For more information, email - ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

### August 12 - 6:30 pm - Tai Chi - Speakers: Kathy and Alan Preston

Kathy and Alan Preston will demonstrate tai chi, and it will be fun to join them as we learn more about this increasingly popular health practice. Wear clothing that will allow for free movement. It doesn't matter how young or old you are... everyone can participate.

### September 9 - 6:30 pm - Spring-Blooming Flower Bulbs - Speaker: Jane Zajackowski

Learn about the huge variety of spring-blooming flower bulbs, including many flower bulbs that are not well known... but should be! You will see hundreds of pictures of spring-blooming flowers. You will learn about the "minor" bulbs in addition to learning more about tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths. You'll see varieties of flowers you may not have known about before! You will also learn how to select, plant, and maintain spring-blooming flower bulbs. Find out about the proper planting techniques as well as the recommended tools.

### October 14 - 6:30 pm - Growing Grapes and Making Wine - Speaker: Dr. Rich Hill, Laleure Vineyards

Have you always wondered how wine is made? You will learn how to grow grapes and turn the grapes into wine during Dr. Hill's presentation. Rich and Betsy Hill, of Laleure Vineyards, started growing grapes when they moved to Parkman in 1997. Laleure Vineyards became an official Ohio winery in 2002, and the tasting room was opened in 2003. Rich will explain the challenges he faced along the way from planting grapevines in 1997 to making wines today.

### November 11 - 6:30 pm - The Law and You - Speaker: Ken Fuhry

Ken will speak about legal things that everyone should learn, including basic estate planning concepts. He will also explain terms like "probate". Many legal terms are mysterious to most of us, but they are important for us to understand. Find out which basic legal papers everyone should have... and why.

December - No meetings

## Parkman 55 Plus Club

Please join us and share a delicious potluck lunch and fellowship. We meet at the Parkman Community House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:30a.m.

Some of our upcoming events are:

August 5<sup>th</sup> - Pilot Connie Lutha will talk about her flying experience

September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Harpists will be here to entertain us.

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Bert Williams from the Sioux Indian Tribe  
will be our guest speaker

## Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

In case you haven't noticed, it's hot, hot, HOT out there!! The humidity interferes with sweat evaporation and your body may not be able to dissipate internal heat. Avoid becoming dehydrated and avoid vigorous physical activities in hot and humid weather. Please drink lots of water. Remember this: alcohol, caffeine and tea may lead to dehydration and don't count.

EMS update: We have two EMTs who recently earned their Paramedic cards. Rick Pierce works with Community Care, lives practically in the shadow of the station and responds when he can. Stacey Raymond works at University Hospitals, Cleveland as an ER Nurse, also lives in Parkman and responds when possible. Welcome Rick and Stacey!. We also have two people taking the basic EMT course this summer in Troy. Owen Brownfield, a FF with Parkman, and Beverly Lipscomb, a medical assistant at Middlefield Clinic are anxious to pass the class and ride with us on the squad. We're looking forward to "sharing the caring" with our new EMTs.

Stay safe! Meet us at our monthly Association meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm at the station. Meet the volunteers. Take a look at our equipment, the engines, tankers and squad. Join us in our commitment to serve the residents of Parkman Township.

Any questions call Chuck (firefighter) or Joanie (EMS) at 440-548-7541.



**Green Address Signs** - Parkman Address Signs have just been redesigned to host 4 inch lettering verse the former 3 inch lettering. This is due to easier visibility during a faster pace travel during emergencies. If you have not purchased your highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - then get the newest version of our project.

Don't wait until it's too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected!  
Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details! Stop Procrastinating!!

## Thanks to a kind neighbor!

A few weeks ago, I was kayaking on the Cuyahoga River from Russell Park to enjoy a beautiful summer day. This was a maiden ride for my kayak, and as I came back to shore to complete the journey, I knew I was not in as good shape as originally planned before the ride. I had to struggle somewhat to try to get back into my wheelchair. Well, this could have been a drama about to develop, but a very kind neighbor stopped by to lend a hand. The assistance was very much appreciated and I had to send another THANKS.

Mr. Byler of Byler Meats does not receive the Parkman Paragraphs. He lives on the other side of Shedd Road (the Middlefield side). So if anyone who lives across from him on the "Parkman side" of the road, please pass this message to him. It is a wonderful place that we live in, with a community of people who "all" care for each other!





### 2010 Parkman Memorial Day Parade

Residents and friends of the Parkman Community gathered at the Overlook Cemetery for our traditional Memorial Day salute to all of the veterans who have served our country.

Our Parkman Boy Scouts Troop 76 performed the Flag Ceremony, and the Middlefield VFW Post 9678 commenced the honoring traditions to the veterans buried there.

Parkman Trustees chose to honor Albert Wilson this year who served the Army Air Corp in 1941 (later to become the Air Force of today). Check out the special edition Parkman Paragraphs on the website for a complete story of Albert Wilson.

When the Overlook Ceremony was completed, the Cardinal Marching Band kept a temple for the parade to travel to the town square and then the lower cemetery. The ceremony continued as residents honored the veterans buried in the lower cemetery.

**Special Thanks** for the continued support of the Geauga County Sheriff Department, Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team, Parkman Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops #76, the Cardinal Marching Band, and the various participants who helped to make our Parkman Memorial Day Parade a success.



**Best wishes to everyone  
for a fun and safe summer!**



## Congrats to Chuck and Joan Dillon Celebrating 50 years together!

Congrats to Chuck and Joan Dillon, who just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Many gathered at the Parkman Community House to help celebrate their special day. Joan had her wedding dress on display and Chuck drove there with the same car that they had 50 years ago for the wedding. Both Chuck and Joan continue to volunteer for our Parkman Community as they have for many years. Parkman Paragraphs salutes these outstanding citizens and wishes them many more anniversaries to come!

Special Thanks to Luanne Baker for sharing her photos from the celebration.

