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Parkman Paragraphs Fall 2010



Jumping Castle was a hit at the 2010 Parkman Community Picnic July 31, 2010 - Overlook Park

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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 activity will be a

Halloween Celebration

Join us at the Community House on Saturday, October 30th after trick-or-treating from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

We'll have some fun games for the little ones; a "scary" room for older kids and goodies for all ages. We'd appreciate it if you would like to donate some candy for the little ones (say, if you are in a more rural area and don't get to see the little goblins at your homes).

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Parkman Fire and Rescue Volunteers at the corner.

Be sure to show your appreciation for their help.

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Hasman -Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

Find out all of the zoning regulations before you start any project. Stop by and ask any questions so that your project starts off in the right direction.

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

Parkman Zoning Board

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

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 2, 2010 - GENERAL ELECTION ISSUES

- Issue 1—CARDINAL LSD Tax Levy Current Expenses 6.2 Mills Replacement & Decrease Continuing Period of Time
- Issue 6 GEAUGA COUNTY Tax Levy Streets, Roads and Bridges 2.5 Mills Renewal 5 years
- Issue 7 GEAUGA COUNTY Tax Levy Library 1 Mill Additional Continuing Period of Time
- Issue 8 GEAUGA COUNTY Tax Levy Job & Family Services 0.7 Mill Replace ment 5 years
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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Nearly 200 Parkman residents gathered at Overlook Park for the 2010 Community Picnic held on Saturday, July 31st. Everyone enjoyed burgers, hot dogs and Italian sausage sandwiches as well as the cotton candy, snow-cones and popcorn. DJ Cory Anderson kept things going with some great tunes. The kids LOVED the bounce house! Folks also had fun playing some carnival games and corn hole. The Amish-Yankee baseball game saw some great action. Parkman Congregational Church took the opportunity to share God's love by giving school supplies to any school-age kids in attendance. It was a great success! We hope to see you there too next year!

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Plans are underway for the holiday season. We'll kick things off with Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Community House. Kids can visit with Santa and enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, and sausage links for only \$2.00 (up to 11 years old) {\$3.00 for adults}.

We'd love to see some more people come out and help decorate the down-town area. We'll gather at 11:00 after the breakfast on Saturday, December 4th.

Ring in the New Year with your friends at the Community House. The doors will open at 8:00 pm, music by "The Boys Are Back" will begin at 9:00. We will provide snacks and wash – BYOB. Watch for more details and ticket info.

Each year we invite all our volunteers to an appreciation dinner. (Usually during the holidays) This year we have decided to wait until January 17th 2011 (after the busy holiday season). We hope you'll be there! You can enjoy a great dinner, join the Chamber of Commerce (for only \$5.00), and sign up for a couple shifts at the 2011 Pancake breakfasts.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about any of our activities. Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

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 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. Come see what we're up to!

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

Parkman Trustee Notes

By Nancy Ferguson

As Trustees, each of us brings different skills, work experiences and thought processes to governing the Township. What we have in common is a commitment to be fiscally responsible stewards of the township budget and a willingness to work together to provide the Township with Fire/Ems Service, maintained roads, Cemeteries and Overlook Park. Because of our commitment to improve the services the Township provides, the Board has agreed to divide overseeing these services as follows: Kevin O'Reilly will be the liaison for the Road Department. Patrick Joyce will be the liaison for the Community House and Overlook Park. I will be the liaison for the Fire Department, Cemetery and Zoning. This allows us to focus on the key services that the township provides the residents and present to the Board information about planning, budgetary concerns and problems that we need to address as a Board.

Recently the Township received a NOPEC Grant for Solar Panels for the Community House. Pat Joyce was the lead Trustee in getting this grant for the Township. The grant covers the cost of the solar panels and installation. The money saved on reducing energy cost will go towards improvements to other Township services.

Many residents have requested a cardboard recycling bin. We have signed a contract for cardboard recycling services and a bin is now at the Community House Recycling Area.

A serious concern we face going forward is providing Fire and EMS services during the day. We are continuing to work with the Fire Department to develop a plan to provide Fire and EMS personnel during the daytime when many volunteers are not always available to respond to calls.

In our effort to keep you informed about happenings in the Township we are putting more items on the Parkman Paragraph website www.ParkmanOhio.com . For example you can read the Trustee Meeting Minutes, Zoning Minutes , road updates, job postings and events in the Community that aren't covered in the Quarterly Newsletter.

We encourage your questions and comments and welcome you to join us at the Parkman Community House on the First and Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm for the Trustee Meeting.

Parkman Road Department

From Tom Evers, Superintendent

Please help to prevent flood areas in roadways by keeping leaves and debris out of road side sewers this fall. If you spend a few moments to keep sewers clean, the will prevent any flooding road hazards during fall rainstorms.

Thank you for your patience in our work zones and keeping your speeds at a slower pace.

Your courtesy in providing our road crew a safe environment is appreciated.

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For registration or more information on these and other Geauga Park District programs and opportunities, contact 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Chickagami Park Dedication

Saturday, October 2, 10-11:30 AM
Chickagami Park, Overlook Shelter
Join Geauga Park District for the opening celebration of this new park.
Fully Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible.

Walktober Hikes

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM October 13 at Chickagami Park

Many other events throughout the fall are on the park website - find a complete list at:

www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

In the blink of an eye the summer of 2010 is gone! The boys went to summer camp at the end of June. They all had a great time camping, swimming, shooting at the archery and rifle ranges – and camp food!

July found the boys working on their canoeing skills at Fuller's lake. Many thanks to the Fullers! August was vacation and down-time month for the adult leaders. Now we are back at it, planning our upcoming season. The boys are currently taking orders for popcorn. This is a great fund-raiser for the boys to earn Scouting Bucks to help pay for all their activities.

Our first big event will be helping celebrate the re-opening of Camp Chickagami (now part of the Geauga Park district) on Saturday, October 2nd at 10 a.m. We hope to see you there!

In November we will hold our annual Thanksgiving camp-out at the Gates' park (the old Boy Scout camp). The boys will cook for 40+ (parents and guests). It will take 3+ hours to cook our turkeys in the firepot as well as all the side dishes prepared in dutch ovens.

December will find us camping again to work on winter camping skills.

The Scouts meet every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane (near the baseball fields / behind Arby's) in Middlefield. Newboys are always welcome to join us (ages 11 - 18).

Scott Villers, Committee Chairman (440) 548-3622



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: 8:30a m - 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

Harvest Festival

October 12, 2010 - 7pm Hayride - Bonfire - Snacks

Happy 9th Anniversary (October 15th) to Father John Burkley at SS Edward Lucy Parish!

Annual Oktoberfest Polka Dance and Dinner

Sunday, October 17 Noon Polka Mass - 1:30pm Dinner Dance

POLKA MASS IS FREE - DINNER DANCE \$15 TAKE OUT DINNERS \$12

Tickets may be purchased through our Ticket Sellers or in the Church office Dinner Reservations must be made before **October 10**

Join us for a Pork Chop Dinner - Dancing - 50/50 Raffle - Baked Goods Sale MICRO MINI CHINESE AUCTION

For More information or Reservations - Call Church Office (440) 548-3812

NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR THE POLKA MASS
Paid Ticket Reservations may be picked up at the office or at the door.

Make check payable to St. Edward Church - P.O. Box 709 - Parkman OH 44080

Annual Parkman 55 Plus Craftshow

December 4 & 5, 2010 St Edward Church - Winca Hall

SS Edward Lucy volunteers always serves free me als at the St Vincents in Warren on the last Saturday of each month. If you would like to help volunteer or donate, please contact the church office at 440-548-3812.

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!



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 or send an email to 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.

October 27, 2010 - Slovenian Night November 24, 2010 - Cincinnati Chili December 29, 2010 - Soup



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

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!

Special thanks to Ann Marie Soltis

Ann found some Parkman History while looking through her files. She sent some new paper clippings of the Parkman 175th Anniversary Celebration, and an original script from a Parkman History Play that was used for a pageant from the Sesquicentennial celebration. This Paragraphs issue did not have enough space to show this historical treasure but future issues will share some tid bits that Ann has shared with our community.

Thanks Ann for allowing us the opportunity to enjoy this reflection in our past.

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society was based out of the Thompson House, on Rt 528 next door (south side) to the Parkman Congregational Church. An ambitious goal was to make the donated house into a museum for PHS. But due to unreachable expenses needed to bring the site up to code - well the decision was to sell the house and use the monies for scholarships and other needed funds for the group. The many treasure pieces of Parkman History will be placed into other locations including the Parkman Community Center and Geauga Historical Society. Parkman Historical Society meetings will continue at the Community Center and the Thompson House will be placed on the selling market by the end of this year. Below is a part of the last meeting and salute to the Thompson House.

Some History About Glenn A. Thompson

By Dale Komandt

My portion of tonight's program is some history of Glenn A. Thompson. He was born July 8, 1915, and died April 8, 2000. His stepfather was Glenn E. Owry (1896-1990) and his mother was Beth Evans (1892-1971).

Glenn had told me that he was growing up on a farm north of Columbus, I don't reme mber the name of the place, when he came to this area. However, I do know that he and his first wife, Helen L. Thompson (1920-1972), worked a farm on Rt. 88 across from the Takacs farm until the early 1950s. He then took over the operation of a service station west of the light on the south side of Rt. 422 (the video store).

I think he took over from Richard Giles who moved to a station beside his home. Glenn and Helen also moved into a small home across the street from the station belonging to Mr. Duane Morris. That house had been the home of cartoonist Dale Brugman and his wife Theresa, an elementary teacher at Parkman School.

The small house had been an office for Dale, a dress shop for Peggy Warner and Dorothy Kimball, and a pickup point for Finch Cleaners. Glenn and Helen operated the service station and wrecker service until sometime after July 29, 1965. He then relocated his service station to a new location just west of the Community House on land previously owned by Kelly Gotham and/or Forrest Bidlack. He operated this station until he retired. You know it better as the Township Garage.

Glenn's first wife had died and a couple of years later, he married Lucille E. Blackford (1929-2003). After retiring, he continued to fix/repair stuff from a barn behind the home he and Helen had purchased on Madison Rd., just south of the Congregational Church.

Glenn was a member of our Volunteer Fire Dept., joining in 1958. He was Second Assistant Chief (1960-1961), Chief (1962-1972), First Assistant Chief (1973-1981).

He was a Sergeant in the US Army Air Force during World War II. I understand he served mostly in Africa. After Glenn's discharge, he worked at the Ravenna Arsenal as a truck/wrecker driver and mechanic.

Glenn was a member of Western Phoenix Lodge #42 here in Parkman. He was initiated in April 1955, passed to Fellow Craft in May 1955, and raised to a Master Mason the same month. He was installed as Master of the Lodge for 1962.

Glenn loved to go to Canada each year with Dale Gates, Vernon Gates, and Al George to fishing for a week or so.

Parkman Township Volunteer Fire Department

From Chief Wayne Komandt

It appears that fall has arrived. The days are getting shorter, the temperature has finally dropped a bit, and all the news seems to be about politics. There are many issues coming up on election day and I urge all of you to vote. It is a privilege that many people around the world do not have and we should not be complacent about it. There are two fire levies on the November ballot that are up for renewal. Because of the economic conditions, it was determined to renew the levies instead of trying to replace them or increase them. I hope you will support your Fire Department with a yes vote.

We are trying to address an issue with the Township Trustees concerning daytime personnel availability. Since almost all of our fire department personnel have full time jobs, it is sometimes hard to insure that there are people to respond to emergency incidents. We will be discussing with the Trustees different ideas and options that may be available. One option is to get more people on the fire department, so if you would like to become a fire-fighter, emergency medical technician, or both visit us any Wednesday night for an application to join.

The Fire Department has smoke detectors available from the State Fire Marshals office if you need one. The only requirement is that we must install the smoke detector and fill out some paperwork for the state. Contact us any Wednesday night to sign up for one or email the fire department at PTVFD@windstream.net. Feel free to e-mail us at anytime with your comments or concerns.

Also please remember that open burning in the state of Ohio is illegal. There are very specific requirement that must be met before it is allowed.

We have had two fire personnel retire so far this year, Elwin Coe and Sandy Parnaby. Should you see them, please thank them for their many years of service.



A very sad day in Parkman

From Cory Anderson

I am sure that you saw it on the news how we recently lost a resident of Parkman due to very reckless behavior while driving a car. I will not get into any details, but we all know this very sad moment. To the family in the Amish Buggy who had to experience this - there is nothing that I can ever say to help. But know tears were on my cheeks when I heard about it. It is sad when anyone in our community is hurt (or worse) due to reckless driving. So what to do about it

Many times I hinted in our newsletters of paying attention to slower traffic in our area. I have written about several who complained of speeders, not only to buggy traffic, bicycle traffic, joggers and hikers, but kids playing near the roads. All of these types of "side of the road" traffic share the space with the much faster and impatient motorized vehicles.

So how can we help to keep our community safe with this issue? How can we provide an environment that treats everyone on Parkman roads with respect? I welcome any input.

Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

By Pat Joyce

We are planning our Annual Valentines Day Fundraiser. Saturday February 12th, 2011 is the tentative date. Anyone interested in contributing items for the raffle, reserving tickets or for more details, please contact: Mike or Candie Peters @ 440-548-5565.

Overlook Park and Parkman Recreation Committee

By Pat Joyce

Hopefully all of you had a good summer. If you didn't have the opportunity to visit Overlook Park, there is still time before it snows (I hope). Fall is a beautiful time in our area and there are several different varieties of trees to observe at the park. Don't forget the Pavilion can be reserved for your outdoor event by calling

Wendy Anderson @ 440-548-2388.

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.



Parkman / Troy Snowmobile Club Powersports Swap Meet and Show

Parkman Community House October 16, 2010 (9am-4pm)

Find anything from new/used off highway toys, parts, sporting clothes and food.

OSSA Sled Raffle (2010 GSX SkiDOO 550 Sport) - 50 / 50 raffle - Vintage Sled Display

If you would like to reserve a space at this swap meet show:

Register after Oct 1 - \$20 per spot

DEALERS ARE WELCOME! Register after Oct 1 - \$75

For more information - please contact: Mike Vystrcil at (440) 632-0668 Gary Rezabek at (330) 393-6065 - Brian Kothera at (440) 834-1030

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Parkman Connections 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

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

Geauga County Health and Immunization Clinic

The Immunization Clinic will be at St Edwards Church (Winca Hall) each month to give flu and immunization shots. Take advantage of this new location spot. Times will be:

Second Wednesday of each month from 9 am - 11:30 am and Third Thursday of each month from 3 pm - 6 pm

Contact Geauga County Health for more details.

Parkman 55 Plus Club

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

Some of our upcoming events are:

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

Annual Parkman 55 Plus Craft Show

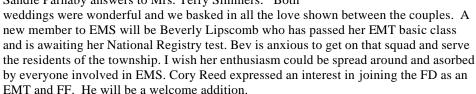
December 4 & 5, 2010 St Edward Church - Winca Hall

Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

I love, love, love the cooler/fresher days of fall. I don't care who squashes me for this...the hot humid days of summer it was a miserable summer this year, my A/C had a real workout. Now, that said, I can move on.

Kelly Anderson is now known as Mrs. Steve Dale. Sandie Parnaby answers to Mrs. Terry Simmers. Both



We've had a couple tragic traffic accidents in the last few weeks that took the lives of one of our residents and one nearby township resident. It saddens all of us that we can't save everyone that comes under our care. We do our very best. Our hearts go out to the families and friends who are still suffering from their loss.

Flu season is sneaking up on us. Balance one flu shot against a week or more of feeling nasty...or even hospitalized. Seriously consider getting that flu shot this year. Again, we don't want to lose anyone to the flu bug.

You are welcome to come on down to the station on the first Wednesday of the month to attend our Association meeting and meet the volunteers. Check us out. Any questions please call 440-548-7541 and ask Chuck (FF) or Joanie (EMS). Stay SAFE.

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 verses the former 3 inch lettering. This is due to easier visibility during a faster pace travel during emergencies. If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - then get the newest version of our project.

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

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The sky's above Parkman stayed dry during our annual Picnic event.

It was a perfect day to host this community activity.



from our traditional

The pot luck style picnic had many choices of food to taste, and no one left hungry when the event was over.

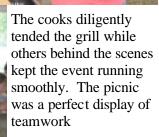


Special thanks to every one who took the time to volunteer and help make the event another success.



The bouncing castle was a hit for the kids (and the parents who's kids were entertained by the air filled device

2010 Parkman Community Picnic



Also thanks to all of our Parkman residents who continue to attended these events to support our community outreach programs. Your support is the real success of these events - and much appreciated.