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Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2011



Parkman Pancake Breakfast
Our Annual Community Fundraiser
Sundays in March (6, 13, 20, 27)
at the Community House serving 9am-2pm

Serving since 1969 and still on china!

Community Website: <http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>
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Parkman Paragraphs

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**Parkman Chamber of Commerce
2011 Event Schedule**

Parkman Pancake Breakfast

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Every Sunday in March (6. 13, 20, 27)

Serving since 1969 - Community House

Adults (12+) - \$7.50 Kids (6-11) - \$3.00 (5/Under) -Free

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Volunteers - please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939



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Saturday, April 23rd (11 a.m.)

at Overlook Park

Parkman Kite Festival

Saturday, April 30th (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

at Overlook Park



Annual Parkman Community Picnic

July 16th (5pm-8pm)

at Overlook Park

Kids Halloween Party

Saturday October 31st (after Parkman Trick or Treat)

at Parkman Community House



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 3rd

at Parkman Community House

New Years Eve Dance

Saturday December 31st

at Parkman Community House



For more information or an interest in volunteering for any of these events
please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939.

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

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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

We had great fun at our Halloween celebration! We gathered at the Community House on Saturday, October 30th (after trick-or-treating) from 7 to 8:30. We had great music provided by DJ Cory Anderson (along with his smoke machine and party lights!), snacks and beverages for all, some fun games for the little ones and LOTS of candy! Many thanks to those residents that donated candy for the kids! We had about 45 attend this event and hope to build on this for next year.

We kicked off the holiday season with our first Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Community House. Kids visited 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}. Approximately 30-35 joined us for this event. Then we rang in the New Year with our friends at the Community House. For only \$25.00 per couple folks enjoyed a night of dancing to the music of "The Boys Are Back" from 9:00 till 1 a.m. We provided snacks and wash (BYOB). Hope to see you there next year!

Each year we invite all our volunteers to an appreciation dinner. (Usually during the holidays) This year we decided to wait until January 16th 2011 (after the busy holiday season). We gathered at JD's Post House and had a "white elephant" gift exchange.

Pancake season is upon us! Plans are underway for our Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts – every Sunday in March. We depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful. Please contact Denise Villers 440-548-2939 or villers_3622@windstream.net with dates that you can work. We offer on-the-job training in all positions. We have a wide variety of jobs to fill, but we always need servers the most. Each Sunday is divided into two shifts: 9:00 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 2:00 (with some that start earlier and others that stay for clean-up afterwards). Please consider volunteering for your community!

2011 is filling up fast so mark your calendar now for some fun events sponsored by your Parkman Chamber of Commerce.

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt (11 a.m. at Overlook Park) is Saturday, April 23rd.
- Our annual kite festival (a joint venture with the OSEK, which is affiliated with the American Kite-Fliers Association) is Saturday, April 30th (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Overlook Park – where there is ALWAYS a breeze!
- The Community Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Overlook Park. We have reserved the bounce-house again as well as some other activities. We had a good crowd last year and hope to see even more residents come together for a great time!

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

Remember we meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House.

Parkman Trustee Notes

By Kevin O'Reilly

As trustees Pat, Nancy and I are charged with making sure that the necessary and required services are provided to the residents of Parkman. One of those services is fire protection. Parkman has a core group of very talented and dedicated fire department volunteers. Many of whom have served the community for 20 or more years. And although these individuals have always been willing to make the sacrifice of their time to help those in need, they aren't getting any younger. The number of new volunteers and the amount of time they are available to serve the community is a dynamic that has been changing for some time now. As a community we have finally arrived at the point that we need to be looking at alternatives to a completely volunteer fire department.

During the past year the trustees have been discussing what might be done to assure adequate fire and EMS services for our community. As you are aware Parkman and Troy have always had an automatic aid agreement with their fire and EMS services. What that means is that if one department was called both would respond, therefore assuring enough volunteers. This past year Troy township has hired individuals to staff their fire department during the busiest daytime hours. Because of this Troy no longer will provide automatic aid when Parkman gets a call. That has put Parkman in the position where the possibility exists that a daytime call may not get a timely response. Given enough time another neighboring department would respond if Parkman didn't. This is not acceptable in situations where minutes can be the difference between someone living or dying.

Our first attempt as trustees to address this issue is the implementation of a stipend program for our volunteers. We have allocated \$2000 per month to be paid to the volunteers who respond to calls. A system has been developed to assure the money is allocated fairly and responsibly. It is our hope that this stipend will encourage more participation from our volunteers.

Over the course of the next year we will be discussing other options such as hiring paid responders as well as sharing paid positions with Troy township. Input from our residents will help us to formulate a program that will be supported by all those who are affected. If you have suggestions or would like to be involved in the future planning of our fire department please come to one of our board of trustees meetings or contact Pat, Nancy or myself to discuss this more.

Cover photo



The photo on this edition's cover is an action shot of the Parkman Gazebo being decorated on December 5, 2010 by volunteer members of the Parkman Chamber of Commerce.

Our community is successful because of those who volunteer. There is always room for your help in the many ways to contribute to our town and residents. If you have a special talent you would like to share, get involved with one of the many groups that matches your interests. Then let Parkman Paragraphs know about your ambitions. We look forward to your story!



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

Many events can be found on the park website - find a complete list at:

www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

What's happening at Parkman's Overlook Park this Spring?

Annual Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23rd (11 a.m.)
at Overlook Park

Parkman Kite Festival

Saturday, April 30th (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
at Overlook Park

Both events are free and open to our residents - please join us!

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

Let it snow – Let it snow – Let it snow! Even with the snow, we got in a camp-out in a cabin in December at Camp Chickagami. That finished up our 2010 camping. January brings our Council's Winter Event at Camp Stambaugh in Youngstown. This is a test of the boys' teamwork in first aid, knots, fire-building, orienteering and team building. Cold – but lots of fun!

February brings another camp-out, this time in tents. Sure hope it stays below freezing for this. If it stays cold, you can stay dry; if you stay dry, it is easier to stay warm. March is a very busy month. We will hold our Scouting for Food collection where we collect food for local food cupboards. We will have a fund-raiser spaghetti dinner at Hiram College. We also help with the Parkman Pancake Breakfasts at the Parkman Community House each Sunday. If we have time, maybe we can sneak in a camp-out, too.



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



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community

Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

2011 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> or 548-3812 (parish office)

Youth Group Pancake Breakfast

February 20th, 2011 (11am-1pm) at St. Lucy's

Holy Thursday Pot Luck Dinner

April 21, 2011 - Dinner 6pm at St. Edwards
Mass of the Lords Supper - 7:30pm



SS Edward Lucy Parish Easter Egg Hunt

April 23, 2011 (11am) at St. Edwards
Noon - Blessing of the Baskets

Easter Mass Schedule

Easter Virgil Mass - April 23, 2011 (8pm) at St. Lucy
Easter Sunday Mass 8:30am at St. Edward and 10:30am at St. Lucy

SS Edward Lucy Parish Picnic

June 25, 2011 - 4pm
Shrine of Maria poch on Munford Road



Community immunizations will be hosted at St. Lucy's on the
2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 9-11:30am
and on the 3rd Thursdays from 3-6pm.

**Check out the website for the most current masses and event information
or contact the parish office at 548-3812.**

Parkman Paragraphs has only some limited information in these printed pages. For a complete and most up to date list of events in our community check out our community website at
<http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>

Parkman Congregational Church

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

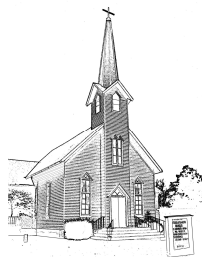
Prayer Time, 8:55 AM - 9:10 AM

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!



Free meals on last Wednesday of every month

February 23 - Baked Lasagna

April 27 - Mexican Night

June 29th - BBQ Pulled Pork

August 31st - Chicken & Rice Bake

October 26th - Vegetable Beef Stew

December 28th - Cincinnati Chili

March 30th - Jambalaya

May 25th - Chicken & Dumplings

July 27th - Hoagie Sandwich Night

September 28th - Shish Kabob

November 30th - Chicken Casserole

Check out our website for latest menus and information or call 548-4829

<http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com>



Best decorated house on Forge Hill

By Becca Traggiai



This photo was taken by Becca . The house on Forge Hill is the Sustaric's residence during the week of Christmas 2010 . Becca loved the decorations and wanted to share the photo with our community. Thanks Becca for sending this photo to Parkman Paragraphs and sharing your views of this decorated house. Hope our residents had the chance to enjoy the sight first hand verse a B/W image in our newsletter.

Parkman Historical Society

Parkman Historical Society meets at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of every odd month at the Parkman Community House. Check out the Parkman website for our most current information and program scheduling.

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Hasman -Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

Driveways in a residential zoning district shall be setback a minimum of three feet from the side and rear lot lines measured in a perpendicular fashion from the nearest lot line to the edge of the driveway. They shall be constructed of a durable all-weather surface and be a minimum of twelve feet in width.

If a driveway exceeds 600 feet in length, measured at its centerline beginning at the public road right-of-way, then it shall have a pull-off space equal to twice the minimum width of the driveway. A pull-off shall be constructed for each 600 feet of additional driveway length.

Other driveway regulations may apply. Please contact the zoning inspector for a complete listing of all the driveway regulations.

These are two important regulations due to the fact that emergency vehicles need to be able to reach the home to provide services safely and effectively.

Also want to cover lot splits.

Due to recently enacted new subdivision regulations, the zoning inspector must approve and stamp all lot splits within the township prior to the resident contacting the Geauga County Planning Commission for their approval.

Please contact the zoning inspector prior to any actual surveying takes place to make sure the split can be approved. In the end this will save you time and money. If the split cannot be approved, suggestions can be made as to how to best split a property while staying within the boundaries of the Parkman Zoning Resolution.

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

If you are interested in serving on the Parkman Township Zoning board of Appeals, please send a letter of interest and list of qualifications to

Parkman board of Trustees, P.O. Box 688, Parkman, Ohio 44080

Please let me know with an e-mail at - RPatry@nls.net.

Thank you,

Renee Patry-Secretary

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

Parkman Township Volunteer Fire Department

From Chief Wayne Komandt

It appears that we have all survived another year. We had a total of 374 incidents this year. There were 19 building fires, 10 chimney fires, 4 vehicle fires, 8 grass or trash fires, 8 unauthorized outside burning, 39 motor vehicle accidents, 186 other EMS type calls and the balance of other miscellaneous type calls.

At the fire department this year, we have obtained various pieces of new equipment in various ways. We purchased a "Lucas Automatic and Portable CPR Machine" at a cost of about \$15,000.00. We purchased numerous sets of EMS protective gear for our more active EMS people at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00. We obtained a "RAD 57" SPO2/CO monitor from University Hospitals which would have cost us over \$3000.00. We received a new "4 gas monitor" from the Geauga County EMA who obtained them for the fire departments in the county. It would have cost us over \$500.00.

In July we received an EMS grant of \$5000.00 from the state of Ohio and have started spending it on new batteries for our Aden's, backboard straps, and other small miscellaneous items. In April we applied, along with numerous other department, jointly for an "Assistance to Firefighter Grant" to purchase new radio equipment. This was done because in the very near future, due to some government directives and the age of our county radio system, our current radios will cease to work. This grant, if received will give us in Parkman Approximately \$90,000.00 and we will have to match it with approximately \$9,000.00. We are currently still waiting to find out if we will received the grant. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents and voters of the township for your continued support. Without that support we could not continue to do our job for you. We also make this promise to you. That if you need us just call 911. SOMEONE WILL COME



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!

Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

Parkman Youth League (PYL) baseball and softball sign-ups are coming soon at the Parkman Community House for the 2011 spring/summer season.

The following are the dates and times for sign-ups:

Friday February 25th from 6:00pm-8:00pm;
Saturday February 26th from 9:00am-12:00pm;
Friday March 4th from 6:00pm-8:00pm and
Saturday March 5th from 9:00am-12:00pm.

This is a Recreational League and we encourage boys and girls ages 5 thru 14 to sign-up. No experience necessary. We will be located in the back of the Community House, in the Basement. Knowledge of your children's shirt size would be helpful. We will also be looking for team sponsors again this year. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring a team please 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.

Congratulations to Matthew Carney 2010 Ohio Wrestling Champion

Matt won first place at the fifth annual Ourway Wrestling Championships in Columbus Ohio and came in third Nationally. Matt attends at Jordak and is in the forth grade. He competed in the Division II (77 pound class) series and this was his third year wrestling. Congrats to Matt for a great achievement and thanks to John and Lisa Carney for sharing the story with our community. Good luck in competing in 2011 Matt!



Parkman Pancake Breakfast

Serving hungry appetites since 1969
Every Sunday in March (March 6 - 13 - 20 - 27, 2011) 9am-2pm
at the Parkman Community House (on Rt 422 1/4 mile east of Rt 528)

Parkman's 42 year Tradition All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast
includes home made style Pancakes, Sausage, and Beverage
Adults (12 & Over) - \$7.50 Children (6-11) - \$3 Children (0-5) - Free

We still serve on chinaware and use local syrup! Come join us for breakfast at this community fundraiser sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce.

Attention Parkman Business's

The Parkman Website is underway of a facelift this 2011 and will be removing many Parkman business links that have not validated open for business. If you have an active business in Parkman and wish to maintain or add your link onto our website (free of charge) then please send an e-mail to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com to notify of your interest.

Any Parkman business, farm, or Parkman resident who owns a business near Parkman is welcome to participate in this free communication service. No hidden costs and no time limits. This is a friendly offer from your friends at the Parkman Chamber of commerce and the Parkman webmaster - Cory Anderson. Just send me the information below and I will create you a free page on our site. Don't worry - our website is self sustaining - so no solicitations will be allowed with this information—and it will only stay with Cory.

Farm or Business name and address and any web links for the business . Owner Name . Owner Contact Info (mailing address phone e-mail) . What products or services you offer . Business hours . and any special photo or anything to make your own page unique to your business. This is your page - let me know how you want it to help you!

Once again - If you already have a business on our website and I have not heard from you to confirm that it is still active, then it will be removed. If I know you are active, then you have no worries. If you don't have a page on our community site and would like to create one, please feel welcome to contact me and help promote your business at no charge and no hidden gimmick - just simple Parkman community kindness.

Thank you all for your support to help make this project a success for our community.

Cory Anderson
ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

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.

Parkman Connections 2011 Program

Join us each month in the Parkman Community House
For more information, email - ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

As you've noticed, we've been very cold and snowy lately. Cars off the road, medical problems from shoveling snow, fingers missing from sticking hands in the snow blowers. Keep your seat belts on! Shovel snow in sessions, if possible, and with care. Shut off machinery before sticking your hand into it. (the ER at Geauga had 3 of these in one day!) We're here for you, but would rather see you live and well at a Parkman social function!

We have some new equipment on the squad. The RAD 57, thanks to UHHS, is an excellent tool to check for CO in the bloodstream. House full of smoke or headaches, nausea, vomiting? The RAD 57 gives us another tool to check for what's wrong. We also have a new detector to check for CO and other dangerous gasses in your home. Winter, with the furnace on, is a prime time for these kinds of problems. Don't have an address sign yet? We need to FIND you when you have an emergency.

With the dry air, respiratory problems are rampant. Stomach flu, among other types, is epidemic. Do you feel the need to help others that are sick or in need of our help? Come on down to the station on the first Wednesday of the month to a meeting and shake hands with the volunteers. We'd be very welcoming and would enjoy meeting you.

Any questions? Call Joanie for EMS or Chuck for FF information 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 its too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected!
Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details! Stop Procrastinating!!



Parkman Polar Bear Snowmobile Club

Come to one of our scheduled meetings
at the Parkman Community House
and see what the club is active in.

Feb 13 @ 06:00 PM Meeting
March 13 @ 06:00 PM Meeting
April 10 @ 06:00 PM Executive meeting

The Trails will officially closed for the season
on March 27, 2011

Do you have a story to share with Parkman Paragraphs community?
Has your non profit group accomplished anything or has a new event been planned?
Send an update to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com



Scenes from Breakfast with Santa - 2010



Hope all of the Parkman residents have a wonderful 2011 and hope to see you at some of the many community events sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce throughout 2011!

2011 Chamber Officers

(Photo from the left)

Denise Villers - President

Patty Hall - VP

Lucinda Sharp Gates - Treasurer

Sandy Rought - Secretary

Scenes from Parkman New Years Party - 2011



Scene from JD Posthouse at the Parkman Chamber Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - January 2011

Special thanks to all who have helped out in 2010!

