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Parkman Paragraphs

Summer 2011



Parkman Memorial Day Celebration

Monday May 30th (9am) at Overlook Park.

Memorial Day Honoree will be Harold Blackford.

Also a salute to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War Veterans

Parkman Annual Community Picnic

July 16th (5-8pm) at Overlook Park

(Parkman Chamber of Commerce Event)

Parkman (4th Annual) Car Show

July 24th (11am-6pm) St Edwards Parking Lot

(SS Edward Lucy Parish Fundraiser)

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**Parkman Chamber of Commerce
2011 Event Schedule**



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 Paragraphs Cover Photo



This is a photo of a couple Red
Fox cubs playing in the early
spring sunshine with their
mother in Parkman Ohio.

The photo was taken by Cory
Anderson in April 2011.

Do you have a photograph that
reflects our Parkman Township
community?

If you have a photo you would like to share with the community and send
to Parkman Paragraphs, please send it to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com and
have a story that defines the Parkman image.



Parkman Community Picnic

July 16th (5-8pm) at Overlook Park

Volunteers - please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Pancake Breakfasts

2011 was a good pancake year. We didn't break any records but had good steady crowds each Sunday and FANTASTIC volunteers working with us cooking sausage, mixing batter, washing dishes, flipping pancakes, making coffee, serving our hungry eaters, clearing tables for the next group, selling tickets and syrup, and seating our guests. We appreciate you all – MANY THANKS!!

Easter Egg Hunt

It was great to see a good crowd at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23rd. Nearly 60 kids participated – toddlers through the elementary ages. The kids are divided by age groups and collect eggs with candy inside. Our bunny (MP) gives each child an egg containing a number that corresponds with a prize. Everyone goes home with plenty of candy and a new toy. Your Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor this event.

Kite Festival

April 30th was a beautiful day – IT DIDN'T RAIN! There was a steady rotation of kite-flyers of all ages throughout the day. OSEK members came with some beautiful kites; families came and enjoyed the day; kids got to make their own kites (which all flew quite well!) Thanks to the Parkman Youth League for running the concession stand. Special thanks to Judy Simmons for coming in at the last minute with all her sound equipment and acting as our DJ and karaoke connection (due to Cory Anderson's unplanned hospital stay). Just remember, you don't need a designated day to fly your kite – it's always breezy up on the hill!

Community Picnic – Saturday, July 16th

Check out our big ad on this year's picnic. We have again reserved a bounce house, carnival-type concessions and games. We'd like to have some baseball games and corn-hole tournaments. We'll supply the burgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products; if everyone attending can bring a dish to share – A BIG COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER! The picnic will start at 5:00 p.m. We had a nice crowd last year – hoping to see even more of the community there this year!

Members attending our meetings are few, but we are keeping busy. We would love to see more people get involved. 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 residents.

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. Come see what we're up to! A few things coming up yet this year include a Halloween party for the kids, Breakfast with Santa, and a New Year's Eve party for the grown-up crowd.

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President
Lucinda Sharp-Gates, Treasurer

Parkman Trustee Notes

From Patrick Joyce

Thankfully winter is over, spring is here and summer is fast approaching. There are many things happening in and around the Township. Presently, Parkman Township is monitoring the proposed State budget. It is possible that Parkman, like many townships, will be losing up to 50% of its local funding from the State over the next two years. We are estimating that to be around \$32,000 lost annually after the second year of cuts. This amount could go up or down as we learn more about the proposed reductions in local funding by the State. We will be keeping a close eye on this proposal. The business of serving our residents however, must go on.

The Road Department endured a harsh winter and now needs to turn its attention to prepping the roads for the summer. We have done quite a bit of research on dust control products and will be testing these in the coming months. Our main dust suppressant is calcium chloride. This year we will test a product called Road Kill which is soy based. We hope to be also testing at least two other products: Durablend, which is a magnesium chloride product and lignosulfonate, which is a natural polymer derived from wood pulp. We are looking to improve effectiveness, coverage, environmental impact and cost.

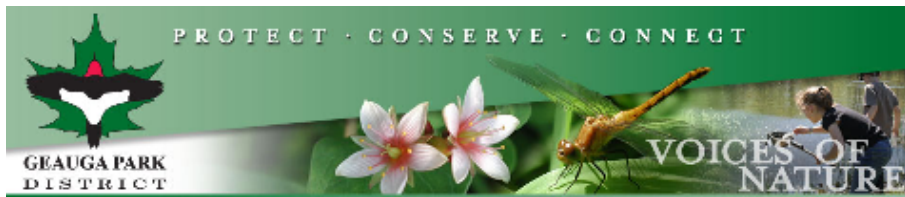
Our solar project that we began last fall, at the Community House, is nearing completion. Forty five panels were installed on the south facing roof of the Community House and are estimated to provide about a third of the electricity that the building annually utilizes. At present, the energy produced by these panels is considered to be renewable. Since the energy is renewable, the Township can sell what are called renewable energy credits to the highest bidder. Speaking of the Community House, we have made and scheduled several improvements at the Community House: a heater was installed and drywall work was done in the new edition portion of the basement; the bench, chairs and rockers in the 1st floor meeting room are being repaired and refinished; the kitchen stove was replaced and two fryers and a convection oven were added; we have drywall and finish work scheduled for the upstairs enclosed fire escape; we are in the process of getting estimates for painting.

Several months ago the Township participated in a voluntary Public Employment Risk Reduction Inspection at the Parkman Community House, Township Garage and Fire Department. Several recommendations were made to promote a safe and healthy workplace. We are currently taking steps to implement those recommendations. Parkman Township has decided to bring back a community trash day to coincide with the tire recycling day. This event will be held on Saturday June 18th from 8:00am till 12:00pm. We will not be accepting batteries, liquid paint, chemicals, yard waste, rocks, dirt, concrete, and cement. We will also not accept items containing Freon, oil, gasoline or asbestos.

Don't forget about the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade Monday May 30th, 9:00am @ Overlook Park. Last year we honored Veteran Albert Wilson and this year our Memorial Day Honoree will be Harold Blackford.

Last but not least, mark your calendar for the Community Picnic Saturday July 16th 5pm till 8pm @ Overlook Park on SR 168.

Have a great summer!



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

ASTRONOMY NIGHT WILL OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE SKIES

Saturn, celestial bodies and spring and summer constellations will be the "stars" of the show at Geauga Park District's next astronomy-geared program, as seen through telescopes of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society – or one of your own.

Astronomy Night

Friday, May 27 – 9 to 11 p.m.

Chickagami Park - Pine Grove Shelter,

17858 Tavern Road, Parkman Township

Check out www.ParkmanOhio.com for complete details.

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

CAMPING! It's our favorite thing! (preferably not in the rain, though!) At the end of April we had a joint camp-out with the Southington troop at Camp Peet in North Kingsville on the Conneaut River. We did some hiking and fishing (but didn't bring home any steel-head). In May the troop headed to Pennsylvania for back-packing in the Allegheny. We are currently making plans for another camp-out in June.

SWIMMING – On our regular meeting nights we were able to use the pool at the Village Apartments in Middlefield to hone the boys' swimming skills in May.

Each year the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are honored to participate in the Memorial Day activities. We march in the parade and raise the American flag at Overlook Cemetery and at the center of town. Did we see you there?

At the end of June our boys head to Boy Scout Camp Manitoc in Peninsula, Ohio. The boys look forward to a week of working on merit badges, swimming, and just having fun.



Our weekly meetings (Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield - near the baseball fields/behind Arby's) continue through July. We take a break for the month of August and return after Labor Day. As always, new boys are 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

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)

PARKMAN MOBILE PANTRY COMING TO ST. EDWARD CHURCH

STARTING MAY 21. This mobile unit will be coming to St. Edward Church every 3rd Saturday from 10am-Noon (once a month). First Come, First Serve; rain or shine. Please bring bags!

Come help at the Warren St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen

the last Saturday of each month. We serve anywhere from 80-200 people a delicious home cooked lunch. Call the office for directions.

Annual Parish Picnic at the Shrine of Mariapoch,

Mumford Road is on Saturday June 25 starting at 4pm with an outdoor Mass. Great food, games and entertainment with a bonfire ending the event. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass!

FREE Immunization Clinic:

The 2nd and 3rd Wednesday and the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Wednesday from 9-11:30am and Thursday 3-6pm at St. Lucy Winca Hall in Middlefield.

Vacation Bible School

will be Monday, July 25 - Friday, July 29.

Friday, July 29 we again will end by going to the Cleveland Zoo.

4th Annual Car Show and Chicken Dinner Sunday

, July 24 at St. Edward Church 11am-6pm (extended hours). This year we will add Games of Chance along with remote control car racing. See you there!

Our Monthly Gathering: The first Sunday of every month, you are invited for coffee and donuts after the Mass in Rose Hall (St E) at 9:30am and Winca Hall (St. L) 11:30am.

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

Parkman 4th Annual Car Show Fundraiser

Sunday, July 24, 2011 (11am-6pm)

St Edwards Parking Lot – 16150 Center St - (Next to corner of Rt 528 / Rt 168)



Live Music
Chinese Auction
Bingo Games
BBQ Chicken Dinners
Ice Cold Beverages
Ice Cream
50/50 Raffle
Raffle Wheel
Remote Car Racing
Horse Racing

Goodie Bags & Dash Plaques to the First 50 Cars
3 Prizes Given Out
**PLUS A CHANCE TO WIN A
\$100 GAS CARD**
(compliments of Doug Kenney Automotive)
(Must be present to win Gas Card * raffle at 4pm)
\$5 Registration Fee for Show Car Entries
Information: Office (440) 548-3812
Website: SSEdwardLucy.com



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 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!



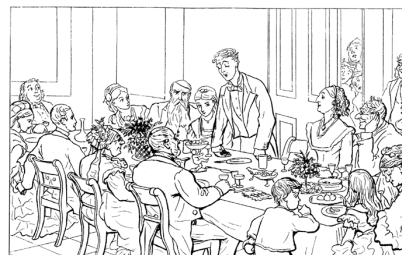
Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale

June 23rd, 24th and 25th

check out our website for latest information

<http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com> or call 548-4829

Feed – A – Friend Free Meal



May 25th serving Chicken & Dumplings

June 29th serving BBQ Pulled Pork

July 27th Hoagie Sandwich Night

August 21st Serving Chicken & Rice Bake

September 28th serving Shish Kabob

Meals served from 5:00 – 6:30 PM in the church
Social Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Free meals on last Wednesday of every month - check out our website for latest menus
<http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com> or call 548-4829

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's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

Monday May 30th (9am) at Overlook Park.

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Also a salute to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War Veterans

Parkman Garden Connections – 2011

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane at
ParkmanConnections@gmail.com or call 548-5181.

Date: Thursday, June 9 - 6:30 pm - (Rain Date-Thursday, June 16 - 6:30 pm)
Location: Parkman Community House
Topic: 2nd Annual Plant Swap

In June, we will hold our second annual plant swap. Last year, the plant swap was a huge success. Everyone brought so many wonderful plants, and there was such an amazing variety! This year, the June meeting's sole focus will be the plant swap. You can bring vegetable plants, flowering plants, or even house plants. You can start plants from seeds for the plant swap, or you can divide the plants you already have in your garden and bring the divisions to share.

Date: Thursday, July 14 - 6:30 pm (Rain Date: Thursday, July 21 - 6:30 pm)
Location: Meet at St. Edward's parking lot
Topic: Garden tour – Part 1

Date: Thursday, August 11 - 6:30 pm - (Rain Date: Thursday, August 18 - 6:30 pm)
Location: Meet at St. Edward's parking lot
Topic: Garden tour – Part 2

In July and August, we will be touring the private gardens of local residents. Stroll around local gardens and see different plants in various settings. Meet and talk to the gardeners. If you would like to have your garden included on our garden tours this year (especially if you have a vegetable garden that we can include on our tour), please contact Jane at ParkmanConnections@gmail.com or call 548-5181.

Here are some of the things you will see on the garden tour in July or August:

- a delightful collection of miniature perennials
- a protected courtyard garden
- a garden created with low-maintenance in mind
- a garden with an outstanding variety of perennial plants
- a shade garden to give you ideas of what can grow in the shade
- a garden that features a homemade grape arbor, which provides a wonderful place to sit on a sunny day

Date: Thursday, September 8 - 6:30 pm
Location: Parkman Community House
Topic: Spring-blooming bulbs
Speaker: Jane Zajackowski

To wrap things up in September, the program will be about growing spring-blooming flower bulbs. You'll learn all about how to plant spring-blooming flower bulbs in October for glorious spring color next year. See pictures of many flowers that are not well known, but deserve to be planted in everyone's garden. Besides learning more about crocuses, daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips, you'll also learn about:

- Snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*)
- Dwarf Iris (*Iris Reticulata*)
- Glory of the Snow (*Chionodoxa luciliae*)
- Siberian Squill (*Scilla siberica*)
- Grecian Windflower (*Anemone blanda*)
- Grape Hyacinth (*Muscari botryoides*)
- and much, much more!

Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

Parkman Youth League would like to recognize this year's team sponsors:

Parkman Chamber of Commerce
Molten Metal Equipment
Villers Electric
Turon Farms
First Quality Electric
Grand River Kennels
Berg's Eye View

Thank You! Good luck to our Parkman youth softball and baseball teams.
Have a great 2011 season!

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

Parkman Polar Bear Snowmobile Club

2011-2012 meeting and event dates:

Sept. 17 @ 2:00 PM Camp out Cookout Meeting at Kool Lakes. Bring a dish to pass!



Parkman / Troy Power Sports Swap and Show

on Oct 15, 2011 (9AM to 4PM)

Venders - \$20 the day of the show and \$15 prepaid.

Dealers are \$50. We need lots of volunteers to put this event on.

Scheduled meetings at the Parkman Community House.

Oct. 09 @ 6:00 PM Meeting

Nov. 13 @ 6:00 PM Meeting

Dec 03 Deliver flowers to landowners

Dec. 10 @ 6PM Club Christmas party

Jan. 08 @ 06:00 PM Meeting

Feb 12 @ 06:00 PM Meeting

March 11 @ 06:00 PM Meeting

April 08 @ 06:00 PM Executive meeting

Trail Workdays: @ 9:00 AM at Parkman Ball Diamond park

Oct 01 Bridge inspection & walk through.

Oct 08 Oct 22 Nov 05 Nov 19 Dec 03 Dec 10 Dec 17, 2011

Trails will officially open on Dec 17, 2011.

The Trails will officially closed for the season on March 24, 2012

Novi, MI Show Nov 4-6, 2011

Parkman Polar Bear & Troy Snowmobile Club Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Parkman Community House (Next to Fire Station) ST RT 422 Parkman, OH
330-393-6065 Gary Rezabek

Bring one gift per person Bring one side dish, dessert or appetizer
BYOB, mix provided. Ham, rolls, beverages and table service will be furnished.

Parkman Snowmobile Club Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/page/s/Parkman-Polar-Bears-Snowmobile-Club/226101887187>

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 Community Picnic

Saturday, July 16th
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

OVERLOOK PARK – Route 168 – Parkman

Please bring a dish or two to share.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, 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

Please call Denise at (440) 548-2939 to volunteer to work just a one-hour shift so that everyone can enjoy the day.

Sponsored by Parkman Chamber of Commerce
(We do more than just pancakes!)

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!!

Troy Township Homecoming

August 20 - 21, 2011

Check out the Parkman website upcoming events for updated Troy Homecoming schedule information

Parkman Volunteer Fire and EMS

From: Joan Dillon

It's not a vicious rumor after all...the sun IS shining. I even heard that a neighbor mowed his grass recently. What a strange year. EMS for Parkman has been interesting and challenging. We have a new reporting system that we're working with...very challenging. As more volunteers are entering information, the frustration isn't all mine. There's something to this sharing thing...I like it.

Sandie Parnaby-Simmers has resigned from the department. She will be missed. EMT/FF Cory Reed and FF Mike Sestak Jr have joined. Welcome volunteers! Rick Pierce is awaiting surgery on his back and Stacey Raymond is recovering from surgery on her ankle. Two paramedics down. Thank goodness Paramedic Jim Clawson is off the recovery list and is back in service. Great having you back, Jim.

Sad to report we've lost one of our long-time residents of the township, Mr. James Soltis. He is now beside his wife Hazel, both with the Lord. He has asked that donations be sent to the fire department and we appreciate his thoughtfulness.

We have a few new items on the squad including a RAD57, given to us by Geauga Hospital that is a CO/pulse ox that measures carbon monoxide levels in the blood. It's a great tool to quickly diagnose victims of smoke inhalation. Our thanks to Steven Jones, President at UHHS Geauga Hospital and Dan Ellenberger, Director of EMS Training and Disaster Preparedness Institute.

Take care of yourselves, we wish you health and happiness. Our monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. Come on down to the station and meet us. For information call Joanie (EMS) or Chuck (FF) at 440-548-7541 with any questions you may have. We'd be very welcoming and would enjoy meeting you.



Parkman Zoning Inspector

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

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

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

Some behind the scenes photos from the 2011 Parkman Pancake Breakfast



Special Thanks to all of those who have contributed and supported to this and all of our Parkman community events and volunteer groups!



**Scenes from our 2011 Parkman Easter Egg Hunt and Kite
Day will be posted on our www.ParkmanOhio.com
when the photos are sent in.**