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Parkman Paragraphs

Spring / Summer 2012

Tree Rattles the Parkman Post Office



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Parkman Board of Trustees

Meetings normally are at 7:30 pm in the rear of the Community House

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

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(meets 4th Tuesday)

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(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

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E-mails must have residents
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Tom Evers

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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 events are the

Pancake Breakfast at Community House

Every Sunday in March!

Volunteers - please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939

Parkman Boy Scout Fish Dinner

March 30th , 2012 at the Parkman Community House

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7th (11 a.m.) at Overlook Park
for toddlers through 6th graders.

Parkman Kite Festival

Saturday April 28, 2012 (11am to 4pm) at Overlook Park
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Parkman 2012 Event Schedule

Parkman Pancake Breakfast

Celebrating 43 years!

Serving hungry appetites since 1969

Every Sunday in March: March 4 - 11 - 18 - 25, 2012 (9am-2pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman's 43 year Tradition All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast
includes home made style Pancakes, Sausage, and Beverage

Adults (12 & Over) - \$7.50

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Chicken Dinner Fundraiser is \$14 for adults and \$7 for kids 12 and under.
Contact any Parkman Fire and EMS Volunteer for more info.

Parkman Community Picnic

Saturday, July 21st 2012 (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!

Parkman Car Show

The Parkman Car Show and Chicken dinner will be held on
Sunday, July 22, 2012 at St Edwards parking lot.

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

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From - Denise Villers

We had great fun at our Halloween celebration! We gathered at the Community House on Sunday, October 30th (after trick-or-treating) from 6:30 to 8:00. 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 over 50 kids (plus their parents) attend this event.

We kicked off the holiday season with our Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 3rd 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 20-25 kids joined us for this event. (plus their parents/grandparents)

Each year we invite all our volunteers to an appreciation dinner. On Sunday, December 11th we gathered at the community house and enjoyed a catered dinner. (Thank you D!) We then had a Chinese-style gift exchange. Who finally took home that singing fish?!

Then we rang in the New Year with our friends at the Community House. For \$30.00 per person folks enjoyed a fantastic buffet dinner (catered by J.D.'s Post House) and 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). We hope to see you there next year!

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 (phone: (440) 548-2939 or e-mail: 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!

2012 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 7th for toddlers through 6th graders.

Our annual kite festival (a joint venture with the OSEK, which is affiliated with the American Kite-Fliers Association) will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28th at Overlook Park – where there is ALWAYS a breeze!

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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!

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

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

Parkman Trustee Notes

From - Kevin O'Reilly

Change is in the wind for Parkman Township in 2012. The biggest change is that after 26 years our long time clerk and fiscal officer Nancy Wheelock will be retiring. Nancy has done a great job of helping to keep our township on strong financial ground; she has worked with many different boards of trustees over the years and will be missed. The good news is that Joyce Peters will be replacing Nancy and Joyce is eager to carry on the great job that Nancy has done. If you see Nancy be sure to wish her well.

As trustees our primary job is to use the financial resources that we as taxpayers provide, to maintain our roads, cemeteries, parks and fire department. This is a job that Nancy, Pat and I take very seriously. For some time now our volunteer fire department has been struggling to recruit new members. Fire and rescue work is very demanding both physically and mentally. It is our responsibility as trustees to assure that we have enough able bodied and qualified people to provide those services.

For the past two years we have been in discussions with members of our fire department and with our fire chief and have decided that the best route for Parkman is to hire professional fire and rescue personnel to staff our department.

The final arrangements have not been determined but sometime this year we will transition from an all-volunteer department to a paid staffing department during weekday day-time hours. We will still be relying on our dedicated volunteers to answer the calls in the evenings and on weekends.

We would welcome your input on this topic. Attend one of our meetings in the near future if you would like to be involved.

Finally as a reminder Parkman Township is planning to hold a community trash and tire recycling day. This event should be held some time this spring or early summer. Please monitor www.parkmanohio.com and the Good News for more details.

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SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community

Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Check out the website for the most current masses and event information
or contact the parish office at 548-3812 - <http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

2012 Spring / Summer Events

Cleveland Food Bank Distribution

Sat. Feb. 18 (10am-Noon) @ St. Edward Rose Hall Parkman
Sat. Mar. 17 (10am-Noon) @ St. Edward Rose Hall Parkman
Sat. April 21 (10am-Noon) @ St. Edward Rose Hall Parkman

Easter Egg Hunt

Sat. April 7 - 11:00am @ St Lucy Middlefield
Noon Blessing of the Baskets @ St Lucy Middlefield

Easter Vigil Mass

Sat. April 7 - 8:00pm @ St Edward in Parkman

Easter Sunday Mass

Sun. April 8 - 8:30am Mass @ St Edward & 10:30am Mass @ St Lucy

Parkman Car Show

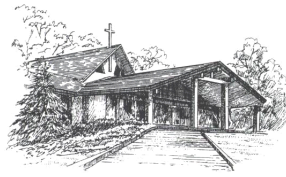
The Parkman Car Show and Chicken dinner will be held on
Sunday, July 22, 2012 at St Edwards parking lot.

Also check out the <http://www.ssedwardlucy.com> website for the monthly schedule of

Geauga County Immunization Clinic's and

Casa Lucia Senior Center Information Session's

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>



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

Maple Madness Tour at Swine Creek Reservation
3/17/12 and 3/18/12 (10:00AM) - Free

Sap's-A-Risin' at Swine Creek Reservation
3/18/12 (12:00 PM) - Free

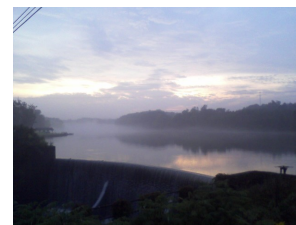
Geauga Walkers at Swine Creek Reservation
3/20/12 (1:00 PM) Free

Many other events can be found on the park website - find a complete list at:
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

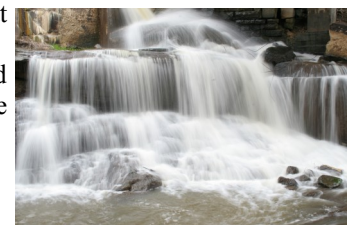
Amish Haystacks in Parkman



Recently I was playing with Google Earth on the computer and wanted to check out photos of our Parkman Community. The above photo was one of several that was posted on this mapping software. Other photos like the rainbow over a Parkman farm around Rt 168 from Joe Brilla, a misty Shangri La Lake from a Richard Pierce and the Parkman Falls by MC Durbin were all nice photos of our area. It was fun to see these scenic shots of our area.



Our Parkman has many great scenic locations for photos and if you have taken one and would like to share it with us, please send an e-mail to Cory and I will be sure to help display your creative eye of our town!





Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

We have begun a new calendar year and we are off and camping! Yes, we still camp in the winter months; the snow and cold present a different type of fun and skill training.

February includes our council's Klondike Derby as well.

Plans are underway for a fund-raiser FISH FRY, on Friday, March 30th at the Parkman Community House. (Did you know that the community house has a couple deep fryers for just such an occasion?!) So take the night off from cooking (Eat in or take-out) and support your local Boy Scout Troop – help the boys support themselves. (Watch for more details as the date gets closer.)

Meetings and camping continue into the summer. June's highlight is summer camp at Camp Manitoc in Peninsula, Ohio. We don't meet during the month of August, but we return after Labor Day refreshed and ready for fun and learning.

Our weekly meetings are on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield - near the baseball fields/behind Arby's.

As always, new boys are welcome to join us (ages 11 – 18).

Scott Villers, Committee (440) 548-3622

Tree Rattles the Parkman Post Office

Parkman Post Office got rattled when a large tree fell to the ground on January 17, 2012 from the large amount of rain and wind this season. Our historical post office was only shaken when this incident occurred. With quick action of our Parkman Road Department



the Post Office was only temporarily closed for safety of the tree removal.

Our weather conditions are supposed to create many similar issues as the saturated ground will freeze and thaw this season.

Use extra caution when around any trees on windy days till the ground has a chance to settle out this spring. Be smart to climate changes and weak roots of these mature arbors. Photos from Pat Joyce - Thanks!



Parkman Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road (P O Box 655) Parkman, Ohio 44080

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!

Feed – A – Friend Free Meal

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



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!

www.ParkmanOhio.com is getting a facelift

In 2004, I created the Parkman Website as a communication device to complement the Parkman Paragraphs newsletter. Since then the website has grown to host many different community information spots, like our Monthly Trustees Minutes, Zoning Information, and a variety of the local groups upcoming event schedules like the Parkman Boy Scouts, Youth League, Parkman Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce and Parkman Connections.

During this eight year span, the website got clunky, so it will be under construction this spring to redesign it and make it more up to date. I do welcome any input to what should be on this website. I will continue to host local businesses on the website—but you must contact me with up to date info. Any business that did not contact me will be removed from the Parkman website as inactive. Thanks again Parkman for your support to this project and its success. We had 17, 000 visits since 2009 - WOW!!!

2012 Parkman Rescue Dept. Volunteers

Below is a listing of our active 2012 Parkman Rescue Dept. Volunteers . These are the very ambitious and diligent members who respond day and night to make sure that we are safe .

Please salute them with a special thanks if you ever cross paths.

Baril, Jim	FF
Brownfield, Owen	FF
Clawson, Jim	FF/EMT-P
Clawson, Toni	EMT-I
Dale (Anderson), Kelly	FF/EMT-B
Dillon, Chuck	FF
Dillon, Joan	EMT-I
Evers, Tom	FF
Hall, Jeff	EMT-B
Hall, Jeremy	EMT-B
Hall, Josh	FF
Hall, Patty	EMT-B
Komandt, Dale	EMT-B
Komandt, Lynn	EMT-P
Komandt, Mike	EMT-B
Komandt, Wayne	EMT-B
Mathews, Eric	FF
Raymond, Stacy	EMT-P
Sanders, Courtney	EMT-B
Sanders, Elizabeth	EMT-I
Strumbly, Mark	FF
Villers, Andrea	EMT-B
Wilson, Ed	EMT-B
Zahuranec, Bernie	EMT-B

If you would like to join this elite team of Parkman Residents, then please contact Joanie or Chuck Dillon at 548-7541 or attend a regularly scheduled Fire and Rescue meeting at the Parkman station.

Best wishes to all of these volunteers for a safe and boring 2012 season.
Parkman Paragraphs Team

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 Youth Baseball and Softball League

From Pat Joyce

Parkman Youth League (PYL) baseball and softball sign-ups are coming soon at the Parkman Community House for the 2012 spring/summer season. The following are the dates and times for sign-ups: Friday February 24th from 6:00pm-8:00pm; Saturday February 25th from 9:00am-12:00pm; Friday March 2nd from 6:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday March 3rd 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

Parkman Historical Society

Parkman Historical Society meets at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of every odd month at the Parkman Community House. We are in need of new members to help continue the success of this Parkman heritage - so please feel welcome to attend and support this local gem.

Next meeting will be March 15th, 2012 - 7:30pm at the Community House.

Parkman's new "E"- Museum

Due to the closing of the Parkman Historical Society Thompson House, there is a new effort being developed on the Parkman website to host a collection of historical documentation and photographs—in the electronic version. This effort is designed to create a virtual history museum that anyone in Parkman or beyond can enjoy.

I get e-mails from around the country about past residents who lived in Parkman and might be at one of our cemeteries. Ancestors from these past residents always have a story to share and special photos that reflect Parkman in a historical sense.

To share an ever expanding collection with our current residents - this new E-Museum will host such historical documentation that anyone can upload for free.

If you have photos that reflect a historical sense of Parkman and would like to add them to this new collection - please contact Cory via the community e-mail. If you have a story that goes with the photo - that is even better!

You keep the original photos, I just want a scanned copy.
Even if the photo is damaged, I can clean up the original and make a nice restoration.

Look for the new E-Museum link on the Parkman website in the menu.

As always - Thanks for your continued support to this community communication project!

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 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!!

Parkman Connections 2012

From - Jane Zajackowski

This year, Parkman Connections will be meeting on the first Saturday of the month.

If you have any questions, please contact ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

Please check www.ParkmanOhio.com for complete information about this year's programs.

Saturday, February 25 - 1:00 PM

Program: Protecting Our Drinking Water - Fracking in Geauga County

Speaker: Steven Corso from NEOGAP

Location: Parkman Community House

March - No meetings

Saturday, April 7 - 1:00 PM

Program: Tour of Urban Growers

Location: Urban Growers' Greenhouse

16130 Claridon-Troy Rd.

(Rt. 700 - Between Patch Rd. and Hubbard Rd.)

Saturday, May 5 - 1:00 PM

Program: Trees and Shrubs (and Mini Chinese Auction)

Location: Parkman Community House

Saturday, June 2 - 1:00 PM

Program: Third Annual Plant Swap!

Location: Parkman Community House

Complete event information is on our website under the Parkman Connections link in the menu. Please contact ParkmanConnections@gmail.com for any further info.

"Sweethearts" Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle (benefits American Cancer Society)

Bon Appetito! Enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner, complete with desserts, AND support American Cancer Society at the same time!

The Cancer Cure-Aiders host a benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle on Saturday, February 11th from 4-7 p.m. at Claridon Congregational Church on the corner of Claridon-Troy & Mayfield Roads (Rt. 322.) The dinner will feature homemade pasta, sauce, meatballs, bread & butter, salad, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$9.00 per ticket or \$4 for guests under 8 years old. Take-out is available.

All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society for cancer research, education and advocacy. Treat your "sweetheart" (or yourself!) to a delicious dinner for a great cause!

For more information about American Cancer Society's Relay for Life or for more info about the Spaghetti Dinner or Basket Raffle, please contact Cancer Cure-Aider Chair Teresa Runion at teresarunion@hotmail.com. Advanced tickets may be purchased at Newbury Printing on the corner of Rts. 44 & 87.

Parkman Volunteer Fire and EMS

From - Joanie Dillon

Welcome 2012. My, how time has a habit of marching on. That white stuff falling from the heavens is so beautiful. But, it also means we must be careful and dress warmly. We've been busy in the fire and rescue business.

First, news about our EMS volunteers: Toni Clawson is working diligently in medic school. We're anticipating utilizing her skills when she graduates in March. Lynn Komandt is recovering from a major operation to install a VAD (Ventricular Assist Device) to aid her heart in its work. She's home and says she feels like a new woman, feeling better than she has in two years. We haven't seen much of Jeff Hall. He's doing his police patrolman duties for Garrettsville PD, dispatching for them and working as security at Geauga.

The stipend seems to be working well. Follow the guidelines and you get paid for responding on the department. Paid on station daytime help is in the talking stage. With any kind of luck the trustees can find a way to keep two EMT/FF personnel on station during the day.

We could sure use some new faces in the squad. If you are community oriented and would like to serve your family, neighbors and residents of the township, sign up for training and start answering the calls for help. It is so rewarding and a simple "Thank You so much" means the world to us.

The first Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours (7pm) is meeting night...you are welcome to come down and meet the members and sit in on a meeting. For any information, you can call Chuck or Joanie at 440-548-7541.



Parkman Fire and Rescue Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Friday May 4th, 2012

at the

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\$14 for adults

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Contact any Parkman Fire and EMS Volunteer
for tickets or more info.

Photos of the socializing at the 2011



Thanks to all of those who have continued to help and support our Parkman Chamber of Commerce!

Hope you all had a fun and safe holiday season.

See you at our Pancake Breakfast each Sunday in March.



Parkman Community Holiday Dinner



Remember that the Parkman Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers for any of our events.

If you have any interest in getting involved with our community events, please feel welcomed to join us in enhancing any of our many activities.

