



Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2013



A full picnic shelter at the annual 2013 Parkman Community Picnic in Overlook Park

**Thanks to everyone who volunteers and
supports all of our Parkman community events!**

**We are the Neighbors who care about
the community we live in!!**

Parkman Township
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(440) 548-2904

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

Newsletter E-mail: ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

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Parkman Board of Trustees

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

For all Township business, call 548-2904.

Township Trustees

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

Nancy Ferguson

Kevin O'Reilly

Don Villers

Fiscal Officer

Joyce Peters

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion

Wendy Anderson 548-2388

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt

Fire & Rescue

Wayne Komandt

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Zoning Commission

(meets 4th Tuesday)

at the Community House

Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

at the Community House

Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

(Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm)

Phone: 440-548-2904 or

parkmanzone@windstream.net

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

Roads Department

Tom Evers

Parkmanroad@windstream.net

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

Parkman Meet the Candidates

Monday October 21st, 2013 (7:30pm)

at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Halloween Trick or Treat and Party

October 31st, 2013 (6– 7:30pm) at the Parkman Community House

Anyone can bring candy to pass out at this event - thanks for your support to help keep our community safe for our kids!

Parkman Chamber of Commerce 2013 - 2014 Event Schedule

2013

October 21st (7:30 – 9 pm)

Meet the Candidates Night – Parkman Trustee candidates

October 31st (6 – 7:30 pm)

Halloween – “Trick-or-Treat” at Parkman Community House

December 7th (9 – 11 am)

Breakfast with Santa at Parkman Community House

2014

March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd (9am – 2pm)

Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Community House

Adults = \$8 Kids = \$4

April 19th (11am)

Easter Egg Hunt at Overlook Park

(Date T.B.D.) (11am – 4pm)

Kite Festival at Overlook Park

May 26th (9am)

Memorial Day Parade

July 19th (5 – 8pm)

Community Picnic at Overlook Park

October (T.B.D.)

Halloween – Trick-or-Treat

December 6th (9 – 11am)

Breakfast with Santa at Parkman Community House

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

Thanks to all of our generous neighbors who help support and volunteer with all of our Parkman Community groups and events.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

2013

TRICK OR TREATING (Thursday, October 31st – 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.) in Parkman is going to be a little different this year - to keep our trick-or-treaters safe and off the street. Residents: we would like you to bring your treats here to the community house instead of your home. We will provide tables and chairs and can all watch the parade of “ghosts and goblins” together. Trick-or-treaters (in costume, of course!) are asked to join us at the community house for lots of treats and fun.

Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 7th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Parkman Community House. Bring a camera and take your child’s picture with Santa. We’ll be serving scrambled eggs, pancakes & sausage - Kids eat for only \$2.50 each and \$3.50 each for accompanying adults. Call to make your reservation – Patty @ (440) 548-2242 or Denise @ (440) 548-2939. We had a great turn-out last year – We hope to see you there!

2014

Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts – the first four Sundays 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. A few jobs require you to be at least 18 years old (and many of us are WAY over that age) but teens are more than welcome to volunteer their time and work in the dining room or behind the scene in the kitchen. We have a wide variety of jobs to fill. 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 later for clean-up afterwards). Please consider volunteering for your community!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt (11 a.m. at Overlook Park) is Saturday, April 19th for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). The kids gather candy-filled eggs. Each child also receives a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize just for them!

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, _____ (date not yet determined) at Overlook Park.

The Community Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Overlook Park. We will have the bounce-house again as well as some other activities. We had a good crowd last year (despite the rain!) and hope to see even more residents come together for a great time!

If you would like to help with planning or executing any of these events, call us. As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we’re more of a community group). We meet on the 3rd Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. We would love to see you there!

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

Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Nancy Ferguson

Most of you already know that Kevin, Don, and I will not be seeking re-election. The residents will have the opportunity to participate in an historic election this fall and vote for new trustees. The Honorable Judge David L. Fuhry has agreed to swear in the new trustees at the end of the last Trustee meeting held on December 17, 2013 at the Parkman Community House. Please join us and be part of this event.

In other news, the Board by a majority approved \$88,000 for the purchase of a new F-550 Truck equipped with a snowplow and salt spreader for the Road Department. It should arrive next spring. The Board also approved putting on a Road levy and Fire levy this fall.

On October 22 at 7:00 pm, we will be having a joint meeting with the Zoning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Zoning Inspector at the Parkman Community House to review what they have been working on since our last meeting in April. The public is invited to attend.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars November 5, 2013 is Election Day and please plan to attend one of our regular Trustee Meetings held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Parkman Community House.

Parkman “Meet the Candidates”

Monday October 21st, 2013 7:30pm
Parkman Community House

Parkman Election Day

Tuesday November 5, 2013

2013 Parkman Trustee Candidates (4 year term)

Roger Anderson
John Augustine
Dennis Ikeler

2013 Parkman Trustee Candidates (2 year term)

Jon Ferguson

2013 Parkman Election Issues

Parkman Tax Levy - Fire - Replacement - (5 Years) 1 Mil
Parkman Tax Levy - Roads - Renewal - (5 Years) .9 Mil

Parkman Election Day Dinner

Hosted on Election Day at the Parkman Community House
on November 5th, 2013 (4:30 – 7:00 p.m.)
Adults: \$10.00 and Children (age 5 – 11): \$5.00

2013 Parkman Trustee Candidate profiles can be found from the menu on our Parkman website - www.ParkmanOhio.com

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

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

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!

Election Day Dinner

at the Parkman Community House (Rt. 422 east of Rt. 528)

on ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 5th, 2013

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$10.00m and Children (age 5 – 11): \$ 5.00

Christian Basics – How well do you know your Bible? How well do you live your faith?

Is your church as important to you as it is to Christ?

Dr Charles Horvath will help you answer these questions in a four course program on Christian Basics. Each course runs for eight weeks.

Our first course starts at 9 AM on Sunday, September 8th
at the Parkman Congregational Church.

There is a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of materials.

Questions - call the church at 440-548-4829

Feed a Friend Free Meal – Last Wednesday of each month from 5 – 6:30 PM.

Everyone is welcome!

Parkman Congregational Church Social Hall
at 18265 Madison Road (Route 528), Parkman, Ohio

Parkman Congregational Church, December 24th,
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7:00 PM

Parkman Historical Society

From: Jeanne Ebersbach, President

The Parkman Historical Society will now meet in
March, May, July, September and December on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

All are welcome to join us at the Parkman Community House on September 19, 2013
to learn and preserve our local history heritage.

Anyone with a story or information to add to our efforts—please feel welcome to share
any input that will help develop our ambition to collect the facts of our past.

For any meeting info, please contact Jeanne at jcreekcountry@aol.com



Carpoolers are looking for additional members for a carpool to downtown Cleveland.

Parkman to Federal Building Carpool

Tired of driving to the Anthony Celebrezze Federal Building on E 9th Street, paying for gas and parking as well as the wear and tear on your car? There is a carpool that will be meeting in the center of Parkman, Monday - Friday who are looking for carpoolers to help share the expense.

The carpool originates in Niles, Ohio and plans to meet each day at 6 am and depart for 9th Street in the downtown area somewhere on Route 422 in Parkman.

Any one interested in joining must be a non-smoker, cologne free, be able to pass a background and driving record check.

The vehicle is a contract vehicle from VPSI, Inc. All maintenance on the van is paid by VPSI. The van rental, gas, and insurance cost is divided equally by the number of carpoolers depending on the price of gas and how many carpoolers participate. The more that join, the cheaper it will be.

Telework several days a week? Eighty percent of the carpool only go to Cleveland one or two days per week, so we have open seats. With prior planning, we can probably accommodate your work schedule.

Interested? Please email MarieHaberstroh@cs.com or check out www.vride.com,
Parkman to E 9th St, Cleveland Carpool.

Respectfully,

Marie Haberstroh,
Advertising & Public Affairs - United States Army
1350 Euclid Ave Suite 1000 - Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Work - 216-802-1408

Parkman & Troy Snowmobile Clubs are presenting a Power Sports Swap and Show

Located at Parkman Community Center
Right next to the Parkman Fire Dept.

October 19, 2013 (9 am-4 pm)

(Admission is 2 dollar donation, Age 16 an under free)

All forms of outdoor recreation are welcome; this is not just for sleds!

Breakfast and lunch are available
OSSA Sled Raffle (2013 Polaris Indy 600)
50/50 Raffle

Register before Oct 1-\$15 per spot and Register after Oct 1- \$20 per spot
DEALERS WELCOME!

Register before Oct 1- \$50 and Register after Oct 1- \$75

If you are interested in having your own space please contact

Rick Pausch at (216)-215-2368
Gary Rezabek at (330) 393-6065
Brian Kothera at (440) 834-1030



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

After taking off the month of August, we begin the new school year refreshed and ready to go! We do love camping! We'll be in Parkman in September, a 25-mile bike trip in October and our annual Turkey camp-out in November. We even continue to camp-out through the winter months! We'll participate in the BSA's annual Klondike Derby that tests the boys' outdoor skills – fire building, first aid, knot tying, and team work.

The Cub Scout Troop will be hosting a fund-raiser Spaghetti Dinner on January 24th. In February the troop observes Scout Sunday, where the boys attend church at either their sponsor church (Parkman Congregational Church) or their own church.

In March we will be helping the Chamber of Commerce at the "world famous" Pancake Breakfasts. Fund-raising Fish Frys at the Parkman Community House are scheduled for Fridays, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11th from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and support us. The Cub Scout Troop will host one more on Friday, April 18th (Good Friday). We appreciate the support of our community!

Don't forget about the Memorial Day Parade – it begins at Overlook Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 26th. Hope to see you there! In June we will be off to Scout Camp for lots of fun and skill-building.

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 Chairman
(440) 548-3622



Parkman Cub Scouts - Troop #76

Join Scouting Today!!!

Have Fun, Make Friends, See New Things.

For over 80 years, Cub Scouts have been having the time of their lives making new friends and learning new things in an environment designed to help them succeed. From building his own pinewood derby® car to learning how to roast the perfect marshmallow with his best friends at a family camp-out, your child will LOVE being a Cub Scout. So if he's in the first through fifth grades, or 7 to 10 years old, then it's time for him to have some fun ... with the Cub Scouts.

It's Their Future...Let Them Own It!
September 17th, 2013(7pm-8pm)
Parkman Congregational Church
18265 Madison Rd, Parkman, OH 44080

parkmanpack76@gmail.com or call Monique (Cub Master) cell: 216-337-2104



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>**

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013

OPEN HOUSE at both churches Noon-5:00pm

** Rose Hall is St Eds in Parkman

** Winca Hall is St Lucy in Middlefield

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013

OKTOBERFEST Noon Mass followed by dinner and dancing in Rose Hall -
Reservations needed for dinner/dance - contact parish office for info.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013

Women's Club Craft Night 7:00m in Winca Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 6:00pm

Supper with Santa in Winca Hall

Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013

Holy Land Wood Carvers are here at both churches

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Children's Mass at St. Lucy

6:00pm Mass at St. Lucy

Midnight Mass at St. Edward

Wednesday: CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am Mass at St. Edward and

10:30am Mass at St. Lucy

Thursday, Apr. 17, 2014 HOLY THURSDAY

6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner in Winca Hall

7:30pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, Apr 18, 2014 - GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Stations of the Cross at Mariapoch Shrine on Mumford Road

3:00pm Good Friday Service at St. Edward

4:00pm-5:00pm Confessions at St. Edward

7:00pm Good Friday Service at St. Lucy

Saturday, Apr. 19, 2014 - EASTER SATURDAY

11:00am Easter Egg Hunt at St. Lucy

Noon – Blessing of the Baskets at St. Lucy

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Edward

Sunday, Apr. 20, 2014 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:30am Mass at St. Edward and 10:30am Mass at St. Lucy

**SS Edward Lucy Parish continues to host Immunization Clinics at St Lucy's
for info please contact the parish office at 548-3812 or <http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>**

Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Lt. Jim Clawson

I would like to first introduce myself. My name is Jim Clawson; I'm a paramedic / firefighter with the Parkman Fire Department. I reside in Parkman with my wife Toni who also is a paramedic on the department and our two sons, David (7) and Alex (5), future members of PTVFD! I have been involved in the fire service for over 14 years and have been a medic for 10 years. I have been on a handful of different departments, both paid and volunteer in which I gained valuable experience from all.

Joanie Dillon came to me in the beginning part of the year and asked if I would be interested in taking over her role as medical officer for the department. I graciously accepted the offer. Joanie has more than paid her dues and she deserves the chance to be able to kick back, relax and enjoy life without having to be available 24/7. Joanie, thank you for all that you have done and still are doing. With that being said, I know I have some big shoes to fill!

We have just recently put a new Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor in service on our squad, compliments of University Hospitals. This monitor has the latest technology available to pre hospital care providers. This allowed us to put our Lifepak 12 monitor on rescue engine 4222. In cases where we have two rescue calls at the same time, engine 4222 can respond with the ability of advanced cardiac monitoring. Mike Komandt and Courtney Sanders passed their EMT- Intermediate earlier this year. Our members are always continuing their education to provide the best level of service to the residents of Parkman.

My goals as the new EMS officer are to maintain the best equipped and trained professional staff for the needs of the residents of Parkman Township. The EMS field is evolving fast and the expectations of pre hospital care are advancing to the point where an ambulance is becoming an emergency room on wheels.

**October 4th, Friday is our next
Annual Fall Chicken Dinner.
Hope to see as many of you there!**

If you or you know someone interested in becoming a member of the Parkman Fire Department, stop by and see us. Being a volunteer FF/EMT is a great way to help your fellow neighbors out! Our business meetings are the first Wednesday of the month @ 7pm and trainings are Wednesday evenings @ 7pm. New members are welcome!



For registration or more information on 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



From Cory Anderson - Parkman Paragraphs Editor

Hello fellow Parkman residents. Due to popular support, it has become my honor to continue with this Paragraphs newsletter project. Many thanks to all who have helped with the development of this through the years and please feel welcome to help drive the direction of its future.

As always - this is our project for a community communication as well as the website which partners this effort. As we proceed into the 9th year of both projects, your input is always welcome. Thanks again!



Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

From: Charlie Soltis

The 2013 season was a success with one tee ball team, two pee wee teams, a minors team and girls 12-u team. Without enough majors for a team, we combined with Troy and everyone got to play. The youth league would like to send out special thanks to our sponsors: Molton Metal, S&C Finnerty, Graham's Country store and Subway, 1st Quality Electric, Villers Electric, and Parkman Chamber of Commerce. Without our sponsors we could not have done it.

The 2013 players would also like to thank their coaches: Mike Peters, Charlie Soltis, Todd Barcikowski, Scott Simms, Dan Nellis, Jerry and Mel Joyce, Mike Soltis, Jen Dennis, and Amy Purusky.

Last, we would like to thank Dale Holcomb for lining and prepping the fields.

Mark it on your calendars that sign-ups for the 2014 season are February 28 from 6-8, March 1 from 11-2, March 7 from 6-8 and March 8 from 11-2. Hope to see you there. Any questions call me at 440-636-3594 or Michelle at 440-636-3475. Thank you. Charlie Soltis



**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 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 - 2014 Plant Swap

5th Annual Plant Swap – Saturday, June 7, 2014

The Parkman Connections' 5th annual plant swap will be held at the Parkman Community House at 1:00 PM

Bring any plants you have to trade. In addition to the plants, please bring newspapers or a plastic table cloth to protect your table space at the Community House.



If you have any questions or if you would like to receive an email reminder about the plant swap, just send an email to ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

Parkman Postmaster - Thanks from Dale

Dear friends,

Some of you might not know but I retired from the Parkman Post office in May after 22 years. I left because it was time but mostly because of my husband's health, he has an incurable lung disease. He was finally put on the lung transplant list in August.

I wanted to thank all of you for everything. You made my job so much easier. I loved seeing you and talking with you, laughing and sometimes even crying. We've been through a lot together. You have been like family to me and I appreciated all of you. You always took the time to come and say hi even if you didn't need anything. I miss you all so much.

Thanks again,
Dale Patterson



Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

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

This is John Spelich Zoning Inspector of Parkman Township. If you are in need of a zoning permit or information on Parkman zoning

call me at

330-219-2698 (cell) or 330-889-3666 (home)

mailing address

John Spelich

PO Box 125, West Farmington, Ohio 44491

email at

rcavictor42@aol.com

My hours at the office 7pm-8:30 pm every Wednesday or call for an appointment if you can not make the Wednesday night hours. I am here to serve your zoning needs every day and night. You can also reach the Zoning Office at 440-548-2904 (extension 2)

Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Paul Komandt



Summer is over and fall is just beginning. Please remember that Ohio has very strict open burning laws and the burning of leaves is not permitted. If the Fire Department is dispatched to an open burning complaint, we are required to extinguish the fire if it does not meet the requirements of the open burning laws.

This November, Parkman residents will be voting on 3 vacancies for Trustee. I hope you all will exercise your voting privilege and get to the polls to cast your ballot. Remember it is your responsibility to choose the next group of Trustees. Don't take this responsibility lightly. Talk to the candidates. Find out what they believe are the important issues for your Township.

You will also have a tax levy to vote on for the Fire Department. If you look at the member of the Fire Department, you will find that most of them are residents of Parkman Township and property tax payers. This may well be the reason that when we spent tax monies for the Fire Department, we are very careful. We realize that spending your money in most cases is also spending our own money.

Your Fire Department has relied on the same tax income since 1984. This is almost 30 years. During that time we have been able to put aside, in a vehicle replacement fund, enough money to purchase two pumpers, a tanker, and a squad which are currently in service. With the price of Fire Apparatus constantly going up, this now requires us to set aside between \$80,000 and \$90,000 per year. It is getting increasing hard to do this with all the other costs associated with the Fire Service going up. When I started in the Fire Service over 35 years ago, the cost of outfitting a firefighter was about \$800.00. Now it is well over \$3000.00. We all know that the cost of fuel, insurance, electric and almost everything else has risen.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Fire Department and I will do my best to answer them. Ask questions, learn the facts and become an educated voter and be sure to exercise your voting privilege in November.

Green Address Signs

Parkman Address Signs have 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 purchased your highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - then many thanks for your help to assist our volunteers find you. If not - then ??????

Don't wait until its too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected! See a neighbor not participating - please help convince them of the importance of this community service project!!

Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details!



Scenes from the 2013 Parkman Community Picnic

Above was a friendly game of softball (on the left) and an aggressive kickball match (on the right) and below Sandy and Chuck Rought cooked the Hamburgers and Hotdogs on the grill as the main meal. The many side dishes brought in by everyone else made a superb meal for this years annual event. Trophies were given to all of the Parkman Youth Baseball Teams and everyone has a fun time, even if the weather was a little on the damp side.

**Special thanks to all who volunteered and supported this annual event.
It was a success because of you!**

