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Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2014



Bouncy House Fun at the 2014 Parkman Community Picnic Overlook Park - July 19, 2014

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Meetings normally are 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Community House

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CALL 911

Zoning Commission

(meets 4th Tuesday)

at the Community House

Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

at the Community House

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(Wednesdays 6 - 7:30pm)

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

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Tom Evers

Parkmanroad@windstream.net

Parkman Upcoming Event Schedule

Parkman Volunteer Fire Open House

October 11, 2014 (Noon-6pm) at the Parkman Fire House and Community House

2014 Polka Fest (Dinner Dance)

October 19, 2014 - 1:30 - Polka Dinner Dance at St Edwards

Music by Wayne Tomsic Orchestra

Adults - \$15 for Dinner Dance (RSVP by October 12, 2014)

Parkman Blood Drive - American Red Cross

October 27, 2014 (1pm -7pm) at Parkman Community House

Parkman Community Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Friday October 31 2014 (5 - 6:30pm)

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Community Party

October 30, 2014 (6:30 -7:30pm) at Parkman Community House

Parkman Volunteer Fire Feather Party

November 22, 2014 (6:30pm) at Parkman Community House

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Breakfast with Santa

December 6, 2014 (9 – 11am) at Parkman Community House

Parkman Boy Scouts - Pack #76

2015 Spaghetti Dinner/Chinese Auction

January 23rd, 2015 (4:30-7:30pm) at Parkman Community House.

\$8.00/adult and \$5.00/kids (5-12)

Please call Monique at 216-337-2104 or E-Mail at ParkmanPack76@gmail.com.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

2015 Pancakes & Sausage Breakfasts

March 1 - 8 - 15 - 22, 2015 (9am – 2pm) at Parkman Community House

For more information or an interest in volunteering for any of Chamber 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.

****NOTICE ** Parkman Trustee Meeting**

scheduled on October 21, 2014 (7pm)

relocated to the Prairie Lane School

located at 17190 Reeves Road

All are welcome to attend

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President

Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President

Lucinda Sharp-Gates, Treasurer

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 Halloween Trick or Treat Party
October 30, 2014 (6:30-7:30pm) at the Community House**

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

A quick review of our activities since the spring edition of our Parkman Paragraphs: The first four Sundays in March we were busy with our annual Pancake Breakfasts. We greatly appreciate and depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful. We offer on-the-job training in all positions. If you would like to join us, please contact Denise Villers (Phone: 440-548-2939 or Villers_3622@windstream.net).

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Overlook Park was Saturday, April 19th for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). This year 86 kids gathered candy-filled eggs and then each also received a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize just for them! It was a beautiful day and a lot of families enjoyed watching the kids.

We enjoyed our annual Kite Festival (a joint venture with the OSEK, which is affiliated with the American Kite-Fliers Association) this spring at Overlook Park.

The Community Picnic was Saturday, July 19th at Overlook Park. The kids enjoyed the bounce-house again as well as some other activities. Chamber provided the hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products; residents brought a dish to share. Chamber also provided some tasty carnival treats! We had a good crowd and hope to see even more residents come together next summer for a great time!

Upcoming activities:

TRICK OR TREATING in Parkman was a little different last year - to keep our trick-or-treaters safe and off the street. We asked the residents to bring their treats here to the community house instead of their homes. We provided tables and chairs and everyone got to see the parade of "ghosts and goblins" together. We had approximately 20 Parkman households represented and we had nearly 60 kids come out for treats and fun. We would like to continue this activity and invite everyone to join us on Thursday, October 30th from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

We've been hosting BREAKFAST WITH SANTA for a few years now and it has been well-received. The kids get to visit with Santa, receive a small gift and then they enjoy a yummy breakfast with their parents/grandparents. This year's breakfast will be on Saturday, December 6th from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. A child's breakfast is only \$3.00 and adults can eat for \$5.00.

The holidays also include decorating and un-decorating the center of town with garland and bows and a tree in the gazebo. We would certainly appreciate some helping hands with this project - give us a call!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: 2014

October 30th	6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Halloween - "Trick-or-Treat" at Community House
Dec. 6th	8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast with Santa at Parkman Community House

Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Roger Anderson

Looking back to January when we took office it seems like years have passed. In eight short months we have had a whirlwind of decisions to make and still have many more.

Some that have been made: We agree to have different viewpoints and still find common ground.

We have continued along the prior path and received the new truck and have paved some roads in the center of town. We have developed job descriptions and review documents for our employees.

We have cleaned the Community House, Overlook Park and continued reorganizing our Fire and Road departments to permit better service and more functional management.

We have filled the vacancies of: Zoning Secretary, Community House Coordinator, Road Department Worker, various Zoning positions and Fiscal Officer all of whom resigned prior to or on our term.

Some decisions that remain: How can we insure Fire and EMS service without tax increases? How can we maintain and improve our roads within a reasonable budget? How do we provide all these services with an ever decreasing income flow? And the list goes on forever.

Some firsts: The current Board of Trustees are the first total board replacement since the very first board.

We are the first Board to have an offsite meeting at an Amish School House and attempt to take the meeting to the people, quite successful I might add and looking forward to doing this again maybe in October.

We have begun work on a five year spending plan and a budget that is realistic.

We have developed a liaison responsibility that permits faster functionality with decision making and reporting and allows each of us to focus more on specific areas of concern without waiting for a meeting for a decision.

We invite all of you to come out for a meeting to see for yourselves what is new and different and to offer your opinion.

In an effort to continue to bring information to the people we are holding the

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located at 17190 Reeves Road
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Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Paul Komandt

I started this issues article with intentions of reminding you of the same things I did over the last couple of years about open burning and safety during the winter months. Then I realized after going to a County Fire Meeting of something more important. Today is September 11 2014. During the meeting I attended tonight, I met and listened to a retired New York Fire-fighter who was at home 13 years ago today, the day the World Trade Center Towers were hit by two airplanes and toppled. He had two brothers on the Fire Department working that day. Luckily, due to the gridlock on the roads neither of them got to the Towers before they collapsed.

I listened as he recounted briefly what had happened (as we all knew) but then he changed to thank us for the support for New York City. Not just for the Fire Department and the safety forces that had lost so many men, but for the entire city. He said that he could not have imagined getting thru what had happened without the help and support of all the people that helped. People who came from all over the USA. People who came on their vacations. People who flew to New York at their own expense to help clean up the rubble, to help sort thru the rubble by hand, to help find small parts and pieces of those who had died so their families could find some closure.

We need to remember what happened that day 13 years ago. We need to remember the devastation and anguish caused. We need to remember those in the Towers that died. We need to remember the Fire and Police and Rescue workers who ran in, while others were running out, and died.

But maybe we mostly need to remember that American's came together to help each other without requiring an invitation, recognition, or reimbursement.

"We will never forget"

Fire Departments around the Nation grieved today for the Brothers and Sisters lost by the New York Fire Department and for all the loss of life on this day 13 years ago. We will never forget them. We will also never forget the unselfish way millions of other people helped in thousands of different ways.

Congratulations Tom Baril, Josh Brown and Jason Fent

The Parkman Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate our first 3 cadets who have become fully Certified Fire fighters in the State of Ohio. They are Tom Baril, Josh Brown and Jason Fent. They spent many hours with the Fire Department on training and assisting with emergencies. They then attended a 120 hr firefighter class to become certified firefighters. Congratulations on a job well done.

Over the Door" Knox boxes

Parkman Fire Department has available a limited number of "Over the Door" Knox boxes. These Knox boxes are used to place house entry keys in and are secured with a key that only the Fire Department has. They slip over the entry door. This allows us entry for emergencies without breaking down doors. They are intended for use by those that might have mobility problems and might not be able to get to the door during an emergency (especially medical emergencies). For info contact the Fire Department



Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

From: Charlie Soltis

Thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters for this 2014 season.

Aeromark

Farmers Portable

Kara Yoder

Mikes Auto Center

Parkman Township and Chamber of Commerce

Villers Electric

Special Thanks to Dale Holcomb for laying out the fields
and Michelle Soltis for assisting with this years teams.

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.



Random Amish Bits



The best things in life are not things.

Very few burdens are heavy if everyone lifts.

A happy memory never wears out.

The dearest things of life are mostly near at hand.

Pray for a good harvest but continue to hoe.

A happy home is more than a roof over your head, it's a foundation under your feet.

A pulling horse cannot kick.

Teamwork divides the effort and multiplies the effect.

No joy is complete unless it is shared.

Half done is far from done.

The more a child is valued, the better his values will be.

You can tell when you're on the right track. It's usually uphill.

Peace is seeing a sunset and knowing whom to thank.

No winter lasts forever. No spring skips it's turn.

If at first you succeed, try not to look astonished.

A memory is a treasure that survives.

People don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care.

Experience is a different teacher; giving you the test first and the lesson later.

In youth we learn, in age we understand.

Greet the dawn with enthusiasm and you may expect satisfaction at sunset.

Never lose sight of the fact that old age needs little but it needs that little so much.

Be life long or short, it's completeness depends on what it was lived for.

To grow old gracefully you must start when you are young.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

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.

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)

Two Parkman diaries from Henrietta Johnson written in the early 1930's

Special thanks to Ken and Pat Bolek of Chardon for their kind donation to the Parkman Historical Society. Ken and Pat found a couple diaries written in the early 1930's from Parkman Resident Henrietta Johnson, wife of Volney and mother of Earl. The diaries were written for the years 1932 and 1933 and hold many pieces of information making reference to the Buckeye Band (which both Volney and Earl were members), the hard times of the depression, the opening of the new stadium in Cleveland when the League Park was closed, the stealing of the Lindburg baby and so much interesting material about life in the 1930's.

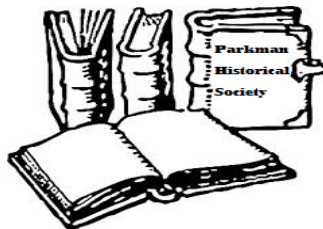
It is almost complete with the exception of a month or so when Mrs. Johnson was ill. With a little investigating Ken and Pat found that the family is all buried in the Overlook Cemetery. Also Thanks to Joanne and Ken Podany for their help to contact us about this historical treasure.

On behalf of the Parkman Historical Society - Dale Komandt received these two diary's so that they can be shared with our community. If you like to enjoy these readings, please go to any regular Parkman Historical Society meeting and express your interest.

Parkman Historical Society

Our September 2014 meeting hosted a historical review of the Parkman Chamber of Commerce by Denise Villers. All are welcome to join us for our next gathering at the Parkman Community House on **March 19th, 2015** 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.



Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Lt. Jim Clawson

Fall is fast approaching and the time for trying to stay warm is near. As every one is starting their furnaces and wood burners up, the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning increases. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas that is known as the "silent killer". The Centers for Disease Control estimates that CO poisoning claims nearly 400 lives, and causes more than 20,000 emergency room visits annually. CO is produced by common household appliances. When not properly ventilated, carbon monoxide emitted by these appliances can build up.

Symptoms of CO poisoning such as headaches, nausea, and fatigue, are often mistaken for the flu because the deadly gas goes undetected in a home. Prolonged exposure can lead to brain damage and even death.

The best way to prevent CO is to properly maintain your chimneys by keeping them clean which will also reduce your chance of having a chimney fire. Also have your gas or fuel burning appliances maintained to keep them working properly. The most important thing is to have a working CO detector in your home along with working smoke detectors. You can purchase these at any hardware store. If you have a detector in your home and it starts to go off and you are unsure if you have a problem, please call 911 and we will be more than happy to come out and check with our multi gas detector, and determine if you have a positive presence of CO in your home or if you have a faulty detector.

Our "File of Life" program is up and running. These are free to residents and will help our EMS responders in a time of an emergency, by providing your important medical history information.

We have two members who decided to pursue becoming EMTs. Tommy Baril and Danny Spencer are currently attending the EMT-B class. They will be great additions to the EMS team for Parkman Township.

Parkman Green Address Signs

with the reflective 4 inch lettering (visually standardizing each Parkman street address)
allowing our **Parkman Fire and Rescue Volunteers** to easily find your address
during the fast pace response of emergencies.

Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 if you need your address sign updated!

Special Thanks to all who have already supported this community effort!



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



Rest in Peace Judith Lynn Komandt

If you remember - Lynn was our first Parkman Paragraphs editor who began this project over a decade ago. Her ambition gave us this newsletter along with the many other community efforts she shared. Lynn served as a volunteer on the Parkman Fire and Rescue team for over 15 years and was also the Officer in Charge of our own Parkman Post Office for many years. Lynn graduated from the Euclid High School and eventually found her way to Parkman. She married Dale Komandt and both served our community for many years. Thank you Lynn for all that you have done to help our community!

Rest in Peace.

2014 Parkman Memorial Day Honored William Carter Snyder 1923 – 2007

William Carter Snyder was born on July 18, 1923, in Youngstown, Ohio. Bill was inducted into the U.S. Army on July 19, 1943, at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. He attended Surgical Technicians School at O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo before going to the 31st General Hospital in the Pacific Theater. There he spent 14 months as a Medical Technician, six months as a Surgical Technician and six months as a Sergeant, non-commissioned Medical Officer, overseeing 164 men. He was discharged from the Army on March 18, 1946, receiving the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Ribbon, and Victory Medal.



In 1956 Bill and his family built a home on Route 422 where his wife Charlotte still resides. Bill had served with Parkman Volunteer Fire Dept from 1951 to 1962 acting as Chief from 1955 to 1959. During this time he helped to build Parkman's first grass jeep. He and Charlotte were founding members of Parkman Chamber of Commerce, organizing Homecomings, Pancake Breakfasts, dances, and helped with the development of Overlook Park.

**On behalf of the Parkman Trustees
and the Parkman Chamber of Commerce
Special Thanks for the continued support of the**

Geauga County Sheriff Department, Middlefield VFW Post 9678, Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team, Parkman Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops #76, Cardinal Marching Band, Father John Burkley - SS. Edward Lucy Catholic Parish, Rev. Dr. Chuck Horvath - Parkman Congregational Church and the various participants who helped to make our Memorial Day complete.



Parkman Congregational Church

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

Rev. Chuck Horvath - Interim Pastor

Check out the website for the most current event information

www.parkmanchurch.com

or contact the church office at 440-548-4829

or parkmanchurch@windstream.net



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

Everyone is welcome!

October 29, 2014 - Baked Chicken

November 19, 2014 - Pork Chops

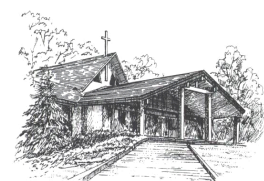


SS. Edward and Lucy

Catholic Parish Community

16150 Center St. (P.O. Box 709)

Parkman, Ohio 44080



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Check out the website for the most current masses and event information

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

or contact the parish office at 548-3812 or KT@simcon.net

2014 Polka Fest (Dinner and Dance)

October 19, 2014 - 1:30 pm - Polka Dinner Dance at St Edwards

Music by Wayne Tomsic Orchestra

Adults - \$15 for Dinner Dance

RSVP by October 12, 2014

Immunization Clinics

Immunization Clinics are still offered at St Lucy's on some Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month - check the parish website for the complete list of dates and times.



Sunday Gatherings start at 11am in the **Parkman Community House**.

(Bible Study at 9:30am)

All are welcome!

For more information call 440-636-2836 or check out

www.necommunity.org



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

Parkman Boy Scout Troop 4076 has been busy this summer. We have been working diligently on our merit badges. Some of the ones we have earned at our Court of Honor were Pets, Aviation (Thank you Middlefield Airport), Welding, Collections, Citizenship in the Community, State and World to name a few.

We have our camp outs every month and we work on our cooking skills. We try a new recipe every camp out. We are planning a camp out this month and working on our canoeing skills. The highlight of our summer was our High Adventure trip to Ellis Island in August. All the boys had a great time.

We will have our Annual Turkey Outing in November to celebrate Thanksgiving. We get to cook turkeys in the ground...YUM!!! We recently purchased a new trailer to help us haul our equipment to the camp outs.

Popcorn sales will start in October to help pay for the new trailer. We will be taking orders starting in October so...come see us or call! We meet in Middlefield at the Lodge (by the ball fields) every Monday at 7 pm. We are currently seeking new recruits to join our Troop for some adventures in scouting.

Remember..."Wisdom"...Walt Disney was once asked what a person would need to do to be like him. Disney named four steps:

1. Think! Think about the values and principles that guide you in your business and personal life.
2. Believe! Believe in yourself.
3. Dream! Dream of something you want to do.
4. Dare! Dare to make your dream a reality.

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).



Parkman Cub Scouts - Troop #76

Join Scouting Today!!!

Have Fun, Make Friends, See New Things.

Cub Scouts invites first through fifth graders (7 to 10 years old)

We meet on the third Monday of each month (7pm-8pm)
at the Parkman Congregational Church (18265 Madison Rd, Parkman, OH 44080)

Parkman Boy Scouts - Pack #76

2015 Spaghetti Dinner/Chinese Auction

January 23rd, 2015 (4:30-7:30pm) at Parkman Community House.

\$8.00/adult and \$5.00/kids (5-12)

for more info call Monique (Cub Master) at 216-337-2104 or parkmanpack76@gmail.com

Special Thanks to all of our Parkman Veterans!



Special Thanks to all of our Active Duty and Veterans throughout all eras of our country's existence for all of the sacrifices that they have made to give us our freedoms and continue to make our country a safe place to live. May our future generations understand these sacrifices from our Veterans and appreciate the quality of life created for them.

If you know of a Parkman Veteran who should be acknowledged for the 2015 Memorial Day Recognition Ceremony, please contact any trustee with your input.

Parkman Volunteer Fire Open House

October 11, 2014 (Noon-6pm) at the Parkman Fire House and Community House

Fall Safety Reminder

Don't forget about your normal Fall safety

Remember to clean the Chimney's
and change batteries in Smoke Detectors

Burning leaves - you know the rules

Our volunteer Fire and Rescue is busy enough
Please Keep Parkman Safe This Fall



2014 Parkman Memorial Day Parade



2014 Parkman Community Picnic

