



Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2015

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Scenes from our 2014 Parkman Pancake Breakfast

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Parkman Township Trustees

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

For all Township business, call 548-2904.

Jon Ferguson
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Dennis Ikeler

Fiscal Officer

Kathy Clossin

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

For info or reservations call 548-5324 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt

Fire & Rescue

Wayne Komandt - Fire Chief
Jim Clawson - Medical Officer

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
rcavictor42@aol.com

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

Road Department

Tom Evers
Parkmanroad@windstream.net

Parkman 2015 Event Schedule

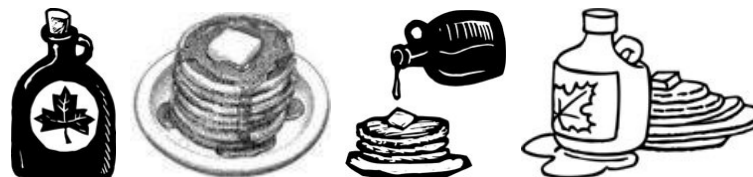
Parkman Chamber of Commerce 2015 Pancakes & Sausage Breakfasts

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

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast
breakfast includes home made style Pancakes, Sausage, and Beverage

**Adults (12 & Over) - \$8 ** Children (6-11) - \$4
Children (0-5) - Free**

We still serve on Chinaware and use local Syrup!
Come join us for breakfast at this annual community fundraiser.
Sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce.



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| March 1st | 9a-2p | Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House |
| March 8th | 9a-2p | Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House |
| March 15th | 9a-2p | Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House |
| March 22nd | 9a-2p | Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House |
| April 4th | 11 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt at Overlook Park |
| (Date T.B.D.) | 11a-4p | Kite Festival at Overlook Park |
| May 25th | 9 a.m. | Memorial Day Parade |
| July 11th | 5 - 8pm | Community Picnic at Overlook Park |
| October 31st | | Halloween - Trick-or-Treat |
| Dec. 6th | 9 - 11 | Breakfast with Santa 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.

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.

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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

A quick review of our activities since the last printing of our Parkman Paragraphs:

TRICK OR TREATERS in Parkman had choices this year. Our trustees arranged for door-to-door trick-or-treating on Friday, October 31st. The Chamber of Commerce again sponsored our indoor trick-or-treat at the community house - to keep our trick-or-treaters safe and off the street on Thursday, October 30th. 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 everyone got to enjoy snacks, games, and great music!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA was lots of fun. The kids got to visit with Santa, received a small gift and then they enjoyed a yummy breakfast with their parents/grandparents.

We hosted a catered dinner for all those folks that help us with our various activities throughout the year. This included a fun round of a Chinese Gift Exchange.

Upcoming activities:

Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts – the first four Sundays in March. (March 1st – 8th – 15th – 22nd) 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 4th 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 11th (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 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: Dennis Ikeler

It has been a year since we were elected. It has been challenging for us but we are working together to get things done. The Community House is being used a lot. The Fire Department is in for some big changes with daytime staffing. The Road Department has been a challenge for me. As you know we repaved the center streets in town (thanks to \$88,000.00 from the county) and that project went pretty smooth. We have had issues with our gravel roads but I think we are going in the right direction. We have implemented some new ideas and have listened to you the residents about your ideas. We are working on a road plan for the future. This entails many different thoughts and cost considerations. We hope to make it through this winter with little problems and we don't have to do major repairs in the spring. That way we can get a jump on summer projects sooner. As everyone knows we are really watching our spending and hopefully we can get these projects started and taken care of. This has been an interesting first year for me and I still have to learn a lot. I believe the off-site meetings went well for everyone and I want to keep doing this.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact any one of the trustees or please come to our regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank You Dennis Ikeler.

Check the Parkman website prior to any meetings to verify any dates and times or changes of locations. Some Trustee meetings will continue to be hosted offsite from the community house as an outreach opportunity and will be posted upon such changes.



Thank you Joanie and Dale for all your dedicated years of saving Parkman!

Congrats to Joanie Dillon and Dale Komandt for the many years of service on the Parkman Fire and Rescue team. Both have retired in Fall 2014 after decades of very active service to our community and both have saved countless lives during their tenure (real local heroes!!). Joanie remembers when she first joined almost 30 years ago that she was excited to help people, there was no money involved, just selfless doing good. Times seemed to have changed with new volunteers who are just joining the team, and she hopes that they will find the same ambition and ethics that have kept the team strong for so many years. Best wishes to both Dale and Joanie during their well deserved rest!!



More burglaries throughout Parkman

Rash of burglaries were recent throughout Parkman - As you work to help your area neighborhood watch, the Geauga County Sheriff's Office sends us monthly reports for Parkman - which can be found on our community web site. Look on the Sheriff's page in the menu for current Sheriff Report updates.



Also - the Geauga County Sheriff's Office has a facebook page that hosts local alerts - and many already have joined this communication effort from our team -

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gauga-County-Sheriff/189337468196>

Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Paul Komandt

As many of you may know, I am currently under treatment for leukemia. I want to assure you that your Fire Department is in good hands with the Officers we have in place if I am there or not. These young men do an excellent job for you.

I have taken this excerpt for Fire Engineering (a fire service magazine) To remind you all for the need for fire safety.

“Every year in America, over 4000 people die and more than 20,000 are injured in fires. Statistically, that may not sound like very many, but if you’ve ever met a burn victim, you know that you want to do everything in your power to make your home safe, and prevent the possibility of a fire. Sadly, around 80% of fire deaths occur in homes. What’s even sadder is that most of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented, with a few simple safety measures.

To keep your family safe from the risks of fire, you’ll need to concentrate on four areas: education, prevention, detection, and response. You’ll need to educate yourself and other family members on the fire hazards, you’ll need to take specific steps to remove fire hazards from your home, you’ll need to install and maintain smoke detectors, and you’ll need to plan ahead on how to react in case of a fire, so that if the worst happens, you’re prepared, and no one is injured or killed. If you cover all four of these bases, you’ll greatly reduce your family’s fire risk.

Many of these fire safety tips are common sense, and you’ve no doubt thought of and implemented some of them. Others may have slipped your notice, or you possibly were never aware of them. The good news is that most of them cost nothing, are easy to do, and don’t take much time.

A lot of fire prevention lies in simply adopting some simple practices, and making them habits for your whole family. Of course, there may be some things specific to your situation that aren’t covered here. It’s unlikely, but it’s possible. In that case, if you’re worried about something in your home that we didn’t mention, err on the side of caution. If you think something might be a fire risk, then change it, or do it differently, whatever the situation requires. You know your home better than anyone. So, if in doubt, it’s better to be safe than sorry. Never was the cliché “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” as true as it is when it comes to fire safety.”

If you would like information on any aspect of fire safety, contact the Fire Department.



Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

From: Charlie Soltis

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

Sign-ups for the 2015 season will be announced on the Parkman Website and hosted at the Parkman Community House. Hope to see you there.

Any questions call me at 440-636-3594.

Remember that the Parkman Trustees need a copy of the **Concussion Training Certifications** from all of the coaches prior to use the Parkman Baseball Fields.

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 11:30am.



6th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 1:00 PM.

The Parkman Plant Swap is held on the first Saturday in June at the Parkman Community House

Please bring:

Your plants to trade. Most of the plants at the plant swaps in the past have been perennial plants, but any plant is welcome: perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, house plants, shrubs, or tree seedlings.

Newspapers or a tablecloth. Our goal is to make cleaning-up easy.

The beverage of your choice, especially if it's a hot day.

How many plants should I bring?

There is no minimum number of plants that you need to have in order to participate. If you have several plants to share, that's great! The more, the merrier! If you have just one or two special plants to swap, that's good too. We will be very happy to see you and your plants.

How should I prepare my plants?

Each plant should be potted in a container of some sort. The word "container" doesn't necessarily mean a regular plant pot. Feel free to use whatever you have on hand. Paper cups or plastic bowls from food products (such as cottage cheese bowls) are fine. The plants will be replanted in their new homes, and the containers will be discarded anyway.

Each plant should be labeled in some way. Examples of plant labels would include wood craft sticks, plastic strips cut from milk jugs, or whatever you have on hand that could serve as a plant label. The name of the plant is the most important thing to write on your plant label. If you don't know the name of your plant, please include other information about the plant. Examples: Sun or shade? Moist soil or dry?

If you would like to be included on the email list for the plant swap, or if you have any questions, please send an email to Jane at ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

WE care about YOUR safety!



Road Construction Alert

The Geauga County Commissioners have informed us to expect the road work improvement of

**Old State Road (CH 6)
from Madison Rd (Rt 528) to Nash Rd (Rt 88)**

Improvements include grading, paving, draining, widening, constructing and re-constructing the roads, bridges, coverts and guardrails. Please plan accordingly through this improvement process.

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.

Spring is just around the corner and this is a reminder from John Spelich our Parkman Township Zoning Inspector: you need a zoning permit when you go to alter the outside of your house or out building etc. When you apply for your zoning permit come to the rear entrance of the community center on main market road my office is their. Bring your site plan, deed and or legal description of your parcel or property that you own.

Contact me by phone at 330-889-3666 or 330-219-3698
or by email at rcavictor42@aol.com or you can text me at 330-219-3698



Growing Ohio magazine is now online!

The 2015 edition of Growing Ohio magazine is now out and available online! Promoted by the Department of Agriculture, this digital publication helps spread the word about agriculture in the state, educates community leaders about the impact of agriculture on the local and state economy, and promotes agriculture to a growing audience concerned about their families' food source. Check this free publication out.

To view the digital magazine online - go to
www.OHagriculture.com

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.



Parkman Historical Society 2015 Meeting Dates

March 19, 2015 -- May 21, 2015 -- July 16, 2015 -- September 17, 2015

at Parkman Community House – 7:30 p.m.

2015 Officers:

President - Dale Komandt

Vice-President - Bernice Wells

Secretary/Treasurer - Nikki Shrock

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

You may remember me mentioning in the fall EMS article that we have two personnel attending EMT- B class. It is with great pride that I announce Tom Baril and Danny Spencer passed their EMT and are functioning on the squad! I had no doubt in my mind that they would succeed. Congrats guys!!

Both Dale Komandt and Joanie Dillon announced their retirement from the fire department. Words cannot express my gratitude and respect for what they have contributed and sacrificed for the fire dept and for the community.

I am pleased to mention with the assistance from a grant through Ohio BWC (Bureau of Worker's Compensation), we are able to purchase a Stryker Power Load cot system. This cot loading system will make it possible for us to load patients safely into the back of the ambulance with simply a push of a button. This grant would not of been possible if it wasn't for all the hard work and many hours that Kelly Dale did on her own time writing and researching this. Thank you Kelly!!

We are in the early stages of replacing our ambulance. We have seen an increase of mechanical problems with our current squad over the last few years. Having a good mechanically running ambulance could be the difference between life and death. With good financial planning over the years we are able to replace it without having to raise taxes, which is always a good thing. I would like to share an EMS Poem with you. It is called Sorry - author unknown -

**Sorry if we woke you in the middle of the night,
But someone in your neighborhood is fighting for their life.
Sorry if we block the road and make you turn around,
But there's been a bad wreck with dying children on the ground.
When you see us coming I hope you'll understand,
Let us have the right of way someone needs our helping hand.
Sometimes a child is choking; sometimes a broken leg,
Sometimes a heart stops beating and when we get there it's too late.
So if you see us crying when we think we are alone,
You'll know we had a bad one and we're feeling mighty down.
We don't do it for the money you know we don't get paid,
We don't do it for the glory but for life that might be saved.
Somewhere deep within us our souls are crying out,
We're here to help our neighbors in their hour of pain and doubt.
God gave us something special to help us see you through,
We do it because we love you and we care about you too.**

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!



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

From: Monique Hornsby

Team-building skills...we learn 'em in Scouting.

The Troop (Parkman 4076) just finished their three day Klondike Derby at Camp Stigwandish. We don't let a little thing like snow stand in our way! As far as our plans on the horizon; we have swimming in February, Scout Sunday (we will host a pancake/sausage breakfast for Parkman Congregational on 2/15), March brings yet another camp out and helping with Pancake Breakfasts at the Community House. Don't forget our Annual Fish Fry on March 27th at the House. YUMMO!!!

This year, we are saving for new tents for the Troop so come on out and support us. Next time we meet, you will hear all about our Camporee at West Point Military Academy. We were chosen in a lottery to camp with the Cadets on May 1-3, so excited!!!

We continue to meet at the Boy Scout Lodge in Middlefield
(Sperry Lane next to the baseball fields)

Mondays from 7:30pm to 9:00 p.m.

All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome to join us!

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



Parkman Cub Scouts - Troop #76

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

We meet on Tuesdays (7pm-8pm) at the Parkman Congregational Church
(18265 Madison Rd, Parkman, OH 44080)

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

The Cub Scouts want to thank everyone for coming out to Support our Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Chinese Auction. We are gearing up for Blue and Gold banquet (thanks Chow Down) and Pinewood Derby...who will be victorious this year? We host a Blood Drive at Parkman Church on April 21st from 2 pm-6pm. Please plan to attend so our Cubs can be a "Pint Size Hero".

Cub Master Quote Minute:

"The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others. "

-- Sir Robert Baden-Powell



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

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!

February 25, 2015 - Chicken Alfredo

March 25, 2015 - Corned Beef Dinner

April 29, 2015 - Enchilada Night

May 27, 2015 - California Chicken

June 24, 2015 - Sloppy Joes

Meals served 5:00 – 6:30 pm at Parkman Congregational Church

Everyone welcome! Bring a friend!



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

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