



# Parkman Paragraphs

## Fall 2015



Parkman Township  
Po Box 688  
Parkman, Ohio 44080-0688  
(440) 548-2904

**Some scenes from the 2015 Parkman Car Show**

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

Newsletter E-mail: [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com)

Parkman Paragraphs is published in Spring and Fall. This Fall 2015 issue is sponsored by the Parkman Trustees. Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

### **Parkman Township Trustees**

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

**For all Township business, call 548-2904**

Jon Ferguson - ferg@nls.net

Roger Anderson - trustee@parkman@gmail.com

Dennis Ikeler - DennisIkeler@gmail.com

### **Fiscal Officer**

Kathy Clossin - ParkmanFiscal@gmail.com

### **Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion**

Meri Lynn Klingensmith

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  
parkmanzone@windstream.net  
rcavictor42@aol.com

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

### **Road Department**

Dennis Ikeler  
DennisIkeler@gmail.com

**Road Dept Direct Phone Number  
548-8671**

**For other Township business,  
548-2904**

## **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 events are the:**

### **Halloween "Trick-or-Treat" Party**

Saturday October 31, 2015 (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)  
at Community House



### **Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday December 5, 2015 (8:30 – 10:00 a.m.)  
at the Community House



## **Parkman 2015 Event Schedule**

### **Polka Dinner and Dance**

Sunday October 18, 2015 - Dinner/Dance starts at 1:30pm

St Edward Church - 16150 Center St Parkman Ohio

Contact church office (548-3812) for tickets before October 11th.

### **Parkman Halloween "Trick-or-Treat"**

Saturday, October 31, 2015 (5 – 6pm)

Drivers careful of our trick or treaters - Thanks to all who help safe road crossings!

### **Parkman Chambers Halloween "Trick-or-Treat" Party**

Saturday, October 31, 2015 (6 – 7pm)

at Parkman Community House

### **Parkman Congregational Church**

#### **Annual Election Day Dinner**

Tuesday, November 3rd (4:30 – 7pm)

Parkman Cong Church.

### **Parkman Fire and Rescue Feather Bingo Fundraiser**

Saturday, November 21 (6:00 – 10:00 p.m.)

at Parkman Community House

### **Parkman Chambers Breakfast with Santa**

Sat., Dec. 5th (8:30 – 10:00 am)

at the Community House

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

## **On the cover - 2015 Parkman Car Show**

It was a perfect day August 16th for the annual Parkman Car Show hosted at the St Edward church. With over 75 cars that entered into the event this year, a wide variety of custom art works were present to span the history of automobiles. Many enthusiasts visited the event and shared their knowledge of restoring autos. This annual Parkman tradition continues to grow each year.

First timer Corey Warren, a Parkman resident who is currently working on his Chevy Nova, entered the event even though his car is in its beginning stages of rebuild. Those with finished cars all welcomed him as they to remember those early stages of their own creations. It was nice to see such support to the new generations who share common interest in the restoration and preservation of the classics.



**Thanks to all who supported this years Parkman Car Show  
hope to see you at next years event!**

# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

What does the Parkman Chamber of Commerce do? We host community events as described below as well as paying a local landscaping company to spruce up and maintain the gazebo park and veterans' memorial park at the center of town. We distribute water bottles to the community (and our VFW representatives) at the annual Memorial Day parade. Each year financial support is distributed to The DDC, Parkman Youth League, The Yoder Brothers Memorial Scholarship, as well as our annual scholarship to a graduating Parkman resident. Amanda O'Reilly was this year's recipient of the \$500.00 scholarship. 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 4th for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). This year more than 70 kids gathered candy-filled eggs and then each also received a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize just for them! The weather started out pretty cool but by 11:00 it was a beautiful day and a lot of families enjoyed watching the kids.

The Community Picnic was Saturday, July 11th 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! Attendance this year was low – Do we want to continue this activity?!

## Upcoming activities:

**TRICK OR TREATING** the last couple years the Chamber of Commerce has hosted indoor trick-or-treating at the Community House - to keep our trick-or-treaters safe and off the streets. We ask 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 Saturday, October 31st from 6pm until 7pm.

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 5th from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. A child's breakfast is only \$3.00 and adults can eat for \$5.00. We may be tag-teaming this activity with a Holiday Craft Show. If you are interested, please contact us.

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

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 (excluding March and August) 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: Jon Ferguson

Parkman has experienced some significant cuts in funding in the last two years and 2016 is looking even worse. Most of the lost revenue came about as a result of the changes made by Ohio state legislature. The estate tax was eliminated and the amount of tax money returned to the local governments was reduced. In addition to these cuts, Parkman also lost all but the original lessee on the cell tower and our largest renter of the Community House obtained their own facility. Nearly all the funding cuts were in the General Fund. The General Fund is used to pay for most of the general operating costs of the Township – all the salaries (except Roads and Fire) plus the maintenance and upkeep of the parks and Community house; pretty much everything from replacing the roof to buying soap for the bathrooms.

A good deal of the General Fund has also been used to support road maintenance since the revenue generated from road taxes and levies has not been enough to pay for all the needed road maintenance. To give you an idea of the magnitude of these cuts, let's look at the few years before the cuts. From 2010 to 2013, our average revenue for the General Fund was \$297,060 per year; of that, an average of \$93,877 was used to support road maintenance. For 2014, our General Fund revenue was \$215,078 and 2015 is estimated at \$221,465. Our revenue for 2016 is estimated at \$176,184 - I told you 2016 was even worse. This represents a 40% reduction in funds available to support our community through the General Fund.

As you can see, we went from an average General Fund revenue of \$297,060 per year to \$176,184. This means we no longer have the funds to supplement the road maintenance. In effect, we have to figure out how to cut about \$100,000 from our previous road spending. Actually, the problem is even bigger than that because many of our core costs have gone up significantly. For example, the cost of limestone used on our roads has increased over 25% in the last two years. When everything is factored in, the actual spending reduction required is closer to \$120,000.

We have attempted to look for long term solutions, not just quick fixes that kick the can down the road a year or two. If we look at our current spending inflated at 3% for the next 10 years, it's a sure plan to fail. We'll be out of money in a short time. Using the same approach, we would have to cut our road maintenance costs to about \$275,000 versus the \$400,000 +/- that we have been spending. Labor and material account for slightly more than 75% of the cost. We have a two man crew with some summer seasonal help and limestone is the main material used for our roads. While we have made progress in reducing costs, it's not realistic to think we can offset the entire revenue loss without impacting the effectiveness of the maintenance.

A small levy increase could offset the short fall. This is the easiest fix and it will get us by. But, it is not necessarily the best option because we will still be putting \$100,000 + in road materials on the roads each year so it can be packed down or pushed into the ditches and it will still require dust abatement. Nothing will change except the cost.

The last option is to improve the surface of the roads and eliminate the need for limestone and dust abatement. We are currently looking at ways to accomplish this.

If you want more information on the financials or have ideas on how to resolve our road maintenance quandary, we would like to hear from you. Our Trustees' meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 PM at the Parkman Community house unless a different location is posted. Come and help us out.





## Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Paul Komandt

Once again it is time for an article for the Parkman Paragraph. It seems like I just finished one.

It is time again to speak about open burning laws. The State of Ohio has open burning laws that are very specific. If you want to do any open burning I suggest you contact the fire department first. Any open burning complaints have to be acted upon by the Fire Department.

We should be getting delivery of our new squad around the first of the year. Again we have been able to purchase this without any additional tax levies. This will make I believe the 6th or 7th piece of apparatus we have been able to do this with. Our finances look very solid into the next 8 to 10 years. This may be due to the fact that my people call me frugal – I call it good money management. Over the next few months, we will be spending money on needed items and services that we have been putting off.

The first of June we started staffing the fire station during daytime hours of 8 to 4:30. This was done because there were very few volunteers available during those times. We expected to greatly reduce our response times during these hours and we have done it. During the staffing times our response time is less than 2 minutes. During the time we do not have staff the response time is about 6 minutes. Because we are one of the last in the county to staff, we are having some trouble filling all shifts with two people but we will continue to make this our goal.

We have also instituted soft billing. With soft billing all transports of residents for emergency care to the hospitals will be billed. Soft billing means we accept whatever the insurance company or the resident pays. Non-residents will still be hard billed, which means we expect full payment from the insurance company or the non-resident.

We are always looking for more Volunteers for the Fire Department. If you would be interested in Volunteering as a Firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician, please contact any Parkman Fire Officer or stop at the station.

It is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Parkman and we hope we never have to meet you under emergency situations.

## Parkman Community House

### New roof to promote preservation of our local gem



Have you taken a look at the new roof on our Community House? The blue metal roof gives the building a fresh new look. Plus all the structural damage under the old roof has been repaired. The building has been preserved for many future generations to enjoy.

Thanks to those who helped with this project!

To RSVP our Community House - contact Meri Lynn Klingensmith at 548-5324 or [ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com).

## Parkman Road Department

Dennis Ikeler

I am submitting the roads article this issue as I am handling the road dept. now. As everyone knows that we have had a great loss to the township in August with the terrible accident to Tom Evers. Tom was very good at handling all our road projects and the equipment. He's been missed greatly since the accident. I am trying to get things done on our roads to best of my ability. Some days go smooth and some days are trying because I am trying to make sure everything is covered. We just hired a new road worker this month and he starts on September 21 so I hope that will make things go smoother for us and through the winter. I know about the dust problems we have had the past couple of months but the weather has not been on our side this year. We started out with a wet spring and early summer and then a dry late summer. We did put material down for dust this summer but we needed rain to help pack it into the roads and that didn't happen. The water we put down was a short fix and I know that. Please understand what we are going through this year and bear with us as we work through my learning process. Hopefully things will improve with the roads and the chance of chip and seal coming.

Thank You Dennis Ikeler

## 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 55 Plus Club

Please join us and share a delicious potluck lunch and fellowship. We meet at the Parkman Community House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:30am.



## Parkman Chamber of Commerce needs help!

**IS THIS THE END OF A DECADES-LONG COMMUNITY TRADITION?!**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

We're looking for some community-minded folks to get involved in Parkman activities. The officers of the Parkman Chamber of Commerce are not going to be able to continue these activities if more people aren't willing to help us out. We sometimes get discouraged by the seeming lack of interest in our hometown. Do we fade into non-existence like so many other small-town groups? We have a small group of loyal helpers that volunteer at our Pancake Breakfast, but we haven't had any "new blood" join us for a quite a while. We need YOU to get involved in YOUR community! If you would like to help with planning or executing any of our events, call us or come to a meeting. Our officers/members can only do so much on their own and we need YOU!



## Tribute to Tom Evers - Road Dept.

Parkman Trustees

Tom was a very dedicated, knowledgeable and hardworking employee. Tom would come to work no matter what hour if Parkman had an emergency condition that could affect our residents. He was there to plow snow, remove a downed tree or unclog a ditch that was overflowing due to rain. Tom was a very civic minded individual who served Parkman for many years in many various capacities.

He served for several years on the Parkman Volunteer Fire Department, was the Assistant Cemetery Sextant, and helped maintain the Community House, Overlook Park and all the other grounds in and around Parkman. Tom had an intimate knowledge of all Parkman roads, where they had problems and even how to find them in a blizzard to plow them for the safety of our residents. There is no doubt Parkman residents will miss the service given for so many years by Tom, and we the Trustees will never be able to replace the knowledge, dedication and many services that Tom provided to the community. We offer our sincerest prayers and sympathy to Tom's family in this difficult time and know the residents of Parkman feel the same.

May Tom rest in eternal peace. Sincerely, Parkman Trustees

## 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.

When you apply for your zoning permit to alter the outside of your house or out building, please know that Articles #2 and #4 of the Zoning Book (found on the Parkman website) have been recently revised in September. Come to the rear entrance of the community house (where the Zoning office is located). Bring your site plan and deed of your parcel or property that you own so we can assist you with your changes.

Contact me by phone at 330-889-3666 or 330-219-3698  
or by email at [parkmanzone@windstream.net](mailto:parkmanzone@windstream.net) or [rcavictor42@aol.com](mailto:rcavictor42@aol.com)  
or you can text me at 330-219-3698



## Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society has rehired Stonehugger Restoration to restore another section of headstones at the Old/Lower Cemetery. In 2014 we paid to have the Parkman family stones restored, reset and four needed new bases.

For 2015, they will work on two more rows at the cemetery. We hope to restore a section each year until the cemetery is restored.

Any Parkman residents or past residents that wish to donate to the cemetery restoration can mail a check to: Parkman Historical Society, P.O. Box 617, Parkman, Ohio 44080

Thank you - Dale Komandt (Pres) / Nicklet Shrock (Sec)

## Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Lt. Jim Clawson

As fall is approaching fast and the leaves start to change their many colors, this leads me to make mention of the changes around the station.

As many of you are aware we are staffing during the daytime hours during the week. With this we have brought on three new Paramedics, Shane Turner, Matt Urie, & Austin Leovic. Russell Spencer is in the process of completing the paramedic course. Upon his completion we will have 6 medics on the squad which is a very good thing from a pre-hospital care stand point.

We recently received a Lucas 2 CPR device from UHHS. This is a battery operated CPR device we use during cardiac arrest incidents. Studies have been done proving the use of this device has improved the survivability rates of cardiac arrest patients. This allows us to free up personnel to do the many other tasks that need to happen during these calls. Our new squad is in process and its estimated time of arrival is late this year/early 2016. We decided to go with a 4x4 cab and chassis, as many times we get calls in the middle of snow storms. This will allow us to be able to get in and out of driveways and provide safer transports when the road conditions are poor.

School is back in session which also means the flu season and time of year when everybody seems to always be sick with something is here. Remember, the best defense is good hand hygiene, good coughing, and good sneezing etiquette. As silly as it sounds, teach your kids to cough or sneeze into their arm or cover with their shirt. I see so many kids coughing or sneezing into their hands and then not washing them. And most important if your child is sick or you are sick with a fever, vomiting or have diarrhea, STAY HOME!! And last but not least, I recommend everyone get a flu vaccination. Hopefully with that being said we all can stay healthy and illness free!

## Was (or is) there still a Postal Concrete Arrow in Parkman from the US Postal Service's Air Force (1924 era)?

From: Virginia Hayes Yocum

Hi Cory,

Recently I have come across some information which possibly you already know.. if not, I think it is fascinating! It is concerning the "Postal Cement Arrows" used in the very early days to guide postal planes and there was one across the street from my sisters home.. along with the little building and tower! After all these years, I was not aware of it.

I have contacted a man from Garrettsville, Art Hall, who knows all about it.. and is willing to share with you. I think it would be exciting reading for any history buff in the area!!

**Info from Mr. Art Hall** - Cement Arrows can be found all over the country, 70-foot concrete arrows found in remote locations. They come courtesy of the US Postal Service's Air Force and will point you all The way across the continental United States. They were constructed in 1924 to guide postal planes in the right direction as they carried mail from coast to coast. These old planes couldn't rely on radio much at the time, so they used these Arrows, along with a beacon towers, to navigate. The arrows and beacons bisect the United States from San Francisco to New York City. The towers were 50 feet tall and fixed with gas lights that could be seen from 10 miles away, in order to help lost pilots find their way. This is a model of the Arrows and towers in their heyday. World War II brought new advances in radio technology that effectively made the towers and arrows system obsolete. This is a pretty cool piece of history, even if it was short lived. To think of those early postal pilots navigating like this from coast to coast is mind blowing.

**Anyone with knowledge of a Parkman Postal Concrete Arrow - please contact Cory!**



## Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

From: Monique Hornsby

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

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

Do you like camping, cooking over a fire, learning life saving skills or seeing the Statue of Liberty? Sounds AWESOME, right? These are some of the things Parkman Troop 4076 did this year. We learned how to make recycled paper in April, we trained with the Cadets at West Point in May, marched in a few parades this year, canoed at Camp Hi with the Cub Scouts, and attended a Camporee at Calumet in P.A. We also were pleased to have two scouts complete N.Y.L.T. Training (National Youth Leadership Training) organized by the BSA. We are also establishing ourselves with the O.A. (Order of the Arrow); a service minded part of BSA.

We are hosting our Turkey Dinner for "Friends of Scouting" on November 13-15th. That's right...we cook our turkeys IN THE GROUND!!! That's the way real men cook.

Troop 4076 is looking forward to another great season of scouting, meeting at Mineral Lake Lodge every Monday evening at 7:30-9 pm. Scoutmaster Mr. Kevin Beeman.



## Parkman Cub Scouts - Troop #76

Cub Master Ms. Monique Hornsby.

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)

Cub Scouts had their first meeting on September 1st with 11 new scouts attending! GREAT! Some of the fun things planned are snow cones, bike rodeos, camping, Halloween parties, making our own ice cream, collecting food for the less fortunate, swimming, baseball games and on and on...this Pack is active, sheesh!

We meet at Parkman Church every Tuesday at 7-8 pm. Let's encourage physical activities, good behavior, citizenship, strengthen families and have FUN doing it.



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

[www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

## Parkman Congregational Church

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

**Rev. Will Coley - Pastor**

Check out the website for the most current event information

**[www.parkmanchurch.com](http://www.parkmanchurch.com)**

or contact the church office at 440-548-4829

or parkmanchurch@windstream.net - <http://facebook.com/parkmanchurch>.



Sunday School – 9:00 am / Fellowship Time – 10:00 am / Worship Service – 10:30 am

### Feed a Friend Free Meal

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

October 28, 2015 – Octoberfest, November 18, 2015 – Pork Chop Dinner,

December, No Meal – See you in 2016!

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

Bring a friend!

### Family Friendly Movie Nights

New this year: Family Friendly Movie Nights on the third Friday of the month.

October 16th, November 20th. No movie in December.

Free popcorn, lemon aid!

December 24 – Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm

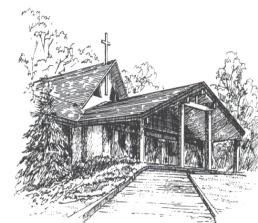


## SS. Edward and Lucy

**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

### Polka Mass and Dinner

Sunday October 18, 2015

(Mass - noon & Dinner/Dance 1:30pm)

St Edward Church (16150 Center St Parkman Ohio)

### Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday November 7, 2015 (10am - 4pm)

St Lucy Winca Hall (16280 East High St Middlefield Ohio)

### 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.