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Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2016



**1927 Raulang Electric Car (Cleveland made)
at the 2016 Parkman Car Show**

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Mike Komandt - Fire Chief

Jim Clawson - Assistant Fire Chief

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

Road Department

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DennisIkeler@gmail.com

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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

Sunday October 30, 2016 (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
at Community House



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 3, 2016 (8:30 - 10:00 a.m.)
at the Community House



Parkman 2016 Event Schedule

Parkman Chambers Halloween "Trick-or-Treat" Party

Sunday, October 30, 2016 (5:30-6:30pm)
at Parkman Community House

Parkman Halloween "Trick-or-Treat"

Monday, October 31, 2016 (5 - 6pm)
Drivers careful of our trick or treaters - no road cross guard support this year!

Parkman Congregational Church

Annual Election Day Dinner

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 (4:30 - 7pm)
Parkman Congregational Church.

Parkman Fire and Rescue Feather Bingo Fundraiser

Saturday, November 19, 2016 (6:00 - 10:00 p.m.)
at Parkman Community House

Parkman Chambers Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 3rd (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 - 2016 Parkman Car Show



It was a perfect day August 21st for the annual Parkman Car Show hosted at the St Edward church. With over 75 classic and custom 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.

On the cover was a photo of a 1927 Raulung Electric Car made here in Cleveland during the time when horseless carriages started looking like today's modern autos. Special thanks to Don Shumay from Arcon Equipment in Burton Ohio who shared his historic auto with us this year. Don and

Father Burkley pose in front of this historic masterpiece. Everything on this car (except the batteries) was original. You can see more 2016 car show photos on the center page.

**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. This year financial support was distributed to our Parkman Historical Society, the Huskie Nation Foundation, The DDC, The Yoder Brothers Memorial Scholarship, as well as our annual scholarship to a graduating Parkman resident. Jonathan Anderson 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, for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). This year more than 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 scheduled for Saturday, August 13th at Overlook Park. The impending storms of the day caused a cancellation. We apologize. We weren't able to reschedule with the party company for another day this summer. 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 Sunday, October 30th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

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 3rd 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. 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

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sun., Oct. 30th 5:30pm – 6:30pm Halloween "Trick-or-Treat" at Community House
Sat., Dec. 3rd 8:30am – 10:00am Breakfast with Santa at the Community House

Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Jon Ferguson

THANK YOU to everyone that voted to approve the 2 mil levy. As you know from past Parkman Paragraphs, we experienced a significant reduction in revenue starting in 2014 – mostly as a result in changes at the state level. This new levy will offset those losses. Thank you again for your support.

Maintaining the roads is one of our biggest expenses. Each year we put tens of thousands of dollars in gravel on the roads plus thousands of dollars in dust abatement only to turn around and do it over again the next year, and the next. We are trying to end that never ending cycle. We have been working with a company that has developed a dust suppressant that is environmentally friendly and also helps stabilize gravel roads. The material has proven effective in many areas throughout the country but not in our type of winters with the heavy snow and cold temperatures. This material has been spread on Newcomb Road and Nash Road. So far the results have been pretty good. The dust has been reduced and the roads are becoming more stabilized. The only problem left to be resolved is the road roughness. The manufacturer has been working with us to address this issue. Now, all that's left to do is to wait and see how the roads fare through our winter. If this proves to be a viable solution, gravel purchases can be greatly reduced and calcium chloride and salts can be completely eliminated, plus, we'll end up with better roads.

We were also able to chip seal Hobart Road this year. I know some were expecting asphalt but the cost of asphalt has become too expensive for most township budgets. For example, to pave Hobart with asphalt would cost almost our entire road budget. Where we can we are seeking grant money but many of our paved roads don't qualify for grant money so they will be chip sealed. This has been a common practice for some townships for years – Southington, for example.

Mike Komandt has been promoted to Chief and Jim Clawson has been promoted to Assistant Chief of the Parkman Township Volunteer Fire Department. Both men are extremely qualified for these positions not only from a technical standpoint but also because of their extensive experience. I look forward to working with them in their new assignments.

The part time daytime staffing that began a little over a year ago has proven to be very effective. The staffers are averaging about a one minute response time from the time that page is received to the time they are out the door. Our volunteers responding in the evening and on weekends are also doing a great job. They're averaging about six minute's response time and that includes the time it takes for them to travel to the Fire Station. I'm truly proud of our Volunteers and Staff and their accomplishments. In spite of these great results, I'm concerned. Most Fire Departments, especially those in rural areas like ours, are struggling to maintain and recruit volunteers. If you would like to become a Volunteer, or know someone who might want to become one, call the Fire Department at 440-548- 2515. We'll supply the gear and help with the training.

We are continuing our efforts to improve the appearance of our community. Earlier this year, the Trustees asked our Zoning Inspector, John Spelich, to begin addressing some of the worst examples that could use a little TLC. John has sent nearly 50 letters to residents asking them to address the junk and debris that has accumulated on their properties over the years. Most have responded very positively. Some will take a little more coaxing. This is not a zoning issue; instead it is covered by the Ohio Revised Code. We are also addressing junk vehicles and abandoned houses. These issues take longer to address but, since it's covered by the Ohio Revised Code, we have more latitude in resolving the problem. Parkman is our home; it's where we live. We need to treat it better!

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 on down – we'd like to hear from you.



Parkman Volunteer Fire & Rescue

From: Chief Mike Komandt

Your Fire Department is focusing on the safety of the businesses, visitors, and citizens of Parkman Township. Over the next few months, Our Fire Safety Inspectors will be out visiting local businesses and conducting Fire Safety Inspections to ensure the safety and well-being of the occupants of these facilities. When you see one of our 5 inspectors out, be sure to say "Hello". They are working to protect you.

It is once again fall, time for changing leaves, readying our property for winter, and getting ready for the snow. Please remember that it is **ILLEGAL** to burn leaves in the road side ditches. Any fires on your property to cause a nuisance to your neighbors due to the amount of smoke or smell being produced, type of material being burned, and the proximity to other buildings can be deemed illegal. The Fire Department will extinguish and must report to Law Enforcement any illegal fires reported to the Fire Department. The Fire Department does not go out looking for these fires to report.

If you have a wood burning stove, furnace, or other appliance in your home, please remember to have your chimney cleaned and inspected prior to beginning to heat your home or business this fall. Once you are using your heating appliances, please clean your chimney on a regular basis. Have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home, and never remove the batteries.

If your chimney becomes plugged, home begins to fill with smoke, or you feel that the inside of your chimney may be on fire, **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!!**

Please do not try to put out a fire in your chimney, and **DO NOT** drop anything down your chimney in an effort to clean out debris from your chimney. The Fire Department has specialized equipment used to clean blockages and extinguish fires inside chimneys.

Parkman Fire Department is not a full time fire department and we rely on our volunteers to handle the majority of emergencies. We continue to work closely with Middlefield and Troy, and intend to do so well into the future.

Parkman Fire Department has responded to over 400 emergencies this year, and as always we appreciate the community and its continued support of the Fire Department.

Mike Komandt, Chief



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!

Attention Parkman Business Owners

From Cory Anderson -

Parkman's webmaster - is planning an overhaul update of our community website - and many of you have free space on this site to advertize your company and post updates of your business hours and what your company was designed for.

This free communication service had been included to all Parkman Business's since the website began in 2004 - and many of these on the website have not been updated since then. So in 2017, I wish to catch up with our Parkman Business Owners and listen how I can help update our website with the most current info....still free of charge of course.

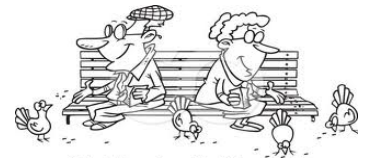
If you can take a quick look at our community website - and your company page - then send any updates as you request - I would greatly appreciate it.

New Parkman Business Owners - you also are welcome to join in this free communication - I know there are several new companies in our community.

Thank you for your continued support!

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.



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**!

Parkman Community House and Overlook Park

To RSVP our Community House or Overlook Park contact
Meri Lynn Klingensmith at 548-5324 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

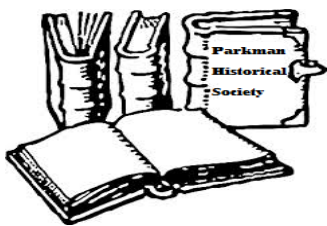
Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM,
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

This has been a good year for zoning with the issue of many Zoning permits for the Township. With fall nearing, now is the time to plan your winter projects if you're planning a new house or out building.

When applying for a permit here is what to DO.

1. Call me first at 330-219-3698 or E-mail me at rcavictor42@aol.com when doing that I will start your application process sooner.
2. Give me most all information on and about your project type of project, square foot of house garage, out building or addition.
3. My zoning hours Every Wednesday night 6pm to 730 pm. If you can't make the night and hours call me and we will get together when its good for you and me.

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



Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society continues to restore more sections of headstones at the Old/Lower Cemetery. Many have seen the results during our 2016 Memorial Days Parade when we traditionally salute those who honorably served our country.

Many thanks to those who already helped support this restoration project via the generous donations from the Trustees, Chamber of Commerce and the various residents that contributed to this on going Parkman Cemetery upkeep project. This project still needs much help in funding so we can successfully complete it - any further financial help would be most appreciated. 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 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

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)
No dinners in December.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Saturday

AA Meetings ever Saturday at 8:30pm - all are welcomed to this friendly group.
Meet in the church hall.

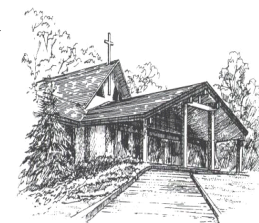
December 24 – Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm



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

Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday November 5, 2016 (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.

