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# **Parkman Paragraphs**

## **Spring 2017**



# **50**

**YEARS**

**Parkman Chamber of Commerce  
is hosting its 50th Year of serving  
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

**Join us - Sundays in March!**

**Community Website: <http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>  
Newsletter E-mail: [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com)**

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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**

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Dennis Ikeler - DennisIkeler@gmail.com

### **Fiscal Officer**

Nina Reed - nina\_m\_reed@yahoo.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**

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief

Matt Urie - EMS 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 6 - 7:30pm)

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 at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of the months  
**February, April, September and November**  
in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

**Our next events are the:**

### **Parkman Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast**

**50 years of serving breakfast!**

Sundays in March = **March 5th - March 12th - March 19th - March 26th**  
(9am- 2pm) at the Parkman Community House

### **Parkman Easter Egg Hunt**

April 15th (11 am) at our Overlook Park

## **Parkman 2017 Event Calendar**

### **Parkman Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast**

Sundays in March = March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th  
(9am- 2pm) at the Parkman Community House  
Adults (12 & Over) - \$8      Children (6-11) - \$4      Children (0-5) - Free

### **Parkman Easter Egg Hunt**

April 15th (11 am) at our Overlook Park

### **Parkman Community House Fundraiser**

#### **Community Based Market Event**

Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Parkman Community House

### **8th Annual Parkman Plant Swap**

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Parkman Community House  
Please plan to arrive at 12:30 to bring in your plants. The plant swap starts at 1:00 PM

### **Scrap and Tire Recycling Day**

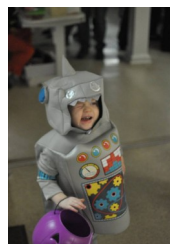
Saturday June 17, (8am till 12 Noon) at the Parkman Community House

### **Parkman Annual Car Show and Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**

Sunday, August 20, 2017 (11am-6pm) at St. Edward

## **Parkman Halloween Party 2016**

Special thanks to all who participated with our annual Parkman Indoor Halloween Trick or Treat party. For the last few years, our Parkman Chamber of Commerce has been hosting this event to help bring a safer way for our youth to Trick or Treat. This event has evolved with games, music and treats from many local neighbors who team up to support this community based activity. Thank you all for helping with this event!



# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

## **Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts (This will be the 50th year!) March 5th – 12th – 19th – 26th**

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).

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** (11 a.m. at Overlook Park) will be Saturday, April 15th for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). The kids will gather candy-filled eggs. Each child also receives a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize just for them!

There will **NOT** be a **Community Picnic** this year.

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 can only do so much on their own and we need YOU!

Please consider volunteering for your community!

## **2017 Calendar of Chamber's Events:**

**March 5th (9am– 2pm) Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House**  
**March 12th (9am– 2pm) Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House**  
**March 19th (9am– 2pm) Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House**  
**March 26th (9am– 2pm) Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast at Parkman Comm. House**  
**April 15th (11 am) Easter Egg Hunt at Overlook Park**  
**May 30th (9 am) Memorial Day Parade (begins at Overlook Cemetery)**  
**(to be determined) Halloween – Indoor Trick-or-Treat / Party at Comm. House**  
**Dec. 2nd (8:30 -10 am) Breakfast with Santa at Parkman Community House**

If you would like to help with planning or executing any of these events, call us.

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Parkman Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we're more of a community group).

We will be meeting on the **3rd Mondays** of  
**February, April, September and November at 7:00 pm** at the **Community House**.

# Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Roger Anderson

Spring is on the rise and winter is still here and we are following one of the hottest summers on record. As many of you are aware we are having a very difficult time maintaining consistency of our roads with the freezing, thawing and raining etc. In January most of the gravel roads turned to muck. We had some equipment down time with no replaceable parts available and had to try to salvage the 25 year old parts. By the time this is printed I hope we have frozen maintainable roads. We are still looking into the best solution for these roads and are finding many conditions in need of attention. Some of our road beds have more than a foot thick layer of crushed limestone residue (mainly dust) which are not able to support any top surface that will hold up, this is the reason we are getting so many potholes. That being said we are looking into various approaches to resolve these problems. We are formulating a ten year plan that is budget worthy and reasonable. Please be patient and we will keep you posted as this develops. We are planning to do repairs on Stagecoach and Forge Hill roads in the spring. We are attempting to share some resources with Trumbull County Engineers to aid in cost reduction for this project. We are also looking at repaving Grove in 2018 if a grant can be obtained from the state.

Our Fire Department has been working diligently with Troy and also W. Farmington to begin a blending process to help maintain a quick response to all in need. They are now toned out for all calls in Troy and Fire calls in W. Farmington. Due to this blending 2016 ended with 531 calls for our responders. We have added to our resources by some of our people receiving additional training for EMT, and Paramedic; and have attracted some new members to help with staffing. We can always use additional help, if you have any interest stop by or call 548-2515. We supply the gear and help with the training.

We plan to continue our off-site meetings and will announce these in advance. Everyone is welcome at any meeting and we hope to see you at one or more to get an opportunity to provide firsthand information and receive your input. We are looking for a Cemetery Sextant to replace Dale Komandt, he wants to retire, please contact Dennis Ikeler or any trustee if you have an interest in this.

The sign in Overlook Park was vandalized this fall and we have a new one ordered. The park is provided to residents for use free of charge and it is a shame people feel the need to destroy the property adding additional cost to our budget.

## **Scrap and Tire Recycling Day**

### **Saturday June 17, 8:00 AM Till 12:00 Noon**

Once Again we will be having a Scrap and Tire recycling at Parkman Community House from 8AM till 12 Noon in an effort to continue the clean-up of Parkman Township.

**PLEASE SEPARATE METAL ITEMS FOR RECYCLING**

### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Batteries, Liquid Paint, Chemicals, Yard Waste of any kind, Rocks, Dirt, Concrete or Cement, Motor Vehicle Parts, No Items containing Freon, Oil or Gasoline or Any items containing Asbestos

## 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](mailto:ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com).

## Parkman Zoning Inspector

**John Spelich**

Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 6 – 7:30 PM,  
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

In the event you can't make those hours please call me for an appointment  
at 330-219-3698 or email me at [rcavictor42@aol.com](mailto:rcavictor42@aol.com)

When applying for a zoning permit please bring your deed, site plan, and sketch of your  
out building, house or both. Keep in mind, I need the square footage of the house or  
building because we charge by the square foot for your permit.

To apply for an address and culvert pipe call 440-279-1855.

For septic permit or information call the Health Department at 440-279-1900.

For a building permit call 440-279-1781.

These County Departments work hand in hand with Parkman Zoning. When you call me

## Parkman Community House Fundraiser Community Based Market Event

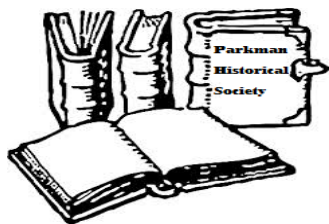
Please feel welcome to join us Saturday May 6th at the Parkman Community House  
for an event where You market Your goods and profit while we all benefit in improvement.  
All of the table rental proceeds will go toward the improvement of Our Community House.

**\$20 for the first table and \$10 for each additional table.**

Set-up at 7am

Open from 9am–3pm

For more information or to reserve your table early - please contact:



## Parkman Historical Society

**The 2017 Meeting Dates for Parkman Historical Society**

**March 16 - May 18 - July 20 - September 21**

Please feel welcome to join us at 7:30 pm on those Thursdays  
at the Parkman Community House !

The Parkman Historical Society will continue to restore more sections of headstones at the  
Old/Lower Cemetery this 2017. This on going project is dedicated to preserve our Parkman  
heritage and any help in donations are most appreciated.

Many thanks to those who already helped support this restoration project. As we try to  
sustain our Parkman Cemetery, the project still needs help in funding. If you would like to  
donate to the cemetery restoration can mail a check to:

**Parkman Historical Society, P.O. Box 617, Parkman, Ohio 44080**

## 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](mailto: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

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.

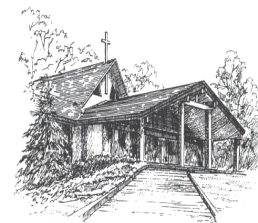


## SS. Edward and Lucy

**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](mailto:KT@simcon.net)

### Easter Eve

Saturday (April 15, 2017)

1pm Easter Egg Hunt @ St. Edward

8pm Easter Vigil Mass @ St. Lucy

### Easter Sunday

(April 16, 2017)

8:30am Mass @ St. Edward

10:30am Mass @ St. Lucy

## Parkman Annual Car Show

**and Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**

Sunday (August 20, 2017) 11am—6pm

@ St. Edward

**Show Cars - Food - Music - Games - Fun**

## 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.





## 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 at 216-337-2104 or [parkmanpack76@gmail.com](mailto:parkmanpack76@gmail.com)

## 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)

for more info call Monique at 216-337-2104 or [parkmanpack76@gmail.com](mailto:parkmanpack76@gmail.com)

Please see our web site at [www.pack4076.org](http://www.pack4076.org) for up to date activities  
and don't forget Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/parkmanpack4076>.

Special Thanks to everyone who supported our annual Pack 4060 Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction Fund Raiser on January 27th, 2017 at the Parkman Community House. It is the packs largest fundraiser—sustaining the group throughout the year. Your generosity was most appreciated.

The Pack 4076 has been busy this past fall - in October we had several hikes and enjoyed a Halloween party. In November we enjoyed a sleepover at the Cleveland Aquarium and learned about the aquatic life there. In January, we made kites and wooden tool boxes.

Pack 4076 will be active this Spring 2017. The Pack will have a "Chickagami Sleep In" at the Chickagami Cabins early March, then later that month they will test their skills with Archery at Geauga Bow. In April the Pack will go to the Kendall Cliffs for some Rock Climbing. In May, the Pack will decorate the graves of Veterans at the Parkman Overlook Cemetery and then be part of the annual Parkman Memorial Day Parade which starts at the Overlook Cemetery. In June, the Pack will go for its Spring Campout. Details for any of these events can be found on our website at [www.pack4076.org](http://www.pack4076.org).



Many events can be found on the park website - find a complete list at:  
[www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

## 8th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Parkman Community House

Please plan to arrive at 12:30 to bring in your plants.

The plant swap starts at 1:00 PM.

Bring plants to trade – perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, houseplants, shrubs, or tree seedlings.

If you have any questions about the plant swap, or if you would like to be included on the plant swap email list, please send an email to Jane Zajackowski at:  
[janezaj@windstream.net](mailto:janezaj@windstream.net)

## 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.



## On the Cover

Bill Snyder is serving pancakes to Jim and Bea Everett. They are part of the original team who started our annual tradition.

**50**  
YEARS

No single photo can cover the past 50 years, so this photo (though not from the original breakfast) was chosen by the Parkman Chamber to symbolize the spirit that represents this traditional heritage and salute all of our community volunteers that have supported this event.

This event requires the ambition of many, including those involved with the organization of volunteers and supplies, those who take the time to set up the dining area, greeting area and kitchen at the community house for the event, those who get up early for the food prep, those who serve the drinks and meals, and finally those who wash all the dishes. We also have to thank the many thousands of hungry appetites who have contributed to the success of this event. Fifty years of teamwork and dedication from volunteers has really helped our Parkman improve its quality of life! THANK YOU!!

## 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.

**Contact a Parkman Fire Volunteer if you need your address sign updated!**

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





# Parkman Volunteer Fire & Rescue

From: Chief Mike Komandt

In 2016, Parkman Fire Department responded to 505 calls for service, this includes responding mutual to areas as far away as Bloomfield.

We secured a Federal Grant of over \$21,000 for new fire hoses and nozzles to go on the hoses, a State of Ohio Department of EMS Grant in the amount of \$2,500 for EMS Training and supplies, and also acquired a Regional State Grant with Troy in the amount of \$140,000 to replace 16 sets of firefighter protective gear and both departments' hydraulic extrication gear, better known as 'jaws of life'. In total, the nearly \$165,000 dollars will, or has, replaced outdated and under powered equipment to better serve the citizens and visitors of Parkman and Troy Townships along with neighboring departments as well.

As we begin 2017 Parkman Fire will continue blending our operations with Troy Fire Department. This will continue to be a top priority throughout the next few years as blending topics are finalized with Troy's New Fire Chief Eric Mathews.

This winters' milder temps has kept the number of Chimney fires to a minimum. Please remember to clean your chimney on a regular basis if you burn wood in any type of appliance on a regular basis. Smoke detectors and CO detectors do Save Lives. These are quite cheap to purchase considering the life saving potential these detectors bring with them.

Parkman Fire Department is always looking for training opportunities like Cars for extrication trainings allowing us practice new and more efficient techniques of gaining access to trapped patients in the event of vehicle crashes, and buildings that are capable of allowing us to practice new techniques of searching for victims in the event of fire, and even training to rescue ourselves in the event that one of our own needs rescue. Buildings are the hardest thing to come by, and sometimes can be burnt for training purposes, and are nearly invaluable to the Fire department. Feel free to contact the fire department with any questions.

**From: Matt Urie, EMS Officer**

I am excited to help with Parkman Fire in 2017 and beyond. Taking over the EMS officers' position is a great honor, and I am excited to do so. With being in Fire and EMS for 12 years, I feel that I can help Parkman Fire achieve a standard of care that is beyond what our community ever anticipated. In 2016, Parkman Fire has had three new employees achieve the certification of paramedic, three current employees obtained EMTs, and this number will continue to grow as two more members are starting paramedic education in the spring. This allows us to provide our residents with the highest level of EMS care possible. With our mutual aid partners in Troy and Middlefield in Geauga County we can also help those communities in their times of need if called upon. I hope that when you have to call 911 in an emergency, you can be comforted in knowing that the best trained and professional EMTs and Paramedics will be tending to your emergency.

We have some plans to upgrade some of our EMS equipment with help from grant monies from the State of Ohio. This helps decrease our operating budgets and help us stay current with the best and most up to date equipment.

If you have any concerns, questions or feedback positive or negative, please feel free to contact Chief Komandt or myself at the Fire Department. If neither of us are in station, please leave a message and we will be sure to get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to this new role within the fire department.



**Scenes from the Parkman Fire and Rescue  
Fall 2016 Feather Bingo Fundraiser**

**Thanks to all who continue to support our event!**

