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Parkman Paragraphs
Spring 2018



WE WANT YOU!

Parkman Township needs your help!

Inside are various appeals for help:
Fire Department can use more volunteers,
Chamber can use more volunteers and the
Parkman Community can use volunteers.
See inside for the right fit for you.

Community Website: <http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>
Newsletter E-mail: 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

Jon Ferguson - ferg@nls.net
Roger Anderson - trustee@parkman@gmail.com
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 5- 6:30pm)

Cell Phone: 330-219-3698
or e-mail at 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, Treasurer

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

Our next events are the:

Parkman Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast

Sundays in March = March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
(9am- 2pm) at the Parkman Community House

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

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st, 2018 (11am) at Parkman Overlook Park

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Geauga Park District - 30th Annual Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 10, 2018 (7:30-10:30 pm) at Parkman Community House

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st, 2018 (11am) at Parkman Overlook Park

Parkman Memorial Day Parade

May 31st, 2018 (9am) starting at Parkman Overlook Cemetery

9th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Parkman Community House
Please plan to arrive at 12:30pm to bring in your plants. The plant swap starts at 1pm

Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycling Day

Saturday June 16, 2018 (8am - 12Noon) at Parkman Community House
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PLEASE SEPARATE METAL ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

10th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

Sunday, August 19th 2018 (11am - 6pm) at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party "Trick-or- Treat"

Sunday, October 28th, 2018 (6pm - 7:30pm) at Community House

Parkman Community Halloween "Trick-or- Treat"

Wednesday, October 31st, 2018 (5pm - 6pm)
Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards again this year!

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 1st, 2018 (8:30am - 10am) at the Community House

All of the events can use your help as a volunteer!
Thanks to all who do help and support
these and any of our community events!

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts March 4th – 11th – 18th – 25th

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, March 31st for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). The kids will gather candy-filled eggs. Each child also receives a numbered egg from the Easter bunny that corresponds to a prize just for them!

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. A few community activities have been discarded in recent years – We would love to bring them back (or add something new).

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!

Parkman Township needs your help

For the last 214 years, the success of the Parkman Community has relied on volunteers to sustain our quality of life. Many decades of amazing citizens have contributed to keeping our town sustained. Their efforts have always been appreciated.

The last couple years has shown a decline in various volunteer pools throughout our community. As past generations age and retire, not as many "newer generations" have replenished the void in our civic need. Our community can really use some fresh ambition to keep from deteriorating. If you or someone you know would like to help us out, please contact a trustee for more info.

There is always something that needs to be done. We have many various projects that need attention. Some require skills and others only require your time and effort. We have painting (inside and outside), cleaning, arranging, carpentry, masonry, landscaping and many others. We are looking for volunteers or anyone who needs Community Service hours or anyone who just wants to help.

Contact Roger Anderson at 440-548-5334 and we will find opportunities to match your skills and available time.

Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Dennis Ikeler

Here we are starting off a new year already. This winter started pretty rough with a lot more snow and a lot colder. Our road workers put in some pretty long and rough days and nights to keep up with the storms. Now a complete change they are trying to repair the roads with all the thawing. We are trying to come up with ideas for roads this year so we can try to stay ahead of them. We also started a contract with the Sheriff's office for extra patrols on our roads for the safety of the adults and children walking our roads. This will be random on all roads and different times.

Now news from our Community House: There have been upgrades with the upstairs bathrooms being remodeled. There is new flooring, fixtures, partitions, and a baby changing station. There is a new slop sink for cleanup. The upstairs kitchen floor has been raised to create the proper step, also installed new counter top, flooring, sink, and upgraded electrical outlets. This was done by a lot of volunteers to help with the cost. All of these areas were painted and wall covering added which will help with cleaning. Downstairs the wooden tables in the dining area have been removed and replaced with vinyl folding tables to increase accessibility, utilization capability, and improve safety and cleanliness. This year we are planning to upgrade the main floor restrooms. We are also looking into installing a generator and other upgrades to make the Community House an emergency shelter for our residents in case of calamities to gather to be safe and warm.

Now to our Fire Dept.. Our fire dept. has been staffing during the day hours for the past two and a half years. Starting January 1, 2018 we have extended the staffing hours to 12 hours a day seven days a week on a trial basis for 6 months and the remaining hours will be covered by our volunteers. The staffing has been a big improvement on our response times and adding the extra coverage during our peak hours will help our coverage. This addition of coverage has put a strain on our budget but it is manageable. Chief Komandt has been able to secure several grants that have been a significant help. In 2017 we received \$165,000 in grant money. Some of the grants have been joint grants with Troy for over \$50,000. Most rural fire departments are struggling with limited budgets and resources. One of biggest challenges is finding enough people to do the job. Being an emergency responder is a challenging job, but it is also rewarding. If you are interested in becoming a first responder, whether it is a firefighter, EMT, or a Paramedic, contact Chief Komandt or stop at the station. We provide the training and gear at no cost. And in closing if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact any of the township officials.

Have a great year.

Scrap and Tire Recycling Day Saturday June 16, 8:00 AM Till 12:00 Noon

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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 Volunteer Fire & Rescue

From: Chief Mike Komandt

Some residents may still be unaware that in the summer of 2015, Parkman Township approved the part time staffing (Monday through Friday 8am-4pm) of the Firehouse with dual certified (Fire & EMS) personnel. While this greatly reduced the amount of time it takes the Fire Department to respond to an emergency, the main reason for

this was because there is a National trend in the fire service. That trend is the declining numbers of volunteers available to respond in a timely manner to efficiently and effectively and safely and take care of the incident. Parkman was not immune to that trend.

January 1st we took another step forward as the Parkman Township Trustees approved the expansion of the part time hours that the Firehouse will be staffed by part time employees to 7 days a week from 8am-8pm. This schedule will undergo a 6 month period where the Trustees will analyze data of response times, hours worked, amount of call coverage, payroll Statistics, and a few other things. This will be accomplished while still operating within our current financial constraints.

The Department was able to receive over \$165,000 in grant funds for both Parkman and Troy Fire Departments (\$50,000+), and will request over \$650,000 this year in a Regional Request to replace Breathing air packs Farmington, Middlefield, and Troy, as well as a new Air Compressor to fill the empty breathing air bottles to be centrally located in Parkman. If awarded we will see the new equipment by year end.

In addition to our increase in staff hours, the Trustees approved the remodel of the bathrooms inside the Firehouse to include a shower for the members. This is to allow personnel to decontaminate themselves after a fire or medical emergency where they may require a shower. Secondly, many of our employees work at other fire departments, and come straight to Parkman to work without going home. Sometimes it can be 4 or 5 days before employees are home based upon scheduling, while scheduling is mostly their decision, it is because they have a desire to serve their community and the surrounding communities. Thank you to the Trustees for approving this project.

Parkman also has 2 members finishing up their Paramedic certification class. Hopefully by March 1st we can call them Paramedics and they can be providing the higher level of care for the residents and visitors of Parkman.

Last but not least, we would like to say THANK YOU to the community for their continued support. The overwhelming amount of donations for recent fire victims and families was absolutely astonishing. Thank you for the endless offers of apartments to rent, donations, and furniture. The family is extremely grateful for a caring community.

Mike Komandt, Fire Chief

You can find all of the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue current events and fundraisers on their Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Parkman-Township-Volunteer-Fire-Department-105656799483602/>

Deepest Thanks to all who volunteer and support our team!

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 (548-2515) if you need your address sign updated!

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



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

Hike and Bike at Highlands Trail

Saturday May 12th, 2018 (2pm)

Check out parish website for details!

10th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 19th 2018 (11am - 6pm) at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Please feel welcomed to join us at the 10th annual event. There will be various cars of many styles and eras on display, DJ Music, Games, Food and a Chinese Auction.

Hope to see you there! Check out parish website for details!

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 Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road Parkman Ohio 44080

New Mailing Address - 18265 Madison Road Middlefield Ohio 44062

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 Evening Worship

6-7pm 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.





Parkman Scout's Troop 4076

From: Monique Hornsby

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

Please see our web site at www.pack4076.org for "up to date" activities and don't forget our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/parkmanpack4076>. For more info call Monique 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)

Cub Scout Pack 4076 has been busy since our recruiting event in September. We have completed archery, swimming, made our own ice cream, packed boxes for needy families, had a sleep-in at Parkman Church and we aren't stopping there. Some events we are gearing up for are our Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Auction event on Jan. 26 at Parkman Comm. House, touring Giant Eagle, Serving a pancake breakfast at Parkman Church, Pinewood Derby, Extreme Air Trampoline Park, camping at Camp Manatoc, Natural History Museum and lets not forget our service projects: Great American Cleanup (we will clean Overlook and upper cemetery), Scouting For Food (we collect food for local pantries) and Memorial Day (we decorate Veterans graves and take part in the Parkman parade.) When the weather breaks, we will canoe, camp, hike and do all the fun things boys love to do while learning to live by the Scout Oath and Law. We meet every Tuesday at Parkman Congregational Church at 7 PM. You may join at any time or just stop by and say, "HI!" We love visitors.

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome to join us!
We meet on Mondays (7pm) at the Mineral Lake cabin

For more info on Troup 76 details - contact
Scoutmaster Mr. Kevin Beeman at kbeeman@proquipinc.com



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678

The VFW Middlefield Post #9678 has a new web site.
Check out all of their events - thanks to all who support!

www.vfw9678.org

Parkman Overlook Park and Community House Requires Reservations!

To reserve the **Overlook Park** or the **Community House**
for any event - please contact
Meri Lynn at 548-5324 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com
and she will be happy to reserve a date.



Many events can be found on the Geauga Park website - find all info and RSVP at:
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Geauga Park District in Parkman 30th Annual Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 10, 7:30-10:30 PM

Parkman Community House
16295 Main Market (Rt. 422), Parkman, OH 44080

Celebrate the maple season with our 30th annual old-fashioned square dance.
Novices needn't feel like saps; all dances are taught in fun fashion by caller Bob Smakula.
The Sap Run Revelers will provide rip-snortin', old-time string band music for roof-raisin' entertainment. Dress casually.

Registration begins February 26, 2018
(limit of eight per registering group).
Not wheelchair/stroller accessible. Registration required.



Parkman Historical Society

The 2018 Meeting Dates for Parkman Historical Society
March 15 - May 17 - July 19 - September 20

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

9th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 2, 2018 (12:30pm)

Parkman Community House

The 2018 Parkman Plant Swap will be held on Saturday, June 2 at the Parkman Community House from 12:30 to 3PM. Start planning early for our annual tradition. Bring plants to trade – perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, houseplants, shrubs, or tree seedlings.

For more information, or if you would like to be added to the plant swap email list, send an email to ParkmanPlantSwap@gmail.com

In addition to receiving plant swap reminders, everyone on the plant swap email list also receives informative garden newsletters about once a month throughout the year.

Jane Zajackowski

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 Community House Remodeling

Below are some pics of before and then after the volunteers took this opportunity to help update our community house to current standards.

Thanks to all who helped with the many restoration projects completed in 2017!

Upstairs (2nd Floor) Ladies Room

Before



After



Upstairs (2nd Floor) Men's Room and Upstairs Kitchen

Before



After



After



Parkman Community House and Overlook Park

Just a reminder that ALL events at Overlook Park or the Parkman Community House (no matter what group or tradition) need to have an RSVP!

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

Thank you for your continued care and support to our local gems!

The PARKMAN COMMUNITY HOUSE

A wonderful venue for YOUR next event!

The Parkman Community House has been available for community use for over 100 years and continues to be a gathering place for a variety of organizations and events.

Did you know that private individuals and groups can rent this beautiful, historic facility? The Parkman Community House offers ample space on two levels: the handicap accessible main level with a full, commercial kitchen, large dining room with folding tables and chairs, carpeted meeting room and rest rooms. The spacious upper level with beautiful hardwood floor, folding tables and chairs, air conditioning, newly remodeled rest rooms and kitchenette, as well as a stage. Affordable rates any day of the week, great rates for ongoing meetings or multi-day workshops! Parkman residents receive discount for benefits, funeral event, or Saturday rentals.

Come visit us to find the best space for your next benefit, grad party, shower, wedding reception, workshop, dance or other special event.

For more information on rental rates, policies, and availability, call Meri Lynn at 440-548-5548, email parkmancommunityhouse@gmail.com, or visit www.parkmanohio.com.

Hours by appointment only.

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

We have new zoning office hours they are Wednesday's 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. In the event you can not make those hours then you can make an appointment that would be good for you and the zoning inspector.

Call me on my cell phone at 330-219-3698. If you need information that has to do with zoning please call me on the cell number first. I may not get to the office on a daily basis to answer your call from the office number so can better serve you.

You can also e-mail me at Rcavictor42@aol.com. This E-mail address goes to my phone also.

So spring is around the corner so if your planning to build new or add on to your home call now.

John Spelich zoning inspector.

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