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**Parkman Paragraphs**  
**Fall 2019**



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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**

Roger Anderson - trustee@parkman@gmail.com  
Dennis Ikeler - DennisIkeler@gmail.com  
Henry Duchscherer - HGDJR@windstream.net

### **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**

(now meets 4th Wednesday 7pm)  
at the Community House

### **Zoning Appeals Board**

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)  
at the Community House

### **Zoning Inspector**

John Spelich  
(Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6pm)  
at the Community House

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**

Eric Mathews - Superintendent  
ParkmanRoads@gmail.com  
New Roads Cell Phone - 440-904-0655

Road Dept. Garage 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  
Lynn Schiffbauer, 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:**

#### **2019 Parkman Chamber Halloween Party "Trick or Treat"**

Sunday October 27th  
(6:30pm- 7:30pm) at the Parkman Community House

#### **2019 Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday December 7th  
(8:30am- 10am) at the Parkman Community House  
Adults = \$5 Kids = \$3

## **Parkman Township Zoning Inspector**

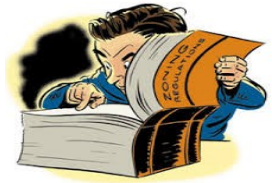
From: John Spelich

Hello one and all well it's fall already and our building season continues to be very busy. I would like to thank all who applied and pulled a Parkman Township zoning permit, but there were some who did not complete an application and started to build and were sighted and assessed a penalized fee of up to fifty percent of their permit fee. Some as high as \$100.00. So to save time and money call me and complete an application and site plan. My cell number is 330-219-3698 and e-mail is rcavictor42@aol.com.

The trustees and zoning are working to continue to rid the Township of man made junk yards and junk motor vehicles under Ohio law 505.87 and house bill 560. This gives the Township the authority to order the property owner to clean up or the township may have a contractor provide the clean or removal of vehicles at the property owners expense and enter the total expense on the tax duplicate. A copy of the aforementioned Ohio laws is available at the zoning office in back of the Community House.

If you have questions or concerns please call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,  
John Spelich  
Parkman Zoning Inspector



### **We need new Zoning Appeals Board Members!**

**We have 2 openings for ALTERNATE's on the Parkman Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**If you're interested, please contact one of the Trustees.**

**Training will be on October 28, 2019.**

## **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.

## **Parkman 2019 Community Event Calendar**

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

Sunday, October 27th, 2019 (6:30pm – 7:30pm) at Community House

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

Thursday, October 31st, 2019 (5pm - 6pm)

**Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards again this year!**

### **Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday, December 7th, 2019 (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

## Review of recent chamber activities:

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 easily adapted to the new tables and it feels more roomy in the dining room now. We greatly appreciate and depend on all our wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful. We offer on-the-job training in all positions.

**If you would like to join us in March 2020, please contact  
Denise Villers (Phone: 440-548-2939 or [denise.villers17880@gmail.com](mailto:denise.villers17880@gmail.com))**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Overlook Park for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders) was a great success! The kids gathered candy-filled eggs and then each also received a numbered egg that corresponded 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.

## Upcoming activities:

The last few years the Chamber of Commerce has hosted an indoor Halloween Party/Trick-or-Treating at the Community House - to keep our trick-or-treaters safe and off the streets. The township is no longer providing for safe crossings in town due to the lack of children going house-to-house here in Parkman.

We ask the residents to bring their treats here to the community house instead of their homes. We provide tables and chairs and everyone gets to see the parade of "ninja warriors and princesses" together. We are continuing this activity and invite everyone to join us on Sunday, October 27th from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m.

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 7th 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 Mondays in January, February, April, September, October, and November 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

## Please consider volunteering for your community!

**Special Thanks to those who volunteered and supported our  
2019 Parkman Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt,  
as well as other traditional community events like the  
Parkman Memorial Day Parade and the Car Show.**

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# Parkman Trustee Notes

## Overlook Park - From Henry Duchscherer

We have revitalized Overlook Park this summer with help from the community. Norman Bender and his crew donated the labor and re-roofed the dugouts and pavilions. Steve Schwendeman and his crew reclaimed the ball diamonds which had been taken over by weeds. Rod Zeigler donated fencing for a drag for the fields and helped plan the new sand volleyball court. Alan Yoder has been contracted to paint the pavilions and dugouts and the Road Garage. We resurfaced the tennis and basketball courts and put up a new tennis net and fixed the rims on the backboards. We also purchased tennis equipment and a basketball for when people rent the park. We put in a huge sandbox which doubles as a sand volleyball court with a new heavy-duty net. We put down new mulch on the playground and put in new hitching post in the shade by the front ball field. We have two new BBQ grills. Dennis Ikeler made a great Corn Hole set. We are planning to add a football, frisbee and sandbox toys. If anyone would like to donate any gently used sports equipment let us know.

Come and enjoy the park. **Call Meri Lynn at 440-548-5548** for your reservation and all the new equipment will be available for you to use.

## Community House - From Henry Duchscherer

The generators are installed so we won't have interrupted elections and also have a place to go if a disaster strikes. We are moving the Recycling Bins to behind the Community House and are adding security cameras.

## Fire Department - From Roger Anderson

We have been staffing 15 hours a day 7 days a week but have still had some calls missed by our staff due to the fact they were after hours. These calls go to volunteer or mutual aid and response times are somewhat longer. We feel it is necessary to staff 24/7 to cover all the hours and improve response times. With great deliberation and discussion we have determined that the best way to accomplish this would be to make an addition to the current station for sleeping quarters for our staffers and also additional storage, office space and to be able to have an area for training and other functions. To make this project also worth while we have determined it would also be best to have a paramedic available to staff each shift. To guarantee this was possible we decided it would be best to have 3 fulltime paramedics and support these with the part time staff we currently have. Factoring in all the needs and costs we will be placing a 5 mill levy on the March ballot. We will be scheduling public meetings to explain this plan and answer any questions regarding our thoughts. Please attend any one of these meetings and also please vote.

## Road Department - From Dennis Ikeler

Let's get ready for winter. This summer the road department was very busy with some major projects. They had a major drain pipe issue on Mill St. They also had to replace a catch basin by the church to help flooding on Center St. along with some major ditch work at the end of Church St. They also have a big job on Soltis Rd. replacing a crossover pipe. We got an early start grading and dragging the roads this year and got them sprayed for dust. We will not be able to spray this fall because of budget restraints. We will be ditching more this fall once the bigger projects are done. We are holding off on grading and dragging the roads until we get some rain to help with dust. We promoted Eric Mathews to road superintendent to help get the projects and issues addressed sooner. I will still be in on the issues and help organize them. One big issue this fall is for the residents **please don't rake leaves into the ditches** to help prevent plugged drive way pipes. We understand everyone wants to get rid of the leaves but this is a big problem, thanks. Just so everyone knows the road department also takes care of funerals for the township and this takes up some of their time. This is a benefit for the township instead having to pay a contractor. We are going to get a phone for the superintendent for access to the road department during the day instead of leaving messages during the day while they are working. Have a great fall and winter.

**New Cell Phone Number for the Parkman Road Superintendent  
440-904-0655**





## Parkman Fire & Rescue

From: Mike Komandt, Fire Chief

What a wonderful summer we have had! As it comes to an end and we transition into the cooler, then outright COLD winter months, the Fire Department would like to remind everyone of a few things this fall/winter:

- ☐ Please clean and inspect chimneys prior to burning in your fireplaces, stove, or furnace.
- ☐ Leaves should not be burned this fall. If the Fire Department receives a complaint, we must respond to that complaint and investigate.
- ☐ Open burning is NOT allowed anywhere in the State of Ohio. Small fires are permitted but must not contain any materials that will make large amounts of smoke. If it makes black smoke – you can NOT burn it!
- ☐ Please clear your driveway and address sign so in the event of an emergency we can find you and get to you.
- ☐ Smoke detectors SAVE LIVES

In 2019 we have added a few more members to the department. Most of our new members travel a great distance to come to work at Parkman.

Fire/Medic Baker, Fire/Medic Dubravetz, and FF/EMT Alvarez are all from the Akron area. FF/EMT Stern came to us from Farmington and shares his time between Paramedic School, Farmington, and Parkman. We welcome these gentlemen to Parkman!

In the same time, we have seen 4 members obtain Full time employment with other fire departments in Northeast Ohio. We wish these men well in their fulltime career.

This fall the Township has TWO fire levies on the ballot for RENEWAL. These two levies are integral in providing funding to have personnel available to respond to emergencies. During the 15 hours that members are in the station each day, we respond to all emergencies within 1 minute! This is extraordinary response time compared to other departments. This is due to our personnel being in the station ready to respond. I hope to be able to continue and expand on the hours that Parkman personnel are in the station and ready to respond. We can not do this without the support of YOU – the voters- The VOICE of the township. The Members, Officers, and I thank you for your past and continues support of the Fire Department.

If you have any questions please contact me at the Station 548-2515 during normal business hours.

Respectfully,  
Mike Komandt, Fire Chief  
Parkman Fire Department

**You can find the Parkman Fire and Rescue activity reports on the Parkman website = [www.ParkmanOhio.com](http://www.ParkmanOhio.com)**

## Parkman Green Address Signs

with the reflective 4 inch lettering (visually standardizing each Parkman street address) allowing our **Parkman Fire and Rescue Department** to easily find your address during the fast pace response of emergencies.

**Contact Parkman Fire Department (548-2515) 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.



## SS. Edward and Lucy

**Catholic Parish Community**

16150 Center St. (P.O. Box 709)  
Parkman, Ohio 44080

**Rev. John Burkley - Pastor**



-- Check out the parish website for the most current masses and event information --

**<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>**

or contact the parish office at 440-548-3812 or [KT@simcon.net](mailto:KT@simcon.net)

**Special thanks to all who supported and volunteered at the 2019 Car Show and Chicken Dinner - photo can be found on our website.**

## 2019 PolkaFest Dinner and Dance

Sunday October 20th, 2019

Noon Polka mass followed by dinner and dancing at 1:30pm.

We welcome back the Wayne Tomsic Band - playing for us again this year!

Please welcome our new youth director and director of religious education, Cassie Brumbaugh. Our High School Youth Group meets every other Wednesday night 6:30pm-8pm downstairs in the youth room at St. Edward. Check the Parish website for all up to date event info!

Volunteers are always welcomed and needed at our monthly visit to the St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren on the 4th Saturday of every month. Contact Parish Office for more info!



## 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](http://www.vfw9678.org)**

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

or contact the church office (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) at 440-548-4829



## Monthly Fundraising Dinner

Monthly Fundraising Dinner to benefit **Geauga Faith Rescue Mission**. Dinners will be served at Parkman Congregational Church in the social hall on the third Friday of every month except December from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Adults \$12.00, Senior Citizens \$10.00, Kids ages 5-10 \$6.00, Pre-schoolers are free. Carry out is available.

## 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.