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at 7pm in the Community House

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Nina Reed - nina_m_reed@yahoo.com

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Meri Lynn Klingensmith

For info or reservations call 548-5548 or
ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

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Dale Komandt
Angela Fox—Assistant Sexton

Fire & Rescue

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief
Tanner Baker - 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
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:

Parkman Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast

All 5 Sundays in March = March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th (9am– 2pm)
at the Parkman Community House

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

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at Parkman Overlook Park

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Primary Election Day

March 17th, 2020 (6am—7pm)
at the Parkman Community House

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at Parkman Overlook Park

Parkman Historical Society

May 21, 2020 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Memorial Day Parade

May 25th, 2020 (9am) (Monday)
starting at Parkman Overlook Cemetery

11th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 6, 2020 (12:30pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycling Day

Saturday June 20, 2020 (8am - 12 Noon)
at Parkman Community House

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Parkman Historical Society

July 16, 2020 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House

12th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 16th 2020 (11am - 6pm)
at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Parkman Historical Society

September 17, 2020 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party “Trick-or-Treat”

Sunday, October 25th, 2019 (6:30pm – 7:30pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Community Halloween “Trick-or-Treat”

Saturday October 31st, 2020 (5pm - 6pm)
Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards again this year!

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5th, 2020 (8:30am – 10am)
at the Parkman 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

Holiday Decorations

We hope everyone enjoyed the new holiday decorations at the Community House, gazebo, and the memorial park "downtown". Special thanks to Lynn for spear-heading this project for us.

Annual Pancakes & Sausage Breakfasts March 1st – 8th – 15th – 22nd March 29th - Extra week hosted by Parkman Boy Scout Troop 4076

We depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful.

Please contact Denise Villers (phone: (440) 548-2939 or e-mail: denise.villers17880@gmail.com)

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 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 a few 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 11th 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!

If you would like to help with planning or executing any of our events, call us. As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we're more of a community group). We will be meeting on the 3rd Mondays of January, February, April, September and November at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. We would love to see you there!

Please feel free to call if you have any questions about any of our activities.

Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

Please consider volunteering for your community!

Scenes from our 2019 Parkman Chamber Halloween Party and our Parkman Chamber Santa Breakfast.

Special thanks to all who participated, supported and volunteered at our 2019 Parkman Chamber Halloween Party and Santa Breakfast. These community traditions would not be a success without you!



Hope to see you at one of our many 2020 events!

Have a fun and safe year!



Parkman Trustee Notes

Overlook Park

From Henry Duchscherer

It's never too early to book a Pavilion for a party at the Park. Dates are on a first come first served basis. Reserving the main Pavilion you will have access to the kitchen with refrigeration and running water. Also included are tennis equipment, volleyballs, a corn hole set, football, Frisbee, basketballs and kickball. If anyone has gently used sports equipment they would like to donate please let us know. Park hours are sun up to sun down and alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Come and enjoy the Park and Playground even if you are not renting a Pavilion. If anyone has any suggestions on ways to improve the Park please let us know.

To reserve the **Overlook Park** or the **Community House** for any event - please contact Meri Lynn at 548-5548 (home) or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com and she will be happy to reserve a date.



Congrats to Henry Duchscherer

Congratulations to Henry Duchscherer on his election for Parkman Trustee 2020 through 2024.

Trustee Notes

From Roger Anderson

Remember that March 17th is primary election day.
Our Fire and EMS 5 Mill Fire Levy (Issue #2) will be on the ballot.
Please vote.

Once again we will be having a **Scrap and Tire Recycling day** on the Saturday before Fathers' Day, June 20, 2020 from 8AM to 12 Noon. Location will be the Community House parking lot as usual.

Additional Notice: The Recycle Haulers will once again be accepting glass for our recycle bins. Please remember no plastic bags on your recycle items and break down all cardboard. If the bins are full please do not dump your items on the ground, take them back home and come another time. We have cameras monitoring the area and will prosecute those who abuse this.

2020 Census

2020 is the year of a census, it is very important that you participate in this activity. You can help your community by giving accurate data by various forms on line or on paper or in person when someone comes to your home. The data is used in various ways to help determine the distribution of funds and various funded services in our area. Mailings will be in March and April requesting you to fill out your data. If you have any interest in a job apply now online @ 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

We will host an informational meeting at our February 18 trustee meeting at 7PM at the Community House. There will be a Census Representative that is looking for workers and will also try to answer any questions you may have regarding the Census.

If you have any question or are interested in a part time job in Parkman collecting Census Data please come to the meeting.



Parkman Fire & Rescue

From: Mike Komandt, Fire Chief

I would like to start off this year with some incident stats from 2019. Last year Parkman Fire Department responded to 433 incidents with the following breakdown.

60 – Fire Incident	267 – Rescue & EMS including vehicle crashes
19 - Hazardous conditions	22 – Service calls
48 – Good Intent incidents	17 – False Alarms

We also keep track of the number of incidents that we were not able to respond to due to being on another incident, not having staff on duty, or not having volunteers available between the hours of 11pm and 8am. In 2019 we were unable to respond to 78 incidents. Of those 78, Farmington Fire Department handled over 60 incidents between 11pm & 8 am for Parkman. We graciously appreciate the working relationship we have with Farmington Fire. Hopefully the word has made its way around that there will be a fire levy on the March ballot. This levy is being requested to fund the fire department into the future. If passed by you, the funds will be used to transition to a 24 hour a day / 7 day a week staffed fire station. This will help ensure that we will be able to respond to an emergency as quickly and efficiently as possible. Current data shows that we have a truck on the road responding to an emergency in under 1 minute when personnel are in the station. This quick response is critical for both EMS and fire incidents.

All options for a daily staffing model are being thoroughly researched, to include utilizing some full-time employees in conjunction with current part time employees. If the levy does not pass, the Township Trustees have stated that we may have to cut back on hours we staff the station to cut costs.

Along with transitioning to a 24/7 staffed station, we need a place for the personnel to live. The fire station becomes their second home for their 24-hour shift. This means they need a place to eat, sleep, shower, live, and relax. The current facility does not contain these vital necessities, or space to build them. The current building was built simply to house the fire trucks and ambulance and keep them warm and out of the weather – simply a large garage. Over the past 4 years we have done some updates to better serve our employees with donated furniture and appliances, updated heating duct work, installed a donated furnace, built in a shower, and installed laundry to be able to wash uniforms that get dirty on calls. We thank everyone that donated time and materials for the station projects over the years. These donations and the award of over \$400,000 State and Federal grants have allowed us to receive all our critical fire and EMS equipment at a fraction of the cost.

I have set aside a few evenings at the Station in February and March to answer questions about this upcoming levy. Please come out and get the facts and look at YOUR STATION and FIRE TRUCKS.

Levy support yard signs will be available, if you would like one please call the station 548-2515

Levy Information Meetings at the Fire Station:
February 18 & 25.....7 pm
March 5, 9 & 147 pm

Feel free to contact me at anytime
on my cell phone or email Respectfully,

Mike Komandt 440.547.2817
Mike.Komandt@gmail.com

MILL

* **Mill**

+ one-tenth (1/10) of one (1) cent or **1/10th**

+ \$1.00 of tax assessment per \$1,000 of property value assessment.

* **10 Mills**

+ 1% or \$10.00 of tax assessment per \$1,000 of property value assessment.



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

12th Annual Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 16th 2020 (11am - 6pm)

at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Please feel welcomed to join us at the 12th 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!



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!

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 (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.

Parkman Holiday Decorations

We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday decorations at the Community House, gazebo, and memorial park "downtown".

Special thanks to Lynn Schiffbauer and Denise Villers for the ambition of this project.



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 548-5548 (home) or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com and she will be happy to reserve a date.

11th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

From: Jane Zajackowski

Saturday, June 6, 2020 (12:30pm) at the Parkman Community House



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

The plant swap starts at 1pm

What to bring:

Your plants to trade. Most of the plants we see at the plant swaps are perennial plants, but any plant is welcome: perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, house plants, shrubs, or tree seedlings.

Newspapers or a tablecloth.

You can find more information about the plant swap at ParkmanPlantSwap.blogspot.com

Also on the Parkman Plant Swap blog, you will find information about how to divide plants. For more adventurous gardeners, there is also information about how to start seeds and how to start plants from cuttings.

If you have any questions about the plant swap, please send an email to Jane at: ParkmanConnections@gmail.com



Parkman Historical Society

May 21, 2020 (7:30 pm)

July 16, 2020 (7:30 pm)

September 17, 2020 (7:30 pm)

at the Parkman Community House

Please feel welcome to join us as we preserve our local history!

We are still working on the old historical cemetery. Due to rain in 2019, the restoration people were behind and did not make it to Ohio. We hope to double up work in 2020.

Thanks to all who help support our community!

Farewell to another Parkman Hero!

Adele Sohm - 89 of Parkman, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 27, 2019.

She was born in 1930, married William Sohm Jr. in 1949 and lived in Bedford before moving to Parkman in 1974.

Adele thoroughly enjoyed and loved running Shangri-La Water Ski Club in Parkman; where you could find her driving the boat, coaching skiers, or chitchatting with everyone.

Serving on our Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team from 2002 to 2010, Adele took on many calls during her civic duty. She along with "all" of our volunteers have proven to be local hero's always there in a time of need.

Adele was also seen volunteering in our many other community events like our Halloween party's and the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser's. She truly was a community driven resident.

Please honor this humble salute to her as we bid her farewell and an appreciation to all that she has done for our community!



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!

Scrap and Tire Recycling Day

Saturday June 20, 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 Township Zoning Inspector

From: John Spelich

This is John Spelich Parkman Township Zoning Inspector with 2020 this starts my seventh year as your zoning inspector. Over the past years I received a lot of calls-mails and text on various subjects. One of the most asked is: "what do I need to do and have while applying for a zoning permit"?

First: you need a site plan that would be a hand sketch of your property that shows your house, accessory building, garage or barn to include any structure and its size and distance between all buildings. Second-bring a deed and/ or legal description also include a recent surveyor's map.

The more information you bring with you the quicker the application process. Office hours are on Wednesdays 4:30 pm to 6pm, or by appointment. It is BEST if you call me first so I can get your name, address phone number and what you intend to build, with that information I can start your application and when you come to the office we can make sure you are IN and Out in a jiffy.

Here is some other information you might find interesting, minimum lot to build a house on is 2.5 acres, frontage is 200 feet (minimum). Set-backs frontage 75 feet from road berm, each side yard 25 feet, rear is also 25 feet. A single dwelling (house) is allowed each dwelling (house) shall have its OWN drive, shared drives are prohibited. Flag lots are allowed but shall have a 60 foot frontage and shall have a 60 foot width along its entire length.

Please call text, or e- mail me if you have questions or concerns, keep in mind that most all outside construction needs a Zoning permit included is agriculture construction.

Call or text the cell - 330-219-3698 or e-mail - rcavictor42@aol.com
Sincerely John Spelich Your Zoning Inspector



Parkman Boy Scouts Troop 4076



We celebrated 57 years as an active scout troop, a rare accomplishment only seen on larger troops. In April and May we went on a fishing trip and visited Warther's Wood Carving Museum in Dover Ohio. In June we attended summer camp where the scouts earned many new merit badges. As part of our community service we built an outdoor fire pit for Parkman Congregational Church. Last but not least we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner in the woods.

We have a new Scout Master, Mark Pegritz. Mark has earned his Wood Badge, and brings 20 years of scouting experience to the troop. He is planning many fun events for 2020.

While our Troop is from Parkman, we meet at the Middlefield Scout Lodge as we have scouts from Parkman, Middlefield, Huntsburg and Southington.

Our meetings are on Monday evenings from 7pm - 8:30pm.

For further information contact Mark Pegritz at 440-667-7209 markpegritz@gmail.com or Len Hall at LenHall1979@gmail.com

Attention to all of our Parkman Business Owners and Group Leaders

From Cory Anderson

This 2020, I will be reviewing the links on our Parkman website, including local business and our special local groups. In an effort to keep our community website current, this is a review to validate that the local group / business is still active and the info on each page is accurate. The links and webpages will remain free - I do not solicit anyone for this service. So please send me a courtesy e-mail that validates your page is up to par. If you are a new business and do not have a link yet (and would like a page on our website) - contact me at ParkmanOhio@gmail.com. Many thanks for the 15 years of continued support to keep our website project an information source to our residents!

Parkman Roads Department

Road Superintendent Eric Mathews

As you can see we are having quite the rollercoaster of a winter. We have had a lot of rain and warm weather and as you can tell it does not give us the best results with our dirt roads. I can assure you when the opportunity is there we make the roads our number one priority to repair and make them safe as possible to travel. Unfortunately we have 18 miles of dirt roads that we have to maintain with 3 personnel. Aside from the thoughts of some I can assure you that we truly do care about every road that we maintain and we will repair them as weather permits. When spring time comes around we will be focusing this year on cutting the berms on the edges of the roads to improve drainage off the road surface. While this is taking place we will also be cleaning out the ditches that are plugged or near plugged in those areas. Please remember that if you are in need of some fill dirt you can contact us and we will try to bring you what you need. We do not go off road which means we must be able to keep the truck on a solid driveway surface. If there is ever an emergency to a roadway or you have questions please don't hesitate to call, I will try to help the best way I can.

Please do not call to threaten, insult or scream at us as we are truly trying our best to serve you and will be happy to explain the road department plans and answer any questions you might have. Thank you and stay safe.

Road Superintendent Eric Mathews
Garage Phone: 440-548-8671
Superintendent Cell: 440-904-0655
EMAIL: parkmanroads@gmail.com



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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.



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

Troy Township Contra Dance

Saturdays at the Troy Community House

March 7th, 2020 - April 4th, 2020 - May 2nd, 2020 - June 6, 2020
October 3rd, 2020 - November 7th, 2020 - December 5th, 2020

All ages join in the irresistibly fun atmosphere of Contra Dance with live folk music.
Lesson at 6:30pm. Dance 7:30-10:30pm.
Adult \$10, youth \$5, family \$25.

