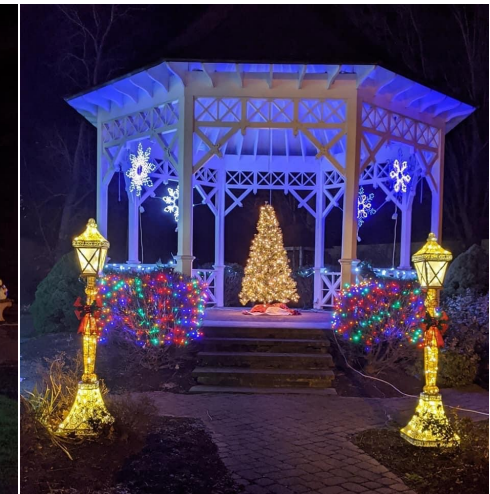




Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2021



Parkman's 2020 Holiday Decorations
"Special Thanks" to the ambition of
Lynn and Bruce Schiffbauer and Denise Villers

Community Website: www.ParkmanOhio.com
Newsletter E-mail: ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

Parkman Township
16295 Main Market Rd. (Rt. 422)
West Farmington, Ohio 44491
(440) 548-2904

Parkman Township Trustees

Meetings normally are 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
at 7pm in the Community House

For all Township business, call 548-2904

Dennis Ikeler - DennisIkeler@gmail.com
Henry Duchscherer - hgdjr@windstream.net
Roger Anderson - trustee@parkmanohio.com

Fiscal Officer

Susan Wojtasik - sdw.prkmn.fo@gmail.com

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Meri Lynn Klingensmith

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

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt
Angela Fox—Assistant Sexton

Fire & Rescue

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief
Tanner Baker - EMS Officer

Fire/Medical Emergencies: CALL 911

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President
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 Traditional Pancake Breakfast

It will once again be a Drive-thru Breakfast this year
Serving from 9am-1pm for the Sundays in March 7, 14, 21 & 28
\$8.00 per meal

All other Parkman Chamber Traditions are cancelled at this time but if changed, they will
be listed on the Parkman Website - if pending social distancing regulations are changed.

Thanks to all who helped keep any virus spread to a minimum!

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
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)
DUE TO COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

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 2021 Community Event Calendar

All of the Parkman Events below are **PENDING** due to the
new social distancing regulations – please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!



American Red Cross Parkman Community House Blood Drive Dates for 2021

Saturday, January 30 (2pm - 8pm)

Saturday, March 27 (2pm - 8pm)

Saturday, May 22 (2pm - 8pm)

Saturday, July 31 (2pm - 8pm)

Saturday, September 25 (2pm - 8pm)

Saturday, November 20 (2pm - 8pm)

Saturday, February 27 (1pm - 7pm)

Wednesday, April 14 (10am - 4pm)

Wednesday, June 30 (10am - 4pm)

Wednesday, August 18 (10am - 4pm)

Wednesday, October 20 (10am - 4pm)

Thursday, December 30 (10am - 4pm)

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Parkman Historical Society

"Pending"- March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16 and November 18
(7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Memorial Day Parade

Our Parade is cancelled at this time but don't forget to honor all
of our Veterans past and present!



Parkman Plant Swap in June

Cancelled at this time.

All of the events are pending, and if allowed, we can use your help as a volunteer!
Thanks to all who do help and support these and any of our community events!
Also Thanks to all who helped keep any virus spread to a minimum!

Geauga County Public Health

Geauga County Public Health website hosts a wide range of support and
rehab information including many resource links and all the most current
local Covid stats. It can be a very useful guide to our community.
The other link is also useful and up-to-date virus info.

<http://gphohio.org/> and <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>



Parkman Roads

From Superintendent Eric Mathews

Superintendent Eric Mathews - Road Garage 440-548-8671 - Road Dept Cell 440-904-0655

I would like to start by saying thank you to Nina Reed for her years of service to the township and residents as our fiscal officer. Welcome aboard Sue Wojtasik. Mother nature has not been playing very well with us this year. When it isn't snowing we will be making every attempt to try and maintain the roads as rapidly as we can. Please keep in mind we have about 18 miles of dirt roads and about 10 miles of paved roads that 3 workers have to try and maintain. The road grader that we have is a 1970 and it has been with the township for over 30 years. Unfortunately for us the roads are not in the same shape as they were that many years ago. The roads are a lot harder due to the use of dust control every year. The demand for the use of the grader has greatly increased however being the age that it is we are careful with how much and hard we push the machine as we do not have the budget to replace such an important machine. I understand some phone calls requesting that we "go deeper" while grading. In the spring time before the dust control comes we will grade as deep as we can however the grader can only handle pushing so much material before it loses traction. While we grade we also have to keep a safe roadway. Large windrows of material do not keep a safe roadway. In the event you see us grading, I would like to ask that if in a vehicle or buggy please use caution and please help us by slowing down and or pulling into a driveway while we pass. I ask for this due to it is very hard on the grader as well as the tractor with the maintainer to stop and allow a horse to pass and then attempt to try and start moving again. When we need to stop that is a big strain on mechanical items on the machines and we often cannot just start moving again due to the amount of material which may be accumulated in front of the blades. Please help us help keep your roads as safe as possible and slow down.

Unfortunately I regret to pass along some not so happy information. I was given word that the Newcomb road construction project has again been pushed back. I was informed that 2022 is the new date in place for the beginning of the construction. As we all know the dirt section is in Parkman and we are responsible for the maintenance. However, this project for the stabilizing and paving of Newcomb from Rt 168 north to Shedd Rd is not funded or controlled by the Trustees or Parkman Road Dept. Once the project is complete then we will resume the responsibility of maintaining it. This project is funded by grant money received and used by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) along with the Geauga County Engineer Office. I will be more than happy to try and answer any questions you may have if I have the updated information. Just contact the Road Dept Cell phone 440-904-0655.

We will be cleaning out ditches again this spring and if you would like some clean fill dirt that comes from the ditches be sure to contact the road dept cell phone and get in the list. Please keep in mind we do not drive off the driveway or through fields, pastures, yards etc.. We are not responsible for any damage. We have 3 trucks of different sizes so we will do our best to get you the amount of fill that you would like. We will NOT bring a piece of equipment onto private property and level or move dirt for you.

The road dept received a sign grant which granted us a large amount of new signs to be replaced on our roads. Thanks to the Geauga County Engineers office and their help in the process of filing for the grant.

I would like to say THANK YOU to those of you who generously pick up and notify us when there is trash or other items laying around the recycle bins in the parking lot. We are not always able to monitor that area if we are out on the roads but it has been noticed that sometimes items will blow out or be dropped next to the bins. Thank you for helping keep that area clean.

We hope everyone is having a safe and warm winter and has a safe spring.

Parkman Fire & Rescue

From: Mike Komandt, Fire Chief



I would like to start by thanking former Fiscal Officer Mrs. Reed for her desire to serve the community as Fiscal Officer and send well wishes in all her further endeavors. We also thank the Parkman Township Trustees for utilizing CARES Act funding to purchase disinfection items, Personal Protective Equipment, and allowing the Fire Department to switch to a 24 hour per day staffing model in late 2020. This 24-hour, part-time employee staffing model will continue through March at the earliest and is revisited each month to ensure this model is serving the residents of Parkman adequately. This is to ensure that Parkman Fire Department can respond to emergencies in the most efficient and effective manner.

Congratulations are in order for Fire/Medic Alvarez who has devoted the last year to attending a Paramedic course in Akron, Ohio and successfully obtaining this certification to be able to provide the highest level of care to those in need. He put these new skills to work recently while treating a heart attack patient. There are also two other members of the Fire Department that are currently attending this year long course to obtain their Paramedic certification this summer.

In May, there will be a Fire Levy on the Ballot. This 4.5 Mil – 5-year levy will allow the fire department to maintain 24 hour staff in the station into the future. If renewed every 5 years this could provide adequate funding for 20 additional years. Although rumored Federal minimum wage mandates may reduce that projection. Additionally, all alternative funding sources are being pursued to prevent undue financial burden on property owners. Grants supplied over \$50,000 in needed equipment in 2020!! You may see personnel volunteering their time distributing information about the levy. Please register to vote and get out and vote.

The Fire Department is also researching new fundraisers that meet the requirements of the current COVID-19 Restrictions put in place by the State. Watch at local businesses soon for information about upcoming fundraisers. If you would like to help with fundraisers, please reach out to the fire department so we can involve you.

As always, if you are interested in becoming a Firefighter or EMS Provider please contact us so we can discuss options with you.

We look forward to continuing our service to you all in 2021 and beyond.
Mike Komandt, Chief

Parkman Trustees Spring 2021 Review

From Roger Anderson

Well it goes without saying that 2020 will be remembered as a bad year. We have had various happenings:

First: Fiscal Officer Nina Reed resigned on January 5, 2021; good luck Nina in your future endeavors.

Second: She has been replaced by Susan Wojtasik as of January 16, 2021. Welcome Susan.

Third: We have had a multitude of closings and cancellations due to the COVID virus that we are sure everyone has heard too much about.

Fourth: We have increased staffing at our Fire Department to 2 people, 24 hours, 7 days a week to be sure we are covered in the event of any crisis.

Fifth: The center of town is forever changing with the Gulf Market Express, BTE Enterprises and the return of the Post Office (theoretically opening in February). There is now room for added business on both sides of the street talk to the owners and let them know what you would like to see in downtown.

Parkman Trustees Spring 2021 Review (cont.)

From Roger Anderson

Sixth: We will once again have a **Scrap and Tire recycling** at the Community House on June 19, 2021 from 8AM till Noon. This is a great opportunity to get rid of those unwanted items that are littering your property.

Seventh: the Zoning Board has made a great effort to update and revise the zoning laws and amendments. This will be posted on the website as soon as it is official, or you can purchase a copy from our zoning department.

Eighth: The Board of Trustees has revised, Dennis Ikeler is the Chairman and Henry Duchscherer is the Vice Chairman.

Ninth: Cindy Baptie Derifield donated the new American flags for the phone poles in memory of her father Kenneth Baptie who served in the Navy in World War II. Kenneth marched in every Parkman Memorial Day Parade in his dress uniform. Thank you for the generous donation.

Last: We are placing a 4.5 mil 5 year fire levy on the ballot in May to keep the 24/7 schedule going for the interim. **Please vote.**

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

5138 Enterprise Blvd. Warren, Ohio 44481
330-675-2673 or 800-707-2673
<http://www.startrecycling.com/>

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District has awarded a build contract for the new collection facility on Merritt Rd. Plans are for a 5,000 sq. ft. collection facility. Once they are able to break ground, we anticipate a 6 month build, so the new Geauga County Collection Facility should be up and running in the fall of 2021.

This facility will be open year-round and will accept household hazardous waste (oils, chemicals, etc.), electronics and appliances (especially ones containing Freon).

This will also be a new drop-off recycling site for bottles, cans, cardboard, etc.

The District will be hosting some spring collection events to help residents recycle items until the facility is up and running. We will host a paper shredding day (April), an electronics/appliances collection day (May) and a household hazardous waste collection day (June).

Check out our website for the most up to date information and registration.
<http://www.startrecycling.com/>

 REMOVE FROM BAGS		 RECYCLE These Please	
 NO PLASTIC BAGS	 NO HOSES OR CORDS	 NO TO GO CONTAINERS	 NO HOUSEHOLD OR BULKY ITEMS
GOTTA GO GREEN <small>Gaugua-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District</small>		OHIO VALLEY WASTE SERVICE, INC.	
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT RECYCLING OR TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING, PLEASE CALL 1-800-707-2673			

PAPER <small>Mail, Newspapers, Magazines, Cereal Boxes, Cardboard</small>	GLASS <small>Bottles and Jars</small>
   flatten	 empty and rinse
PLASTICS <small>Kitchen, Laundry and Bath: Bottles, Jugs and Jars</small>	CANS <small>Aluminum and Steel</small>
   empty and replace cap	 empty and rinse

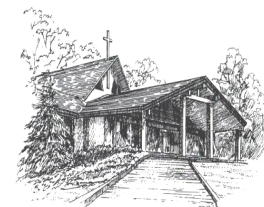


SS. Edward and Lucy

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

Though we canceled several traditional events including the 2020 Car Show due to Covid, we will keep 2021 in the maybe mindframe. Please stay current about any of our events this year by frequently checking our website for the most up to date info.

Special Thanks to all who supported our 2020 Raffle Fundraiser!

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



Drive thru meals being offered at Parkman Congregational Church

Dinners are being held on the 3rd Friday of each month (excluding December)

The menu is varied - check our website.

Since we are all social distancing these days, we have set up a drive-thru carry-out system at the church. The cost is \$12.00 each.

Join us at 18265 Madison Road (Parkman Township)
for a great dinner and support this local mission.



Cardinal Schools

Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will be held March 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office. Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2021.

Registrations will be done by appointment only, please call 440-632-0261 x2000 to schedule your time. We look forward to meeting our newest members of the Huskie Family!

**Thanks Parkman for the
Cameras and Disinfecting Supplies!**

<https://cardinalschoools.org/>



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678

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

<https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/>

Parkman 55 Plus Club

Please feel welcome to join us and share a delicious potluck lunch and fellowship.

We hope to soon restart our meetings at the Parkman Community House
on the 1st Thursday of every month at 11:30am. Stay Tuned by checking the Parkman Website!

Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich

Hello - John Spelich - your Parkman township zoning inspector and with spring just around the corner that means building construction may be on your minds.

I don't have to remind everyone that 2020 is one for the history books and well some of us were bobbing and weaving to stay clear of. COVID-19 the Parkman township zoning commission members were meeting hours on end to revise and upgrade of the zoning resolutions for Parkman Township.

The Township Trustees want to thank commission members

Leonard Hall, Don Gattrell, Carlos Nieves, Al Weaver, Jerry Jacobs, Cindy Gazley
and Norman Yoder also secretary Janice Helt and consultant David Deitrich

and commend them all on the great ideas and effort put forward to enhance the all new Parkman Township Zoning resolution.

As Zoning Inspector I would like to say to the Trustees and Commission members
"Thank you" for a job well done!

Zoning is continuing its efforts to rid the township of junk and junk vehicles. Junk vehicles are considered not running order, not licensed and not insured and if you want to keep that vehicle it must be housed in a barn or building NOT under a blue tarp or out in the open. It's not only in Township Zoning but also in The ORC of Ohio. Kohler Auto Wrecking, a local business, will come and remove unwanted vehicles and pay you. Their number is 440-548-5817

In zoning we have prohibited steel shipping containers. These containers seem to be popping up now and then in the township and the county. If you think that's a quick storage it's not. They cost thousands of dollars and trust me it will cost more to have them removed.

Another item prohibited are temporary business signs on utility poles and at intersections in the township. These will be removed.

The zoning office is open by appointment only at this time, however your appointment may be during the day. As in the past I will accommodate you just give me a call at 330-219-3698 Text same number or. E-mail at rcavictor42@aol.com

Any questions or concerns

Please contact me.

Sincerely

John Spelich

Parkman township zoning inspector

Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

Pending Historical Society Meetings for 2021

March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16 and November 18

(7:30 pm) "Pending" at the Parkman Community House

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

Thanks to all who help support our community!

The Parkman Historical Society would like to thank the Blackmarr and Chapman Families for donating an extensive collection of articles letters and photos. This kind donation adds to the perseverance of our township heritage. We enjoyed communications with the family but had a mystery to solve...we do not know the location of their house. If anyone might have information to help us solve this house location puzzle, please contact Dale Komandt.



On the left is Frank and Mabel (Tinker) Blackmarr and their 11 kids.



On the right is Florence Blackmarr Chapman (the oldest daughter of Frank and Mabel)

Parkman Resident - Jim Simmons Moss Mill Grist Stone



Hi Cory, Jim and Judy Jo Simmons here. After reading the last edition of the Parkman Paragraphs (Fall 2020) it was interesting seeing the cover photo of the old Moss Grist Mill.

We just wanted to share with you some photos of one of the grinding stones from that mill. This stone was buried in our yard and we found it during some yardwork many years ago. It has been in our landscaping for a long time.

Thanks Jim and Judy Jo for sharing your photos and sharing some Parkman History. It must have been interesting to find such a buried item and piecing together how it got there.

Fun stories like this are always welcomed into our Parkman Paragraphs.

If you have a fun story or photo to share about our community, feel welcomed to send it to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

“Special Thanks” to the ambition of Lynn and Bruce Schiffbauer and Denise Villers

As shown on the cover, these three ambitious and highly active Parkman residents took the time to decorate our town square and community house for the holidays. It was a very nice way to help bring in some much needed cheer and to wrap up a very unusual year. The light display looked awesome and very much appreciated. Hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the scenery. As for 2021, hang in there and keep safe. Stay current with updates on our community website. Last minute event changes will always be posted asap.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions about any of upcoming activities.
Denise Villers (440) 548-2939 or denise.villers17880@gmail.com

See you at the 2021 Parkman Pancake Breakfast Drive Thru! Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

**Please contact Meri Lynn Klingensmith for info or reservations
call 548-5548 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.**

Parkman Plant Swap 2021

From Jane Zajackowski

Cancelled - June 5, 2021 at the Parkman Community House

The Parkman Plant Swap for 2021 has been canceled. As of now, there is just still too much danger from the COVID-19 virus to plan a safe event.

I know that many of the regular plant swap participants will be greatly disappointed by this news. We are all eager to do normal things again, and I know that we were all looking forward to seeing each other in June for the annual plant swap. We will all be very happy when it's completely safe to gather together again!

Several of you have let me know that you have many plants that are in need of division. Perhaps this might be a good year to pot up those divisions and drop one off on the porch of each of your gardening friends.

Another idea would be to contact one of the parks in the county to see if they could use your plant divisions. Some businesses with garden space might be interested in accepting a plant division or two. Wherever you decide to donate your plants, my advice is to call them in advance to ask them if they want your plants. You will want to make sure that your plant treasures will be welcomed and cared for when you drop them off.

Of course, there's always the option of waiting until next year for the 2022 Parkman Plant Swap! Until then, if you have any questions or comments, please send an email to Jane at ParkmanPlantSwap@gmail.com - I will be very happy to answer your questions!

**From Cory Anderson in response to
the cancelled Parkman Connections 2021 Plant Swap event**

Since the official 2021 Parkman Plant Swap was “once again” cancelled by the pandemic, I will be happy to “once again” post a virtual page on our website in spirit of the plant event.

If you would like to share some of your photos into a 2021 Virtual Plant Showcase located on the ParkmanOhio.com website, I will recreate a similar virtual page as what was created in 2020. Just send a photo or two of your favorite Spring 2021 blooms and any story or information you would like to add to our ParkmanOhio@gmail.com email and I will post them onto the Parkman Website. Anyone who wants to visit the website can look for the 2021 Virtual Connections Plant Showcase in the menu.



GEAUGA PARK

Geauga Park District

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>

2021 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMPS

After a year marked by change, Geauga Park District is pleased to be planning a more traditional Adventure Day Camp experience in 2021, with two week-long options that will help to keep campers entering grades 5 through 10 safe while having fun outdoors. Kayaking, hiking, geocaching, biking, fishing, building and launching model rockets, and exploring stream life are just some of our anticipated outdoor adventures, depending on which week campers are enrolled.

Registration begins March 20 at 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org.

There are many Spring Summer 2021 events have been designed to meet the current Social Distancing Regulations. Check a full list of family friendly activities on their website. Always thanks to everyone for your participation and support of our parks.

Parkman Boy Scouts Troop 4076 and Cub Scouts Pack 3141



Check out all current Pack 3141 events and info at
<http://www.pack3141.org>
middlefieldpack3141@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/middlefieldpack3141>



Troop 3141 thanks all who supported our 2021 fundraiser!

Special Thanks to everyone who supported the 2021 fundraiser
Cub Scout Pack 3141 Spaghetti Dinner Take Out on January 30th, 2021.

Our next activity will be Geauga Metropark's Scouting Day
at the Geauga Metroparks West Woods on March 27, 2021 (1pm - 2pm)

Tiger Cub Scouts, join us to explore Nature in your own jungle!

Program is both indoors and outdoors, so dress for the weather. Registration required.

All participants must register, including parents, to meet Covid-19 safe protocols.

Masks are required. Registration required by phone. Call 440-286-9516.

Keep current with all other 2021 Cub Pack activities via our website or facebook.



Parkman Boy Scouts Troop 4076

From Mark Pregritz

Parkman 4076 Troop Master and Cub Scout 3141 Pack Leader

Parkman Boy Scouts are still active during COVID 19! It's been a challenging year for the scouts with COVID 19. We did had a very successful Chicken Dinner Fundraiser in November 2020 hosted at the Parkman Congregational Church. We made 100% profit from the event. Many special thanks to everyone who helped organize, volunteer and support the fundraiser!

We did switch councils from the Great Trails Council to the Lake Erie Council due to now being in the Cardinal School System. This allows us the opportunity enjoy our 2021 Boy Scout Summer Camp location at Beaumont in Rock Creek this year in July.

**Boys interested in scouting (Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts) feel welcome to call
Scout Master Mark Pregritz at 440-667-7209.**