

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



Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2021



PARKMAN MEMORIAL DAY 2021 HONOREE TRIBUTE TO

Ralph C. Butt

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

Parkman Paragraphs is published in Spring and Fall. This Fall 2021 issue is sponsored by the Parkman Trustees. Thanks for your continued support!
Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

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
Henry Duchscherer - hgdjr@windstream.net
Dennis Ikeler - DennisIkeler@gmail.com

Fiscal Officer

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

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Dolly Rivera - Hall Coordinator

For info or reservations call
440-548-5324 or 216-785-1556 or e-mail
ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt
Angela Fox—Assistant Sexton

Fire & EMS

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief

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 or by appointment
in the event you cannot make office hours.

Cell Phone or txt: 330-219-3698
or e-mail at rcavictor42@aol.com

E-mails and Texts 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
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.

Parkman Chambers Annual Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 4th, 2021 – 8:30 until 10:00 a.m.
at the Parkman Community House

A child's breakfast is only \$3.00 and adults can eat for \$5.00.

**Special thank you to everyone who
supported and volunteered this years
Parkman Pancake Breakfast Drive Through.**

Maybe we can resume our normal traditions in 2022!

Parkman Fire and EMS needs Volunteers!

If any members of the community would like to volunteer or pursue part time employment with the fire department do not hesitate to stop into the fire house anytime!!
Please contact Mike Komandt - mike.komandt@gmail.com - for more info.

Parkman 2021 Community Event Calendar

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



American Red Cross Blood Drive's for Parkman at the Parkman Community House

Wednesday, August 25 (10am - 4pm)
Wednesday, October 20 (10am - 4pm)
Thursday, December 30 (10am - 4pm)

12th Annual Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 15, 2021 (11am to 6pm)
at the St Edward in Parkman

Chicken Dinner
for Adults = \$14
for Kids (10 and Under) = \$6



Parkman Historical Society

September 16, 2021 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House



Parkman Chambers Annual Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 4th, 2021 – 8:30 until 10:00 a.m.
at the Parkman Community House

A child's breakfast is only \$3.00 and adults can eat for \$5.00.



**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!**

Congrats to Parkman Maine's Bicentennial in 2022

From Cory Anderson

On behalf of our Parkman Ohio community (established in 1804), we would like to wish Parkman Maine a very happy bicentennial celebration this 2022! Both communities were a part of the Samuel Parkman origin and have evolved in the last 200 years. May both towns find another 200 years of success to sustain. Best wishes to all the residents in both of the communities!

Cory Anderson

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Our crazy year continues...

Pancake Breakfasts were drive-thru/carry-out this year. Many thanks to those that came to support us as well as those that came to work. We have a wonderful core group of workers in the kitchen that makes our work-day fly by. Fingers crossed – maybe we can open the dining room next year!

We weren't able to host our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year due to social distancing requirements.

We were getting excited when things 'opened up', but due to scheduling conflicts we won't be able to host our Halloween celebration this year.

But...we are on schedule for Breakfast with Santa!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4th, 2021 – 8:30 until 10:00 a.m.

The kids get to visit with Santa, receive a small gift and then they enjoy a yummy breakfast with their parents/grandparents.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 4th, 2021 – 8:30 until 10:00 a.m.

at the Parkman Community House

A child's breakfast is only \$3.00 and adults can eat for \$5.00.

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (its not just business owners – we're more of a community group). We normally meet on the 3rd Mondays in January, February, April, September, October and November at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkman Community House. We would love to see you there!

Feel free to call me if you have any questions about any of our activities.

Denise Villers (440) 548-2939 denise.villers17880@gmail.com

Help needed to find some history of our local Memorial Day honorees

From Cory Anderson - ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

Hello friends,

In 2001 the Parkman Trustees began the tradition of saluting veterans that are buried in our cemeteries. I started helping the trustees and doing special edition Parkman Paragraphs for these honorees in 2009. I would like to complete the collection of "all" our honorees, and need help with those saluted from 2001 to 2008 (listed below). If you have any connection to these listed with stories and photos from each name - it would be most appreciated for any help!

2001	John R. Ferry	2002	Robert F. Barnett
2003	Glenn A. Thompson	2004	Richard Stanchak (Stanley)
2005	Richard Giles	2006	Richard O. Pollari
2007	Stanley Smith	2008	Dennis Testa

Please contact me or send me any info to my e-mail at ParkmanOhio@gmail.com and thank you again for help to find closure to this history gathering and storytelling of our home town local veterans who are in our Overlook Cemetery.

Cory Anderson

Parkman Trustees

From: Roger Anderson

As I am sure many have noticed the flagpole in the center of town has no flag. This is because the pole is beyond repair and must be replaced. The replacement is on order and will probably be installed in late September or early October. We have looked closely at the total Memorial Park and have decided it needs a total revamping. The current trees are blocking the view of the Memorial and also are obstructing the view of traffic. These will be removed and replaced with smaller decorative trees. We also intend to put some side-walks and benches in so someone might enjoy the park. There will also be some minor adjustments to the Gazebo Park across from this one. Hopefully these changes will be complete before Veterans Day. If anyone would like to dedicate a memorial bench or small decorative tree contact Roger at 548-5334 or email trusteeparkman@gmail.com.

Other changes that are in the works we have a digital sign on order for the Community House, the existing sign is beyond repair. This new information center will be installed in 6 to 8 weeks and will benefit the entire township. It will be located close to the current location at the Community House.

The trustees want to thank everyone for their survey responses, although we can't do everything that has been suggested, we received some suggestions that will help in the decisions being made. Dennis Ikeler said that since this survey, he has tried to come up with a plan to chip seal the roads. This year Hobart and Farley would be done next year Grand River, Vernon, Barnstable, Amblaire and Smith. 2023 Patch and Nash that were done last year, the rest of Patch and dirt Nash. In 2024 Hosmer and Rutland and 2025 Reeves and Bradford would be done. In 2026 Payne, Soltis, Agler and Doty would be done. Once we get them done we can do the maintenance coats to keep up with them. We appreciate your input.

There will be a 4 mil Fire/EMS levy on the ballot in November. This funding will permit the continuance of 24/7 coverage by 2 part time people. This will help to keep Fire/ EMS personnel available for quick response to the needs of our community. Many people who responded agree that this is necessary to protect our residents. With some creative planning (like refurbishing the pumpers rather than replacing them, suggested by Chief Komandt) the cost savings would help to continue this service for many years. Without this levy Staffing hours will have to be reduced and there will be longer response times when no one is available. **SO PLEASE VOTE.**

There will also be 2 people running for the Fiscal Office to finish the current term ending 3/31/2024. There are 5 people running to fill the 2 openings for Township Trustee. The term is ending in December for Dennis Ikeler and for Roger Anderson. Dennis is running for reelection but I will not be running again.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your trustee it has been my pleasure to serve and to help make Parkman better for all. We have made many changes and improvements and hope those changes will continue to serve as a positive change for all Parkman Residents to enjoy for years to come.

One additional note is that Meri Lynn has resigned after her years of service and we hope she does well in her current endeavors. She has been replaced by Dolly Rivera. Dolly is a newer resident in Parkman and has a desire to continue to see improvement in all phases of Parkman including Overlook Park and the Community House. She takes care of scheduling all events for the park and the Community House. Anyone who wishes to reserve either of those facilities for an event should make arrangements with Dolly.

**Dolly Rivera can be reached on her cell phone at: 216-785-1556
or e-mail: ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com**



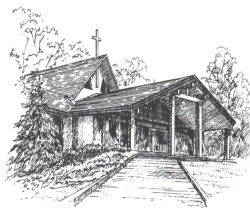
SS. Edward and Lucy

Catholic Parish Community

16150 Center St. (P.O. Box 709)

Parkman, Ohio 44080

Rev. Jozef Bozek - Administrator



- - 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

Please welcome Jozef Bozek (our new parish administrator) to the Parkman Community!

Join us at our 12th annual Car Show and Chicken Dinner event.

August 15th, 2021 (11am - 6pm) at St Edwards in Parkman.

Special Thanks to all who supported our 2020 and 2021 Raffle Fundraisers!

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 - Fri / 9am - 2pm) 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

**Thanks again Parkman for the
Virus Scanning Cameras and Disinfecting Supplies!**

**- School Season starts August 18th -
Please be mindful for our School Zones and our buses
as kids transfer on and off their stops.**

Check out the school website for all other info:

<https://cardinalschoools.org/>



Parkman Roads Department

From Eric Mathews

Thank you to all who submitted a survey from the trustees. Your feed back did not go unnoticed and will work diligently to try and improve your requests and suggestions. As we come to the end of summer we will begin once again grading roads. I understand the holes continue to return and it looks like we are just applying band aids to some of the dirt roads. However please understand that we do not have the funds to pay for dust control every time we grade. We have tried to respect the residents and try to the best of our ability to fill holes while at the same time not grading and creating a large amount of dust. Once a road is graded after the dust control is applied there will no longer be dust control as it will now become mixed with the stone and road material. We do not have an adequate truck or system for properly watering the roads to keep down dust.

Due to a mechanical failure of the hydraulic system for the mower which does the roadside mowing, we are behind on mowing. Parts have been ordered will be installed as soon as they arrive and mowing will begin.

This fall we will be focusing more on our ditching as well as cutting berms on multiple roads. If you would like some fill dirt please call so we can put you on the list for when we are in your area. **PLEASE REMEMBER WE DO NOT DRIVE OFF OF DRIVEWAYS TO DUMP.** Due to the weight of the trucks we stay on extremely hard surfaces like drive-ways.

I have been working with Trustee Mr. Ikeler the road liaison on a plan to incorporate at minimum chip sealing our roads (dirt roads included) over the next few years. This will be strictly based upon our current budget and depending on price increases of materials as well as numerous other factors on our already tight road budget. We look forward to being able to start this program work diligently to focus on road improvements for our residents.

Please do not blow, dump, or burn your leaves and or yard wastes in the ditches or water ways. When doing this even though they are burned it is still creating a hazard and the ashes from the burnt or the waste of the unburnt causes back ups and creates plugs. Remember if a pipe needs replaced or is plugged it is at the cost of the homeowner for the repair. When one pipe is plugged it not only effects just one but it can cause issues for your neighbors as well as damage to the road way and berm. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the road department or what services we provide please do not hesitate to call and we will be more then happy to answer any question and assist any way we can. Stay safe and healthy.

Superintendent Eric Mathews - 440-904-0655

Parkman Zoning Department - Continued

“Junk yard” means any land, property, structure, building, or combination of the same, on which junk or junk vehicles are stored, processed, or bought or sold.

These definitions are part of Parkman Township Zoning Resolutions as adopted by the Board of Trustees as of January 2021.

Under Section 401.0 (Parkman Zoning Resolution) Prohibited uses in ALL Zoning Districts (in part) are some of the following: D. The storage of junk vehicles, including unlicensed collectors vehicles as defined in O.R.C. 4501.01(F) outside of a fully enclosed building shall be prohibited.

E. Junkyards and the storage of junk or burial of junk shall be prohibited.

F. Automotive wrecking and recycling shall be prohibited.

This is just a sampling of prohibited uses - visit us on the Parkman website for a more in depth look into zoning in Parkman Township. The more you learn about zoning and how it affects your property values is more the reason to appreciate why Zoning is needed.



PARKMAN MEMORIAL DAY 2021 TRIBUTE TO

Ralph C. Butt

Mr. Ralph C. Butt was born December 28, 1916, in Parkman Township, to William and Gertrude (Harris) Butt. He was a lifelong resident in the Parkman Township area. Ralph started kindergarten at the Parkman schools in 1921 and graduated in 1934 at the Parkman High School. The photo on the right is of Ralph from the Parkman 1934 senior class photo found in our Parkman Community House.

Ralph was called to duty and served in the U.S. Army during World War II, from 1945 to 1947 in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. Per the U.S. National WWII Memorial in Washington DC, Ralph was with the U.S. and Philippine occupation forces. He served with the 105th military police battalion, attached to the 355th engineers on Palawan island, Philippine islands from October 1945 to March 1946.

The photo on the cover of this Fall 2021 edition Parkman Paragraphs was also from that website (<https://www.wwiimemorial.com>).

Ralph was then reassigned to the 738th military police battalion in Manila Philippines from April 1946 to January 1947. While he was there, he married his first wife, Linda (Obana), on December 21, 1946. The photo in the lower left corner (courtesy of his son Arthur Butt) is of the wedding day. Linda followed him back to our Parkman town and they lived together until she passed away July 1993. They have six children together - Irene, Arthur, Dave, Albert, Maggie and Becky. All of the kids started at the Parkman Elementary School till sixth grade, then then on to Middlefield for Junior and Senior High School.

In February 1995, Ralph remarried to Bertha (Reiter) and his family grew, adding step children. When he passed in 2005, Ralph had six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-children, Bill (Carrie) Reiter, Bob (Sandy) Reiter and Beth (Mark) Johnson, all of Middlefield; 11 step-grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren.



After his enlistment, Ralph worked for the Baltimore and Ohio (B & O) Railroad, serving on the Painesville to Warren line. He retired in 1978, after 30 years as supervisor-trackman.



Later he was an Amish taxi driver. During his retirement, he enjoyed his hobbies of reading and gardening.

The B & O Railroad track that Ralph spent most of his career on is still around as it is presently a "Rails-to-Trails" bike path for all of us to enjoy. In Middlefield, the Depot Ice Cream was once an active train stop and the Middlefield Historical Society still hosts an official B&O caboose there.

Special thanks to Arthur Butt for sharing this story with us as we salute Mr. Ralph C. Butt for his service.



Mr. Ralph C. Butt is Parkman's 2021 veteran honoree that was added to our plaque found at the Parkman Community House. Each year we salute a local veteran that has served the U.S. Armed Forces. Below is the complete listing of our Honorees since it began in 2001. Many thanks to all of our Honorees and the families that have supported this Memorial Day salute.

Happy Memorial Day and please remember to salute all veterans who served our country!



Past Parkman Honorees

2001	John R. Ferry	2011	Harold Blackford
2002	Robert F. Barnett	2012	Carl B. Wilson
2003	Glenn A. Thompson	2013	Carl 'Ed' Wilson
2004	Richard Stanchak (Stanley)	2014	Bill Snyder
2005	Richard Giles	2015	Richard 'Dutch' Komandt
2006	Richard O. Pollari	2016	Wayne Komandt
2007	Stanley Smith	2017	Steve G. Soltis
2008	Dennis Testa	2018	Leonard Hickox
2009	Gotham Brothers: John, Carlisle "Kelly", Glen, Neil, and Leland	2019	Oliver 'Big O' Graves Jr.
		2020	Jeannette Elizabeth Smith Loomis
2010	Albert Wilson	2021	Ralph C. Butt



Depot Ice Cream in Middlefield



Mr. Ralph Butt's Tribute Plaque