



Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2022



Parkman's Mill Stone and the Cromwell Building Stone at our Parkman Gazebo Park

**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

Parkman's Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/admin44080>

Parkman's New Trustee E-mail

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Denise Villers - Parkman.F.O@gmail.com

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Dolly Rivera - Hall Coordinator
For info or reservations call
440-548-2904 or 216-785-1556
or e-mail ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com

Fire & Rescue

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief
440-547-2817 or mike.komandt@gmail.com
Non Emergency Fire Station 440-548-2515

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Nancy Black, 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 Halloween Party Trick or Treat

Parkman Community House - Sunday October 30, 2022 (6-7:30pm)

Breakfast with Santa

Parkman Community House - Saturday December 3, 2022 (8:30 - 10am)
Adults - \$6 Kids (10 and under) - \$4

**Many thanks to all who help volunteer and support all of our
Parkman Community traditions**

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 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 Number 548-8671

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt - Sexton
440-785-3514 or
dKomandt@hotmail.com

Angela Fox - Assistant Sexton
ParkmanCemetery@gmail.com

Parkman 2022 Community Event Calendar

Thanks to all for your continued support to our community traditions
and also keeping such traditions safe for everyone to enjoy –
please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!



Parkman Historical Society

Meetings on September 15, 2022 and November 17, 2022 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House
or e-mail your story to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com
to share on our website

Parkman Scouts 4076 Annual Chicken Dinner

At the Parkman Congregational Church on Saturday October 22, 2022 (4-7pm)
Thanks to everyone who supports the Parkman Scouts Troop 4076!

We will also be selling mums at the Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival Oct 1-2nd, 2022.

Parkman Chamber's Traditional Halloween Party and Indoor Trick or Treat

Parkman Community House - Sunday October 30, 2022 (6-7:30pm)

Enjoy a safe and fun Halloween experience with treats, games and music.



Parkman Chamber's Traditional Breakfast with Santa

Parkman Community House - Saturday December 3, 2022 (8:30 - 10am)
Adults - \$6 Kids (10 and under) - \$4

Kids get to visit with Santa, receive a small gift and then they enjoy a
yummy breakfast with their parents/grandparents. Breakfast includes
pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, sausage gravy and a biscuit.



American Red Cross Parkman Community House Blood Drive Dates for 2022

December 29, 2022 (10am - 4pm)

**Many thanks to all who help volunteer and support
all of our Parkman Community traditions**



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 Chamber of Commerce

From Denise Villers

This year we weren't sure if people would be comfortable to volunteer and work a dine-in **Pancake Breakfast**. Well, we have a great group of workers and we were able to open the dining room again. (We also continued the drive-thru/carry-out this year for those not ready to dine-in.) Numbers were down a little from the pre-pandemic, but it was a good year.

We were able to host our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** this year at Overlook Park on April 16th. Every child gathered a LOT of candy-filled eggs and also got a prize to take home. It was great to see everyone again!

Our **Halloween** celebration will be **Sunday, October 30th, 2022 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Since door-to-door trick-or-treating isn't feasible in our rural area, we ask residents come to the Community House to hand out candy to our little princesses and superheroes and ghosts and goblins.

Families: Bring your kids for trick-or-treating, games, goodies, and music. We look forward to having fun with everyone!

Breakfast with Santa will be **Saturday, December 3rd, 2022– 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. A child's breakfast (10 and under) is only \$4.00 and adults can eat for \$6.00.

Breakfast includes:

pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, sausage gravy and a biscuit.

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (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 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

Parkman 55 Plus Club

Please feel welcome to 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. Thanks to all who support this community gathering!

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678

The VFW Middlefield Post #9678 has a facebook. Check out all of their events - thanks to all who support!
<https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/middlefieldvfw9678@gmail.com>

Thanks to everyone who joined the September 10th Veterans Event at Great Lakes Outdoor in Middlefield.



Parkman Trustees

From Joyce Peters and Henry Duchscherer

Parkman township has an important Road Levy coming up on November 8th. This is a 1.5 mil Continuing Renewal levy. This levy was first approved by the voters in the March 2008 election and renewed by vote every 4 years since then. It won't cost any more on your tax bill. We are making it a continuous levy, so we don't have to keep putting it on the ballot every five years. That does not change the amount you are currently paying. This levy covers materials to keep the Road Department functional and to maintain the roads at the current level. Unfortunately, failure of this levy could result in reduced maintenance on Parkman roads. Be sure to vote on November 8, 2022.

At the Memorial Day celebration, Parkman honored six veterans who graduated from the old Parkman School and also are interred in a Parkman cemetery. We presented plaques to four of the families of those veterans. At the time, we were unable to make contact with the remaining two. Good news! Thanks to the Facebook page, one of those families found us! The family of Herbert Bruce Olmstead contacted us on Facebook and we discovered that a niece and nephew live right here in the area. At the September 6 Trustee meeting, we presented them with a plaque honoring their uncle Bruce. To see the full Memorial Day tribute, read the Memorial Day Parkman Paragraphs on the website. There are pictures on the Facebook Page.

We are putting a new laminate floor in the dining room and kitchen in the Community House. Fisher Flooring of Middlefield will be starting the project on September 12th and it should be finished by the end of the month. The carpet in the meeting room and the stairs will be cleaned. We are also looking into cleaning and refinishing the upstairs floor.

Plans are being drawn up for a lift/elevator to be installed on the back of the Community House with inside access so those with limitations can get to the second floor. We are hopeful that this will lead to more Community House rentals. This project is being paid for by the American Rescue Plan money Parkman received from the federal government.

Members of the Parkman Historical Society and some graduates from Parkman rescued the old bell which was in the original Parkman School. They would like to see it preserved. We are installing the bell from the old Parkman school in a new structure at the Gazebo Park, where it will join the Cromwell stone and The Old Mill Stone. Tim Yoder who donated and constructed the Gazebo will be constructing the structure for the bell.

Special Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson for all their hard work putting together our new Veteran's Park, it really looks great.

For Township information go to the Parkman Township Facebook page, which has helpful, informational, timely, and interesting posts. (search Parkman Township on FB) or the Parkman Township website which has contact information, past meeting minutes, zoning information, previous Parkman Paragraphs and much more. (ParkmanOhio.com)

Parkman Township Trustees Joyce Peters, Henry Duchscherer, Lance Portman

Parkman's Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/admin44080>

Parkman's New Trustee E-mail
parkmantownship548@gmail.com

Parkman Fire & Rescue

From: Mike Komandt, Fire Chief



Parkman Fire Department is always looking for dedicated volunteers and part time personnel. If you are interested in serving the community, please stop in the fire house and pick up an application, contact us on Facebook, or call the station. All certification training courses for township residents are fully funded by the fire department.

If you wish to reach the Parkman Fire Department on the NON EMERGENCY phone, then please call 440-548-2515

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



Don't forget Fall Fire Safety

It's still very dry out there - please use common sense - we don't want any dramas in our area like they have out west!

Fun Fire Safety for our kids

Check out Sparky the Fire Dog - who is the official mascot of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Sparky just celebrated a centennial this year!

<https://www.sparky.org/>

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



Parkman Roads

From Lance Portman

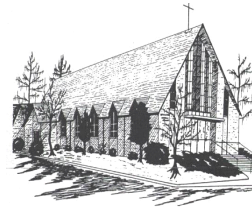
I know that people like to know what is going on with the roads in our community. We have a plan, and are working diligently to make them better. It takes a lot of time, planning and good scheduling. Last year we chip sealed a couple of already paved roads. I was asked why. Well, the reason we did this was to seal up all of the cracks and hold the road from completely falling apart.

This year we purchased a road side mower. We did this because in the spring, our other tractor is pulling the road maintainer in order to get the dirt roads ready for dust control. So I feel that it is important that we keep the roads mowed back so that when pull out of your driveway, you can see traffic. We are going to be mowing more frequently, but we are not cutting to the edge of the right of way until the fall.

Right now, we are working on Patch and Nash road, so that we can chip seal them this year. We want these roads chip sealed so that they will hold together better in the spring time. The other reason for that is so that we will not have to spread as much dust control in the spring. This will save us time to focus on other roads.

Please travel slow through our work zones.

Thank you for your time and we appreciate your patience!
Sincerely, Lance



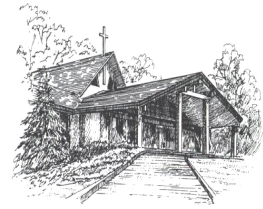
SS. Edward and Lucy

Catholic Parish Community

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

Parkman, Ohio 44080

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>



Check out the parish website for the most current masses and event information
or contact the parish office at 440-548-3812 or office@simcon.net

Rev. Jacob Bearer - Administrator

2022 Annual Car Show / Chicken Dinner

Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and supported the 13th Annual 2022 Car Show / Chicken Dinner fundraiser.

Find photos of this event at - <https://apps.w-portraits.com/2022StEdCarShow/>

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 Township, Middlefield, Ohio 44062

440-548-4829

Rev. Will Coley – Pastor

Church office is open Monday and Friday from 9am to 1pm
and Thursday from (9am to 11am)

Email – parkmanchurch@windstream.net

On the web – www.parkmanchurch.com

Facebook – <http://facebook.com/parkmanchurch>



Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Sunday School – 9:00 am / Fellowship Time – 10:00 am / Worship Service – 10:30 am

Monthly Fundraising Benefit Dinners are Drive Through Only
at Parkman Congregational Church held on the third Friday of the month from 5pm – 7pm.
Dinners are \$15.00 each

2022 Menu's:

September 16th – Meatloaf Dinner

October 21st – Chicken Paprikash Dinner

November 18th – Swiss Steak Dinner

Cardinal Schools

<https://cardinalschoools.org/>

Check out the school website for the most current list of events.



Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich

Hello Parkman residents:

This is John Spelich your Zoning Inspector for Parkman township, from time to time get questions on this or that and this is one those questions

Why did you revoke my zoning certificate? In SECTION 1100.4 of Parkman Township zoning resolutions a zoning certificate shall be revoked for the following reasons:

- A. The certificate was issued in error by the Zoning Inspector.
- B. The Zoning Certificate was issued based by a false or untruthful state by the applicant.
- C. The construction or use described in the zoning certificate was not begun within six (6) months from the date issued, or the construction has not been completed within two (2) years from date of issuance.

Now keep this information in mind and if any of the above happens call the zoning inspector he is really a forgiving guy.

**Zoning hours are 4:30-6 pm on Wednesdays and always by appointment
call 330-219-3698 or by email at rcavictor42@aol.com**

Have a great fall season

Sincerely

John M. Spelich

Parkman Township Zoning

Geauga Park District

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>

Check out our full adventure list on our website!



Introduction to Archery returns to Chickagami Park at the Pine Grove Shelter Archery Range on Sunday 9/21/2022. The event is free but space is limited, so go to the Geauga Park website for more info and to register.

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>



Parkman Polar Bears Snowmobile Club

Check out their Facebook or Email

<https://www.facebook.com/baja1990/>

parkmanpolarbears@yahoo.com

for the most up to date info.

Parkman Scouts Troop 4076

From Mark Pegritz

Parkman Troop 4076 Scout Master

Summer camp 2022 at Beaumont

The troop experienced another adventurous summer camp at the Lake Erie Council - Beaumont Scout Reservation in Rock Creek Ohio- <https://lecbsa.org/beaumont>



Stella Cromwell (born October 30th, 1872) was the wife of William Cromwell. William and Stella both were solid foundations to the Parkman community until her early passing in 1918. In the Fall 2007 edition of the Parkman Paragraphs, you will recall the story about how William donated land in memory of his wife Stella. The land was deeded to be called the Stella Cromwell Recreation Park and was given to the People of Parkman in 1920.

It is located the corner of Rt 168 and Rt 528 across from the old Parkman School. Many baseball games have been played there.

**We will take a few moments to wish Stella a Happy 150th
at our Parkman Halloween Party. Please come and join us!**



The Historical Society took on a job a couple of years ago to restore and straighten the headstones at the Old Cemetery on Nelson Rd. just south of the square. We have come to the end of our savings plus the help we've gotten from the Trustees.

We are looking for donations from any and all groups, clubs, organizations of Parkman Township and any individuals able and willing to donate to this cause. Take a look at what has been done so far. Let us remember our ancestors, friends and Veterans of earlier times. Any amount will be appreciated. Again, Thank You!

Send your help to:

**A.D. Komandt, President of Parkman Historical Society,
16114 Center St., Middlefield, Oh 44062.**

Thanks to all who help support our community!

More info? Please contact Dale Komandt - 440-785-3514 or dKomandt@hotmail.com

Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival

We will be helping out at the
2022 Huntsburg Pumpkin Festival

October 1-2, 2022 (10am - 6pm)

16534 Mayfield Rd, Huntsburg, OH 44046

We will also be selling mums as a fundraiser
so please stop by and support us!

<https://www.huntsburgpumpkinfestival.com/>



Scouts Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Please feel welcome to join us at the

Parkman Congregational Church

Saturday October 22, 2022 (4pm-7pm)



Special Thanks to everyone who supported our 2022 fundraisers!

Interested in Scouting feel welcome to call

Scout Master Mark Pegritz at 440-667-7209 or markpegritz@gmail.com

Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

Historical Society Meetings for 2022

September 15 and November 18 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House



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

Story of the Parkman Mill and Cromwell Stones

The mill stone that was buried in the Parkman Veterans Park downtown was moved there in 1946. The Parkman High School Class of 1946, of which Don Burnett was one of, had a scrap drive like all towns of that time just after the war. It appears that the class made soooo much money that they didn't know what to do. So the whole class went to Detroit, Michigan and still had monies left on their return.

The mill stone was found in a burnout blacksmith shop located just north of Garbers Dry Goods (the 3rd building north of the intersection of 422/528/88). They believe it was there to have new grooves hammered in, probably for the old mill.

Well another class mate, John Turon, had a new tractor and they decided the mill stone needed a new home, so to speak. They picked it up and took it to the park, before they could unload it, Jess Sherwin our one eyed constable, stopped & told them to get it out of here. It's not wanted. Well they just laid it down flat and left. It has been there ever since.

It stayed there for over 75 years until it was moved to the East at Parkman Gazebo Park and stood up in May of 2022. This was part of the redesign of the Parkman Veterans Park.



In addition to the Mill Stone being added to the Parkman Gazebo Park, the Cromwell Stone was also added into the same location. If you recall, the Parkman Paragraphs (Spring 2006 edition) hosted a story about the history of the Cromwell building from Mr. Don George. Some notes from that edition included: The "corner store" had always been the general store and drug store. The Parkman Town Center fire of May 6, 1899, destroyed the store and downtown Parkman. Mr. Cromwell chose to rebuild the store in brick. He reopened on November 7, 1899. Don George's father bought the store in 1939 and stopped the drug-store but put a meat counter in. In 1965, Don & Shirley took over the store and ran it until 1973. It was then sold to Jacque Picard and had apartments added to it. The last business to be in the building (up to 2018) was the Bergs Eye View Embroidery. ODOT purchased the Cromwell building and in 2019, it was torn down to widen the corner radius for semi-trucks to turn. The Cromwell stone from the top of the building was added to the Parkman Gazebo Park along with the mill stone. It seemed as a fitting place to honor Mr. Cromwell along with the Parkman Gazebo where the Buckeye Band's performances had regularly occurred.... another story from the Fall 2007 Paragraphs... when the Buckeye Band's baton returned to Parkman and can be seen displayed at our Parkman Community House.

Special Thanks to the volunteers from the Western Phoenix Lodge #42 for Parkman Gazebo Park Trellis Upkeep



Parkman wishes to thank the very ambitious volunteers of the Western Phoenix Lodge #42 for all their hard work on the cleanup of the trellis/pergola that is located behind our towns Parkman Gazebo. It now looks beautiful and a great addition to our Gazebo Park.

Many Thanks to those who volunteered at the Parkman Veterans Memorial Park

Also many thanks to those who volunteered in the newly redesigned Parkman Veterans Memorial Park across the street from the Parkman Gazebo. With the new flags and flowers our Parkman town center had never looked better. There is much appreciation to everyone who selflessly continues to make our community look amazing!

Parkman Memorial Day Veteran Honoree's

From Cory Anderson - ParkmanOhio@gmail.com.

Our Memorial Day 2022 celebration saluted several Veterans this year. Our 2022 Parkman honorees were all graduates from the Parkman High School. You can find their stories on our website - on the Parkman Veterans Memorial page found using the Honor Roll link.

Forrest Rollin Bidlack, WWII	Elwood (Elly) Leonard Evans, WWII
Glenwood Harold Ferry, WWII	John E. Larmi, WWII
Herbert Bruce Olmstead, WWII	James (Joe) Soltis, Korean War

Besides the honorees from the last 20 years, We have also added other Parkman Veterans in Overlook Cemetery that have not yet been honored in our Memorial Day Tribute.

**This effort is to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Parkman Militia (1822)
and the 75th anniversary of the Parkman Veteran's Club (1946)**

Thanks to all of the families who have already shared stories about our Parkman Veterans who are in our Overlook Cemetery. This is an ongoing project designed to honor those who have served our country. If you would like to share your family members story, please feel welcomed to send any Parkman Veteran photos or info to our community email:

ParkmanOhio@gmail.com.