



# **Parkman Paragraphs**

## **Fall 2023**



**The Selep's 100 Year Old  
1923 Ford Model T Tudor  
showcased at the 2023 SS Edward Lucy  
14th Annual Car Show**

**Community Website: [www.ParkmanOhio.com](http://www.ParkmanOhio.com)  
Newsletter E-mail: [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com)**

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

# Parkman Trustees

From: Joyce Peters, Henry Duchschere, Lance Portman

Happy Fall Parkman. Here's to cooler temperatures, football, sweaters, pumpkins, hot chocolate, falling leaves, and pumpkin spice everything. Since spring the township has been busy trying to make our township inviting to all and to make life better for this community.

The Community House has had a much-needed update. Thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act, we have been able to make some improvements that would not have otherwise been possible within the budget. The interior has been painted. The ballroom floors have been refinished and they sparkle. New curtains have been put up in the ballroom, the dining room, and the meeting room. New comfortable chairs have been purchased for the whole place. We kept 80 wooden folding chairs and 8 eight foot folding tables. These are available for residents to borrow for a \$50 deposit which will be given back upon return of the tables/chairs. Pictures of the new look have been posted on the Facebook page and the website and have resulted in a big increase in rental requests. Please check the Parkman Ohio website for a new schedule of fees for rental.

In an effort to be sure that our structure is fully available to all, we are using American Rescue Funds to build an elevator. The new elevator is in process. The structure has been built and the elevator lift is expected to be delivered and installed in mid to late November. This lift is intended for the use of those who are physically challenged with wheel chairs, walkers or difficulty with stairs. One passenger may accompany those persons. Unfortunately, the cost of a full-size passenger elevator was quite a bit outside our budget. For those who plan to rent the Community House, we ask that you be sure your guests respect those parameters for use.

The Overlook Park has a new shelter for horses. It was built by volunteers from our Amish Community. The costs were covered by the ARP funds. There is a new swing set. Plans are in the works to upgrade the siding on the main pavilion. We approved the plans from a member of the Boy Scouts to build a Gaga Ball Pit for his Eagle Scout project. It seems to be the newest rage among young people to play this game. It is sort of a tamed down version of dodge ball. It will be in the back of the park behind the tennis court. Instructions for play will be posted and a ball for play will be available when the park is rented.

The Overlook Cemetery brick arches are in need of repair and we are working on getting those rebuilt. In order to afford the increasing burial and maintenance costs, it has been necessary to increase the costs of graves and burials. Please check the website for the updated list.

The ODOT salt dome has been vacated. Neighbors whose wells have been contaminated have been identified. When the drilling is done there should be about 20 new wells in that area, paid for by the EPA and the State. ODOT has offered the property to the township for free. We are investigating taking ownership as a possible Road Department facility.

Residents in the sewer district have received a small reduction in their tax rate from the Auditor's office due to the continuously rising sewer costs on a system that doesn't function properly.



## Parkman Historical Society

Our 2024 Meetings are on March 21, 2024,  
May 16, 2024, July 18, 2024 and September 19, 2024  
at (7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House  
or e-mail your story to [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com)  
to share on our website.

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This Fall 2023 edition sponsored by the Parkman Trustees.  
Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

## Parkman Township Trustees

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

**For all Township business, call 440-897-8761**

### **Parkman's Facebook**

Search "**Parkman Township**" on Facebook.com

### **Parkman's New Trustee E-mail**

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Lance Portman - [rdtrustee@gmail.com](mailto:rdtrustee@gmail.com)

## Fiscal Officer

Denise Villers - [Parkman.F.O@gmail.com](mailto:Parkman.F.O@gmail.com)

## Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Lynn Schiffbauer - Hall Coordinator

For info or reservations call  
440-904-0540

or e-mail [ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com)

## Fire & Rescue

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief

440-547-2817 or [mike.komandt@gmail.com](mailto:mike.komandt@gmail.com)

Non Emergency Fire Station 440-548-2515

## 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](mailto:rcavictor42@aol.com)**

E-mails must have residents name and contact info to be officially answered.

## Road Department

Eric Mathews - Superintendent

[ParkmanRoads@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanRoads@gmail.com)

Roads Cell Phone - 440-904-0655

## Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt - Sexton

440-785-3514 or

[dKomandt@hotmail.com](mailto:dKomandt@hotmail.com)

Angela Fox - Assistant Sexton

[ParkmanCemetery@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanCemetery@gmail.com)

## Parkman Webmaster & Editor

Cory Anderson

## Parkman Chamber of Commerce

16295 Main Market Rd. (Rt. 422) - Unit A

West Farmington, Ohio 44491

or Email - [ParkmanChamber@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanChamber@gmail.com)

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.

## **Mark your calendar for our 2024**

### **Parkman Pancake Breakfast - serving since 1968**

Parkman Community House - Sunday's in March (3, 10, 17, 24), 2024 (9am-1pm)

Pancake and Sausage Meal - "Eat In" and "Drive Through" options available

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

# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From Denise Villers

We enjoyed seeing everyone for Pancake Breakfast season (the month of March). Our volunteers are awesome! Many thanks to our crew members with decades of experience as well as those learning the ropes for the first time! (Special thanks to the masons for their dedicated service.) We served breakfast in the dining room; and, with the purchase of another griddle, we were able to also keep the drive-thru carry-out open for folks. It was a good year!

We hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year at Overlook Park on April 8th. 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** this year will be **Sunday, October 29th from 6 to 7p.m.** Since door-to-door trick-or-treating isn't feasible in our rural area...

**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!

The beautiful holiday decorations we provide take a lot of work. If you would be interested in helping in the process, please call us.

**Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 – 8:30 until 10:00 a.m.**

The kids get to visit with Santa (photo-op), receive a small gift and then they enjoy a yummy breakfast with their parents/grandparents. A child's breakfast is only \$4.00 and adults can eat for \$6.00.

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 Parkman Community House. We would love to see you there! We are always looking for ideas for community-building events.

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

Denise Villers (440) 548-2939 [denise.villers17880@gmail.com](mailto:denise.villers17880@gmail.com)

## Parkman 2023 Community Event Calendar

### Parkman Halloween Celebration

Sunday, October 29th (6 to 7pm) at the Parkman Community House

### Geauga County Elections

November 7, 2023 General Election at the Parkman Community House

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023 (8:30 until 10am) at the Parkman Community House  
A child's breakfast is only \$4.00 and adults can eat for \$6.00.

### American Red Cross

December 28, 2023 (10am - 3pm) at the Parkman Community House

The Road Department has worked hard this summer to keep the dirt roads in the best condition possible. We know that those of you who live on and travel down these roads have many challenges. The original chip/seal road plan from 2021 met with various roadblocks, including bad weather, inability to get materials within the window of opportunity, and escalating costs. It has been difficult to get this project out of the starting blocks. With the addition of \$100,000 from the ARP fund to the road budget, four roads were planned and bid this year. The contract was awarded. But, for many different reasons there were delays all summer. Ultimately, we were hit with enormous cost increases and had to postpone work on one of the roads. The roads being completed as we write this are Swine Creek, Nash and Patch. Dead End Shedd had to be put off until next year. We are as disappointed as you. Please bear in mind that chip/sealed dirt roads require maintenance and upkeep in the first year to take care of inevitable potholes. It is a process.

The Gazebo downtown has been repainted and it looks beautiful. We will soon be installing the original Parkman School Bell, donated by the Historical Society, on a structure in the center of the Gazebo. It is part of our focus on maintaining our history and is an exciting project.

Because we are not able to staff the Fire Department at levels we believe to be enough to ensure the best coverage for our residents needing ambulances or fire responses, we are in negotiations with Troy Fire Department. We hope to be able to contract their services to cover Parkman. When these talks and plans are completed, we will hold a joint public meeting with Troy township. There will be a presentation of the plan. At that time, you will be able to ask questions and give your input. The meeting will be announced in the newspaper, on the digital sign and on Facebook and the webpage.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact the trustees by email. Addresses can be found on the website, [ParkmanOhio.com](http://ParkmanOhio.com). There is also lots of information there about the township, including names and contact information of township officials and employees.

Parkman is working on improving our methods of communicating with you. Search for Parkman Township on Facebook. Like and Follow us so that you can get notifications of messages and posts as well as interesting things to know. There you will find any news that is of immediate importance. Also, the digital sign in front of the Community House has current information on meetings and other important news.

The township has a road levy renewal on the November 7, 2023 ballot. This is not a new tax. This tax began in 1989. It is a small amount of money, but vital to our budget.

Issue #16 - Parkman Township - Continuing Tax Levy - 0.9 mill -Renewal - Streets, Roads and Bridges collecting \$30,000 annually - amounting to \$10 for each \$100,000 - CPT - commencing in 2024 first due 2025.

Be sure to vote on November 7, 2023 at Parkman Community House.

## GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**November 7, 2023 General Election**

From the CERTIFIED ISSUES LIST

<https://boelections.geauga.oh.gov/>

Filed in Geauga and Certified as of 9/11/2023



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### Candidate Listing

PARKMAN TWP TRUSTEE - Henry Duhscherer Jr. - Lance Portman - Daniel J. Goff  
PARKMAN TWP FISCAL OFFICER - Denise Villers



## Parkman Fire & Rescue

From: Mike Komandt - Fire Chief  
Parkman Twp Fire Department  
440-547-2817

The Parkman Fire Department has Free Smoke detectors for residents thanks to a partnership with the Ohio Fire Marshall. These detectors are free of charge and must be installed by the Fire Department. Please test your smoke and CO detectors monthly and change batteries when needed. If you need any assistance with your detectors the Fire Department can come out and assist residents as well. With winter approaching we would like to remind our residents to have your chimney cleaned prior to continued use for the winter.

### Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14, 2023

<https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>

National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) offers free safety tip sheets on a variety of fire and life safety topics. Check out their website that hosts a wide range of topics and info in support of fall fire safety.

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Safety-tip-sheets>

They also have a kids page with Sparky the Dog sharing fun and facts to educate our younger community members.

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

Parkman Fire Department is always looking for 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>



## Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich

Well I guess you can say “where did summer go” Parkman Zoning was pretty busy with twenty plus new homes, dozens of additions to homes including decks and barns.

Over the past years we touched on many topics and most of them had to inspired by question by residence of the Township.

Let’s talk about variances. This is where the Planning Commission finds hardships or difficulties that may result from compliance of the townships regulations. The townships Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) is made of five regular citizen members and two alternate members meet to hear the variance and they will determine to grant or deny the variance.

### Remember it is up to you to state your case in front of the board.

Believe it is not that simple !!! Please contact the zoning office for complete details. Have a great fall and we are always available to answer your questions or concerns.

As always,  
John M. Spelich  
Zoning Inspector Parkman Township  
330-219-3698 or rcavictor42@aol.com

## Cardinal Schools

<https://cardinalschoools.org/>

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

### 5th Annual Cardinal Band Night

14785 N Thompson Ave, Middlefield, OH 44062

Come out **October 14th, 2023** (7pm - 9pm) and support the Cardinal Marching Band and Silks Flag Line as they host their 5th Annual Band Night! Sit back and enjoy the following bands that will be participating with us this year!

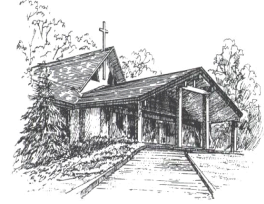
Beachwood High School - Benedictine High School - Berkshire High School  
Cuyahoga Heights High School - Painesville Harvey High School - Kirtland High School



## SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community

16150 Center St. 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 P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080  
440-548-3812 or [office@ssedwardlucy.com](mailto:office@ssedwardlucy.com)

Our new office hours are Tuesday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Rev. Jacob Bearer - Pastor / Administrator**

### Many thanks to everyone who helped volunteer and support the 2023 Annual Car Show / Chicken Dinner

More photos of the event can be found on the ParkmanOhio.com website.

## Parkman Congregational Church

Mailing Address:

Parkman Congregational Church  
18265 Madison Road, 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](mailto:parkmanchurch@windstream.net)

On the web – [www.parkmanchurch.com](http://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  
Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 PM

**Parkman Congregational Church thanks all who helped and supported  
our 1823 -2023 Bicentennial Celebration!**





# Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

## Historical Society Meetings for 2023 / 2024

Meetings on September 21, 2023 , March 21, 2024, May 16, 2024, July 18, 2024 and September 19, 2024 at (7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House or e-mail your story to [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com) to share on our website.

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

## 2023 SS Edward Lucy 14th Annual Car Show

Almost 90 cars were at this years show ... from the newest style corvette to the cool 100 year old 1923 Ford brought in by Richard and Betty Lou Selep from local Farmington area. This annual fundraiser had perfect weather and much support. Thanks to everyone who helped.



# Gauga Park District

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>  
Check out our full adventure list on our website!  
<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>

## Buckeye Trail Highlight Hike will be at Eldon Russell Park on September 30, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM and is free.

The Buckeye Trail winds nearly 1,444 miles around Ohio. Let's visit a Geauga Park that follows the Blue Blazes. A Blue Blaze is a spur trail branching off of the Main Trail. Blue blazed trails could lead to a vista, water source, shelter or campground, or some unusual natural feature. Participants must be able to hike about 3+ miles rough trail and mud. Held rain or shine so dress accordingly and bring water. Registration required.



## Parkman Polar Bears Snowmobile Club

Check out their Facebook or Email  
<https://www.facebook.com/baja1990/>  
[parkmanpolarbears@yahoo.com](mailto:parkmanpolarbears@yahoo.com)  
for the most up to date info.

Thanks to everyone who helped support our 2023 Summer Raffle held this past June. Check out our facebook for any upcoming club activities.

## Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678

Facebook = <https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/middlefieldvfw9678@gmail.com> or (440) 632-1257  
For more info on any VFW Middlefield Post #9678 events.  
Thanks to all who support!



Many thanks to Middlefield VFW 9678 for over 75 Years of Service to the community, veterans, service members and their families, and to our nation. Middlefield Post No. 9678 first mustered in November 1947 and has welcomed our Parkman veterans in their group. They have supported the local NE Ohio communities from their beginning. They always are helping with Parkman and Middlefield Memorial Day celebrations and traditions.

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/veterans-legacy-woods/>

Recently the VFW 9678 had donated to the 1,000 trees reforestation initiative program at Geauga Park District's...Veterans Legacy Woods. The park stands as a living memorial to all the men and women who have unselfishly served in the United States military. This is just another example of their continuous involvement in NE Ohio. Your support to our VFW 9678 fundraisers can help continue these community sustaining ambitions.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:30am. Thanks to all who support this community gathering!

# Welcome Parkman's Newest Local Business's

<http://parkmanohio.com/ParkmanBusiness.htm>

With over 100 local business's listed on our Parkman website, we have been trying to equally promote them all for the past 20 years. Please welcome our newest editions!

If you check the website list and see something missing - just send Cory an e-mail.

## Welcome our newest of local business's to Parkman

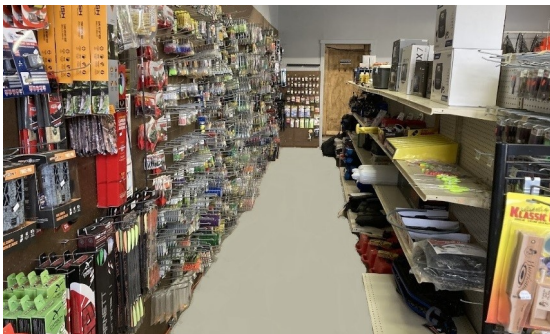
**The Barn - Stoltzfus** (Footwear and Variety Store) in Conover's old barn on Rt 528

**Bow and Reels Outdoor Adventures** on the NE corner of Rt 422 and Rt 528.

**Second Time Around** vintage resale store which is part of **Dutchcraft Construction** and

**Classic Storage Barns LLC** combo at the old Parkman Video building and

**K & K Barn Sales** also on the NE corner of Rt 422 and Rt 528.



### Bow and Reels Outdoor Adventures

Sporting Goods Store

18305 Madison Rd

(Behind Gulf Gas Station Rt 422/528)

440-313-0021

### K & K Barn Sales

18250 Madison Rd

(Behind Gulf Gas Station Rt 422/528)

330-720-1110

[www.kandkbarn-parkman.com](http://www.kandkbarn-parkman.com)



**CLASSIC STORAGE BARNs**

### Classic Storage Barns LLC

16143 Main Market Rd, Burton, OH 44021

(440) 321-5335

<http://classicstoragebarnsllc.com/>

### Second Time Around

Vintage Resale Store

16143 Main Market Rd, Burton, OH 44021

(440) 321-5335

### Dutchcraft Construction

16143 Main Market Rd, Burton, OH 44021

(216) 469-0322

[www.dutchcraftconstruction.com](http://www.dutchcraftconstruction.com)

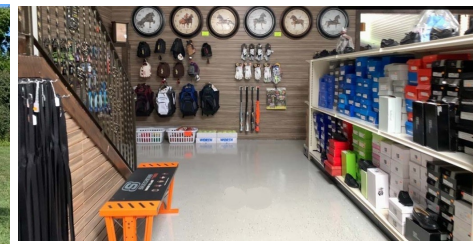


### The Barn - Stoltzfus

Footwear and Variety Store

18125 Madison Rd (Rt 528) Parkman Ohio

440-548-2545



## Geauga County Sheriff's Office

Scott A. Hildenbrand

<https://sheriff.co.geauga.oh.us/>

Many thanks to the Geauga Sheriff's Department for keeping our Parkman Community and Geauga County safe. You can review over 15 years of monthly Sheriffs Reports for Parkman on the

<http://parkmanohio.com/SheriffsReportParkman.htm>

Once again - many thanks to all of our first responders!

