



**Parkman Paragraphs**  
**Spring 2024**



**Celebrating 20 years of our  
website and newsletter!**

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

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Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

### Parkman Township Trustees

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at 7pm in the Community House

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440-904-0540

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Mike Komandt - Fire Chief  
440-547-2817 or mike.komandt@gmail.com  
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### Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

### Zoning Commission

Meets 4th Wednesday 7pm  
January, April, July, and October  
at the Community House

### Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)  
at the Community House

### Zoning Inspector

John Spelich—Zoning Inspector

Cell Phone or txt: 330-219-3698 or  
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at 440-321-6167

(Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6pm) at the Community  
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E-mails must have residents name and contact  
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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 2024 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**

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September 19, 2024 at (7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House  
or e-mail your story to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com to share on our website.



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Parkman Community House

Adults - \$10 Kids (10 and under) - \$5 Pre-Schoolers - Free

All you can eat breakfast includes - pancakes, sausage and drink.  
"Dine In" and "Drive Through" options available



## **Parkman Chamber's Easter Egg Hunt**

Parkman Overlook Park - March 31, 2024 (11am)



## **American Red Cross**

### **Parkman Community House Blood Drive Dates for 2024**

May 23, 2024 (10am - 3pm) at the Parkman Community House  
July 19, 2024 (10am - 3pm) at the Parkman Community House

## **Parkman's Memorial Day Service,**

Monday, May 27, 2024 (9am) at Overlook Cemetery, followed by our parade to the Lower Cemetery

## **Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycle Day**

June 22, 2024 (8am - Noon) at the Parkman Community House

**GOTTA GO GREEN**

<https://startrecycling.com/>

Senior pick up for Parkman is June 20 & 21, 2024 (Sign up deadline is June 14, 2024)  
You must contact The Geauga County Department on Aging for sign up!

PLEASE SEPARATE METAL ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

#### **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

Batteries, Liquid Paint, Chemicals, Yard Waste of any kind, Rocks, Dirt,  
Concrete or Cement, Motor Vehicle Parts,  
No Items containing Freon, Oil or Gasoline or Any items containing Asbestos



## **SS Edward Lucy Annual 2024 Chicken Dinner & Car Show**

Hosted at St Edwards on August 18th, 2024 (11am - 6pm)

Check their website for details  
<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>



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## 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!

## Geauga Park District

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>

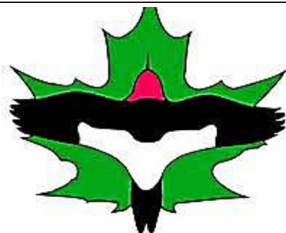
### Sap's-a-Risin'!

Swine Creek Reservation 3/10 / 24 (12 PM - 4 PM)

Free - No registration required

Check out our full adventure list on our website!

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>



**GEAUGA PARK**

## 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!

## Parkman Website is celebrating 20 years!

From Cory Anderson



Wow - it seems like a blink of the eye how fast the past 20 years went. Our community website started off as a school project for a website class that I took as a fun elective at KSU. In 2001, we were tasked as a senior project to invent a website that might enhance the NE Ohio area... so from scratch I accomplished a very basic and simple community website for Parkman. It was a humble idea that taught me very basic website making skills. I passed the class and let it sit in my archives. Later that year I asked the Parkman Trustees Don Villers and Jim Soltis if there was any interest in this project going active. At the time it did not seem needed in our area - not many used computers back then. So it sat in my files until the end of 2003. At that time, I looked into personally hosting the website as a community service project of my own interest. It went active online in January of 2004.

## Parkman Paragraphs is also celebrating 20 years!

For those who been around and remember, the very first issue of the Parkman Paragraphs was created by Lynn Komandt in June of 2004. She had the ambition to bring a newsletter to our community. This publication has been going on since. Cory Anderson was asked to help Lynn out in the Fall of 2005 and its heartbeat keeps strong to this day. Of course this project has been supported by many through past 20 years, and this is a simple salute of appreciation to everyone who contributed to its success!

**Many Thanks to everyone in our Parkman Community  
for the 20 years of website and newsletter support!**

## Parkman Trustees

From: Joyce Peters, Henry Duchscherer, Lance Portman

Welcome Spring! As I write this column, we are in the midst of a very cold period of subfreezing temperatures. We are looking forward to 40's and 50's and a lot of sunny days. And only as much rain as the farmers need!

Please visit the Pancake Breakfast in March to support the Parkman Chamber of Commerce. They do a spectacular job with the holiday decorations downtown and at the Community House. They also hold some very special events for the kids in our community. They could use your support both in attendance and in volunteering to help with their projects. We are grateful for all that they do for the residents of Parkman.

We are still working on the Gazebo improvements and are hoping to have a dedication of the old school bell installation before Memorial Day. The Gaga Ball Pit at Overlook Park is completed and will be available to play. Related equipment will be provided to renters of the park. Instructions for play are posted. There is a new swing set there as well.

The Community House has new curtains throughout. The old wooden chairs are being rebuilt and strengthened for safety as were the old wooden highchairs. We are investigating new locks and/or keyless entry systems. The elevator is almost done. Only inspections and certifications remain to do as I write this column. A reminder that the elevator has limited usage. It is small, and mainly for the assistance of those with physical challenges, such as those with wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and other difficulties. They can be accompanied by one person. The elevator will be accessible when the second-floor ballroom is part of the rental. We ask that you be sure your guests respect those parameters for use.

Several of the issues that Parkman faced last year have been addressed to the extent possible. The salt-contaminated wells have been identified and new wells have been drilled. The high sewer rates have been balanced out slightly through a tax-related valuation adjustment for 5 years through the Auditor's Office. In 2024, the trustees will continue to work with the Water Resources Department and the County Commissioners to try to improve the functioning of the sewer system.

Talks with the Troy Fire Department on collaboration for services has been halted for now while they reorganize. There are still other avenues to pursue. Our Fire Department coverage is up slightly. The Fire Department is interested in the township providing benefits in order to increase the number of hours that Parkman is covered by Firefighters/EMT's. We will be investigating the financial effects of that plan. It would most likely involve a new levy to support it. Please let your voices be heard regarding this matter. Come to meetings, call, email, ask questions, help us resolve this issue according to your wishes.

Winter conditions are always challenging for road maintenance. Due to rain and snow and freezing temperatures, it is mostly a matter of adding stone and maintaining. Last fall, the township completed chip/sealing Swine Creek Rd, Nash Rd, and Patch Rd. The trustees and the road department are currently working on a plan for this summer's chip/seal project. Follow Parkman Township Facebook page for updates once the plan is finalized.

Last summer's sweltering days with air quality warnings pointed out that we have a need to be filled in our community. The township is working on creating a new committee to oversee a "Warming/Cooling Center". We are hoping to establish the Community House as a place for weather or power emergencies that do not meet the level of Disaster Centers. The County provides disaster services to every township in case of a major emergency. But, in the situation when a small area is out of power in very hot or freezing weather, the township has hopes to provide a space for residents to warm or cool down for short periods of time. We are calling for volunteers who would like to be part of this effort. We need someone to head this committee. We hope to include the church groups to help provide meals when needed. Please call Henry Duchscherer at 440-858-7848, if you are interested.

We are in need of a couple of residents who would be willing to serve on the Zoning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals. Contact the township telephone or email, or any township official and you will be put in touch with the right person. These phone numbers are available on the website. [Parkmanohio.com](http://Parkmanohio.com) Please "Follow" Parkman Township Facebook page for currently important or emergency information.

Don't forget to attend **Parkman's Memorial Day Service**, Monday, May 27, 2024 at 9:00 AM at Overlook Cemetery, followed by our annual parade to the Lower Cemetery.

Have a wonderful spring and summer everyone.



# Parkman Congregational Church

Parkman Congregational Church  
18265 Madison Road, Middlefield Ohio 44062  
440-548-4829 or parkmanchurch@windstream.net  
Facebook – <http://facebook.com/parkmanchurch>

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

## Rev. Will Coley – Pastor

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

## 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

## 2024 Mission Meals

February 16th – Pulled Pork with Mac & Cheese	May 17th – Swiss Steak Dinner
March 15th – Fish Fry	September 20th – Roast Beef Dinner
April 19th – Chicken Parmesan Dinner	October 18th – Chicken Paprikash

## SS. Edward and Lucy

Catholic Parish Community  
16150 Center St. Parkman, Ohio 44080

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

## Rev. Jacob Bearer - Pastor

### William Steigerwald - Parish Office Coordinator

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 8:30am – 4:00pm

## 2024 Upcoming Events

### Easter Egg Hunt

March 30th at St Edward 11am

### Easter Vigil

St. Edward this year at 8pm and our Easter Morning Mass at 8:30am

### Tea Party

St. Edward 1pm on April 20th

The Tea Party is open to all women, but we do ask that you  
contact the office to register either at 440-548-3812 or [office@ssedwardlucy.com](mailto:office@ssedwardlucy.com)

## 2024 Annual Car Show / Chicken Dinner

Hosted at St Edwards on August 18th, 2024 (11am - 6pm)  
Check out the parish website or contact Parish Office for more info!



## Final salute to more Parkman Veterans

Parkman's newest Veterans recently added to our website "Veteran Honor Roll"



### James W. Soltis

September 23, 1931 to November 30, 2023  
<https://www.slyffh.com/obituary/James-Soltis>

James was born on September 23, 1931, to the late Nick and Sophia Soltis in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Nelson High School and went on to marry Annemarie (Varho) Soltis, and they had 6 children.

James was in the Air Force, and he was a Mill Wright at Copperweld Steel where he retired. He was the owner of Soltis Sand and Gravel.

James was a Parkman Township trustee for many years. He enjoyed gardening, working on air planes, horse plowing on his farm, farming, and he loved to spend time in the sunshine.

Burial of Mr. Soltis was at Overlook Cemetery in Parkman, Ohio.

### James A. Curry

May 19, 1943 to December 15, 2023  
<https://www.slyffh.com/obituary/James-Curry>

James A. Curry, 80, of Parkman Township, formerly of Windham, passed away peacefully Friday, December 15, 2023. He was born in DuBois, PA May 19, 1943, to the late Charles LeRoy and Erma Arminita (Frantz) Curry.

He served in the US Air Force during Vietnam from 1961-1969 rising to the rank of Sergeant. James married the love of his life, Carole Ann Miller on January 17, 1964.

Jim worked for the Eaton Corporation and KraftMaid Cabinetry. After he retired, he was an Amish taxi driver. He was a member of Abundant Life Church and Burton American Legion. He loved to hunt, fish, camp and bird watching.

Burial of Mr. Curry was at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Seville, Ohio.

**Parkman is thankful to both Mr. James Soltis and Mr. James Curry  
for their service to both country and community.  
May they both find well deserved rest in peace.**

Both Mr. Soltis and Mr. Curry have been recently added to our  
Parkman Veteran Honor Roll on the Parkman website.

If you don't see a Parkman Veteran that should be added to the Honor Roll - let us know!



### American Legion - Burton Post 459

<https://www.facebook.com/AL.Post459>  
Burton.Middlefield.Post459@proton.me or (440) 834-8621

### Veterans Of Foreign Wars - Middlefield Post 9678

Facebook = <https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/middlefieldvfw9678@gmail.com> or (440) 632-1257

Thanks to all who support!



# Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

## Historical Society Meetings for 2024

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

## 200+ years ago in Parkman

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connecticut\\_Land\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Connecticut_Land_Company)

In 1795, the Connecticut Land Company bought three million acres of Western Reserve lands from the state of Connecticut. The main purpose of the Connecticut Land Company was the pursuit of profits through the sale of the lands to both land speculators and settlers. Land would usually be sold many times between speculators and investors before it would be sold to someone who would actually settle it. Due to weak land sales, the company was forced to lower prices and give away free land in order to encourage settlement. The problems that forced the company to lower prices ultimately forced the company into bankruptcy.

THE HISTORY OF PARKMAN TOWNSHIP - [heritagepursuit.com/Geauga/GeaugaParkman674.htm](http://heritagepursuit.com/Geauga/GeaugaParkman674.htm)

In 1797, Samuel Parkman, of Boston, took advantage and had purchased shares of the Connecticut Land Company, which constitutes the township of Parkman. Samuel (never visiting the area) sent his nephew Robert Parkman in 1804 to perform a survey and settle the new investment.

**Two hundred years ago in 1824**, Samuel Parkman died, and his ownership in the unsold land of the township passed to his son, Dr. George Parkman. Robert Parkman continued managing the property and the agency remained unchanged during the life Robert Parkman. Robert Parkman died at the age of sixty-one, after a long illness, March 21, 1832. George Parkman mishandled the investment and in 1835 General Simon Perkins, of Warren, became the new owner, by purchase, of all the remaining Parkman interest, and thus closed all relation with the family who gave their name to the township.

## 100+ years ago in Parkman

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In 1845, Marvin Chapin, built a store on the Moore Garage site, but the building was destroyed by fire soon after it was completed. In 1855, a building of the same size as the Chapin store, was erected by James L. Johnson, the lower part of which, was used by him as a post-office, and shoe store; the upper part was owned by the masonic fraternity, and used by them as a lodge. In 1861, the lower part of the building was purchased by Frederick Holcomb, who enlarged it and occupied it as a store, till 1867. Soon after this, it was owned and used for the same purpose, by Sherburn H. Williams, and William Halstead, under the firm of Halstead & Williams. In 1872, the building and goods were purchased by John L. Moore, and the business continued by him till 1877. It sat vacant for a short time after.

**In 1924, a hundred years ago**, W. W. Moore and his two sons, Walter and Robert, came to Parkman and operated a garage and service station in the same building which previously has been used by the Parkman Fire Department. The Moore's had built a lift behind the building to lift new cars onto the second floor as a dealership show case.

In 1939, they purchased the NE corner lot of Main and Market occupied by the Congregational Church (where the Gulf Station is today). The church was moved uphill to its location today and Moore built a new garage. In 1946, he sold it to Standard Oil Company. As mentioned, today it is a Gulf Station.



# Parkman Fire & Rescue

From: Mike Komandt - Fire Chief  
440-547-2817

Parkman Fire Department still has smoke detectors available to residents that have no working smoke detectors. Please call the firehouse during normal business hours at 548-2515 and leave a message if we are unable to answer your call.

In 2023, the Department received 490 requests for emergency responses including: 317 EMS related incidents resulting in 106 transports to local hospitals and 173 fire related incidents.

**Please remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.**



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>

## Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich

Hi folks well it looks like we made it through another North east Ohio winter so spring is around the corner and you might be thinking about a spring project such as an addition to your house or garage or a new out building etc, well keep your Zoning officials in mind with your proposed project. We are here to help when it's in your plan.

Call me John Spelich at 330-219-3698 or text me at the same number or the new Parkman Township Zoning Assistant Mark Strumbly at 440-321-6167 or text Mark at the same number. You may know of Mark because he was a zoning Inspector 15 to 20 years ago. Mark is a problem solver Mark knows the lay of the land so to speak. Mark came on board about 6 months ago and he hit the ground running so keep Mark in mind when you start planning a project.

So as a reminder in your plan remember you must submit a site plan (just a simple drawing) showing existing building(s) your house septic system driveway and where your proposed addition, or building is going to be located and your front lot line from the edge of the road or berm (may vary a little) your back lot line and side lot lines all three are 25 feet and the front is 75 feet. The minimums are in section 402.6 (A) &(B) with that call for an appointment and or come to the Zoning office on any Wednesday 4pm to 6pm and complete an application for a permit and Mark or my self with take care of you. If you can't make to hours then call for an appointment.

Have a great spring and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely:

John M. Spelich Zoning Inspector

Mark Strumbly Assistant Zoning Inspector

Parkman Township

## Parkman Township Zoning Commission

From: Jan Helt (Zoning Secretary for Parkman Township)

The Zoning Commission will meet quarterly (January, April, July, and October). The meetings will be held at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Parkman Community House.



# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From Denise Villers

**Halloween 2023** (Sunday, October 29th) was filled with candy, snacks, games, and music. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported our Halloween party.

We would love to see more residents come out to pass out trick-or-treat goodies. It's an awesome opportunity to stay connected to our community and see all the little goblins and superheroes.

**Holiday decorating** downtown and at the Community House for the season is quite the undertaking, but it's well worth it! We hope you enjoyed all the lights and decorations. Special thanks to our chief design coordinator, Lynn Schiffbauer, for heading up the work crew (Mike, Erin, and Brian).

We enjoyed seeing so our local families at our **Breakfast with Santa** in December. Kids, parents and grandparents enjoyed breakfast and the kids received small gifts from Santa. Thanks to our volunteers for a great day. Special thanks to Santa Bobby for joining us!

**Pancake Breakfasts** will be DINE-IN (back to "normal") this year. The pandemic "helped" us develop a drive-thru take-out system that is working quite well (if you aren't able to come in and dine with us).

This year we'll be charging adults \$10.00 and children \$5.00

Would you be interested in getting involved? We appreciate all the help we get – there are a lot of jobs to be filled for each of the four weeks (divided into two shifts) - Sundays in March (3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th). This is a great opportunity for our teens to work their required community service hours. Give me a call!

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be the day before Easter – Saturday, March 31st at Overlook Park at 11:00 a.m. It's not a "free-for-all".

We start with the toddlers, then we have the pre-schoolers gather eggs, and on up through the grades (through 6th). Our Easter Bunny gives each child a special egg that entitles them to a gift/prize.

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 (216) 215-4156 denise.villers17880@gmail.com



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## Many Thanks - Parkman Town Square Holiday Decorations

Many thanks to Brian Blasko, Erin Blasko, Lynn Schiffbauer, Mike Schiffbauer, Bruce Schiffbauer, and Denise Villers for decorating our town square this 2023 Holiday Season! Each year our town square looks amazing and receives many compliments by passing cars.



## 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.

## Cardinal Schools

<https://cardinalschools.org/>

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

