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Parkman Board of Trustees

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Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm) Cindy Gazley

Zoning Inspector

(Wedsdays 7-8:30) John Hasman

(Zoning's new e-mail) parkmanzone@jmz.net

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

Roads Department

Tom Evers

Over 1800 visit's already - our Parkman Website is a success!

The site continuously evolves with current info. So it is probably not the same as your last visit. Keep checking it out!!

www.ParkmanOhio.com

Past issues of Parkman Paragraphs, most up to date community event information, links to local businesses, specialty groups info, Parkman history, and much more!

If you would like your web link added to our website or like to add a page about your local organization contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com to learn about the details.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the <u>3rd Monday</u> of each month at 7:30pm in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

Membership dues are \$5 annually. Mail to: PO Box 525, Parkman OH 44080

Sandie Parnaby—President Faith Kumher—Vice President David Fuhry—Secretary Donald Villers—Treasurer

Upcoming Events

Parkman Halloween Party and Trick or Treat - Tuesday October 31st

Parkman will host another Halloween Party at the Community House. This party will correlate with the Trick or Treat scheduled times. All are welcomed to attend and join in the festivities. Similar to last years party - there will be games, music and goodies for the kids. We welcome any ideas and support for this event.

Help Decorate Town Square - Saturday November 18th

Join other fellow residents as we put up Holiday Cheer in the Parkman Town Square. We will meet at 10am on Saturday November 18th.

Santa Sing a Long - at the Parkman Gazebo - Sunday December 10th

Join fellow Parkman Residents as we host another Santa Sing Along at the Gazebo. This traditional event includes song sheets, hot chocolate and the special visit from Santa. All are welcomed to attend this free event.

Annual PCoC Holiday Dinner and gift exchange - December 18th

Monday December 18th, 2006 Doors open at 6:30pm and Dinner at 7pm Debbie Wilson will send out invitations to everyone who helped at the 2006 Pancake Breakfast. The gift exchange price limit is \$10 max and gifts should be labeled as Male or Female. We hope you join us for this annual community tradition

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking help for the upcoming Holliday season festivities. We need your thoughts and assistance to make these events successful. Please bring your ideas to any PCoC meeting!

Everyone's welcome to attend any meeting and get involved!

New Refrigerator Unit at the Parkman Community House

The Parkman Chamber of Commerce purchased a new refrigeration unit to accompany the new kitchen remodel. This new system is up to date with all of the FDA Standards and we believe that this will help make our community house more usable for the variety of events that it hosts. Thank you for your continued support, without your help, such purchases would be impossible.

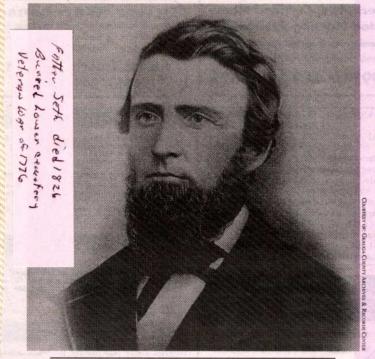
Remember to stay current with all of the Parkman Community Events at:

www.ParkmanOhio.com website, please contact us by:
-attending a Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting or
contact Sandie Parnaby at 632-3473 for information.

Hope to see you at our next meeting—Monday November 20, 2006.

Parkman's First Settler

Notable Citizens of Geauga County



Alfred Phelps 3 April 1792 - 21 April 1861

Moving to Geauga County from Cayuga County, N.Y., with his sister and government of Geauga County. He served brother-in-law at the young age of 11, as County Prosecutor from 1819 to 1828. Alfred Phelps and his family became the For a brief time in 1832, he served as first settlers of Parkman Township. Their County Recorder. From 1835 to 1840, father, Seth Phelps, did not move with Alfred was Treasurer of the Geauga County his family in Parkman until 1819.

ed at the Battle of Queenstown and taken also served as Representative to the Ohio prisoner, but was released on parole.

Aurora, N.Y., in July 1820. They had six was also a County School Examiner. Along children: Eliza (died at age 12), Seth with his many government positions, Sedyard, Alfred Jr., Mary, Edwin E. and Lucius T. (died in infancy).

Alfred was very involved in the early Fair, and in 1845 he was President. During In the War of 1812, Alfred was wound- that time (1843-1844 and 1845-1846), he General Assembly. From 1852 to 1858, he Alfred married Anne Towsly of was Geauga County Probate Judge. Phelps Alfred established the first newspaper press in Chardon.

Parkman Trustees Updates

From: Alan Wilson – Parkman Township Trustee

Nash Road – The work on Nash Road west of Tavern Road is progressing. The cement stabilization work has been completed. The goal is to have the paving work done before the end of the month. The majority of the funding for this project was provided by the State of Ohio Issue Two Fund.

Sewer Project – Many of the vacuum pits for the collection system have been installed in the yards of the homeowners that are in the sewer district. A vacuum pit is located between two homes as they will each serve two homes. The company that is installing the collection system hopes to have the installation completed before the end of the year. Construction of the sewer plant is also well under way. The plant will be finished before the end of next year. All tie-ins should be completed by the property owners by the end of next year. The Geauga County Water Resources Department will inform each property owner of the connection dates and fees as we grow closer to the completion of the project.

Community House – All who use the community house are pleased with the new room and additional space provided. The Parkman Chamber of Commerce has donated a new commercial freezer and a new commercial refrigerator for use at the community house to replace the tired old residential refrigerator that we have used for many years. They also donated a pie rack. Many thanks to the Parkman Chamber of Commerce for the donation. These items are sure to serve the community well. The trustees are also adding some additional wall protection as needed in a few locations in the new kitchen as well as some portable stainless steel shelving units.

Cemetery - Two wooden benches and a wooden trash receptacle have been added in the north rear corner of the cemetery and a sign has been placed at the gazebo park. These items have been donated by Josh Hall, Jeremy Hall, and Jeff Hall who were working on Eagle Scout projects. Many thanks to Jeff, Josh, and Jeremy Hall for their service to the community.

Road Levy - The residents of Parkman Township will be asked to make many important decisions when they vote this fall. One of these decisions will have a direct effect on the residents of Parkman Township and anyone who drives on the township roads. The township roads are used by everyone, not just the people who live along those roads. The cost for road material has gone up over the years. The cost to maintain and fuel the road department vehicles and equipment has also increased. The cost for dust control has increased over the last few years because the companies that provided the brine for dust control (at no cost) have not had the brine available to apply to the roads as needed. Two previous road levies were not renewed or replaced so the income to the township from road levies has decreased. The current township road and bridge budget does not provide the funding needed to properly maintain the roads at the standard that the people who drive on the roads have come to expect. If the levy passes, the annual yield in 2007 would be \$95,729. This will help to fund the increased expenses and provide funding for better dust control. These funds are greatly needed to enable the township road department to maintain the roads as expected by the people who drive on them and without these funds, cuts may have to be made. The property tax estimated net increase per year would be about \$45.94 for the owner of a single family owner occupied home with a market value of \$100,000.

The Trustees meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Cardinal Music Boosters Invitation

By: Connie Hasman, President, Cardinal Music Boosters

SCOTCH DOUBLES BOWLING

Plan your adult night out now! The Cardinal Music Boosters are sponsoring an evening of Scotch Doubles Bowling on

Saturday, November 18th at 9 PM, Sky Lanes in Garrettsville.

Tickets are \$30 per couple. 3 couples per lane (get your friends together)... Tickets include: 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and pop.

For more information, or for tickets, contact Carol Frank at 440-636-5128

The Cardinal Music Boosters are currently selling tickets to the

Great Lakes Mall "Evening of Giving"

a special evening of private shopping being held on

Sunday, November 19th from 7:30 – 10:30 PM at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor, Ohio.

There will be door prizes, entertainment, holiday activities and special sales! Only people with tickets will be able to enter the mall that evening, not the general public, so get your tickets now!

The tickets are \$10 each.

To get your tickets to this fun way to start your holiday shopping, please call Carol Frank at 440-636-5128 or Angela Bowling at 440-632-5599.

The Cardinal Music Boosters is a non-profit organization which supports the music programs of the Cardinal Local School District.

Thank you for your support!

Parkman Youth Baseball League Update:

If you have not been to Overlook Park lately, you may not have noticed the new dugouts on the front and back baseball fields. Late this summer, the Parkman Youth League received a financial contribution from Walleye Sports Inc. & Steve Marcu for the construction of baseball dugouts at Overlook Park. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Mike Peters and his dad Tom (a.k.a. Coach) for all the work they did to make this possible. We also would like to thank Dan Mack for the work he contributed. The Parkman Youth League would like to recognize the 2006 sponsors by name: Hauser Landscaping; The Robbins Group; Doug's Auto Repair; Mike's Auto; Waynes Carpet Care; Peters Construction; Farmers Welding And Supply; Parkman Chamber of Commerce. We are extremely thankful for your generosity.





St. Edward Church
P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080
16150 Center St.

St. Lucy Mission
P.O. Box 98 Middlefield, Ohio
44062 16280 Kinsman Rd.

Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Rev. Harry Winca, Pastor Emeritus -- Rev. Mr. Greg Frania, Deacon Karen Thrasher, Secretary

OFFICE: (440)548-3812 FAX: (440)548-2221 E-Mail: Kt@simcon.net

Collecting Canned and Boxed goods for Holiday Meals

The St Edward and St Lucy Parish Samaritan Group is collecting Canned and Boxed food for a Holiday Food Drive. All donations are used to make meals for local families that need extra help through the holidays. Donations are accepted anytime and can be dropped off at either church location. Thank you all for your generous support.

Free meals at Bingo (Oct 30th & Nov 20th)

Bingo is always held on Monday evenings at St Edwards Rose Hall. Doors open at 5pm and Bingo games begin at 6:30pm.

On October 30th and November 20th - Both Bingo Nights include a free meal to help celebrate the following Holidays.

Operating under the strict guidelines of Charitable Organizations of the State of Ohio, this program offers entertainment for members of the community with paper games, computers, and a variety of instant games. This event is run solely by volunteers.

Cardinal School Info

- No School (Holidays) -November 22-24 December 21 - January 2, 2007



Just because the Parkman School closed doesn't mean that we won't supply info to the community on the school sign. It will be updated regularly with school happenings.

You can also check out the school website for current information at: http://www.cardinal.k12.oh.us

Parkman Congregational Church

Parkman Congregational Church is offering a FREE MEAL on the last Wednesday of each month! Everyone is welcome!

October 25th: Chili & Corn Bread

November 29th: Soup & Sandwiches December 27th: Ham & Veggies

Food is served from 5 - 7 PM at Parkman Congregational Church, 18265 Madison Road (Route 528). Please plan on joining us for food, fun and fellowship!

Our **Annual Election Day Dinner** will be held on Tuesday, November 7, at the Parkman Community House. Sponsored by our Women's Fellowship group, we will have Turkey Dinner with all the fixings, from 4:30 - 7 PM. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, and \$4 for children. Don't miss this delicious annual event.

We will also have two **fundraiser dinners** to benefit the church mortgage retirement fund! On Friday, November 3rd, Ralph and Crew will have another **FISH FRY**! Dinners will be served from 5 - 7 PM at the Parkman Congregational Church. On Friday, December 1st, the Women's Fellowship will prepare a delicious **Roast Beef Dinner**! Cost is \$7.50 for adults. Dinners are served from 5 - 7 PM at the Parkman Congregational Church, 18265 Madison Road (Route 528), Parkman, Ohio. The church is located just north of 422/528 intersection in the center of Parkman.

Holiday Services

You are invited to join us for a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 22, beginning at 7 PM.

Our **Christmas Eve Services** will be held on Sunday, December 24th, at 7PM and 10PM. Please note, instead of our regular Sunday Worship Service, we will present a special Christmas Cantata and Children's program on Sunday, December 24th at our 10:15 AM Worship Service. Everyone is welcome... come celebrate the birth of Jesus!

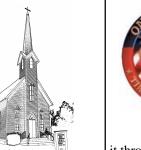
CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA... The Women's Fellowship still has cookbooks for sale... The cookbooks are a collection of members and friends' favorite recipes. The cost is \$10 per cookbook, or \$9 each if you purchase more than one. This is a great idea to send to friends that are no longer in the area... they will enjoy seeing familiar names and trying some great recipes!

GUEST SPEAKER: Doug Carmel of Rock of Israel Ministries will be our guest speaker on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at our 10:15 AM Worship Service. The Rock of Israel Ministries is dedicated to reaching Jewish people with the Good News that their Messiah has come and will soon return! Come hear Rev. Carmel speak on "Christ in the Tabernacle."

If you are new to Parkman, or just have been away from church for a while and have been thinking of finding a church, we invite you to join us anytime!

Our Sunday worship service is held at 10:15 AM, and we offer Sunday School classes and Bible studies for all ages.

For more information, contact Pastor Rod Edwards at 440.548.4829.



Boy Scout Troop #76



From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee member

Well, the big news is that we have three more Eagle Scouts for Troop 76. Not only that – they are brothers – TRIPLETS! – Jeremy, Josh, and Jeff Hall, sons of Len & Pat Hall. Considering the fact that only 3% of all boy scouts ever achieve the rank of Eagle, this is an amazing feat for triplets.

As part of their Eagle rank the boys have to take on a community project and see it through from start to finish. Jeremy's project was a bulletin board by the gazebo downtown. Josh built trash receptacles for Overlook Cemetery. Jeff oversaw the building of benches at Overlook Cemetery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS AND THEIR PARENTS!

In other news, we had three new boys join the troop this fall. They were able to attend their first camp-out in September.

We continue to meet at the Boy Scout Lodge in Middlefield (Sperry Lane next to the baseball fields) every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November is our annual Thanksgiving camp-out at Gates' Park.
- Saturday, November 11th is the annual Craft Show at the Parkman Community House sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 76.

The Boy Scout Troop will be selling/taking orders for Christmas wreaths and sprays.

- December Troop camp-out
- January Winter Event at Camp

If you would like more info about Boy Scouts, call Scott Villers at (440) 548-3622.

Cub Scout Pack #76.

From Wendy Anderson:

We need boys from 1-5th grade. We meet on Tuesdays at Parkman Congregational Church form 7-8PM.



Contact Wendy Anderson for more info. 548-2388

Parkman Zoning Inspector

By: John W. Hasman

If you have any questions about Zoning, please stop in the Zoning Office any Wednesday evening from 7-8:30 PM, at the rear of the Community House. You can reach the Zoning Office at 440-548-2904 or e-mail parkmanzone@jmz.net.

Only e-mails with actual resident names will be answered!

Parkman EMS Report From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer

It's transition time: the hot days of summer are behind us and the cool days of winter approach. Gone are the bee stings, flu season is here, and hypothermia is waiting in the wings. Sound interesting? I can guarantee there's seldom a dull moment. Would any of our residents like to join us in serving their friends and neighbors in one of the finest ways possible? The department pays for your fire and EMT basic training courses. The Trustees have recently passed the following guidelines for Paramedic training:

- 1. The member applying for Paramedic training must be recommended by the Fire Chief or the Medical Officer.
- 2. The candidate must have been a member of the Parkman Fire Department for at least one year and an EMT for a minimum of one year.
- 3. The candidate must be a Parkman Township resident.
- 4. The Township will pay for classes and materials up to \$4,000 per person for a state-approved Paramedic educational program. This amount may be adjusted by the Township Trustees on recommendation of the Fire Chief, if necessary.
- 5. The candidate will be asked to sign a promissory note to repay the Township for these training classes if he/she does not remain on the Parkman Township Fire Department as an active participant for a minimum period of two years after receiving his/her Ohio State Certification Paramedic card.
- 6. If the candidate does not pass the National Registry tests or does not-meet the requirements of obtain his/her Ohio State Certification Paramedic card, he/she must pay for any additional classes and testing on his/her own. The candidate must continue to actively pursue obtaining his/her Ohio State Certification Paramedic card.
- 7. If the candidate does not pass the National Registry tests or does not meet the requirements to obtain his/her Ohio State Certification Paramedic card within two years after first sitting for the National Registry examinations, he/she will be required to repay the Township for those monies advanced for the initial Paramedic training classes.

As I tell all our EMT students, if you want it bad enough, you can do it. Any questions? Talk to any Fire Department member or come to the station on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm and meet the troops. 1st Wednesday is monthly meeting, 3rd Wednesday is EMS training, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays are Fire training and/or maintenance. Bring your enthusiasm and dedication. We'll supply the rest. Anyone interested in becoming trained in emergency medicine and responding with the Fire Department, contact Chuck or Joan at 548-7541.

North East Community is a new church in your area with a vision to show people how much God loves them. We want you to become a part of the experience.



Sunday Gatherings

11:00 AM @ Parkman Community House The Community house is located just east of the intersection of 528 and 422 on 422 in Parkman.

Casual atmosphere, Fun learning for children, Authentic pursuit of God

Opportunities to know God and to show God's love are always ongoing at North East Community through various groups and activities including: home groups, Bible Study classes, Women's Group, and volunteer ministry. Everyone interested is welcome to participate. In October our Sunday morning gatherings will be on the topic of "Living With Pain" and how we respond to it as Christians.

For more information go to www.necommunity.org or call 440-313-1092.

Parkman Fire Department Street Address Signs

The Parkman Fire Department is still making the highly visible green and reflective white letter Street Address Signs. These allow much quicker emergency response times for our volunteers. To help enhance your rescue time, please order yours today! Call Dale at 548-5636 for details.



Amish Traditions Thoughts on Fall 2006 recent events

From the Local Amish Community:

Parkman Folks,

This is a very nice time of the year. Fall is beautiful! The gardens are ready to be cleaned out and the canning has been in full swing. Now the apples and pumpkins are in so we are all busy which is such a blessing!

The most we have on our minds is the sad happenings in the PA School. It is hard on the entire Amish Community. Such a sad and shocking feeling. For years the children could go out and enjoy a day in school, but now it puts such a fear on everyone. We have to pray about this and see what should be done for the schools. We also greatly feel for the shooters widow and family, and the girls that got shot and are still living....they need lots of prayers for what they went through.

Please feel welcomed to send any local Amish thoughts to the Parkman Paragraphs!

Parkman hosts Rescue Training

Parkman Township held a mass casualty multi-town training event at the Overlook Park on August 20th, 2006.

The scenario was a collision of a School Bus (flipped on its side) with another vehicle. Volunteers from the local Boy Scout Troup 76 and a variety of other Parkman students practiced their acting talents as Emergency Personnel entered the training event. Moans and groans became fluent as if this were an American Idol for casualty victims. Everyone performed their duties well and this event was a success. Rescue efforts from Parkman, West Farmington, Troy, Middlefield, Metro Life Flight Team, and the Geauga Sheriffs Department all had their hands full.

A special THANKS for all those involved to make this event a huge success. Also many thanks to those who keep us safe with continuous training and dedication. These volunteers have a passion to help our community! We salute you for your ambition and selflessness.









A special thanks to David Podboy (one of Parkman's newest EMT team members) for sending in his pictures from this event. You can view more pictures on the Parkman website - http://www.parkmanohio.com.



Parkman Fire Report Chief Wayne Komandt

Tonight was the night I was going to write my article for the Parkman Newsletter. First I had a county fire fighter association meeting to go to. My plan was to do the article on my return. But life of a volunteer is never predictable. On the way home from the meeting there was a garage fire in Troy. As a Parkman Fire Department responds automatically with Troy on structures fires, we were paged and I responded to the fire station. We responded with a Pumper

and a Tanker truck. My job at the fire was to take charge of the water supply , which means I am responsible for insuring there is enough water to fight the fire. We put down a folding water tank and filled it with 2000 gallons of water. The next truck in had 3000 gallons of water. This also was put into the tank. These two trucks went to refill their tanks. Another truck was backed to the tank in case it was needed. Luckily it wasn't. In any case, the fire was put out, without loosing the garage. No injuries occurred and everyone returned home safely tonight. Remember that your volunteer Firefighters do their job whenever needed. Not for Pay, Fame, or Glory, but because they have a desire to help their neighbors!

Parkman Roads Department

Tom Evers Road Superintendent

Did you ever wonder what the Parkman Road Department does? Well here is a short but hopefully informative, summary. The township has 55.44 lane miles of roads:

Maintains

14.14 lane miles of paved

41.3 lane miles of gravel

55.44 lane miles of ditches

Plows and winter treat 55.44 lanes miles

Mows 47 miles of roadsides twice a year

110 crossover pipes

Installs and replaces: driveway pipes

Street and traffic control signs

Approximate use of material: 2600 tons of limestone

3200 tons of steel slag

Cemetery and Parks: mows 22 acres of grass Weed whacks around 1725 headstones And other obstacles every two weeks

We also maintain and clean the equipment we use, plant the flowers around town and put up and take down flags for the holidays and too many other smaller things to mention. I hope this helps you to understand what we do and how busy we are through out the year. We take pride in our work and do the best job we can with the resources we have.

Just a reminder its the homeowners responsibility to keep there driveway pipes clear of leaves and debris. Leaves can cause water buildup quickly, so help maintain flooding troubles by simply cleaning debris from that area. Snow season is near, remember that plowing a driveway starts at the street and then proceeds into the yard. Thank you all for performing these simple routines and saving many headaches for everyone in the community.

Parkman Historical Society

Contact Nikki Shrock 548-2208 for information on any upcoming events.

Our next meeting is
Thursday November 16th at 7:30pm
in the
Community House.
Hope to see you there.

Our speaker is

Linda Jacobs

on

"The Soltis Family History"

(postponed from September)



Airmail From Parkman

From time to time we have shown you pictures of the first airport in Geauga County located in Parkman but this picture shows the pilot loading the mail in to be taken to Cleveland from our local post office. The airport was located on 608 about across from the Parkman school.



1929 AIRPORT

Geauga County's first airport was located at Parkman as the above picture shows. It was located just north of Parkman on Rt. 88. Planes would fly in carrying mail and Middlefield received their first airmail at this airport.

This newsletter is yours, do you have anything that you would like to share with the community? If so, send an e-mail at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or letter to PO Box 580 Parkman Ohio 44080

Don't forget to check out www.ParkmanOhio.com! All of the photos sent get added into this site for all to share.

Thank you all for your support of this project!

Cory Anderson

Township History and Fact Finding - Parkman Airport



Did you know that Parkman used to have its own Airport? No, not the Cleveland Parachute - Sky Diving Facility. The original Parkman Airport was located at the Overlook Park back in the 1920's. This was used for many purposes including a US Mail delivery for many local towns including Garrettsville and Middlefield.

Thank you Dale Komandt for your pictures and history of Parkman.

If you have any information you like to share about this or any other Parkman Facts, please contact us at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or attend a Historical Society meeting.

