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Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2007



Parkman Community's Fall Event October 27th, 2007

Stella Cromwell Recreation Park (10am)
Overlook Park (10:30am) Baseball Games and Fun!
More details inside of this edition!!

Everyone is welcomed to this FREE community event.

Community Website: <http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>

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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

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

Our next event is the

“Meet the 2008 Parkman Trustee Candidates”

Monday October 15th from 7:30-9pm at the Community House.

Those who are on the 2008 Trustee Candidate list include

Ernie Conover, Patrick Joyce, and Alan Wilson.

You can find the candidate profiles on the Parkman Website
or at any of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce events.

Our next general PCoC meeting is Monday November 19th at 7:30pm.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community House.
Chamber board members are:

Faith Kumher—President
Cory Anderson—Vice President
David Fuhry—Secretary
Donald Villers—Treasurer

October 15th (Monday) Meet the Candidates

The Parkman Chamber of Commerce has invited the Parkman Trustee Candidates to the
Chamber meeting so that the community can meet them and ask direct questions before
voting on the **November 6th Elections**. Candidate profiles can be found on our website.

This event is free and we welcome anyone interested in learning about the new Parkman
Trustee Candidates for 2008. Those who are on the 2008 Trustee Candidate list include

Ernie Conover, Patrick Joyce, and Alan Wilson.

October 27th (Saturday) Fall Community Day

Join us as we honor Stella Cromwell and the 135th Anniversary of her birth.

Stella (Mintern) Cromwell was born in Parkman on October 30th 1872.

Stella was part of the first graduating class of Parkman High School and became a very
ambitious leader the Parkman Community. She was one of the founders of the Parkman
School Alumni Association, she was very active in the Parkman Dramatic Troupe (a
theatre group that performed many performances in Parkman), and she helped to make
Parkman known as a Baseball Town. When she passed away in 1920, the land across
from the Parkman School was donated to the Parkman Community in her name. It is
deeded as the **Stella Cromwell Recreation Park**. Stella was always motivating people
to take the time to enjoy life. She was a very respected resident of Parkman.

Come join us on Saturday October 27th (10am), as we salute her heritage and bring some
community fun as a friendly baseball games will be played at Overlook Park. The Park-
man Historical Society will have a Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser and everyone is welcomed
to join in the Fall 2007 spirit. “From Scratch” Pie Contest and other activities are also set.

December 17th (Monday) Annual Holiday Dinner

The Parkman Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Holiday Dinner to salute the
efforts of those who participate at our community fundraisers and community events.

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Our next meeting is Monday November 19th at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend
the meeting and get involved with our community activities.

Due to the lack of interest of our past Community Halloween Party Tradition, the Cham-
ber decided to **cancel the Halloween Party** this year. We cant compete with the Hallow-
een Night trick or treating. So while you are hunting for treats, please stay safe and look
both ways when crossing streets. Choose well lighted areas to cross major roads, for
drivers cannot see dark costumes. Don't risk your safety to rush to the next lighted
house. Parents-teach your kids safe trick or treating! **Happy Halloween everyone!!!**

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society's next meeting will be November 15th 7:30pm at the Parkman Community House.

The Parkman Paragraphs and our Historical Society continue our search for any old photographs, so please contact Cory Anderson.



Cromwell Family History

On September 13th, a very special visit from Bill Edwards (a grandson of William H. Cromwell), and his daughter Sherry Barnes, passed through Parkman



to drop off some local treasures from his family. In the Spring 2006 Edition of the Parkman Paragraphs, a presentation was given from Wilma Sparrow Young. She talked about the history of the Cromwell's, the Cromwell Store, and how the Cromwell family name was very fluent in Parkman leadership during the early 1900's.

Bill Edwards (from Eastern New York) found our story on the Parkman website, and contacted Cory to give several Parkman Artifacts back to our community. Such items included the Marching Baton of the Buckeye Band, which William H. Cromwell led the band with for 50 years. This was another story covered in the Spring 2006 issue.

The baton will be mounted onto a wood plaque made by Ernie Conover. We thought it would be symbolic to use Buckeye wood for this presentation piece. It will be displayed at the Parkman Historical Society "Thompson House" for the community to enjoy. The "Cromwell Collection" also includes many photos from the 1800's and early 1900's of Parkman, Cromwell Store ledgers, and the Civil War hat that William Cromwell Sr. wore during his enlistment.

Another exciting fact found with the collection is how Parkman received the land across the street from the Parkman School - and had been a Baseball Field as long as anyone can remember. William Cromwell donated the land in memory of his wife Stella Cromwell. The land was to be called **Stella Cromwell Recreation Park** and was given to the People of Parkman in 1920. This lost fact was recently restored from the visit of Bill and Sherry. Thus a free community event has been developed to honor Stella Cromwell - hope you can join us!

Fall Community Day - Saturday - October 27th, 2007

Celebrating Stella's 135th Anniversary of her birth (October 30th 1872).

10am at Stella Cromwell Recreation Park - Ceremonial Baseball Pitch

10:30am - 3pm at Overlook Park - Community Baseball Games (All welcomed!)

Hotdog Lunch fundraiser sponsored by the Parkman Historical Society

(100% from Scratch) Pie Contest - Horse Shoes - Kites - History Trivia

Any ideas and sports equipment is appreciated—please bring extras!

Parkman Trustees Notes

From: Kevin O'Rielly

As many of you are now aware, the sewer plant is nearing completion and hookup will be coming soon. If you were unable to attend the meeting last month please contact the county water resources department for information on tying into the sewer lines. By this time next year the odors that are prevalent along Mill Street and other places in town will be gone.

The reconstruction of route 422 east of town is progressing and has resulted in a drastic change to the way the road will look. Many of you have expressed concern over the detour traffic through the southern portion of the township and as trustees we have been vigilant in trying to control this traffic. It is a difficult task and there is little that the township can do. Please be patient and remember that this should be finished about this time next year.

Now on to the less exciting topic of finances. As many of you are aware the township road department has been operating in the red for some time now and money has been used from the general fund to support limited road maintenance activities. This is money that had been put aside for major repairs or improvements such as the kitchen upgrades that were necessary in order to continue providing a health department approved facility for the pancake breakfasts and other functions at the community house. These projects are sometimes not planned for such as the new well that was drilled two years ago or the new chlorinator that is now needed to keep the community house water safe to drink. As expenses such as fuel and gravel continue to increase it is projected that there will be no excess money left in the general fund to supplement the road department after 2008. As your elected trustees we have been entrusted the responsibility of maintaining a balanced budget while providing the services needed by the residents of the township. In order to do this a new road levy will be on the November 6th ballot. It will provide only enough money to cover the current shortfall in the road department budget. It is estimated to cost the average Parkman homeowner \$114.00 per year. A small price to pay for safe roads. If you have questions about the need for this levy or about the township budget please come to one of the trustees meetings and we will be happy to discuss any township issue with you.

We welcome you to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, behind the Community House.

Goodbye to a Parkman Landmark!

The Chickagami Boy Scout Camp in Parkman is currently being leveled. Rumor states that the property is changing hands back to the Geauga Park District. Chickagami Camp served NE Ohio Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts since 1941 when it was first opened. The Esterbrook Lake (headwaters of the Grand River) has hosted many swimming lessons. Thousands of knots were learned, and the educational respect of true outdoor Boy /Girl Scout Heritage echoes the memories of this Parkman Gem. Well, nothing lasts forever. The recent change of ownership from BSA to Geauga Park District began with the removal of all buildings on the Property. This began on Monday September 24th. If you have any thoughts to reflect Camp Chickagami, then come to Saturday October 27th Community Day at Overlook Park and spend a few minutes expressing your memories of this long lasting landmark.

Some historical photos will be displayed and an opportunity to be recorded on video will allow anyone a few moments to briefly express their thoughts and experiences of the Camp Chickagami Boy / Girl Scout Camp.

More to this story is being developed as the Chickagami Collection is in progress of historical data collecting. The final project will be displayed at the Parkman Historical Society when completed. You can become a part of this project by sharing your pictures, thoughts, and experiences from Camp Chickagami. Your help to properly salute this landmark is welcomed! Be at Overlook Park - Oct. 27th at 11am!

George Kascsak, property chairman of Chickagami since 1952, had donated many of the Camps archives to the Parkman Historical Society. Ken Jaros (Camp care taker) was also present.

If you cant make it October 27th to Overlook Park, then come to a regularly scheduled Historical Society meeting or send your Camp memory info to Cory at PO Box 580 Parkman Ohio 44080.



St. Edward & St. Lucy Catholic Parish Community



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Rev. Harry Winca, Pastor Emeritus ** Rev. Mr. Greg Frania, Deacon
Rev Mr. Don Lobdell Deacon ** Karen Thrasher, Secretary
Office: (440)548-3812 Rectory: (440) 548-8091

Mass Schedule

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm - St. Edward 6:30pm -St. Lucy
Sunday: 8:30am - St. Edward 10:30am -St. Lucy
Confessions: 4:15-5:00pm-St Edward 7:15pm-St. Lucy
Weekday Mass: 7:45am -St. Edward Chapel

Sunday October 7th, 2007 - Polka Festival

Noon Mass (St. Edwards Church) - Free (no RSVP required)
All are welcome to join our Polka Mass as the

Wayne Tomsic Orchestra Band will fill the church
with the happy sounds of traditional Polka Music.

Traditional Dinner and Polka Dance after the Mass. RSVP Required.

October 12th and 13th—Blanket Sunday

Helping our Community stay warm this winter!

Sponsored by the St. Vincent De Paul Society

Collecting: Blankets - Sheets - Pillow Cases - Towels

October 27th - Leaf Raking Help

Sponsored by the Parish Youth Group

Contact the Parish Office for all event details

Bingo

every Monday
starting 6pm
in Rose Hall
at St Edwards

All are
welcome
to play!



BOY SCOUT TROOP 76

From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee member

The Scouts continue to meet every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield. New boys are always welcome to join us (ages 11 – 18).

17TH ANNUAL PARKMAN FALL & HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2007
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PARKMAN CUB SCOUTS PACK 76

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission: Free!!!

Location: Parkman Community House,

Lunch and Snacks available

2 Floors of Crafters!

For More Information call 440-548-5740



North East Community

Sunday Gatherings start at 11am (Bible Study at 9:45am)
in the **Parkman Community House**. All are welcome!

For more information call 440-313-1092 or check out the
Church Website: www.necommunity.org

Casual Atmosphere - Fun Learning - Authentic pursuit of God

A new approach at worship begins in late September.

We'll be watching a video series on prayer and discussing it together.

Come and check it out!

For other information on home groups, service projects and church events
check out our website or call our contact number.

We look forward to meeting you!



Parkman Congregational Church

The members of Parkman Congregational Church invite the community to a FREE MEAL on the last Wednesday of each month. Upcoming meals are:

October 24th: Baked Potato Bar
 November 28th: Breakfast
 December 19th: Ham Balls & Veggies



Food is served from 5-7 PM at the Parkman Congregational Church, 18265 Madison Road (Route 528), in Parkman.

Questions? Call the church at 440-548-4829. Bring a friend!

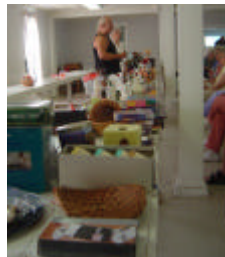
Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM
 Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM
 We welcome you anytime!

Parkman 55 Plus Club



Parkman 55 Plus Club began October 10, 1973 when the Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting for the local Seniors. The event was at the Parkman Congregational Church and 33 seniors were present. They had a dinner and planned activities and trips that enhanced the lives of seniors. Today (34 years later) it is still one of the most active senior clubs in Geauga County boasting over 100 members. They meet at the Community House on the first Thursday of each month. This group promotes activities for the retired community including fundraisers to help support many of their trips. Their September 6th meeting had a pot luck dinner and auction fundraiser. In October, they plan to take yet another trip.

Join them at their next meeting, Thursday November 1st (noon) at the Community House. Parkman 55 Plus meets on the first Thursday every month at the Community House!



Scenes from the 2007 Parkman Community Picnic in August.



The 20th annual Community Picnic at Overlook Park was a rainy day. Chamber made a quick decision to have the event at our Community House. Though the day was wet, the spirit wasn't as over 40 people attended the picnic. We had a great picnic. Chamber made hamburgers and hot dogs on the "portable" grill. Many pot luck sides and deserts filled the table. No one left hungry! After the dinner, Sandi Parnaby held a trivia game about the Overlook Park and Parnaby Pavilion. Even the experts did not get all of the answers. Thank you all for your support to this 20 year Parkman community tradition. See you next year!



More pictures can be found on the Parkman Community Website under recent events.

<http://www.parkmanohio.com>

Pancake Breakfast 2008 preview!

The Parkman Pancake Breakfast will continue its fundraising tradition in 2008. Due to an early Easter, the Sunday breakfasts will be on following Sunday's February 24th, March 2nd, March 9th, and March 16th.

A planning meeting will be January 21st and February 18th equipment cleaning.

If you have an event that you would like to share with the community or would like to participate with any Parkman Community events, contact Cory with any questions or comments. Remember that this is your community and any advise or input to its direction is always welcomed. Stories, Photos, History, and Community Event Help is welcomed!

Green Address Signs - If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - what is the holdup? Don't wait until its too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected! Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details! Stop Procrastinating!!

Parkman Fire 911 EMERGENCIES & CELL PHONES

From A. Dale Komandt, Captain

Because some cell phone calls to 911 operators may be transferred around and around, until who knows where, the cell phone caller should, must, know where they are when they call. That means township, county, even state – what road they're on, closest intersections – anything & everything possible to pinpoint the emergency location.

Cell phone calls have even been known to skip to another state. They are getting better, though. Best thing to do if you're making a 911 call from a cell phone is to stay near the emergency, so we can call you back – that means you must also give your number to the 911 operator.

Just because you see smoke coming from a building in the woods doesn't mean there is a fire. Could it be a syrup house boiling sap? Just might be! We responded to 2-3 calls in one week like that. "Look before you leap." In this case, "Look before you call."

Members of your Fire Department surely do not regret rushing to any emergency, but false alarms put all in harm's way. We might be needed somewhere else for a real emergency, maybe at your house! Be careful out there.

Parkman EMS From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer

Ahhh, the air is cool again and with the low humidity, life is good.

In this issue I'd like to discuss responding to your emergency. As you know, we are all total volunteers. We do not man the station during the day. When the pager goes off, we drop whatever we're doing, put on our Fire and Rescue shirts, and take off for the station. Most of us have lights and sirens on our vehicles to help us get there as quickly as possible. We are asking the public for their cooperation to allow us the right-of-way.

Arriving at the station, buttons are pushed to open the bay doors, and vehicles are moved out onto the pads to wait for a full crew before leaving. Depending on the emergency, it may just be the ambulance (medical), the ambulance and rescue vehicle (accidents), or ambulance, engine and tanker (fires). We also have a jeep with a water tank for field fires. On the road, all of these vehicles (except the jeep) are big, visible and very noisy asking for your consideration to allow us to get to the scene ASAP. Some of you might have noticed we shut down the siren when passing Amish buggies on the road out of consideration to their horses who don't understand what all the hoopla is about.

If it was your child mauled by a dog, or your car on fire next to your house, or your chimney shooting flames 15 feet into the sky and filling your home with smoke, or your dad with severe chest pain, you can understand the reason for a rapid response. We are here to serve you. All of our training and years of experience are freely given without pay. We expect our volunteers to respect the public and hope for the same in return. If this sounds like a good way to fill those extra hours in your life, come down to the station and talk to us. We can always use new volunteers.

Thanks for supporting the Oct. Chicken Dinner Fundraiser!

Anyone interested in the volunteering Fire or EMS, come to a Wednesday meeting or please contact Joan Dillon at 440-548-7541.



Buckeye Off Road Adventure Club

BORAC is an off road club for ATV and Dirt Bike Owners.
Formally called Ride the Red, we change the name to welcome all brands.

Supporting Geauga, Portage and Trumbull Counties of Ohio,
BORAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to
Fun/Safe Family Riding and Responsible Trail Use.

We are an active member organization of the Ohio Motorized Trails Association
<http://www.ohiotrails.org>

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Metro Motorcycle Sales
located on Route 44 - 1/4 mile south of Route 82 in Mantua Ohio
(centered of the tri-county area) or E-mail us at b.o.r.a.c@hotmail.com
Matthew T. Mesarchik, President: 440-313-1069

October 2007 Ride - Huron National Forest in Michigan October 12-14 Camping in Rose City Mi.

The BORAC group will be making another trip to the well groomed trails in Michigan. We plan to leave Friday October 12th and ride Saturday and Sunday. There are over 700 miles of trails there and we hope to cover a large area of that. This will be our second visit there this year and recommend anyone of any skill level to enjoy this trip.

Final trip details will be at our Tuesday October 9th meeting at Metro Cycle.
Anyone is welcome to join us for this off road adventure.

November 2007 Ride—West Virginia—Details TBA

Trip details will be discussed at our Tuesday October 9th meeting at Metro Cycle.

September 2007 Ride Review - OMTA Poker Run

BORAC had the opportunity to ride on 400 pristine acres of private trails in Logan Ohio during the September 8-9 OMTA Poker Run. OMTA member riders from all over Ohio were there to support this Poker Run fundraiser. During the 15 mile trail ride, a raffle drawing was made to win a 2007 Suzuki King Quad. Thousands of tickets were sold, and the winner was Chuck Battaglia from Chardon Ohio. He was at the Spring 2007 OMTA meeting hosted in Middlefield where he bought his lucky ticket.

Congratulations Chuck and Happy Riding!

Chuck recently became a member of BORAC after he won his new ride.
Below are some pictures of the September 2007 OMTA Poker Run.



2007 Ohio Solar Tour - NE Ohio area

Saturday October 6th - (check GEO web for complete details!)

Get a "free" complete tour schedule guidebook at

<http://www.greenenergyohio.org> or call (866) GREEN-OH

- 9:30am Lake Farmpark Tour & Presentation on Renewable Energy
- 10:15am Bus Departs from Lake Farmpark
- 10:30am Rosa Residence in Mentor
- 11:00am Kornell Model Home in Hambden
- 11:55am Free Lunch, Hambden Twp. Park
- 12:30am Wyatt Residence, Hambden
- 1:10pm Hershey Montessori School, Huntsburg
- 1:50pm State Road Battery Pro, Middlefield
- 2:45pm West Woods Nature Center, Novelty
- 3:40pm Bus returns to Lake Farmpark



Sites Not on Bus Tour, but Available During Open House Hours:
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Rapini Residence
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Evelyn Residence **Solar—Wind—Biomass—Green Design**
Meet people in our local area who live and work with Clean Energy!

FROM THE ZONING INSPECTOR

John W. Hasman

Recently the township has adopted new regulations regarding the use of a home or an accessory building for a home occupation. The total square feet for the operation of the home occupation now varies with lot size. There are also new regulations for daily hours of operation. Please contact the zoning office for an explanation of these new regulations as well as a listing of the permitted uses if you have an existing home occupation or are planning to start one in the future.

Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM,
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

You can reach the Zoning Office at
440-548-2904 or parkmanzone@windstream.net

ROAD DEPARTMENT

from Tom Evers, Superintendent

It has been a very dry summer and fall is upon us. We should be done with crack sealing the paved roads by September 28th (weather pending). It is usually a 4-5 day project. Then we will begin graveling and grading roads to prepare them for winter. We are also getting the trucks ready for snow.

Important note: The Road Department comes to work everyday to work on and improve roads in the Township. We also want to go home every day!

Please RESPECT and SLOW DOWN in our work areas!

Parkman Amish News and Stories



From: Vernon Yoder

The Scout Ridge Amish School had a Pizza Drive Fundraiser on Sept 22nd which went far beyond expectation. The 1200 pizza goal was short by only 27 pizza's. Much appreciation goes to the Parkman Community for its support. **Special Thanks** to all who helped make, drive, sell and purchased the pizza pies!

From: Ellen Hershberger

Fall 2007 is upon us and its a beautiful time of harvests and bounty from our Creator. The produce growers only have one week left of picking before auction.

Congratulations!

Friends and family enjoyed a perfect Wedding day September 13th for Paul & Susan Hershberger. Paul's parents both passed away within 30 days of each other during the summer of 2000. Paul and Susan reside in his parents home that they built just before they passed away. Best wishes to the Hershberger Family.

Pray.

Mose D. Miller was transported to the hospital Sept 23rd with a coma. He is suffering from brain cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Useful Knowledge

Nine year old Wayne Yutzy burned his leg from the knee to the foot and it healed wonderfully with using only B & W Ointment. Just wanted to share this info.

Health Wishes.

Marie Lengel is not feeling well and a quick line of cheer would be really nice for her. Take a few moments to contact her.

Parkman Fire & Rescue and Parkman Amish Chicken Dinner Friday Oct 5th, 2007 at the Parkman Community House

Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this fundraiser. The funds made are to help the Parkman Amish Parochial Schools and the Parkman Fire and Rescue Team.

Parkman Community Day - Saturday October 27th (10:30am) Overlook Park (Baseball games and more)

The Parkman Community Baseball event will be held at Overlook Park. Please feel welcome to join us for this community friendly event. Enjoy a day of fun.

Parkman Historical Society will host a Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser.
(100% from Scratch) Pie Contest - Horse Shoes - Kites - History Trivia
Any ideas and sports equipment is appreciated—please bring extras!

(Pie contest winner will be recognized in Winter 2008 Paragraphs Issue)
More event details at the October 15th, 2007 Chamber of Commerce meeting!

Meet the Volunteers of the Parkman Fire and EMS Team

This issue of the Parkman Paragraphs continues to salute our volunteers who serve our community 24/7 during our time of need.



Alan Wilson was born in Geauga County and has lived in Parkman since he was a child. He graduated from Cardinal High School in 1975. Alan married his wife Debbie in 1976. They have two sons, Mathew and Mitchell. He has been a member of the Parkman Volunteer Fire Department since April of 1980. As a member of the department he has served as Captain, Assistant Fire Chief, and training instructor. Alan states, "I have found that serving the community as a member of the fire department is rewarding. As the township grows and changes, the challenges and needs of the residents also changes. The members of the fire department greatly appreciate the support that they receive from the residents of the township."

Tom Evers came into our Parkman Community in 1991. In 2001, Tom became our road superintendent, serving the never ending needs of road upkeep. During September of 2001, Tom took the ambitious move to become a volunteer of the Parkman Fire Team. He passed the certifying tests and has helped rescue our community since.



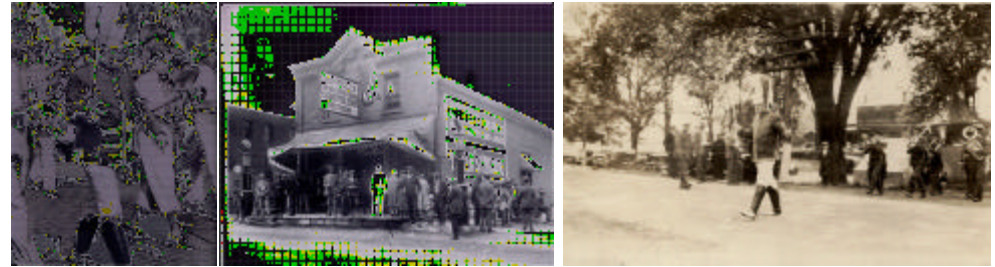
Owen Brownfield became a Parkman Resident in October 2002. He joined the Parkman Fire Team in October 2004. Owen spent time serving our county in the US Navy from 1994-1998. He continues his service to our Country in the Navy Reserves. As a day job, he operates heavy equipment for First Energy. If that is not enough to keep his hands busy, he is a single father of 3. Owen has a daughter (age 14), son (age 4) and another daughter who is 3 years old. He is an active member of the Parkman Congregational Church. Owen believes that we all have a part to keep our community safe.

Mike Komandt was born into the Parkman Fire Team. At 6 weeks old, he was already spending time at the station. With a family of rescuers, Mike was raised to serve in Parkman. In high school Mike enjoyed Marching Band, Baseball and Basketball. After he graduated Cardinal in 2001, he went into the Air Force and served as an Electrical Power Generator Tech. He was stationed in New Mexico for 3 years and then returned to Parkman while continuing in the Air Force Reserves. Mike is a Parkman Fire Fighter and EMS Volunteer who is always ready to help.



Steve Dale is a fifth generation Fire Fighter. In 1993, at age 16, Steve joined the Farmington Fire Department and served for 12 years. His father, Steve Dale, was the Farmington Chief from 1994-2002. During Steve's tenure with Farmington, he advanced to Lieutenant Officer where he took charge at many rescue scenes. Steve moved to Parkman in 2005 and joined our Fire and Rescue Team. He is the current Training Coordinator for the Team. Steve absolutely loves this volunteer commitment and serving our Parkman community.

Fall 2007 Feature Profile William H. Cromwell



William H. Cromwell was born in Parkman on April 12th, 1868. He attended the local schools and later pursued Pharmacy. He became a registered pharmacist in 1893. He returned to Parkman the following year and opened a drug and grocery store, which he operated for 45 years, selling it November 1939 to Allen George.

In 1919, William was elected County Commissioner and served for 14 years. He is credited for the building of two major roads in Geauga, one from Cleveland to Youngstown and the other from Painesville to Ravenna.

In 1929, William was elected president of the Ohio County Commissioners Association, he was also the vice president of the Middlefield Banking Company, a director of the Geauga County Fair since 1904, he had been president and vice president of the Parkman Telephone Company, and **president** of the **Parkman Volunteer Fire Company**. He was a chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee during World War 1 and led all eight bond drives for World War 2. His vigor was recognized the US President, Franklin Roosevelt.

William Cromwell was one of the charter members of the Parkman Buckeye Band and led the band as Drum Major for 50 years. The baton was recently returned to Parkman and will be displayed at the October 27th 2007 Community Fall Event at Overlook Park.

His mother, (born in Ireland) was a Parkman Resident for 85 years.. She is the second child of James and Mary Cone (who arrived in Parkman in 1851). His father, William Cromwell Sr. died in his home in Parkman in 1896 from the results of a gunshot wound received at the Battle of Antietam (Civil War).



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Antietam

William H. Cromwell married Stella Mintern October 1st, 1892. William honored Stella's untimely death in 1918 with the donation of the Stella Recreation Park for the community to enjoy. Later William remarried to Laura Hosmer.

This information about W. H. Cromwell was from the History of Geauga County published by the Geauga County Historical Society in 1953.