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# Parkman Paragraphs

## Summer 2008



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

Newsletter E-mail: [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com)

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Tom Evers

## **Parkman Chamber of Commerce**

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the  
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Chamber will supply the Hotdogs and Burgers.  
Bring a pot luck addition to this annual event.

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

Faith Kumher—President  
David Fuhry—Secretary

Sandie Parnaby—Vice President  
Donald Villers—Treasurer

## **Upcoming Events for 2008**

### **Parkman Community Car Show**

August 10th, 2008 - St Edwards in Parkman  
11:30 - 3pm

Event is featured as not only a SS Edward and Lucy Parish event but also a Parkman  
Community event.

Classic cars are welcomed (designated parking area to show cars) \$5.00 fee for showing  
your car.

Goodie bags for every car entry.

Also there will be inside/outside exhibits of crafts, Peddle cars, Parkman Fire engine,  
EMT unit display, games, 50/50 raffle, food and much more.

A little something for everyone.

Vendor and exhibitors are welcome. \$25 per booth setup fee. Vendors contact Donna  
Holcomb or Maria Williams via the Church office.

### **Parkman Community Picnic**

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6 - 9pm

Chamber will supply the Hotdogs and Burgers.

Bring a pot luck addition to this annual event.

The event will host a variety of entertainment and kids games for everyone.

### **Parkman Chili Cook-off**

September 20th, 2008 - Overlook Park

More Details Soon - Come to the next Chamber meeting to find out more!!

## **Parkman Survey—Coming Soon!**

Chamber has created a new survey to be mailed out to everyone. This survey will help us  
choose community events that interest you and your family. Please take some time and  
help us direct our efforts to better serve you, your help is much appreciated.



## Parkman's "Come Fly With Us" Kite Festival

The eight annual "Come Fly With Us" Kite Festival took place May 3rd at Overlook Park. It seemed to be raining everywhere BUT Overlook Park. Those that attended had a great time.

Highlights of the day were: The Memorial Fly of "Wind Beneath My Wings" by the Snyder Family in memory of Bill Snyder who was the inspiration of our festival; The "Red, White & Blue Fly" in honor of our troops; and special guest "Ben Franklin" of Ben Franklin Plumbing and their FREE Kite Make-it Workshop. DJ Rockman Ed provided music for the day. The "Eye Scream" Truck was full of treats along with the Parkman Congregation Church Youth Group with their candy sales. The 55+ Club provided a bake sale. The Chamber of Commerce had their "Signature Chile" along with other refreshments. Thanks to all that helped to make our Festival a success!

## Parkman Website has a new Kids Corner

The Parkman Chamber of Commerce took interest in adding a new Kids Corner onto the Parkman Website. This page is designed to bring fun and safe learning sites to our local youth. All of these web links from Kids Corner will be verified as safe. If you know of any kid friendly websites that should be added to this Parkman webpage—please send us an e-mail to [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com) and let us know your findings.

## Parkman's Concert at the Gazebo

The Parkman Chamber of Commerce hosted a concert at our Gazebo on Sunday July 20. The group who played was Worship 101. Many attended the event and enjoyed the melodies of afternoon. Thanks to those who helped develop this event.



# Parkman Trustees Notes

From: Lucinda Sharp Gates

News from your Trustees:

Make sure to mark your calendars for all the gatherings, both social and informational, in Parkman.

The Geauga Park District will be holding an open community meeting at our Community House on September 17th to discuss the opening of Camp Chicagami to the community.

November will see a RENEWAL Roads & Bridges levy of .5 mills (point 5 mills) that will NOT raise your taxes because it is a renewal. It generates about \$24,000 for the road department.

It is hard to remember back to March 7th-10th and the snow/ice storm that was just another snow/ice event in Geauga County. FEMA declared a state of emergency and has made available a refund for that weekend event based on overtime, equipment and material. Pounds of paperwork and gathering information have generated both a check from FEMA as well as an appreciation of the work of our road department and crew that kept us road-ready.

From the Township Association meeting held on the 9th of July we learned that once again septic systems are the topic of conversation in Columbus. Because the State no longer sends monetary support to our local Health District, fees have doubled for both point of sale septic inspections and installation permits. "Normal" septic systems can be installed until July of 2009.

You might have seen some surveyors around the 422/88 intersection in the last few weeks. ODOT is having a study done to determine some of the alternative available to remedy the traffic flow. ODOT will hold an as yet unannounced community meeting to discuss some of those options.

All are welcome at the regularly scheduled Trustee's meetings held at 7:30pm in the office at the back of the Community House on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

If anyone is interested in serving the community, we are seeking to fill an alternate position on the Zoning Commission. Please send your letter of interest and resume to:

Parkman Trustees, P.O. Box 688, Parkman, Ohio 44080.



The mission of Geauga Park District is to preserve, conserve and protect the natural features of Geauga County and to provide the opportunity for people to enjoy and appreciate those resources.

**Geauga Park District will host a TOWN HALL MEETING  
September 17, 2008- 7:00 PM at the Parkman Community House  
Topic of this meeting will be Parkman's Camp Chickagami.**

**Geauga Park District Event Schedule for August / September 2008**

**Geauga Walkers Tuesday August 5, 1-2:30 PM**

Swine Creek Reservation, 16004 Hayes Road, Middlefield/Parkman  
Join other active seniors on these weekly 1+ mile hikes (on Tuesdays) in locations around the county.  
Call Geauga Senior Center for schedule: 440-279-2137.

**Animal Olympics - Sunday, August 10, 1-3 PM**

Swine Creek Reservation,  
Try your skill at specially designed Olympic events (critter style) before or after completing a 1-mile fun walk.  
Pre-registration required.

**LaDue Family Canoe - Saturday, August 23, 3:30-5 PM**

(Ages 7+ w/ adult, 10+ to paddle, one 7-12 year old in middle)  
Saturday, August 23, 3:30-5 PM at La Due Reservoir, Rt. 44 parking area  
Paddle to islands and coves to search for eagles, osprey and other wildlife. Phone registration August 16-22.  
Pre-registration required

**LaDue Sunset Kayak (Ages 12+) - Saturday, August 23, 7:30-9 PM**

Saturday, August 23, 7:30-9 PM at La Due Reservoir, Rt 44 parking area  
As the sun sets, paddle to islands and coves in search of nocturnal wildlife. Bring your kayak or rent single-seat kayak through Camp Hi for \$15. Phone registration August 16-22. Pre-registration required

**Olympic Triathlon: Geauga Style (Ages 12+) Sunday, August 24, 1-4 PM**

Headwaters Park, Crystal Lake Picnic Area  
Celebrate the Olympics by testing yourself on our special triathlon course. Paddle a canoe through a designated course, hike 2 miles, and ride your bike 2 miles along The Maple Highlands Trail. Pre-registration required

**Spider Man-ia! Sunday, September 7, 1:30-3:30 PM**

Swine Creek Reservation,  
Get your "spidey" senses ready to explore the world of these cool 8-legged creatures. Ohio Spider Society president Barbara Natterer will lead a spider search and pass on fascinating facts.

**Monarch Butterfly Tagging Sunday, September 14 & 21, Noon-3 PM**

at Swine Creek Reservation,  
Net & tag butterflies on their way to wintering in Mexico. Play an exciting "life sized board game" highlighting the dangers of this amazing journey. Nets provided.

**Homeschool Days (Ages 5-8 & 9-12) Friday, September 19, 2-3:30 PM**

at Swine Creek Reservation,  
Homeschoolers will use nets to dip into a pond and discover life underwater. Adults attend with child. \$2/out of county students.  
Pre-registration required

**Discover the Praying Mantis Sunday, September 28, 1-3:30 PM**

at Swine Creek Reservation,  
Discover the secretive Praying Mantis with games and hands-on activities. Watch "Mantis Man" come to life, then head out in search of other mantids! Nets provided. Wear sunscreen and long pants.

For more information on these programs and event, call Geauga Park District at (440) 286-9516 or 800-536-4006 (toll free in Geauga), or visit the Park District online at [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org).

Cindy H. Ford - Geauga Park District



**SS. Edward and Lucy  
Catholic Parish Community**



**Rev. John Burkley, Pastor**

**2008 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: M at 6pm and T-F at 8am in St. Edward Chapel

**Parkman Community Car Show**

AUGUST 10th, 2008

This Parkman Community Event Car Show will hosted at St. Edwards Church 11:30-3pm

Show Parking will be in Church Parking Lot - Corner of Rt. 168 and Rt 528. Other Parking will be at Parkman School and other local areas.

Watch for advertising and flyers in the upcoming months.

Event is featured as not only a SS Ed/Lucy Parish event but also a Parkman Community event.

Classic cars are welcomed (designated parking area to show cars).

Also there will be inside exhibits of crafts and other products, games, 50/50 raffle and much more. A little something for everyone.

**Polka Fest**

October 5, 2008 at St. Edward

Event starts with a Noon Polka Mass

Traditional Dinner and Music follows at 1:30pm

Contact the Parish Office for all event details or go to the website:

**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](http://www.necommunity.org)

**Casual Atmosphere - Fun Learning - Authentic pursuit of God**

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!

**BINGO**

every Monday starting 6pm in Rose Hall at St Edwards

All are welcome to play!

**BINGO**



## Parkman Congregational Church

### 2008 Free Meal Dates

You are invited to join the members and friends of Parkman Congregational Church for a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month. The next meals are:

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 (Chicken Dumpling)

Wednesday September 24, 2008 (Sloppy Joe)

Wednesday October 29, 2008 (Slovenian)

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

**Green Address Signs** - Parkman Address Signs have just been redesigned to host 4 inch lettering verse the former 3 inch lettering This is due to easier visibility during a faster pace travel during emergencies. If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - then get the newest version of our project.

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!!



### Happy Belated Birthday to Jean Giles

Mrs. Giles celebrated her 90th birthday on July 5th.

In our next issue, a follow-up story about the life of Mrs Giles and how she has seen Parkman evolve.

Special Thanks to the JD Post House for hosting the Buckeye Off Road ATV Club May meeting!



### Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball

The Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball Teams would like to thank all of those who supported our 2008 season. Your contributions help provide another successful game season for Parkman.



If you have any questions about the Parkman League, please contact Mike Peters @ (440) 548-5565 or Pat Joyce @ (440) 548-5576.

**Hope to see you at the next registration!**

## Scenes from the Parkman Memorial Day Parade



### Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee Chairman

Great news! We've added six new boys to our troop this spring. Some advanced from Cub Scouts and one transferred from another troop.

With all the new boys we were able to take eleven boys to Camp Manitoc in Richfield. Camp went well, but it was definitely WET!

In July we plan to have a camp-out/canoe trip - water safety is the theme.

We tentatively have a car wash fund-raiser planned for Saturday, August 2nd at the Middlefield Fire Station. Watch for signs - we hope to see you there!

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).



## Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Steve Dale - Fire Training Coordinator

Parkman hosted two fire training activities recently. Both of the training was participated by several local fire and rescue teams. The first was at Overlook Park where a propane fire grew into flames over 70 feet. The goal was to reach a shutoff valve in the flames and turn off the fuel supply. Special Thanks to Amerigas for sponsoring the propane fuel and training equipment.

The next training was at the Parkman Community House where a car fire was the scene of adventure. Those who participated donned full gear and went in to this potentially dangerous situation. When working with vehicles, possible explosion could occur, so quick response time is always necessary. Special Thanks to Chris Kohler owner of Kohler Auto Wrecking for his continuous support and supplying the vehicle for this training.



## Parkman EMS - from Joan Dillon

Ah, it's summer. When the sun shines and it's not so humid, it's actually semi-enjoyable. You know, there are actually people out there who love to soak up those elevated temperatures? Go figure. Then there are those who have no choice, but do it anyway. Think of the firemen at a house fire in 90 degree weather, dressed in multiple-layered bunkers, heavy boots, head/neck protectors and helmets. Add the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus). Then they actually go into a burning building!! Now you know why some of us fight fires and some of us stand by in the shade ready to render aid and comfort to the brave souls (volunteers all) who face the heat head-on.

This time of year we see a lot of heat-related emergencies. The high humidity we are so blessed with (?) in this area slows the evaporation of perspiration. You can absorb more heat than you can radiate (get rid of). You tire more easily. If you continue to push yourself, guess what? "HELLO. We're 911. Congratulations, you win a trip to the ER." Add any other medical history...high blood pressure, heart disease, lung problems etc. and you may win a lights and siren trip to the ER. Heat cramps (water and body salt loss), heat exhaustion (heavy water and body salt loss) and heat stroke (body's temperature-regulating mechanism fails) will all earn you one or two IVs to replace the water and electrolytes you didn't drink voluntarily. Be good to yourself and stay home to enjoy life.

One moment to draw attention to your pets who can't always help themselves. If they spend most of their time outdoors, make sure they have fresh water daily and a shady place to get out of the sun.

Thinking about joining us to share in our service to the community? Come on down to the station on Wednesday night and meet the volunteers. Any questions? Call Chuck (FF) or Joanie (EMS) at 440-548-7541.

## Cardinal School System and Auburn Career Center

Cardinal School starts August 21st, 2008, so please take care when driving around school buses and children waiting. We hope that all of the kids had a fun and safe summer, and a very safe and educational school year.

Congratulations on the Auburn Career Center for their effort to become involved with the 2008 Ohio Solar Tour held on the first Saturday of October.

The school started a Green Energy Club and has plans to install Solar and Wind energy devices onto their Greenhouse. Check out [www.GreenEnergyOhio.org](http://www.GreenEnergyOhio.org) for the complete tour listing.

Best wishes to this active group and see your results in October! Anyone can visit this facility during the Ohio Solar Tour.

## Parkman Zoning Inspector

In the second half of 2007, the zoning commission made changes to the zoning resolution that affect the minimum side yards for all buildings and minimum distances between buildings for accessory buildings located in a R-1 Residential Zone. The minimum side yard for all buildings is now 25 feet. It was 20 feet. The minimum distance from an accessory building to any other building is 20 feet. Previously, there was no minimum listed distance from another building. I encourage anyone interested in becoming more familiar with the Zoning Resolution to stop in at the zoning office any Wednesday evening between 7 and 8:30pm to review the resolution in further detail. Or, send me an email at [parkmanzone@windstream.net](mailto:parkmanzone@windstream.net).

John Hasman - Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

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](mailto:parkmanzone@windstream.net)



## Parkman Road Department

from Tom Evers, Superintendent



The summer is upon us We are busy with road maintenance. We are currently working on Owen Rd dealing with drainage issues and changing crossover pipes. From there we will be connecting the three township buildings into the sewer system. From there we will be changing crossover pipes and correcting drainage issues on Dead End Shedd and Nash Rd. Towards the end of September we will be doing crack sealing on our asphalt roads, making them ready for winter. We are also trying to keep up with road side mowing and other things that come up. Remember fences are Not permitted within the Road Right of Way.

**PLEASE drive SAFELY through our WORK ZONES.**

## Parkman 55 Plus Club

The Parkman 55 Plus Club meets on the first Thursday (at noon) of each month at the Parkman Community House. This active seniors group has organized many trips, events and presentations that enhance the lives of Parkman's retired community. Anyone is welcome to participate in our activities. Come to one of the monthly meetings and find out more about this very ambitious group. The Parkman Website also has our event list.

August 7th, 2008 (noon) Parkman Community House  
we will have a speaker from the Arthritis Foundation.

## Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society's next meeting will be Thursday  
September 18th, 2008 (7:30pm) at the Parkman Community House.

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

The Historical Society will be at the Parkman Community Car Show and the Parkman  
Community Picnic selling the collectors edition coffee mugs with pictures of historical  
Parkman. This fundraiser is designed to help with costs of material and labor needed for  
repairs to the Thompson House. We will also have a collection of historic Parkman  
photos that can be ordered. Your generosity and support is much appreciated to help us  
reach the goal of a safe Parkman Museum.

### Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner—Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who supported our first Spaghetti Dinner fund-  
raiser at the Parkman Community House on June 28, 2008. This fund-  
raiser will help cover costs to the needed repairs and sewer upgrades to  
the Parkman Thompson House. As we try to develop the Parkman  
Historical Societies museum site, our non profit activities are designed  
to promote the preservation of our historical heritage. We gratefully  
appreciate the support of everyone who shares this passion.



### When was this picture of Parkman Mill taken? - Marvin Mullet

Hi Cory;

I am a Parkman resident, and would like to know an approximate date on a Parkman photo. Maybe you can help me. You used the photo of the Grist Mill in Featured Story of the Fall 2005 Parkman Paragraphs. Since I presently own the home on the far right of the photo, I can place the date as pre 1930's - the time an addition was built to the house. If you can get a closer date or already know it. The info would be helpful and appreciated. Thank You.

Hi Marvin,

I am "guessing" the date of the photo mid 1920's due to the old bridge. This was the old dam (number 2) - before the second flood which took out the dam and original bridge. The first flood was pre 1900 - I think it was around the 1840-1850 timeframe. The next flood was in the early 1900's, I think I heard a date around 1910-1915. The next flood was in the 1940-1950 timeframe and the dam that is present is rebuilt with the current bridge. Today's bridge does not have upper rails on it. The previous bridge does, and the first bridge was hardly anything more than just some wood crossing the river.

Based on this information - and the shape of the Grist Mill - my best guess of the date on the picture is Mid 1920's. I hope this has helped some. Can anyone help narrow the date down???



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During the training I noticed a t-shirt that stated "If you cant stand the heat - go join the police force" ...Well I have to agree - this training was hot at Overlook Park as I was across the field and enjoyed the roar of the flames. The heat was immense from that long distance! We should all have a huge respect for these "Volunteers" as they face this environment each time they call to our rescue needs! - Cory Anderson



## Parkman Amish News and Stories

### Respect the Amish Pace in Parkman - from Cory Anderson

Late this spring I decided to take a ride around Parkman on my custom handcycle. Since I live in a wheelchair, this device is similar to a bicycle and is geared to make travel easy. I chose a (thought to be) quiet road, and began my country paced adventure. Since I have been writing about Parkman for the last four years, I felt it was time to actually see it at the pace of an Amish Buggy.

I left my house and traveled down a quiet back road and enjoyed the open scenery of this country atmosphere. My speed was between 10-15 miles per hour, about the speed of a horse and buggy. Everything was good until I entered some curves in the road.

As I went through these curves, some car traffic (from both directions) also entered into these curves at a much higher speed. As one tried to pass me, it cut off the oncoming car. This "could" have got ugly really fast! Well, as I am writing this today, you know I did not end up in a disaster, and a very important lesson was learned.

Knowing that the Amish lifestyle must face this every day, I had to share this experience. The hustle of today's traffic holds little patience for slower road users. This can lead to (and I am sure it has been) a growing problem for our community. So without standing on a soapbox, I hope that you learn through this experience that the Parkman area is "country" and the pace of life should reflect that.

Show some respect on our roads and enter those hard to see area's with more care. Curves and Hills are plentiful in our area, all of which has potential for disaster when slower traffic is present. Vehicles that travel at higher speeds have the responsibility to drive with respect for all other traffic on our roads, whether it is horse and buggy, bicycle, or even foot traffic. Please use extra special caution when the fast pace norm attempts to overtake Parkman's slower traffic. Everyone on the road deserves respect - thank you for your help to keep our community safe!



## Military Garden at Parkman Overlook Cemetery

By Dale Komandt

On May 10, Dale Komandt, Sexton of Overlook Cemetery, and his wife, Lynn, were invited to the Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home in Garrettsville, where Overlook Cemetery was presented with five commemorative concrete garden stones depicting the military branches: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. Overlook was one of six local cemeteries so honored.

The stones are large, 18" in diameter and 2" thick. They were painted gold and placed around the star near the American Flag and memorial to honor the many service people of all wars that are buried at Overlook Cemetery.

The presentation happened to coincide with the return of Mike Carlson's son-in-law, Marine Major Kerry Gump, from his fourth tour of duty in Iraq. Our thanks go to the Carlson's for the garden stones, a nice addition to our cemetery. (photos by Lynn Komandt)

### Garden Stone Presentation



Left to right: Dale Komandt, Overlook Cemetery, Parkman Twp; Rich Bates and Bob Wood, Fairview Cemetery, Hiram; Sean Carlson, funeral home owner; Jim Toros, Harrington Cemetery, Nelson Twp, (Frank Macek unable to attend); Mike Carlson, funeral home owner; Mike Hyde, Park Cemetery, Garrettsville; Charlie Vansteenburgh, Drakesburg Cemetery, Freedom Twp.

Overlook Memorial showing stones

The Memorial Garden Stones



## Saluting our US Military and Veterans in Parkman!

Parkman Paragraphs salutes all Parkman Residents who have served the US Military or is currently active. We would like to recognize those who serve our country and earned the respect of defending our rights. If you are or know anyone from Parkman who has served the US Military, then send your story to Parkman Paragraphs. Thanks - Cory Anderson.

### Kevin Kristopher Coe United States Army Specialist



Specialist Kevin Coe has been serving the US Army since March 2006. Kevin is in Iraq near the city of Al Hillah. Above is a picture of him next to a thermometer that states the temp is at 140 degrees! Yes, it is that hot there!!!

Son of Elwin and Becky Coe, Kevin has been a resident of Parkman his whole life. He graduated from Cardinal High in 2004. He also received additional education as an auto mechanic from Auburn Career Center in the Auto Tech program. He loves anything that has wheels and engines, and joined the US Army in 2006 to share his talents with our Military. He has been stationed in Iraq since October 2007.

Kevin has a very supportive personality. He helps others whenever he can. While in training, he will motivate others to help them do better. He also puts his family and friends first. He is loyal, honest and a hard worker and admires that in others. He would do anything to help others if they needed it.

When Kevin returns from duty in Iraq, he plans to marry his fiancée Jessica Wardlow.

Al-Hillah is a city in central Iraq on the river Euphrates, 62 miles south of Baghdad. It was the scene of relatively heavy fighting in the 2003 invasion of Iraq. US Army forces moved to Baghdad while taking over responsibilities in Al Hillah. Shortly after the invasion a mass grave site was reported and local citizens worked to exhume thousands of Iraqis who had been murdered by Saddam Hussein's security forces during the uprising against his government in 1991.