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Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2008



Parkman Community Events

December 14 at 3pm

Santa sing-a-long at the Parkman Gazebo

Come help us welcome Santa as we sing the traditional songs and enjoy treats.

December 15 at 6:30pm (dinner starts at 7pm)

Holiday Dinner at the Community House.

This dinner is to thank the volunteers who helped out at the pancake breakfasts.

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Roads Department

Tom Evers

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

Chamber Event Schedule for 2008 –2009

November 29, 2008 @ 10:00am

We are decorating downtown Parkman center - please come help us with the tradition.

December 14, 2008 @ 3:00pm

Santa sing-a-long at the Parkman Gazebo—come help us welcome Santa as we sing the traditional songs and enjoy treats.

December 15 2008 @ 6:30pm Social Dinner starts @ 7:00pm

Holiday Dinner at the Community House. This is to thank the adult volunteers who helped out at the pancake breakfasts. Please call Debbie @ 834-1440 to RSVP. Female bring female gift, male bring male gift Gifts are a \$10.00 gift exchange.

March 1-8-15-22, 2009 9am-2pm

Parkman Pancake Breakfast at the Community House. We always need volunteers for this annual tradition, please contact Lucinda at 524-2857. Thanks for your support! The Spring 2009 Parkman Paragraphs will have more details—stay tuned.

April 11, 2009 @ 11:00am

Hosted at Overlook Park, the Parkman Easter egg hunt is free for Parkman toddlers up to sixth grade. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce so we can get a head count.

TBA

The Parkman Kite Festival will be at Overlook Park. “Come Fly With Us” is an annual tradition - stay tuned for event date and details.



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

Santa Sing Along at the Parkman Gazebo

December 14, 2008 @ 3:00pm

Santa sing-a-long at the Parkman Gazebo - come and help us welcome Santa as we sing the traditional songs and enjoy treats.

This traditional community event is free and all are welcomed to participate in the Holiday Cheer.



Have a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season!!

Remember about common sense in decorating your seasonal trimmings and the hazards that can occur.

Wishing you all a fun and safe 2009!!



Parkman Community Car Show

The show was hosted on August 10th, 2008 at St Edwards in Parkman. This first time community event brought a variety of entries and spectators. The show filled the lot with works of art on a perfect day. The event had a DJ spinning some classic tunes and food to keep everyone full. The event also had a Chinese Auction fundraiser and raffle. Kids enjoyed a balloon clown artist and had the rare opportunity to ride some old fashioned pedal cars. Something for everyone!



Parkman Community Picnic

The Parkman Chamber of Commerce held its annual Parkman Community Picnic on August 18th, 2008 at Overlook Park in Parkman. This annual tradition continues to be a community building event for our township. Each year the Chamber looks for new ideas to bring our residents together and help keep our small town atmosphere. If you have any ideas you would like to share or help with any events that are on our Community Event Schedule, then please attend a Chamber meeting held each 3rd Monday of the month at the Community House at 7:30pm.

Parkman Trustees Notes

From: Kevin O'Reilly

It is hard to believe that summer is over and winter is soon upon us. Several major projects that will forever change Parkman are almost complete and the Ohio Department of Transportation is working on a new one that could completely reconfigure the downtown intersection.

Most of the residents within the new sewer service area are now hooked up to the County's wastewater treatment system and the remaining homes north of town should be hooked up very soon. This improvement to our town that has been in the works for close to 30 years is finally complete. The smells that used to come up from the Grand River in the summer will now be gone and the water will be much cleaner; a benefit for both people and our environment.

The route 422 reconstruction east of town is very close to completion. Although much controversy surrounded the scope of the project, the reconfigured road will result in a safer road for those living along it as well as those traveling down it. Before long residents living on Hobart and Farmington Roads will once again feel safe as traffic moves back onto 422.

The new project ODOT is planning could result in the addition of new turning lanes and possibly the loss of properties in the center of town including the Flagpole Park. A historic preservation board has been formed to attempt to save our town center. If you are interested being involved in this, please contact Lucinda Sharp-Gates or any of the trustees.

Trustee Pat Joyce is working with a group of residents to acquire grant money to update and expand the equipment and parking at Overlook Park. So far they have secured \$7500 and need to come up with local matching funds. They will be looking for help with fundraising to get the match money needed to fulfill the grant.

On the road front we ask that you please be patient as our road superintendent, Tom Evers, prepares the roads for winter. The 26 miles of gravel roads are prioritized based on which ones are the most deteriorated. If you live on a township road be assured that your road will be graded and stoned as soon as practically possible.

As always the trustees welcome your participation at our meetings and would welcome your concerns or compliments. Please stop in at one of our meetings and say hello.

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

2008 Election Results for Parkman

Both the Fire Renewal and the Road Renewal issues have passed this year. Thank you for your support to our community!



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.

Holiday Greens Workshop

Saturday, December 6, 2008
9 AM - Noon or 1-4 PM
Swine Creek Reservation, Lodge
16004 Hayes Road, Middle field

Make a beautiful arrangement from fresh evergreens. Choose from: a holiday wreath, glass rose bowl w/ small gold pillar candle nested on a plate, mantelpiece, or one of two sizes of country woven wood basket w/ greens and choice of candles or bird trim. Fee for greens, basic materials/instruction: \$20, \$15 payable on registration, \$5 to instructor day of program. Add your own accents to further customize your piece. See sample pieces on park website. Pre - registration required. 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

OVERLOOK PARK

Parkman Township Trustees have been awarded a \$7500 Challenge Grant from Kool-Aid & KaBOOM Cleveland last August. Only 5 grants were available for the Cleveland Area. This is a **matching funds grant** and Parkman Township must raise \$7500. So there will be a lot of FUNdraising activities to plan. It is also a **Community Build Project** meaning that we need **volunteers** to help in the build. This is a great opportunity for Parkman and we look forward to the success of this project. Sandie Parnaby is Coordinator of the project, assisted by Trustee Pat Joyce. Other members of the core committee are Athletics-Mike & Candi Peters, Education/Recreation-Meghan Hull and Environmentalist-Alan Siewert. The grant will focus on expanding our playground to add play areas for the 0-2 and 3-5 year olds. Also play equipment designed for the handicapped and a junior fitness area. It will be an exciting year for everyone involved. The more money we can raise the bigger our playground can be. Improvements to other areas of the park are in the overall plan.

A website for Overlook Park has been set up at <http://projects.kaboom.org/overlookpark>. A link from the Parkman website, www.parkmanohio.com will be available also. Our project, planning meetings, FUNdraising, and progress will be posted at this site. Anyone wishing to join in the development of our new playground please call Sandie @632-3473 or Pat @ 548-5576. If you, an organization that you belong to or your place of employment would like to make a donation, letters explaining our project can be obtained from Sandie or Pat.

Be on the lookout on our websites for info for FUNdraising and FUN THINGS TO DO AT OVERLOOK PARK. With winter approaching, we plan to open the ice skating rink this year and hope to have a Winter Carnival.



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community

Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24th) - St Ed (4pm Children & 6pm) St. Lucy (Midnight)
Christmas Day (December 25th) - St. Ed (8:30am) St. Lucy (10:30am)

2009 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

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

SUPPER WITH SANTA

Tuesday, December 2 at St. Lucy Winca Hall -6pm
NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR - to RSVP -
Check out Parish website for details

Dick and Sandy Schill and Sears are collecting nonperishable items this Christmas Season. Donate 4 or more non-perishable items at their Sears store located at 15561 W. High St. Middlefield and receive savings.

Donations excepted 11/3/08 - 12/31/08

All donations will be given to our very own St. Vincent de Paul Society and Samaritans to feed families in our area.

Happy 50th Anniversary to St Lucy's

St. Lucy Church in Middlefield is celebrating a 50th Anniversary on Sunday December 14th 2008. All are welcomed to join us. A 10:30am mass will begin the celebration followed by a noon catered dinner. The dinner will include your choice of steak or chicken prepared by Aulizio's Catering from Warren. Check out the Parish Website for details. Deadline for Ticket Sales is December 4th and can be purchased at the Parish Office in St. Edwards. Happy 50th St Lucy!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2009!

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

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

www.ParkmanChurch.MustBeHere.com

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve (December 24th) - Candlelight 7pm and 10pm

Christmas Day (December 25th) - 10:15am

All are welcomed and encouraged!

December 2008 Free Meal

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 meal is:

Wednesday, December 31, 2008 (Soup and Chili)

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!

Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2009!

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 your 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!!



Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball

The 2008 Youth Softball and Baseball season came to an end this past July culminating with our now annual League picnic in August @ Overlook Park. We had eighty-five youth participate in the League this year. It was a tough transition year for our League as we are now affiliated with Hot Stove in Baseball and Ohio Girls Softball Organization in Softball. Our new affiliation brought new rules and in some cases stiffer competition. We are hoping to continue to adapt and provide our children with a program that is enjoyable and competitive. Many in our Community once again donated time and money to make all this possible. We'd like to thank all those who worked concessions, helped with the fields, coached, kept the scorebook, umpired, worked tournaments, etc.

Thank you so much to the following Sponsors for supporting our League: KraftMaid; Polychem Dispersions, Inc.; Creepin' Creek Farms; Soltis Farms; Parkman Chamber of Commerce; C&D Stump & Tree; Nationwide Hiscox Agency and Bergs Eye View.

Once again Mike and I thank you and hope to see you next year.
Remember to look for 2009 sign-up information on our new website

www.leaguelineup.com/pyl

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!



U.S. 422 *GEAUGA COUNTY *UPDATE*

(Main Market Rd.) Reconstruction, Parkman and Nelson Townships
Paving is complete, only minor operations remain. Crews hope to reopen westbound U.S. 422 on or around Friday, November 14, weather permitting. Westbound traffic remains detoured via SR 5 to SR 82 to SR 44. Eastbound traffic is maintained. The entire project reconstructs U.S. 422 to include four driving lanes and a center turn lane between SR 88/528 and the Portage County line. Minor operations, including landscaping, will continue into the spring of 2009. Only minor impacts to traffic are expected. Tentative completion date: May 2009. Please exercise caution in work zones. For statewide construction information visit: www.buckeyetraffic.org

Amish Christmas Recipe

Take a bit of cheerfulness, -A pinch of laughter, too.
Next take a cup of thoughtfulness, - And stir them through and through.
Now to this add tranquility, - A verse of "Silent Night,"
That ever quiet we may be - When God sends his holy light.
Set aside a moment while you go - For spices, herbs, and pine,
For music, fun, and candle glow, - A star that was the sign.
Then mix and stir and fold again, - And add some mistletoe,
A bit of faith and love and then - Into an oven your cake must go,
Where warmth and affection will combine - To make this cake come true.
Garnish with happiness so fine - Enough for me and you.
Cut a piece, but save some, too, - For each day of the year.
Serve with a prayer of peace on earth, - A heavenly Kingdom near.



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

Well, we are back on the trail again after summer vacations and we are looking ahead to our upcoming events. But first, let's look back over our activities since June.

Summer camp was well attended and a great success with 10 boys & adults.

In September we had an over-night bike -a-thon for St. Jude's Hospital and raised over \$500. -- GREAT JOB, BOYS!

In October we had a camp -out on the Fuller's farm. (Thank you, Jack & Rose!)

We are now planning our annual Thanksgiving camp-out at Rich & Bev Gates' (the old Boy Scout camp). We will be cooking turkeys and potatoes in the fire and plan to serve 70+ people for supper.

December will be a camp -out at Camp Chickagami here in Parkman (now owned by the Geauga Park District).

In January the boys will be camping out and competing in the Greater Western Reserve Council's Winter event. The competition includes fire-starting, knot-tying, compass work and other team-building events.

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).

-Scott Villers, Troop 76 committee chairman - (440) 548-3622



2008 Swap Meet

The Parkman Snowmobile Club hosted its annual Swap Meet at the Parkman Community House on November 1, 2008. Your preference of 2 wheels, 3 wheels, 4 wheels or even no wheels - all could find something at the event. Toys of all sizes and shapes made this off road swap meet a worth while stop and shop.

Classic Snowmobiles there allowed people the chance to see how the sport was in its early days. A variety of organizations were represented as people from all over NE Ohio came to check out the event and look for deals.

OSSA

Ohio State Snowmobile Association
<http://www.OSSA.ws>

OMTA

Ohio Motorized Trails Association
<http://www.ohiotrails.org>

Lake County Off Road Conservation Inc

<http://www.lakecountyoffroad.org>

NOHVCC

National Off Highway Vehicle Conversation Counsel
<http://www.nohvcc.org>



At the end of October 2008, the Buckeye Off Road Adventure Club merged with the Lake County Off Road Conservation Inc. This merger unites members of both groups under the OMTA network (Ohio Motorized Trails Association) community. If you would like to get involved with this group, check out the websites above and learn how active these groups are.

These groups all promote a Tread Lightly format, trail safety techniques, and off road community networking with many others with the same interests in this sport. If you ride or own an off road vehicle, these groups are designed to protect this sports future.

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.

John Hasman - Parkman Township Zoning Inspect

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

From Bill Proctor:
 Hello Cory,

I enjoy your newsletter and look forward to the next edition. I think I have an item for it. I have an envelope with a Parkman Ohio and a return address on the corner. It reads:

Return in Ten Days to
 EDWARD TRUMAN
 Parkman Ohio

This envelope is addressed to Miss Gurney of Chagrin Falls Ohio. It was dated in the mid 1800's. I would appreciate anyone with knowledge of Edward Truman to please contact me at 548-5647 or PO Box 582. Thank you for any help to solve this puzzle.

Hi Bill, thanks for your request - if anyone has any input—please contact me or Bill.
 Hopefully a follow up to this request might be in the next edition!!



Parkman Road Department

from Tom Evers, Superintendent



The Summer went by fast and now we have to think about Winter. We are currently preparing the trucks and equipment along with the roads for Winter and we continue addressing the roads till the snow hits. Just a Few Reminders for Winter: Keep your leaves from your trees from blocking your driveway pipe.

The snow from your driveway Does Not belong in the Road. The Township is Not Responsible for snow coming off the snowplows damaging your mailbox.

Some good news Middlefield Twp and Parkman Twp has been awarded State Issue 2 money for improving Newcomb Rd. Our section will be from Shedd Rd to Patch Rd. We will be widening and ditching the Road, preparing it for a road bed of 28 feet which would allow in the future for 24 feet of Pavement and 2 foot berms on both sides. The work will begin Spring and Summer of 2009.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND USE CAUTION WHEN PASSING THROUGH
 OUR WORK ZONES AND OR OUR EQUIPMENT.**

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.

December 4th, 2008 (noon) Parkman Community House
Annual Christmas Party

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society's next meeting will be
Thursday - January 15, 2009 (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 Pancake Breakfast selling the collectors edition coffee mugs with pictures of historical Parkman. A raffle of a Hickory Rocker Chair and other items is also established. This fundraiser is designed to help with costs of material and labor needed for repairs to the Thompson House. Thank you all for your continued support to the Parkman Historical Society.

Parkman Historic Preservation Commission

David Short from ODOT District 12 came earlier this summer to report to the Trustees on the survey project done on the 422/88 intersection and traffic. Mr. Short indicated that ODOT would try to offer alternatives to the issues of traffic configuration and safety. The project is due in 2011 giving the Township time to plan and respond to another assault on the community.

From this the Parkman Historic Preservation Commission was born with the following community members: Lucinda Sharp-Gates, Jean Giles, Dale and Lynn Komandt, Bernice Wells, Reuben Byler, Elmer Weaver and Jane Zajackowski. The Commission has met twice with plans to pursue National Registry for the Township Center to deter and/or defer the ODOT project.

The Commission is using the Geauga County Historical Society expertise in this endeavor as well as tapping other resources within the County. Dale Bartholmew, a director for Century Village has supplied us with the information from Burton Village on their Historic Preservation project. The process is a long and arduous one with both State and Federal guidelines for the project.

The meeting dates and locations will be on our community website
Anyone interested in being a part of this project is welcome to attend.
Call Lucinda Sharp-Gates at 548-2857.

Minutes of the meetings will also be posted on the www.parkmanohio.com website as they are approved so that the community can monitor the project.



Parkman editor, Cory Anderson, wishes to thank all of our Veterans and Active Military and wishes a safe and happy holiday seas on. If you would like to share your stories with our community, please send it to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com so I can add it to the next edition of the Paragraphs. Thank you all for your support of this "our" project. As I go into my fifth year of serving our community, I always look forward to your input.

If you want extra copies of this newsletter, it can be found at a Parkman Trustee Meeting.



U.S. Post Office - Parkman

News from the Parkman Post Office:

As our frequent customers have found, person(s) unknown came into the Postal lobby and caused some mischief the week of Halloween. No real damage was done, but a mess was created and had to be cleaned up. Then the flag and flagpole attached to the front of the building was taken a few days later. All of this is vandalism and theft on Federal Property and can result in Federal Prison time if the person(s) are caught. Any information about these activities can be directed to the Postmaster, our 1-800-USPS HELP line (ask for the Postal Inspectors) or the Geauga County Sheriff's Department.

If these types of activities continue, we will be forced to close the lobby in the evenings and on the weekends, when the Post Office window is closed. This would mean that the community would no longer have 24 hour lobby access to their PO Boxes. Why? Because of some kids out causing mischief! We ask the community to keep an eye out on the Post Office and to report any unusual activity to the Sheriff's Department.

On a happier note, Christmas is just around the corner. We have the 2008 Christmas stamps in stock. The Virgin and Child with the Young John the Baptist is based on the painting by Italian master Sandro Botticelli from around 1490. The painting is in the collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art. The other design offered this year is a collection of 4 different Holiday Nutcrackers. Also, if you need a Duck Stamp for hunting season, stop in, they are \$15.00.

For Mailing overseas to our troops, keep these dates in mind; the recommend mail-by dates for APO-FPO's for Iraq or Afghanistan is Dec 4th, Dec 11 for all other Military Mail, and Dec 18 for Express mail. We will be happy to help you any way we can to get your Christmas Presents to their destination in time.

There will be a special Lobby Drop Box during December for all Letters to Santa. Help your kids improve their writing skills with a Letter to Santa. All letters, with return addresses, will be answered.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

Cheryl Smith - Postmaster
Parkman OH 44080
440-548-4951





Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Wayne Komandt

AS CHIEF OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE FIRE LEVY

A FEW MONTHS AGO, I WAS AT A COUNTY FIRE MEETING IN CHAGRIN FALLS. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I THINK HAVE EVER BEEN IN THEIR FIRE

STATION. WHILE WE WERE HAVING ORU COUNTY MEETING, THE FIRE FIGHTERS FROM CHAGRIN WERE ALSO HAVING A TRAINING CLASS ON NEW SCBA'S, (SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS), WHICH THEY HAD JUST PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM A FEMA GRANT. AT PARKMAN WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN THE SAME GRANT FOR THE SAME SCBA'S FOR THREE YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN EACH TIME.

AFTER THIS MEETING MY SON (ALSO A FIRE FIGHTER ON OUR DEPARTMENT) SUGGESTED I CONTACT CHAGRIN AND SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING WITH THEIR OLD SCBA'S. I NEED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEIR "OLD" UNITS ARE ABOUT 10 YEARS "NEWER" THAN OURS WERE. ALSO THEY ARE ABOUT 15 LBS. LIGHTER THAN OURS. WE USE STEEL OR ALUMINUM BOTTLES IN OUR SCBA'S AND CHAGRINS ARE SPUN FIBER, WHICH ARE VERY LIGHT.

AFTER ABOUT A WEEK OF SUGGESTIONS FROM MY SON, I CONTACTED CHIEF ZUGAN IN CHAGRIN TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING WITH THEIR OLD UNITS. CHIEF ZUGAN SAID THAT THE DISPOSITION OF THE UNITS WAS UP IN THE AIR BUT HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. ABOUT A MONTH LATER CHIEF ZUGAN LET ME KNOW THAT THE MEMBERS HAD VOTED TO DONATE THE UNITS TO PARKMAN IF WE STILL WANTED THEM. WE ACCEPTED!!

WE HAVE PUT THESE UNITS IN SERVICE AND THE BACKS OF OUR FIRE FIGHTERS ARE REJOICING. CHAGRIN DONATED TO US OVER 25 PACKS (HARNESSES AND REGULATORS) AND OVER 50 BOTTLES. EVEN AT USED PRICING THE VALUE OF THIS DONATION IS OVER \$50,000.00.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND YOUR TRUSTEES HAVE SENT "THANK YOU'S" TO THE CHAGRIN FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT IF YOU ARE IN CHAGRIN AND NEAR THEIR FIRE STATION, STOP IN AND SAY THANKS TO CHIEF ZUGAN OR ANY FIRE FIGHTER. I'M SURE THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

Chagrin Falls Fire Department

21 West Washington St.
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

<http://www.chagrin-falls.org/fire-dept>



Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

What a gorgeous fall we've had!! I heard rumors the first snowflakes of the year fell in Garrettsville the other day. Hmm. Guess we have to wait our turn. Correction: all good things come to he who waits. By bits and pieces, we're getting our share of the white stuff. Be very cautious driving, my friends. Better to get to your location a couple minutes late than not at all.

We have several new members who have made the decision to join the best volunteer service ever! Where else can you spend so much time for no pay? Toni Clawson is a basic EMT with several years experience who has a desire to serve township residents through our department. She works as dispatcher with the Middlefield Police and Fire Department and has made several calls already. Welcome Toni.

Elizabeth Sanders and Toni are currently in Intermediate EMT training. We look forward to their additional skills on future runs. Ricky Pierce is also a basic EMT currently working with Community Care who was recently appointed to the department by the trustees. Since Ricky lives in beautiful downtown Parkman, his response to the station will be impressive. Welcome Rick.

There are several other students finishing up all the requirements needed to get their certifications. Pat Hall and son Jeremy Hall are close indeed to joining the ambulance ranks. Rich Karasek and Josh Oros are training to be firemen. Firefighter Courtney Sanders has made the decision to take the Basic EMT class so he can ride in the back of the squad instead of drive when he responds to a medical emergency. Bless his heart. We are thrilled to have new members with their interest and enthusiasm in the department.

A special "Thank You" to members who drop whatever they are doing to respond to the page for medical and fire emergencies. It's not always easy. We all have lives. A family birthday party, a trip to the grocery store, hauling firewood, on your way out of town for vacation, on your way home from your job or (this is a common one) a middle-of-the-night sound sleep have all been put on "hold" for the emergency call. A sincere "Thank You" is so appreciated.

Once again we invite anyone interested in serving their fellow township residents in a very meaningful way to come on down and join the dedicated volunteers in Parkman. We welcome one and all. AND....we have some neat looking t-shirts.

For questions and information call Chuck or Joanie at 440-548-7541.

Parkman Volunteer Fire and EMS Fundraiser Angel Food - (www.angelfoodministries.com)

This is a fundraiser project that donates money to the Parkman Fire and EMS when you purchase their monthly menu meal plan. If you go to this website and order the discounted food for yourself, a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the Parkman Fire and Rescue Team. It is a win win opportunity for both you and our community. Thanks for your support!

Contact Liz Sanders at 548-2334 for more info on this fundraiser.