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Parkman Paragraphs

Winter 2009



Parkman Pancake Breakfast

Parkman's 40 year Tradition
All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

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

at the Community House (on Rt 422 1/4 mile east of Rt 528)

The price did not change this year!!!

Adult \$6 and Child \$3

Serving Pancakes and Sausage since 1969
and still using china and local Maple Syrup!!



Volunteers are still needed, please contact Lucinda.

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

Newsletter E-mail: ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber Event Schedule for Spring 2009

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Thanks to you all for your support for the last 40 years!

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

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 Faith Kumher at 632-9149 so we can get a head count or if
you would like to help out with the event.

Parkman Kite Festival

May 2, 2009 @ 10am

The Parkman Kite Festival will be at Overlook Park. "Come Fly With Us" is an annual
tradition hosted by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce - stay tuned for event details.

Thanks to all who supported the Santa Sing a Long at the Parkman Gazebo
and the many other events hosted by the Chamber of Commerce through
out the year. Your support keeps our Parkman Community strong and
healthy for all generations to reside in.

Improvements to the Parkman Community House - The Chamber has purchased an
industrial size freezer, refrigerator and a new dishwasher to help make our community
house more user friendly for the Pancake Breakfast and other events throughout the year.



Parkman Trustees Notes

Hello readers,

There were no active duty or veterans that sent any stories for this edition. Maybe the next edition might have a story to share and a person to salute. If not, then this part of the newsletter will discontinue due to lack of interest. Cory Anderson



Cover Photo

On the cover of this edition is an old bridge that crosses the Grand River. This photo is estimated to be around the 1940's. Both of the Parkman Paragraphs and the Parkman Historical Society are always looking for local photos that show the beauty and growth of our community. If you have any photos in your collective archive to share, then please come to a Historical Society meeting.

We appreciate everyone who has shared their photos thus far, and hope to build a collection that the community can cherish for many generations to come.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!!

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society's next meeting was rescheduled to Thursday - February 19, 2009 (7:30pm) at the Parkman Community House.

Please join us at the Parkman Community House at 7pm and hear our presentation as Bernice Wells will present "The History of Parkman Congregational Church"

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—the home base of our Historical Society.

Thank you all for your continued support to the Parkman Historical Society.

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.

We are deep into winter with all the challenges for getting around.

The levy passed last year, after five years of failure, but we will not see the funds until March 2009 after the first half of the property taxes are paid. It will take time to recover from the limited funding from the past years.

During the last ice storm the Township Road Department used over 200 tons of gravel and material to make the roads passable.

2008 saw some changes to Zoning and some challenges, too. The 422 project was completed for driving although there are still some grading and landscaping issues to be dealt with in the spring. With equipment aging, many dollars were spent on repairs including the 19 year old big truck which will be replaced after much discussion over repair vs. replacement. A long search, not only for funding, but also for the right piece of equipment resulted in a vote to move forward with that large purchase.

Phase II of the sewer project is coming to an end and that will mean that all of the community will be hooked up by fall of this year.

Lucinda Sharp -Gates - Trustee

Parkman Parks and Recreation Committee

Parkman Parks and Recreation Committee is a newly formed committee that has been organized for the purpose of raising money for the preservation and improvement of Parkman's parks and recreation facilities and programs. A \$7500 grant for playground equipment was applied for from Kool-Aide by Sandie Parnaby with the help of Patrick Joyce. Notification was received in October that Parkman had been awarded the grant. The grant requires a \$7500 match from the recipient. The Committee was formed and a fundraising campaign is now underway.

Recently an event titled Design Day was held to gather input from children and their parents about the playground. Fifty to Sixty children and adults attended. They were treated to free hotdogs, popcorn, cotton candy and of course Kool-Aide as well several activities and games. Several local media representatives were there to cover the event, which was a success.

Current members of the Committee are Sandie Parnaby (632-3473), Mike and Candy Peters (548-5565), Sandy and Chuck Rought (548-5740), Scott Simms (548-2692), Dan Mac (548-2627) and Pat Joyce (548-5576).

Plans are continuing to be made for upcoming fundraising events, park improvements and programs. Our first scheduled fundraising event will be a dinner and reverse raffle on Saturday February 14th (Valentines Day) @ the Parkman Community House. Tickets are \$25.00 a piece, which includes dinner and a chance at \$1000. Contact a Committee member for more information.

This photo was from Design Day, where kids had the opportunity to draw what they wanted to see for a Parkman Playground and Park. This event was to let the kids become a part of the project and a part of 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.

Sap's-A-Risin'!

Sundays, March 8 & 15 & 22, 2009
 Noon – 4:00 p.m.
 Swine Creek Reservation
 16004 Hayes Road, Middlefield

Visit Geauga Park District's Sugarbush, Sugarhouse and Lodge for a walk through time and sweet taste of how the maple sugaring industry evolved from the Native American tradition to modern methods. Help gather with a sap sled; enjoy historical interactions with costumed interpreters; see sap being boiled in the sugarhouse and have a sample taste; warm up with entertainment and maple treats in the lodge. For more information call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 or visit www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 14, 2009
 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Parkman Community House: Rt. 422 east of Rt. 528/88.

Celebrate the maple season with our ever popular, old-fashioned square dance. Novices needn't feel like saps: all dances taught in fun fashion by caller Bob Smakula. Maple Town Tune Maulers provide rip-snortin' old-time music for roof-raisin' entertainment. Casual dress. Registration begins February 17 – limited to 8 per registering party. Call Geauga Park District 440-286-9516.

Parkman Recreation Park Committee Parkman Reverse Raffle and Dinner February 14th, 2009 - 7pm at the Community House.

Pre-sale Tickets are \$25.00
Big Board Prize is \$1,000
\$3 & \$5 Boards & 50/50 Raffle

Enjoy a fine dinner catered by Mangia-Mangia Restaurant.
 Call Pat Joyce at 548-5576 for tickets or information.

This is a fundraiser for the Overlook Park, to help match funds from a grant from Kool-Aid. Thank you for your support.



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

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>

Happy 50th Anniversary to St Lucy's



St. Lucy Church in Middlefield celebrated a 50th Anniversary on Dec 14th 2008.

The event hosted a catered dinner and Entertainment.

Happy Anniversary!

BINGO

every Monday starting 6pm in Rose Hall at St Edwards

All are welcome to play!

BINGO

Upcoming events

Chinese Auction
 April 15th 2009

Check out the Parish Website for the most up to date schedule and information.

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



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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

<http://www.forministry.com/USOHCOCPCPCPC/>

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer Time, 8:55 AM - 9:10 AM

Happy Quarter Hour, 9:00 AM (social time, light refreshments)

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:15 AM

All are welcomed and encouraged!



Free Meals Invitation!

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 Spring 2009 meals are:

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 * Chicken n Dumplings

Wednesday, March 25, 2009 * Sloppy Joes

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 * Slovenian Night

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 * Beef Stew

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!

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!!



Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball

Parkman Youth League is gearing up for its 2009 Youth Baseball and Softball season. Believe it or not, sign-ups are just around the corner.



February 27th & March 6th (6-8:00pm) and February 28th & March 7th (10am-2:00pm)

Once again the Parkman Youth League will be seeking the continued support of local businesses through sponsorship.

For more information regarding sign-up dates and sponsorship go to 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!



Amish Buggies in the Winter?

As I was making an attempt to get home safely down a very snow covered Rt 422 during the first heavy snow of the 2009 season, I began to wonder what winter travel is like for Amish Buggies. What must it be like to be riding in a buggy on a wintry day?

It has been noticed that everyone makes sure to dress for the weather. It is also noticed that there are always big, thick woolen blankets to wrap around the passengers. Rumors hint that lots of people will take along hot-water bottles or just plastic jugs filled with hot water to keep themselves warm. It is certain that the combination would be comfortable.

So how well does the Buggy handle on the accumulated road? Does the horse have better traction than a car? Do the horses have some kind of special shoes for snow and ice? It is obvious that horses can go in deeper snow than cars, and probably over 2 feet of snow without hesitation based on the ground clearance of the buggy. That alone must be an advantage of buggies when compared to cars (especially my car which barely clears 4 inches from the ground to the point of too deep.)

While following a snow plow, the street was cleared from the center lane to the sides of the road - common sense of course. Yet this is interpreted as the buggy lane gets the heap of snow removal until the main route is cleared, then the return touchups are completed, including the buggy lanes being last to get cleared. It is a certain inconvenience for the buggy traffic, and an interesting topic to hear back from our Amish readers!

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76



On January 24th the boys participated in our **Council Winter Event** at Camp Stambaugh in Youngstown. Even with only 6 boys attending we were able to get **2nd place over-all**. **GREAT WORK GUYS!** We also "camped out" in our lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield (it has heat!)

Scout Sunday will be observed **Sunday, February 15th** at **Parkman Congregational Church at 10:15 a.m.** PCC is our troop sponsor; all are welcome to attend. Many thanks to the church for their years of support.

The weekend of February 20 – 22 we will be camping in the snow (at a location yet to be determined).

Our troop, along with the Hiram area Kiwanis, will hold a fund-raiser **SPAGHETTI DINNER** on **March 13th** at the **Kennedy Center** at **Hiram College**. Please support our troop by attending the dinner. You can contact Scott Villers for tickets at 440/548-3622. A big thanks to the Kiwanis!

Spring is also the time of year when we hold our **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**. This is when we collect non-perishable food items for our local food cupboards. Please help us help those in need in our community.

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

Scott Villers, Troop 76 committee chairman



Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Wayne Komandt

YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN QUITE BUSY THIS YEAR. WE HAVE HAD 43 INCIDENTS ALREADY. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A CHIMNEY FIRE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR CHIMNEYS INSPECTED AND CLEANED PERIODICALLY. A MIRROR FROM THE BOTTOM CLEANOUT CAN REALLY SHOW YOU A LOT.

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR DRIVEWAYS MAINTAINED. IF YOU CAN'T GET OUT WE CAN'T GET IN. LONG DRIVES CAN BE A REAL PROBLEM WITH HEAVY OR DRIFTING SNOW. PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FIRE TRUCKS ARE WIDER THAN YOUR CARS OR BUGGIES. DRIVEWAY MARKERS ALONG THE SIDES CAN BE VERY HELPFUL.

Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

Snow, snow and more snow. Glorious weather for snowmobilers and snowman builders and photographers and car repair shops. I almost hit a deer a couple days ago. Why don't they hibernate in the winter? Don't we have enough to do navigating the icy roads?

Anyway, we've all had colds this year, including me (and I rarely get sick). With the dry heated air in our homes, we're responding to more difficulty breathing calls. The holidays bring depression related illnesses. Each season of the year has its own problems.

We've had several middle-of-the-night calls lately. It makes me appreciate each and every volunteer who will leave their nice warm beds to help care for the residents of our township that need our help. Everything from chimney fires to car accidents to medical emergencies gets them up, dressed, and scraping the ice off their windshields in order to drive to the fire station and climb aboard the squad to respond. That's dedication.

This month we welcomed Andrea Villers as a new EMT-B to the department. She's a college student in the process of moving back to college for the next semester. Hopefully we'll see her in the squad when she has time. Jeremy Miller is welcomed back to the department as a fire fighter after an absence of a couple years. We can always use more good people.

Take one moment to think about pets outdoors in this extremely cold weather. Please bring them indoors if possible or provide a weather proof shelter for them.

2009 is shaping up to be a busy, busy year for us. If you'd like to join us, please call Joanie or Chuck at 440-548-7541 or come to a meeting/training on Wednesdays at 7pm.

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 .

Parkman Zoning Inspector

With today's tough economic times, it seems more and more residents are choosing to work from their homes operating small businesses or home occupations.

The current zoning resolution does allow for a number of different types of home businesses in the R-1 Residential, district but does include restrictions on types and sizes of these businesses. For one example, as an individual lot size increases in acreage, the more square footage is allowed for the operation of a home business. For a lot of more than 10 acres, a resident may be allowed to use up to 2,500 square feet of an accessory building to conduct the business as long as it is one of the permitted uses under the home occupation call out (Section 402.2 J 1 a -ccc) of the zoning resolution. 2,500 square feet is the largest area permitted regardless of lot size, and as lot size decreases the amount of square feet allowed for a home business decreases incrementally.

Other restrictions apply, so please contact the zoning office for all the regulations and details necessary before getting started.

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

E-mail from Cheryl Pocius

I just wanted to send you my input for your website. While the content is good, the colors are horrible and make the website very difficult to read. The blue on the red is terrible. If you want people to be able to read the information you are presenting, change the colors so it's not so hard to read.

Thank you,
Cheryl



Hi Cheryl,

Thank you very much for this comment. I could not have agreed with you more. The coloring of the website is absolutely hideous. As a result to your comment, I was happy to adjust the coloring to make it much easier on the eyes. Please let me know if the new coloring is better and more eye friendly. I welcome any input from our community.

Thank You all for your support! It is people like Cheryl who take the time to send an e-mail and share their input—that makes this project a success. This project is always evolving and the community is always welcomed to help define its purpose and direction.



Parkman Road Department

from Tom Evers, Superintendent



Winter is half way over. We are busy with equipment maintenance, getting things ready for spring. Please give our snowplows room to work give us extra room so we can clear the intersections. A snowplows operators field of vision is restricted. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops. Remember in ICE and SNOW - TAKE IT SLOW

Parkman Paragraphs Community Survey

From Cory Anderson
Parkman Paragraphs Editor and Website Designer

This is a simple survey from the Parkman Paragraphs used specifically to learn about our readers. Since this project has existed—and going into its fifth year of service, I wanted to take the time to meet you all and give you a chance to send in your input. Please take this opportunity to express your thoughts and help develop the direction of our Parkman Community Communications. There is no political agenda in this survey and all of the information will be strictly used for updating and confirming our mailing address for the newsletter only. If you wish to receive future newsletters, please take the time to fill this out and send it to the mailing address or save a stamp and drop it off at one of the pancake breakfasts in March. Thank you all for 100 percent Community Participation!

Just remove the center page of this newsletter—fold into a postcard - and send it in!

2009 Parkman Paragraphs Demographics

Please Print all information as this is important to help future Parkman Communications

Name: _____ **Years in Parkman:** _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Total Number at your household: _____ **Retired? Y / N** _____

#Men (18 or older): _____ **#Female (18 or older):** _____

#Boys (18 or younger): _____ **#Girls (18 or younger):** _____

Your thoughts about Parkman Communications

Please feel welcome to add as much paper as needed to express your full input.

Is the Parkman Paragraphs Project a good source of Community Information and how can we make it better for you?

What is the newsletter missing and how can it stay interesting to you are - our Parkman Resident s? What will make the project a success for another 5 years and beyond?

.....Please fold this into a postcard and tape together.....

Place Stamp here
or drop off at the
Pancake Breakfast

2009 Parkman Paragraphs Community Survey

Cory Anderson - Paragraphs Editor
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If there are added sheets of paper included in this survey that express your thoughts completely, please attach them securely to the post card or put it all into an envelope for certain received conformation. Thank you all for 100 percent participation!

Cory Anderson

Have you visited the Parkman Website? How can it be better?

Does the Geauga Park Districts new inclusion of the Parkman (old Boy Scout Camp) Park have any interest to you and are you willing to help volunteer at any activities that this new park in Parkman might host?

Do you own a Parkman Business - (Name/Address)?

Have you taken the opportunity to use the Parkman Website to advertise your business at no charge—sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce?

Have you participated in any past Parkman Community Events? What did we do that was good, and what needs some attention to make it better?

What local Parkman non profit , volunteer , sports or community building groups are you or any of your family a member of ? Name of group? Member for how long?

Any thoughts about the future of our traditional Parkman Community Events, the local communications to promote these events, and the Parkman Community in general?

Has the Parkman Paragraphs Newsletter been sufficient to promote the groups that you are involved with? If not, how can we make this communication better?

Please feel welcome to add any other comments and help shape the direction and future of this Parkman Community Communication Project, and our community events. Your full honesty and opinions are very much valued by this Parkman Communication Project .

When completed with the survey, remove the center page of the newsletter, fold the page into Postcard size with any added pages in the center, tape it closed and send it in.

Have you used any of the facilities made available to our Parkman Residents, like the Parkman Community House, Overlook Park, Parkman Gazebo, or other? How did you feel about this availability to our residents?

Special Thanks to everyone who have supported this communication project and all of our Parkman Community Events in the past - everyone counts and this survey is designed to help the future of our communication project and to represent everyone involved.

Remember - If you wish to get future Parkman Paragraph Newsletters, then you have to at least fill out your name and a mailing address then send this survey in or save a stamp and drop it off at one of our Pancake Breakfasts in March! 100% community support is expected - Deadline April 1st.