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Parkman Paragraphs
Winter 2010

2010 Parkman Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday's in March (7, 14, 21, 28) 9am-2pm
at the Parkman Community House**

**41 years strong and still serving on chinaware!
All you can eat!!**

Sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce

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name and contact info to be
officially answered.

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PARKMAN BUSINESS OWNERS:

Are you looking for another advertising outlet to reach a wide variety of people? The Parkman Chamber of Commerce is currently taking applications for the 2010 Business Directory. This directory will be available to all the people that come to our Pancake Breakfasts throughout the month of March. Additional copies will also be available for you to distribute/display at your place of business. Check out the application below for your preferred ad size and costs. Call Denise Villers (440/548-2939) if you have any questions concerning this directory. Our deadline is fast approaching, so we would appreciate your prompt reply.

Merchants Directory Registration

Registration Fee \$10.00 – Includes:

Membership in Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Listing in Merchants Directory & Map (3-1/2 x 2)

\$25.00 for 3-1/2 x 4

\$50.00 for 7 x 4

Business Name _____

Owner _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please make a copy and send the above information to:

Sandie Parnaby
Parkman Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 525
Parkman, Ohio 44062

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.

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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

We decorated the downtown area for the holidays on Saturday, November 28th. We appreciate those that came out and helped. It looked great! (Hopefully, we will have everything down by the time this goes to print. That snow sure was deep in early January!)

On Sunday, December 13th we hosted our annual *Santa Sing-Along* at the downtown gazebo. The kids got to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas and then enjoyed some hot chocolate, cookies & singing. Many thanks to Santa (S.S.) for making the trip to Parkman. (He arrived via one of our own Parkman Fire trucks & made a grand entrance.)

As a thank you to all those that work at our Pancake Breakfasts we hosted our traditional holiday dinner and gift exchange on Monday, December 21st. We enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner (prepared by the Women's Fellowship of Parkman Congregational Church) and had a good time with our gift exchange. We hope more of you will be able to make it next time. Let us know if another time would be easier; we know how busy we all get during the holidays.

Parkman's Chamber of Commerce is starting off the year with a couple new officers.

Denise Villers is our new president;

Patty Hall is our new vice-president;

Dave Fuhry continues as our secretary; and

Don Villers continues as our treasurer.

You will also notice a slight time change; our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at **7:00 p.m.** at the community house. We would love to see you there!

The year starts off with a bang as we begin making plans for the 41st annual *Parkman Pancake Breakfast*. This is quite an undertaking and we couldn't do it without all you wonderful volunteers here in the community.

Check your schedules and contact Denise Villers

(Phone: (440) 548-2939 or e-mail: villers_3622@windstream.net)

about working a shift or two during the month of March.

We offer on-the-job training in all areas and volunteers of all ages are welcome.

(We ask that a parent work along with any children under the age of 12.)

Looking to spring...we have the *Easter Egg Hunt* on Saturday, April 3rd at 11 a.m. at Overlook Park for our community children (toddlers through 6th graders).

Plans are just beginning for the annual *Kite Festival* so watch the website for further details as they unfold. (We are hoping for late April/early May.)

We are always looking for new members – it's only \$5.00 per person to join. Our Chamber of Commerce is open to business owners as well as all community members.

If you are a business owner, would you like to advertise in our **2010 Parkman Business Directory**? An application is included here in the Paragraphs and needs to be in SOON to make the printer's deadline before Pancake Breakfast time.

Parkman Trustees Notes

From Kevin O'Reilly

The Parkman Township Board of Trustees has a new member. Nancy Ferguson was elected to a four year term and will serve along with Pat Joyce and myself. Be sure to welcome Nancy if you see her in town.

As township trustees we are responsible for overseeing how your tax dollars are spent. I use the term "your tax dollars" collectively as Pat, Nancy and I are also taxpayers in Parkman. I thought I might use this column to introduce you to our township budget. The township receives funds from several sources which include real estate property tax, motor vehicle license tax, gasoline tax, special assessments and fees. I have created the following table to show the breakdown of where the money is projected to come from. Remember this is only a projection and is based on expected revenues. On occasion the state has made major adjustments (always down) to what we receive.

Source of revenue

Property tax	\$447,326
Intergovernmental transfer	\$167,012
Gasoline tax	\$83,430
Miscellaneous	\$62,315
Fees	\$16,068
Motor vehicle tax	\$8,858
Interest	\$6,772
Assessments	\$5,047
Total	\$796,828

Explanation

Fire levy, road levy, inside millage
Collected by the state and redistributed
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Community House rent, Cemetery lot sales, etc
Cemetery fees, Zoning fees, etc
Collected by the state and redistributed
Paid on money in our bank accounts
Special only for the street lighting district

Now I will outline where the money is allocated to be spent. This is where it gets tricky because several sources of revenue are "earmarked" and can only be used for their specified purpose. Examples of this include money collected from the fire department levies, Road & Bridge levies and the street lighting district assessment.

General Fund	\$310,545	Includes parks, building maintenance, salaries, etc
Road Department	\$331,960	Road maintenance and equipment
Fire Department	\$83,430	Fire department operations
EMS	\$8,755	EMS ambulance operations
Cemetery	\$14,935	Cemetery operations and upkeep
Street lighting	\$3,193	Street lighting electric usage
Total	\$752,818	

You can see that we have not allocated all the possible revenues to allow for reductions in income or possible unforeseen expenses. It is also important to understand that each area of the budget allows for money to be carried over from the previous year. This allows the township to continue operating until the new taxes are received in February and March. Additionally the fire department has a savings plan where money is set aside each year to build up for replacement of fire trucks. This allows the township to operate without borrowing money.

I have only outlined the budget in broad categories. If anyone is interested in more details please come to one of the trustees meetings and we will be happy to share more details with you. As residents and taxpayers of Parkman Township the board of trustees has a duty to be fiscally responsible while working to provide for both the needs and the desires of all Parkman residents. Thank you for your continued support and confidence in us to make the right decisions.



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.

For registration or more information on these and other Geauga Park District programs and opportunities, contact 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Geauga Walkers

Tuesday, March 16 2010, 1:00-2:30 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Sugar House

Tuesday, March 30 2010, 1:00-2:30 PM

Burton Wetlands Nature Preserve, Grounds

Join other active seniors on weekly hikes in various locations around Geauga County and the surrounding area. Hikes are typically 1 to 1 1/2 miles in length. Call the Geauga Senior Center for schedule at 440-279-2137. Held year-round. Hike cancelled if temperature is 20 degrees or lower. Hikes scheduled in Geauga Park District are led by a Park District Naturalist. Not Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible

Return of the Heron Backcountry Hike

Saturday, March 6, 1:00-3:00 PM

Burton Wetlands Nature Preserve, Grounds

Head off-trail to observe a Great Blue Heron rookery and possibly catch a glimpse of a few herons returning to the nesting site. Participants should be prepared for 1.5 to 2-mile hike to the nesting site, as well as wet, muddy, conditions off-trail.

Not Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible. *Pre-registration required*

Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 13, 7:30-10:30 PM

Parkman Community House

Celebrate the maple season with our ever popular, old-fashioned square dance. Novices needn't feel like saps: all dances are taught in fun fashion. The Sugar Shack-shakers provide rip-snortin' old-time music for roof-raisin' entertainment. Casual dress. Registration begins February 22. Registration is limited to 8 per registering party. Not Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible

Maple Madness Tour

Saturday, March 13, 10:00-5:00 PM

Sunday, March 14, 10:00-5:00 PM

Saturday, March 20, 10:00-5:00 PM

Sunday, March 21, 10:00-5:00 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Sugar House

Geauga Park District will be a featured stop on the statewide 2010 drive-it-yourself tour of select local maple sugaring operations.

Maps will be available at www.ohiomapleproducers.com.

For more information call 440-834-1415. Several Amish sugar bushes are also included on Saturdays. Partially Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

2010 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>

Check out the website for the most current masses and event information.

Parkman 55 (Years in Parkman) Plus Club

Parkman has a very well established club called the 55 Plus club that has been meeting since the early 1970's. So with a small variation from this, I used the surveys that were completed last year to compile a list of those families who have lived in Parkman for over 55 years. This is just a fun list to salute last names who have earned tenure in Parkman.

Over 70 years in Parkman Soltis
Over 55 years in Parkman Dietrich

Over 60 years in Parkman Giles
Gingerich
Mullet

Hershberger
Klima
Miller
Villers
Weaver

This list is only based off of the surveys that were sent in. We would enjoy finding out who has the most tenure in Parkman. If you think you have it, please send us your story so that we can salute you!



Cover Photo

The cover photo is a behind the scenes look at the Parkman Pancake Breakfast from 2009. The team of volunteers serves an average of 500 breakfasts each Sunday for the last 40 years as the official community fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. These funds are used to support many of the other community events throughout the year along with the development of our community.

This is the 41st year of the event and we have become a long lasting tradition for annual celebration of Maple Syrup season. Travelers from all over have joined in this event, including several non US visitors who have been passing through. If you have been to the breakfast, we welcome you back, and if you have not stopped before, what are you waiting for? You have only four Sundays in March 2010 to give us a try. Hope you can make it to our Community House and enjoy this years Maple Celebration!

Parkman Congregational Church

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

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!



Friday, April 2, 2010 - Good Friday Worship Service @ 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Dawn Service 7:00 AM

And Easter Service at 10:00 AM

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.

February 24th and March 31, 2010 - Free Meal from 5 - 6:30 PM

Parkman Zoning Inspector

Before you start any property altering project, make sure you stop by to be sure that all of the zoning regulations are going to be satisfied. It is always much easier to do it right the first time verses not knowing and trying to correct it later. Stop by for a visit!

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 (extension 2)
or parkmanzone@windstream.net



Sunday Gatherings start at 11am
(Bible Study at 9:30am)
in the **Parkman Community House**.
All are welcome!

For more information call 440-636-2836 or check out the
Church Website: www.necommunity.org

Learning to love God and to love people in the three life phases
Finding Life - Living the life - Giving our life

Check out our website for news, events, devotions, discipleship, groups and ministries.

We look forward to meeting you!

Parkman Historical Society

The next Parkman Historical Society meeting
will be March 18th, 7:30pm at the Parkman Community House

At our last meeting on November 19, 2009, we were at the JD's Post House where current owner Diemish (Dee) Dawa gave an informal history of the Post House. He shared a number of photos, newspaper clippings and past dinnerware stories. Fourteen members present also had stories of the restaurant to further the historical value of the Post House.

The Pioneer Dinner Fundraiser held on October 24th, 2009 served 53 dinners and raised almost \$400 dollars for the Parkman Historical Society. This fundraiser will help pay for repairs for the Thompson House as we continue our ambitions with this project. Thanks to those who supported the fundraiser and the Parkman Historical Society.

All are welcomed to join us to help preserve our heritage!
See you at the Parkman Pancake Breakfast!

Parkman Genealogy

Dear Parkman Webmaster,

Feel free to share this info with interested parties. Robert Breck Parkman's (Parkman, Ohio founder). His uncle was Samuel Parkman. His dad was Rev. Ebenezer Parkman who was my 7th Great Grandfather (find info about Ebenezer also on my blog).

<http://parkmangenealogy.wordpress.com/2009/11/15/parkman-ohio/>
www.ParkmanGenealogy.wordpress.com

Respectfully,

Daniel M. Parkman, Sr.

Thanks Daniel for contacting the Parkman Ohio Community and sharing this information about your family and our township founders. I am sure many will visit your blogs and enjoy what you have to offer to help preserve our history.

Cory Anderson - Parkman Webmaster .

Message from Nancy Ferguson

Hello Parkman Neighbors, I want to thank you for electing me your Trustee. I believe in working together we can accomplish a lot. I'm looking forward to talking with you and sharing ideas. Please join me at a Trustee Meeting held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 at the Parkman Community House.

Parkman Road Department

From Tom Evers, Superintendent

This Spring we will finish posting speed limit signs on the gravel roads. The Township Trustees have passed resolutions for each gravel road to lower the speed limit to 35 mph. Please be mindful of the new speed limit when posted. As of the first of the year the Township is going "Green". All the trucks and equipment are running on Bio- Diesel fuel. Please give us extra room when we are cleaning snow from intersections.



Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

EMS ReportJanuary 2010

And a gracious cold, snowy winter to you all! Don't you just LOVE the northeastern Ohio weather? OK, don't panic, I know what the majority of our residents are praying for... the return of sunshine and warm temperatures.

What's new in EMS? I spent a morning with Brent Politzer from Troy FD this week to set up our squads so equipment and supplies are in the same place on each squad. We respond together. All of Troy or Parkman's EMTs and firefighters should now be able to find anything needed on the scene quickly and easily from any of the ambulances. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our care to the communities we serve.

We are looking into purchasing a LUCAS (Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System) device to provide automatic mechanical chest compressions in a cardiac arrest. Studies show it's easy to handle, light weight and quick to apply. If it saves lives, it's worth consideration. More on this in the next newsletter.

Ricky Pierce is nearing the end of his Paramedic training. He has put in hundreds of hours (as they all do) in the classroom, hospitals and on various squads besides working for Community Care. We look forward to using his new skills on our department.

Stay safe and warm. Anyone and everyone interested in EMS or Firefighting is welcome to come to a meeting on the first Wednesday of any month and check us out. For questions or information, call Chuck or Joanie at 548-7541.

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 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. Contact Liz Sanders at 548-2334 for more info .

Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

2010 Fundraiser, Sign-ups and Sponsorship

Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League (PYL) will be having its annual fundraiser, a Valentines Day dinner and reverse raffle, on Saturday February 13th @ the Parkman Community House. Doors open @ 6:00pm, with dinner @ 7:00pm and raffle to follow.

The PYL will be having sign-ups Friday February 26th and March 5th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, as well as Saturday February 27th and March 6th from 10:00am to 12:00pm @ the Parkman Community House on Route 422.

We are also looking for team sponsors for 2010. We appreciate your past support and look forward to another fun and successful summer. For more information please contact: Mike and Candi Peters @ 440-548-5565 or Pat Joyce @ 440-548-5576

Overlook Park and Parkman Recreation Committee

By Pat Joyce



With Spring around the corner, we wanted to remind you that there is new equipment at Overlook Park's playground for the children to enjoy. The new equipment and improvements to the playground cost approximately \$18,500.00 of which \$15,000.00 was raised through fundraising and grants. This does not include all the in-kind work that was done by all the volunteers.

Again, thanks to all who contributed.

If you'd like to volunteer with the Parkman Recreation Committee, please contact: Mike/Candie Peters 548-5565, Scott Simms 548-2692, Sandy/Chuck Rought 548-5740, Dan Mack 548-2627 or Pat Joyce 548-5576.

Parkman 55 Plus Club

The Over 55 Club founded Nov. 1 1973 meets at the Parkman Community Center the first Thursday of each month at 11:30am. Bring a covered dish and join your friends and neighbors for good food and informative talks by guest speakers. Check out the Parkman community website for more information on upcoming events.

Bring your Sweetie and join us for a fun-filled night. Parkman Youth League is sponsoring a Reverse Raffle to raise money for baseball equipment and temporary outfield fencing.

REVERSE RAFFLE

Date: 02/13/10

Time: 06:30 p.m. Dinner @ 7 p.m.

- COST: \$25.00 PER TICKET
- B.Y.O.B.
- \$1000 cash prize
- \$2 & \$5 sidebets
- Door prizes

Cost of ticket includes: entry into drawing, dinner, soda, coffee, and dessert.

Location: Parkman Community House Route 422 in Parkman across from Grahams Country store

For Tickets Contact:
Mike & Candi Peters (440) 548-5565 mcspeters5565@mainstream.net
Or Pat Joyce at 440-548-5576



Looking for volunteers to honor

Parkman Paragraphs is looking for a veteran or someone who is still active in the US military for a profile story in our next edition. Do you know of a Parkman Resident who we could have the privilege to honor? If so, please send an e-mail or letter about such a person. Parkman knows the selfless personality involved in such an ambitious challenge and would like the opportunity to salute such a character.

Also, if you are a new member of one of our many Parkman community volunteer groups, such as the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team, or any other community help organizations, and have not been acknowledged yet, please contact us as we continue to salute those who volunteer to serve and make our community a safe and better place to live.

From a concerned Parkman resident

Below is a letter to the editor received just after the last printing of the Fall 2009 edition. As a non biased servant for the Parkman community, I welcome any ones thoughts about our community and enjoy when someone has the ambition to write their opinion. But, as the editor, it is my job to be sure no one is finger pointed out by name or any other identifying mention. So I have to slightly modify such "letters to the editor" to keep everyone out of publicity. If you are the person who sent me this letter, know that is why it was slightly revised for printing. Remember that this is "our" paper - not mine.

Cory Anderson—non biased editor!

From a concerned Parkman Resident.

Dear Parkman Paragraphs,

I and several others are trying to figure out what happened to our beautiful town and it keeps getting worse. What is wrong with the trustees? There are many houses around the town that have excessive clutter in their yards and the homes very un-kept. Some of the yard clutter is close to the roads and can cause a dangerous situation. This makes our town look terrible. How can the officials allow these yards overflow with such mess? Our people don't want to look at their trash! Something is not right and you know it! Shame on you! Bring back our nice town!

Even some of the rental properties have become run down, allowing an eye sore in our community to develop. These rentals receive money and yet are not kept up. They are far worse than some of the businesses who have had a reputation of clutter. What is going to be done about this? Give us our beautiful town back!

Concerned Others.

See if you print this in your paper.

Parkman Volunteer Fire

This is an interesting website on the topic of Fire Safety. Check it out. Find safety tips on how to prevent fires (home or business), how to create an emergency evacuation plan, what to do after a fire, precautions if your are disabled or if you are 65 or older,

<http://www.firesafety.gov>

Parkman Connections Spring 2010 Program

Parkman Connections now meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parkman Community House on Rt. 422. Parkman Connections is a very casual group. Arrive when you can and leave when you need to. Attendance is not limited to Parkman residents. Residents of nearby communities are welcome to attend the meetings. We hope you'll join in on the fun! Email Jane Z. at ParkmanConnections@gmail.com.

- February 11 - Rug Hooking - Speaker: Marie Williams
- February 25 - Craft and Game Night
- March 11 - Books - Rachael Hartman, Library Manager - Middlefield Public Library
- March 25 - Craft and Game Night
- April 8 - Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue - Dale and Lynn Komandt
- April 22 - Craft and Game Night
- May 13 - Gardening with Perennials (Also a plant swap!) - Jane Zajackowski
- May 27 - Craft and Game Night



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

Fall is gone! Winter is on! (Stay warm!) Spring is coming!

Fall was busy – our Scouting for Food collection netted 200+ items for the food cupboards at Parkman Congregational Church and Middlefield's United Methodist Church. We had our annual (25+ years)

Thanksgiving camp-out at Gates' Park. Thanks, once again, to Rich & Bev Gates. The boys enjoyed swimming at the Village Apartments' pool as well as another camp-out at Camp Stigwandish in Madison.

This winter we will attend our Council Winter Event at Camp Stambaugh in Canfield/Youngstown. February's camp-out is planned for close to home at Camp Chickagami (now operated by the Geauga Park District).

In March we will be Scouting for Food and help the Parkman Chamber of Commerce at their annual Pancake Breakfasts (every Sunday in March). We will be holding a fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner at the Kennedy Center at Hiram College. Watch for the exact date in the *Good News* and please support us.

The end of April the Boy Scouts of America will hold a 100-year anniversary celebration at the Geauga County Fairgrounds in Burton.

The Scouts 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
(440) 548-3622



Santa had a warm welcome on December 13, 2009 as many Parkman residents stopped by to sing carols and express holiday cheer with him at our gazebo.



This annual tradition sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce continues to bring many smiles to the faces of our youngest generations, as the pictures prove.

