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Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2010



Parkman Kite Festival
May 8, 2010 - 10am
Overlook Park

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officially answered.

Roads Department

Tom Evers

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

2010 Parkman Kite Festival May 8, 2010 - 10am Overlook Park

Parkman Cancer Review

Hi Cory - The following was prepared for publication in our Parkman Paragraphs
regarding a Parkman cancer review. Please have anyone with interest contact Jodi or I at
Sandra Denman sandradenman@earthlink.net

or

Judi Shemitz judi1952@yahoo.com

Thank you! Sandy Denman

Dear Parkman Township Resident:

Over the years, there have been a number of incidents of breast cancer among women living on Forgehill and Stagecoach in Grand River Estates I in Parkman Township, Ohio. This concern caused two residents, Judi Shemitz and Sandy Denman, to contact the Ohio Department of Health, and request an investigation. The Ohio Department of Health, working with the Geauga County Health Department, has agreed to evaluate the available information regarding these incidents of breast cancer and determine what further steps, if any, should be taken by the health department as a result of their review.

The first step in this process is to gather as much information as possible about incidents of cancer in Grand River Estates I and the immediately surrounding area in Parkman Township. If you, or someone you know, lives or has lived in this area over the past 25 years and has experienced cancer of any type, and you are willing to share this information for evaluation by the Ohio and Geauga County Health Departments, please send a letter providing as much information as possible to:

Parkman Cancer Review,
PO Box 566 , Parkman, Ohio 44080.

The information you send should include name, age, specific type of cancer, diagnosis date, treatment, current cancer health status, where and when you lived in Parkman, where you are living now, and phone number.

PLEASE NOTE: Any information you provide will be reviewed and compiled by Judi Shemitz and Sandy Denman. Your information will be shared with the Ohio Department of Health and the Geauga County Health Department, and may be shared with other agencies in the course of their evaluation. By volunteering your cancer history information, you are agreeing to have this information shared for any purpose related to this review.

Cover Photo - Editors Pick

This work of art—two full size race cars created from snow, was found on Rt 528 about a mile north of Rt 422. As editor, images of Parkman are always on the mind. We are looking to have the opportunity to chat with the designer, so if you know anything about this creation, please let us know more and send us your story to the



ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

This awesome work of art was very detailed and worth a photo finish! Great Job!!



Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Special THANKS for all of the Volunteers who helped with the 2010 Pancake Breakfast! Here are just a few photos of the smooth behind the scene operations.

Once again your help has benefited our community to raise funds to support various town projects that will sustain our quality of life in Parkman. Also thanks for all of those who showed up to support our 41 year event. We hope your appetite was filled and we will see you for our 42nd year in 2011.

Our next event will be

Kite Festival

Saturday, May 8th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Overlook Park.

Community Picnic

Mark your calendar and reserve Saturday, July 31st.

Plans are just beginning – watch for details.

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.

For any information of any events, or if you would like to develop an activity for our community, just contact any of the Parkman's Chamber of Commerce officers.

Denise Villers - president / Patty Hall - vice-president

Dave Fuhry - secretary / Don Villers - treasurer



Parkman Trustee Notes

From Nancy Ferguson

Speaking on behalf of my fellow trustees I would like to thank all of the Parkman residents both young and old who have volunteered countless hours, their skills and monetary donations to making Parkman a better place for all of us. We appreciate your contributions.

Because the township workload has increased over the years, we have added two part-time employees. Parkman resident Renee Patry is our new Administrative Assistant. She will be working with our Fiscal Officer Nancy Wheelock as well as Pat, Kevin and me. Erik Dekome from Mantua will be joining Tom Evers and Ralph Kumher in the Road Department. We have two new alternates on the Board of Zoning Appeals Jerry Jacobs and Jon Ferguson. The Zoning Commission's new alternate is Mike Massey.

Budget

The 2010 Permanent Appropriations Budget is approved. This gives the township the authority to spend money and cover township finances from March through the end of year. For budget details come to one of our meetings, we will be pleased to share this report with you.

Road Report

The Board of Trustees has approved installing drain tile for the section of Hosmer Road south of Farley to improve the drainage.

Fire Department

Kevin, Pat, and I are working with Chief Komandt to develop a plan for the future needs of our fire department and emergency services. Please refer to what Chief states in his article in this edition of the Parkman Paragraphs.

Communications Update

Geauga County Auditor Frank Gliha offered the township the opportunity to participate in the county communication and information technology-sharing program. The County can offer websites, telephone service, data back up and disaster recovery, email, internet and virus protection. We think the cost savings and the benefits are worth pursuing.

Don't forget to start the summer by joining us for our 2010 Memorial Day Parade on May 31. Have a safe fun summer.

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. Thank you for your consideration when passing through road construction zones. Your patience will help promote a safe work area for our road crew. Please attend any trustee meeting for further road info.



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

Annual Spring Bird Walk Series

Swine Creek Reservation
5/16/10 at 7:30AM

Herbal First Aid Kit

Swine Creek Reservation
5/18/10 at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
\$7.00 (pay at the door)

Join ethnobotanist Dr. Bette Beck to learn what types of herbs to have on hand for cuts & scrapes, colds & flu and emergencies. Create some simple home remedies to take home. \$7 materials fee payable to instructor on date of program.



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

The boys have been swimming once a month at The Village Apartments in Middlefield. In March we did a lot of community service: We collected food door-to-door and gave it to Parkman Congregational Church to be distributed through their food cupboard. We also helped out at the Parkman Chamber of Commerce's pancake breakfast. We also enjoyed a camp-out in Hiram in March.

On April 30th – May 2nd our council will be holding a 100-year anniversary/centennial celebration at the Geauga County Fairgrounds in Burton. It will be a big event. Come help us celebrate – All scouts - young and old! (*Hope the weather is good!*)

In May we are planning a camp-out as well as marching in the Memorial Day parade on May 31st. We'd love to see a big crowd at the parade and services. In June we will have one more camp-out before going off to summer camp (Camp Manitoc near Richfield). The boys will be busy working on their skills and merit badges from A to Z.

Preliminary plans are underway for a canoe trip down the Cuyahoga in July and possibly a back-pack trip in the Smoky Mountains in August.

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



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>



Happy Birthday on May 19 to Father Winca who will be 93!

Also, we will be celebrating Father John's 40 years in the priesthood and Father Winca's 65 years in the priesthood with a Mass on Sunday, May 30 followed by a buffet celebration.

2010 Parish Picnic

Saturday June 26 at the Shrine of Mariapoch on Mumford Road.
It starts with a 4pm Mass followed by picnicking and a bonfire at dark.

Annual Chicken Dinner and Car Show for St. Edward

Sunday, July 25, 11am-4pm

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Oktoberfest Polka Mass and Dinner.

October 17, 2010

Check out the webs ite for the most current masses and event information.

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!



Women's Fellowship Annual "Trash & Treasure Sale

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 22 – 24
in the Church Social Hall.**

2010 Feed-A-Friend Free Meal Dates/Menus

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

All meals fall on the last Wednesday of the Month

May 26, 2010 - Sloppy Joes & Homemade Fries

June 30, 2010 - Swedish Meatballs

July 28, 2010 - Mini-Cheddar Loaves

August 25, 2010 - Stuffed Cabbage

September 29, 2010 - Ham & Bow Tie Casserole

October 27, 2010 - Slovenian Night

November 24, 2010 - Cincinnati Chili

December 29, 2010 - Soup



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

Hello Parkman Paragraphs and Parkman Historical Society,

I lived in Parkman, OH when I was in about 3rd grade. I am now 42. I have many memories of Parkman OH but the biggest memory I have was of the home we lived in at that time. I only remember that it was a big white home near a catholic church. It had a newer addition to it. I was later told that it was once used as an underground railroad. Do you know if this history would be consistent with Parkman OH?

Thank you kindly,
Laura K. Emenheiser

Thanks Laura for sending this interesting view of Parkman - lets see what our residents might dig up about such possibility of an underground railroad in Parkman Ohio. If you have any knowledge of such a topic and would like to share your historic views of our community, then please feel welcomed to send any information to the many options available for Parkman Paragraphs. Any input will be very much appreciated!

Cory Anderson

Parkman Zoning Inspector

Back in August of 2008, the zoning commission adopted regulations regarding driveways in all zoning districts. I want to highlight a couple of the regulations that I seem to get the most questions on.

A driveway in a residential zoning district shall be set back a minimum of 3 feet from the nearest side and rear lot lines, measured in a perpendicular fashion from from the lot line to the edge of the driveway, shall be constructed of a durable all-weather surface, and shall be a minimum of 12 feet in width.

A driveway in a commercial or industrial zoning district shall be set back a minimum of 3 feet from the nearest side and rear lot lines, measured in a perpendicular fashion from from the lot line to the edge of the driveway, shall be constructed of a durable all-weather surface such as concrete or asphalt and shall be a minimum of 14 feet in width.

If a driveway exceeds 600 feet in length, measured along it's centerline beginning at the public road right of way, then it shall have a pull off space equal to twice the minimum width of the driveway. A pull off shall be constructed for each additional 600 feet of driveway length.

For a complete listing of the driveway regulations, please contact the zoning inspector.

Note office hours, phone number and email address.

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



Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Wayne Comandt

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST ALL OF YOU TAKE A VERY HARD LOOK AT YOUR DRIVE WAYS AND ASK YOURSELVES THE FOLLOWING

“COULD A FIRE TRUCK OR AMBULANCE GET FROM THE ROAD TO MY HOUSE?”

WE HAD AN INSTANCE EARLIER THIS YEAR WHERE A FIRE TRUCK, TO AVOID TREES ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE DRIVE, RAN OFF THE DRIVE TO THE LEFT AND SUBSTAINED DAMAGES TO THE LEFT SIDE DUE TO TREES. FIRE ENGINES ARE NOT YOUR COMMON CARS. THEY ARE WIDE! OUR NEWEST ENGINE IS OVER 8' WIDE. YOUR DRIVE WAYS NEED TO HAVE CLEARANCES ON THE SIDES TO ALLOW FOR THIS. PLEASE MAKE SURE TREES AND SHRUBS ARE TRIMMED BACK (AND ABOVE) FOR CLEARANCE. ALSO BE SURE SNOW IN THE WINTER IS CLEARED TO ALLOW ACCESS TO YOUR HOMES

YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CHARGED WITH PRESERVING THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE VISITORS TO THE TOWNSHIP. TO DO THIS WE MAINTAIN A FLEET OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS FOR APPROXIMATELY THE LAST 20 YEARS WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL LEVIES TO THE TAXPAYERS. DURING THIS TIME WE HAVE OBTAINED NUMEROUS FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES, MAINTAINED THEM AND THE FIRE STATION, OBTAINED NEW FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT AS NEEDED AND TRAINED OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND OUTFITTED THEM WITH THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

WHEN I STARTED WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ABOUT 40 YEARS AGO, MY PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE GEAR CONSISTED OF BOOTS THAT ROLLED UP OVER MY THIGHS, A RUBBER COAT THAT WENT BELOW MY KNEES, RUBBER GLOVES, AND A HELMET. TODAY COMPLETE BUNKER GEAR (WHAT WE CALL THE PROTECTIVE CLOTHES AND ITEMS WE USE) CONSISTS OF THERMAL, VAPOR, AND HEAT PROTECTIV COATS AND PANTS, BOOTS (KNEE HIGH), FIRE RESISTANT GLOVES, A FULL THERMAL COVER FOR OUR HEAD AND NECK, HELMET, RECHARGABLE FLASHLIGHT, PAGER, AND DIGITAL RADIO. THIS TOTAL GEAR COST IS WELL OVER \$4000.00. THE FIRST NEW FIRETRUCK I REMEMBER THE TOWNSHIP PURCHASING AFTER I JOINED WAS WELL UNDER \$50,000.00 THE NEWEST ENGINE WE HAVE PURCHASED WAS GETTING VERY CLOSE TO \$370,000.00.

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

Parkman Youth League (PYL) is gearing up for its 2010 baseball and softball season. We had approximately eighty youth sign-up to play this year. The league will field seven teams, including the first 10u girl's softball team we've had in several years. We are excited for the upcoming season and are hoping for a safe, fun and successful summer. Our annual Valentines Day fundraiser was once again a great success. Thanks to all who participated and helped make it possible. We are purchasing a temporary/permanent fence for the back field's outfield with the proceeds. The remainder of the proceeds will help control the cost of participation, which to our knowledge is still the lowest in the County. We also had a lot of interest in team sponsorship and would like to thank all the local businesses for their support.

For more information about the Parkman Youth League call:
Mike Peters: 440-548-5565 or Pat Joyce: 440-548-5576

Overlook Park and Parkman Recreation Committee

By Pat Joyce

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. Overlook Park is our community park and is located on State Route 168 less than a mile west of State Route 528. There is a large pavilion as well as two smaller pavilions, a newly renovated playground, baseball fields, basketball court, tennis court, volleyball court and walking path. Many of our residents use the park each year; Parkman Youth League host their summer league practices and games there, community organizations hold various events, families use it for reunions, graduations, birthday parties, picnics etc. Overlook Park is a great park. A big thanks to our Township maintenance and the many volunteers for all that they do to preserve and improve our park.



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 (Years in Parkman) Plus Club

In the last issue of the Paragraphs, a list of Parkman Residents was put together 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. Since this list - two family names have add their names to the list. Ms Giles as been in Parkman since 1935 and was a teacher at our Parkman School. She has seen many generations pass through our area.

The other family is the Smith family, who have 9 generations that have lived and continue to reside in Parkman. Both Families have great stories to tell, and a new Family Profile section will be added into future editions of our Parkman Community Newsletter.

Thank You All for your continued support to “our” Paragraph Project!

Parkman Connections Summer/Fall 2010 Program

Parkman Connections now meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p m 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.

Thursday, May 13 - Gardening with Perennials - Also... Our First Plant Swap!
Speaker: Jane Zajackowski

Thursday, May 27 - Craft and Game Night

Thursday, June 10 - The Benefits of Yoga and Massage
Speaker: Esther Gates, Certified Yoga Teacher and Massage Practitioner

Thursday, June 24 - Craft and Game Night

Thursday, July 8 - Rug Hooking
Speaker: Marie Williams

Thursday, July 22 -
Craft and Game Night

Thursday, August 12 - To be announced

Thursday, August 26 - Craft and Game Night

Thursday, September 9 - Spring-Blooming Flower Bulbs
Speaker: Jane Zajackowski

Thursday, September 23 - Craft and Game Night

Thursday, October 14 - Growing Grapes and Making Wine
Speaker: Dr. Rich Hill, owner of Laleure Vineyards

Thursday, October 28 - Craft and Game Night

Thursday, November 11 - The Law and You
Speaker: Ken Fuhry

Thursday, November 25 - No meeting - Thanksgiving Day

December through February - No meetings

There will be no meetings in December, January, or February due to our unpredictable weather. See you again in March, 2011.

For a full description of each of these dates—refer to the www.ParkmanOhio.com website where Parkman Connections now has its own link in the menu!

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.

WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT THE COST OF ALMOST EVERYTHING IS INCREASING. WE ARE FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN WHAT WE DO WITH OUR PRESENT FUNDING SO THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND I ARE LOOKING AT WHAT WE MUST DO FOR THE FUTURE. FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ASIDE MONEY EVERY YEAR TOWARD A VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND SO THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO BORROW MONEY OR ASK FOR ADDITIONAL LEVIES TO PURCHASE NEW VEHICLES AS THEY CAME DUE FOR REPLACEMENT. THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT BE SUSTAINABLE IN THE FUTURE DUE TO THE INCREASES IN THE COST OF THE VEHICLES AND ALL OUR OTHER EXPENCES.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS VERY ACTIVE IN APPLYING FOR GRANTS WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS, BUT WE ARE NOT ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING ALTERNATE SORCES THAT MIGHT HELP US TO KEEP FIRE LEVIES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

1. DO YOU WANT YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND FASTER TO YOUR EMERGENCIES
2. DO YOU WANT YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE ITS EMS SERVICE
3. DO YOU WANT TO SUPPLY THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THE BEST AND SAFEST EQUIPMENT YOU CAN
4. WOULD YOU PREFER USERS PAY FOR YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES OR THE TAX PAYERS PAY FOR IT.
5. ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR ANY, ALL OR PART, OF THE ABOVE WITH INCREASED PROPERTY TAXES?

I STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU TALK TO YOUR TRUSTEES AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU EXPECT OF YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. WITHOUT YOUR INPUT WE CAN ONLY ASSUME WHAT WE NEED TO DO FOR THE FUTURE.

Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Chuck Dillon

Our Parkman Volunteer Team recently used saved donations from our local residents to purchased a brand new LUCAS CPR machine. This automatic resuscitator will simplify saving the lives of heart attach patients and creates a more efficient technique to help maintain blood flow during any position the patient might be in. It works on the ground, and in the stretcher. The device will continue to work long periods of time verses the human version who will tire after a time and require a second person to assist with the CPR. The LUCAS will not tire out and can handle any size patient, child to adult.

Special thanks for all of those residents who continue to donate to our Volunteer Team and make such special tooling possible to help our community for many generations.

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.



Salute to Mike Lear

US Army Major Mike Lear, son to Dale and Vi Lear in Parkman, is currently serving the US Army and recently returned from Baghdad Iraq. Mike is stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville Virginia where he is joined with his wife Tracy and

daughter Hanna. Mike had graduated from Cardinal High School in Middlefield in 1986 and continued his education with a degree at Ohio State University. Special thanks to Vi for sending this to us!



On behalf of our Parkman Community, Thanks Mike for your service and sacrifice to not only give our country its freedoms and safety, but the opportunity to help those on a global scale. It is an honor to add you to the list of those from the Parkman area who serve.



Parkman Fire and Rescue Volunteer - Jeremy Hall

Jeremy Hall recently volunteered to joined the Parkman Fire and Rescue Team. He serves long side with his two twin brothers to help keep our community safe and respond to those in need. Jeremy graduated from Cardinal High School in Middlefield and is currently working on a pharmaceutical degree from Akron State University.

Thank you Jeremy and the entire Hall Family for your dedication to serve our town as we salute you for such ambitions!



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. If you wish not to be noticed, know that Parkman appreciates your humanitarianism.

Parkman Polar Bear Snow Mobile Club

When the snow season is at its full strength in NE Ohio, and many of us are humbly staying inside trying to ride out the storm, our Parkman Polar Bear Snow Mobile Club takes advantage of such a break and enjoys the fun sport. Below are scenes from a recent poker run. The turnout was beyond expectation and sleds from every era was represented.



This energetic group of winter adventurers are always looking for fellow residents who share the same interests, safety and passion to “tread lightly” through the Parkman trails, so if you are a snowmobile rider and would like to find out more about this group, then check out their link in the Parkman website - www.ParkmanOhio.com

See you at the next snow storm!

Are you a part of a local group and have a story to share with our community?

Send us your pictures and get noticed of what your group enjoys and or does to help improve our local quality of life.