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# Parkman Paragraphs

## Fall / Winter 2011



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

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

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## **Parkman Board of Trustees**

Meetings normally are at 7:30 pm in the rear of the Community House

For all Township business, call 548-2904.

### **Township Trustees**

(meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 7:30pm)

Nancy Ferguson

Patrick Joyce

Kevin O'Reilly

### **Fiscal Officer**

Nancy Wheelock

### **Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion**

Wendy Anderson 548-2388

### **Cemetery Sexton**

Dale Komandt

### **Fire & Rescue**

Wayne Komandt

### **Fire/Medical Emergencies:**

CALL 911

### **Zoning Commission**

(meets 4th Tuesday)

### **Zoning Appeals Board**

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

John Ferguson

### **Zoning Inspector**

(Wednesdays 7-8:30pm)

John Hasman

Phone: 440-548-2904 or

parkmanzone@windstream.net

E-mails must have residents name and contact info to be officially answered.

### **Roads Department**

Tom Evers

Parkmanroad@windstream.net

## **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

## **Parkman Candidate Night**

**October 17th (7pm) at Community House**

Parkman Chamber of Commerce proudly sponsors this opportunity to meet the upcoming candidates for the November 8, 2011 Election. Here is your chance to ask them questions and help make your decisions at the polls.

## **Parkman's Halloween Party**

**Sunday October 30th (6:30 - 8pm)**

**at Community House**

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Volunteers - please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939

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## **2011 Event Schedule**

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Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue will assist crossing Rt 422 at the Rt 528 / Rt 88 intersection.



### **Kids Halloween Party**

**Sunday October 30th (after Parkman Trick or Treat)**

**(6:30pm-8pm) at Parkman Community House**

### **Breakfast with Santa**

**Saturday December 3rd at Parkman Community House**

### **New Years Eve Dance**

**Saturday December 31st**

**at Parkman Community House**



For more information or an interest in volunteering for any of these events please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939.

## **Parkman Connections Garden Tour Flower Photos**

Below are some flower photos selected from the Parkman Connections Summer 2011 Garden Tours. You can find more about the story on our Parkman website



# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Nearly 200 Parkman residents gathered at Overlook Park for the 2011 Community Picnic held Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone enjoyed burger and hot dogs (provided by your Chamber of Commerce) along with all the wonderful food brought in by our residents for our potluck picnic. The bounce house was a big hit again this year. And it's not a picnic without cotton candy, snow-cones, and popcorn for munching. We also had a few carnival games and corn hole to play. We had a nice crowd – hoping to see even more of the community there next year!

After the Parkman trick-or-treating on **Sunday, October 30th (5pm -6:30pm)**, join us for our **HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION** at the Community House from **6:30pm - 8:00 pm** for some fun & games and refreshments for the kids. We'd appreciate donations of candy for the little ones. We are "rebuilding" this activity and would love some input – all ideas (and help) are welcome! Maybe a tail-gate trick-or-treat in the parking lot – This way we could all see the little ones dressed up and they wouldn't have to travel to a more "densely populated" area to find Halloween goodies. Contact Denise (440/548-2939) with your thoughts.

**Breakfast with Santa** will be **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** at the Community House. Kids can visit with Santa and enjoy breakfast for only \$2.00 (up to 11 years old) {\$3.00 for accompanying adults}.

After breakfast we'll be decorating the down-town area. We could really use some help with this endeavor. Meet us behind the Community House at noon.

Each year we invite all our volunteers to an appreciation dinner. We will be sending out invitations for this event, which will be Sunday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll be there! You can enjoy a great dinner, join the Chamber of Commerce (for only \$5.00), and sign up for a couple shifts at the 2012 Pancake breakfasts.

**Ring in the New Year** with your friends at the Community House. Music will be provided by **"The Boys Are Back"**. We will provide snacks and wash – BYOB. Watch for details and ticket info.

We would love to see more people get involved. 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 residents. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. Come see what we're up to!

Denise Villers, President  
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President  
Lucinda Sharp-Gates, Treasurer

Sponsored by Parkman Chamber of Commerce  
*(We do more than just pancakes!)*

# Parkman Trustee Notes

From Nancy Ferguson

Late this fall on Tuesday, November 8, Election Day, we, the residents of Parkman, have an extremely important decision to make. We by exercising our right to vote must choose whether we want to keep zoning or do away with it. The choice we, as individuals, make will affect the quality of our life, our family's lives, our neighborhoods, and our property values. The choice is ours to determine what becomes of Parkman.

You will notice that this Parkman Paragraph says Fall/ Winter Issue. By going only two issues, a year the Township saves \$2000 for other Township expenses. You can find more information about the goings on of our community on the Parkman Community website <http://www.parkmanohio.com/>. In fact since we have so many Parkmanites running for Township and Cardinal School Board positions we thought it would be great to have them put information about themselves on the website. If you don't have a computer, the library has computers available for you to use.

If you have attended the Trustee meetings, in the last few months you will have noticed some changes in the Community House. We've had the inside painted and cushions are on the rocking chairs and other chairs. One of our residents who wishes to remain anonymous contributed her time and material to making these cushions. She wanted to help spruce up our Community House. Its residents like her that makes this community what it is. On behalf of everyone who enjoys sitting in the chairs we want to give her a special thank you for her efforts. Please join your neighbors and us at the next Trustee Meeting. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month.

## November 8, 2011 Parkman Voting Issues

The Issues and Candidates concerning Parkman for the November 8, 2011 election are listed below for your reference. Since the Parkman Paragraphs are a non biased publication, it is not intended to endorse any issue or candidate, but this just a simple notification that these items below effect our community during this election day.

Issue 14 – Parkman Township – Repeal of Zoning = by referendum petition  
Issue 18 – Cardinal School – Tax Levy – 4.5 Mills – Additional 3 years

### Parkman Township Trustee – Elect 1

Patrick Joyce - Michael Massey

### Fiscal Officer – Elect 1

Denise Bowers - Joyce Peters

### Cardinal School Board of Education – Elect 3

Wendy Anderson - Thomas Petronio  
Alan Preston - Andy Sefcik  
Katie Thomas - Wendy Ward

2011 Parkman Trustee Candidate profiles can be found on the Parkman website [www.ParkmanOhio.com](http://www.ParkmanOhio.com) - look for the link in the menu.



## SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community

**Rev. John Burkley, Pastor**

Check out the website for the most current masses and event information  
or contact the parish office at 548-3812 - <http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>



### OCTOBER

St. Francis Blessing of the Pets - Saturday, October 1 @ St. Lucy (2pm)

Vatican International Exhibition "Eucharistic Miracles of the World"  
Oct. 8 - Oct. 16 @ St. Edward Rose Hall

Free Immunization Clinic

Oct. 12 & 19 ( 9-11:30am ) , Oct. 20 ( 3-6pm ) @ St. Lucy Winca Hall

Mobile Food Pantry - Oct 15 St. Edward Rose Hall (10am-Noon)

Polka Mass and Dinner, St. Edward Rose Hall Oct. 24, (Noon)  
Mass FREE, Dinner (1:30pm) - Reservations required

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey Ohio-Oct. 26 (Pre-Registration Required)

St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren - Preparing & serving lunch-Oct 29 (9am-2pm)

### NOVEMBER

St. Vincent/Samaritan Society "Fill-A-Cruisor" Nov. 5 (9am-2pm)  
at Middlefield Wal-Mart and Save-A-Lot.

St. Vincent/Saraitan Society Thanksgiving Food Delivery Nov 12 (9am )  
St. Lucy - Winca Hall

Free Immunization Clinic Nov 9 & 16 (9-11:30am ) , Nov 17 (3-6pm ) St. Lucy Winca Hall

Mobile Food Pantry - Nov 19 - St. Edward Rose Hall (10am-Noon)

St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren - Preparing & serving lunch - Nov. 26 (9am-2pm)

### DECEMBER

St. Vincent/Samaritan Society "Fill-A-Cruisor"  
Dec. 3 (9am-2pm) at Middlefield Wal-Mart and Save-A-Lot.

Supper with Santa Dec. 6 (6pm) at St. Lucy Winca Hall

Free Immunization Clinic Dec 14 & 21 (9 -11:30am ) , Dec 15 (3-6pm ) - St. Lucy Winca  
Hall

Mobile Food Pantry - Dec 17 St. Edward Rose Hall (10am-Noon)

St. Vincent Society Christmas Food Delivery Dec 17 (9am ) St. Lucy Winca Hall

Sat. Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS Masses (4pm) @ St Lucy Children's Mass (everyone welcome)  
(6pm) St Lucy & Midnight St Edward

Sun. Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS Masses (8:30am ) St Edward & (10:30am) St Lucy

St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren- Preparing & serving lunch-Dec 31 (9am-2pm)



For registration or more information on these and other Geauga Park District programs and  
opportunities, contact 440-286-9516 or [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

Many events can be found on the park website - find a complete list at:

[www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

### **Halloween Wagon Rides**

Sunday, October 16, 1-4:30 PM at Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge  
Get into the Halloween spirit with a wagon ride, learning about some of nature's creepy-  
crawlies along the way. Costumes welcome! Free passes ensure first-come, first-served  
boarding. Same time and location October 23, 2011.

### **50 Years/50 Miles**

Sunday, November 27, 2-4 PM at Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge  
Approximately 3 miles: Geauga Park District celebrates its 50th anniversary by hosting a  
50-mile hiking series. Join a naturalist to cover every park trail this year, or work on the 50  
miles on your own. A score card will be available to track your miles.

Complete 50 miles in 2011 and earn a 50th anniversary pin.



### **Parkman's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade**

Hosted on May 30th from Overlook to Lower Cemetery, the Memorial Day Honoree was  
Harold Blackford and we also saluted the 150th anniversary of our Civil War Veterans.  
The Cardinal Band played its traditional tunes as the scouts of Troop #79 performed the  
Flag ceremonies. Father Burkley from SS Edward Lucy Parish pray blessings to the site  
and the Middlefield Post honored the veterans with their traditions at both cemeteries.





## Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

**WANTED: Boys – 11½ to 18 years old**

**Who want to learn to camp, hike, bike, swim, fish, tie knots, cook, and just have fun!** We are back at it after our August break. Come and join us for fun and learning.

The past summer was filled with three camp-outs plus a week at summer camp at Camp Manitoc in Peninsula, Ohio. We had 5 boys and 3 adults attend for the week. The boys earned a total of 14 merit badges – Good job, boys!

This fall we welcome a new Scout Master. Long-time Scout Master **Bob Ely** will be stepping back to the committee and **Chuck Rought** will step up to that position. Assistant Scout Master, **Rick Nelson**, will also be stepping back to the committee. Our thanks to both Bob & Rick for their years of service.

Upcoming events include a bike hike/camp-out and our annual turkey cook-out/camp-out at the OLD Scout camp (Gates').

We have two fund-raisers coming up. The official Boy Scout Popcorn sales – regular popping corn, microwave popcorn, caramel corn and other specialties in tins... Please contact one of our Scouts if you are interested in supporting our troop through these sales.

Our other big fund-raiser is the Parkman Community Calendar – the calendar has ads from our local businesses and includes birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, and meeting listings for groups/clubs. If you would like the calendar to include your family's birthdays or your club's meeting night, contact David Smith (440/548-2113) ASAP.

Our weekly meetings are on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield - near the baseball fields/behind Arby's. As always, new boys are welcome to join us (ages 11 – 18).

Scott Villers, Committee (440) 548-3622

Below is a photo of the Parkman Troop #76 prior to supporting the flag ceremony for our Parkman Memorial Day Parade at Overlook Park. This group of young gentlemen perform the flag raising and setting at half mast to honor those Veterans who have helped defend our country throughout the many generations of our existence. This Parkman tradition is designed to reflect those Veterans who have sacrificed and given us our safe place to live.



## Parkman Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road (P O Box 655) Parkman, Ohio 44080

### 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!

### **Feed – A – Friend Free Meal**

Meals served from 5:00 – 6:30 PM in the church Social Hall

Everyone is welcome!

Free meals on last Wednesday of every month - check out our website for latest menus  
<http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com> or call 548-4829

November 8 - Election Day Dinner

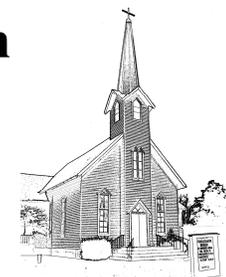
November 23 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship service, 7:00 P.M.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M.

December 25 – Christmas Day Worship Service, 10:15 A.M.

check out our website for latest information

<http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com> or call 548-4829



## Parkman (4th Annual) Car Show

Hosted on July 24th at the St Edwards Parking Lot, this traditional event hosted a variety of entertainment including many autos, games, raffles, chicken dinner, a Chinese auction, snacks, DJ music, face painting for the kids. The event has fun for all ages.

Thanks to all of the volunteers and supporters that made this event a success!

Find more photos from the event on [www.SSEdwardLucy.com](http://www.SSEdwardLucy.com)



Special Thanks to all of those who have contributed and supported to this and all of our Parkman community events and volunteer groups!



## Cover Photo—Pumper Truck Training in Parkman

Volunteer training for our local fire and rescue forces comes in many forms. Parkman was the site on July 10th for several departments including Parkman, Troy, Chagrin Falls, West Farmington and Chardon teams to practice a morning of pumper truck skills at Shangri La Lake Beach. On the cover of this issue, you see our Parkman Tanker supplying the other departments with the needed water. This was a part of the regularly scheduled Geauga County Fire and Rescue response training. The multi departmental training is hosted in various locations allowing the response teams a change of scenery to make each practice unique. If you would like to take a part of our Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team then contact Chuck or Joan Dillon at 440-548-7541 and express your interests in helping our community in a time of need and making our neighborhood a safer place to live.



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](http://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 Youth Baseball and Softball League

From Pat Joyce

Once again we'd like to thank our sponsors, parents, and coaches for another successful (fun) Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball season. We would especially like to recognize eight young men from Parkman who participated on the Middlefield Colt Baseball Team. They are Jake Bosak, Tom Baril, Ryan Mack, Josh Brown, Jason Fent, Eric Continenza, Zack Butcher and Cade Devoll. These young men helped their team win the 2011 Geauga Colt League Championship. Congratulations to them all!

See ya next summer.

## Parkman Polar Bear



## Snowmobile Club

### Parkman / Troy Power Sports Swap and Show

on Oct 15, 2011 (9AM to 4PM)

Parkman & Troy Snowmobile Clubs are presenting a Swap Meet Flee Market

located at Parkman Community Center

Indoor outdoor flea market space available.

(Admission is 2 dollar donation, Age 16 and under free)

OSSA Sled Raffle Breakfast and lunch served all day!

(2011 ArticCat & Kitty Kat 120.)

Trails will officially open on Dec 17, 2011.

The Trails will officially closed for the season on March 24, 2012

Parkman Polar Bear & Troy Snowmobile Club Christmas Party  
Saturday, December 10, 2011 @ 6:00 PM Parkman Community House

### Parkman Snowmobile Club Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/page/s/Parkman-Polar-Bears-Snowmobile-Club/226101887187>

## Parkman Historical Society

Parkman Historical Society meets at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of every odd month at the Parkman Community House. We are in need of new members to help continue the success of this Parkman heritage - so please feel welcome to attend and support this local gem.

Next meeting will be November 17th, 2011 - 7:30pm at the Community House.

**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 55 Plus Club

Please join us and share a delicious potluck lunch and fellowship. We meet at the Parkman Community House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:30a.m.

# Troy Township Bicentennial

Congratulations to Troy Township celebrating their Bicentennial Anniversary on August 20 - 21, 2011.

Below are some of the scenes from this celebration - Geauga Highlanders, Live Music, Air Bear Helicopter, Antique Car Show, Troy Fire Demo's, Dog Show and more!



## Parkman Volunteer Fire and EMS

From: Chief Komandt



As we approach the fall and winter months there are a few items I would like to remind all of you of.

1. The state of Ohio has a no burning regulation in effect. There are very strict limits on what and where outside burning is permitted. First, you must be 1000 feet away from any structure off of your property. Second, the smoke cannot obscure any roadway. Third, you can never burn garbage or petroleum products.
2. As we approach the heating season, be sure to have your furnaces checked. Also for those of you burning wood, PLEASE REMEMBER to check your chimney and clean on a regular basis.
3. As the snow starts to fly, remember our ambulance and fire trucks are wider than the normal car. PLEASE remember to have driveways and turn arounds cleaned of snow.

We hope that you never need us to your homes but if you do we will be there.

Chief Komandt - Parkman Fire Department

## Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Hasman - Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

Parkman Township has had specific driveway regulations for some time now and just wanted to again review them.

Driveways in a residential zoning district must be set back a minimum of 3 feet from the nearest side lot line measured in a perpendicular fashion from the edge of the driveway to the lot line. Driveways shall be constructed of an all weather durable surface and be a minimum of 12 feet in length.

If a driveway exceeds 600 feet in length, a pull off space equal to twice the minimum width shall be constructed. A pull off shall be constructed for each additional 600 feet in length. Please include the proposed driveway and its actual measurements and placement on your plot map that is submitted to obtain a zoning certificate.

Please contact the zoning inspector for driveway regulations in the commercial or industrial districts

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](mailto:parkmanzone@windstream.net)

## Parkman Zoning Board

If you are interested in serving on the Parkman Township Zoning board of Appeals, please send a letter of interest and list of qualifications to

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

Don't forget that you can find Parkman Zoning Board minutes on the Parkman Website.

# Parkman Annual Community Picnic

Hosted by Parkman Chamber of Commerce on July 16th at Overlook Park the community tradition was filled with many scenes including plenty of food, softball, volleyball, kids games, kickball, and a favorite—the bouncy house. Tom Curtin Executive Director of the Geauga Metro Parks also gave a presentation of their future ambitions.



# Parkman Garden Connections – 2011

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions about future meetings, please contact Jane at [ParkmanConnections@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanConnections@gmail.com) or call 548-5181.

Parkman Connections recently hosted several outdoor garden tours as a way to incorporate the nice summer weather with an alternative exercise program. Tours of several local gardens provided a backdrop of education and entertainment as each resident shared their garden and provided a unique display of blooms and green thumb methods. More on the Parkman Connection Garden Tours can be found on our community websites recent events.

