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Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2012



Community Website: <http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>
Newsletter E-mail: ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

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

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Fiscal Officer

Joyce Peters

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion

Wendy Anderson 548-2388

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Wayne Komandt

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Zoning Commission

(meets 4th Tuesday)

at the Community House

Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

at the Community House

Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

(Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm)

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 2012 / 2013 Event Schedule

Parkman Halloween

Sunday October 28 (5:30pm-6:30pm)

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

Kids Halloween Party

Sunday October 28 (after Parkman Trick or Treat)
(6:30pm - 7:30pm) at Parkman Community House



Election Day Dinner

November 6 at the Parkman Community House (4:30 - 7pm)

Adults: \$ 10.00 and Children (age 5 - 11): \$ 5.00

Sponsored by the Women's Fellowship of Parkman Congregational Church



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 1st (9-11am)

at Parkman Community House

New Years Eve Dinner and Dance

Saturday December 31st
at Parkman Community House



Parkman Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sunday's in March (3, 10, 17, 24) 9am - 2pm

at Parkman Community House

Still serving on chinaware since 1968!

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

March 30th (11am)
at Overlook Park



Parkman Kite Day

TBA - at Overlook Park
Stay tuned for details.



Parkman Community Picnic

July 20th (5 - 8pm) at Overlook Park
Stay tuned for details.

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



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 Halloween Party

Sunday October 28 (6:30 - 7:30pm) at Community House

Party will start after the Parkman Trick or Treat (5:30 - 6:30pm)

Volunteers - please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Halloween is almost here! Trick or treat for Parkman's little ghosts and goblins is scheduled for Sunday evening, October 28th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 until 7:30 all the kids are invited to the Community House for some more fun (sponsored by your Parkman Chamber of Commerce). We'll have great Halloween music, snacks and beverages for all, some fun games for the little ones and LOTS of candy! We would appreciate any donations of candy from the community towards this activity. Last year we had over 50 kids (plus their parents) attend this event.

We will kick off the holiday season with our Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Community House. Kids can visit with Santa and enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, and sausage links for only \$2.50 (up to 11 years old) {\$3.50 for adults}. Approximately 20-25 kids joined us for this event last year. (plus their parents/grandparents) Remember: You don't have to purchase breakfast to come and visit Santa!

Each year we invite all our volunteers to an appreciation dinner. In December we will gather at the community house and enjoy a catered dinner. (Watch for your invitation if you have helped us at Pancake Breakfast or any other activity throughout the year.) We then have a Chinese-style gift exchange. Who finally took home that singing fish last year?

We look forward to ringing in the New Year with our friends at the Community House. For \$30.00 per person folks can enjoy a fantastic buffet dinner and a night of dancing from 9:00 till 1 a.m. (If you have other dinner plans, you can attend just the dance for \$20.00 per person.) We will provide snacks and wash (BYOB). We hope to see you there!

After the first of the year plans get underway for our Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts – the first four Sundays in March. We depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful.

Please contact Denise Villers: phone: 548-2939 or e-mail: villers_3622@windstream.net with dates that you can work. We offer on-the-job training in all positions. A few jobs require you to be at least 18 years old (and many of us are WAY over that age) but teens are more than welcome to volunteer their time and work in the dining room or behind the scene in the kitchen. We have a wide variety of jobs to fill. Each Sunday is divided into two shifts: 9:00 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 2:00 (with some that start earlier and others that stay later for clean-up afterwards). Please consider volunteering for your community!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt (11 a.m. at Overlook Park) is Saturday, March 30th for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders).

Our annual kite festival (a joint venture with the OSEK, which is affiliated with the American Kite-Fliers Association) will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, ____ (date not yet determined) at Overlook Park.

The Community Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 20th (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Overlook Park. We will have the bounce-house again as well as some other activities. We had a good crowd last year and hope to see even more residents come together for a great time!

If you would like to help with planning or executing any of these events, call us. As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners). We meet on the 3rd Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. We would love to see you there!

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about any of our activities.
– Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

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

Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Kevin O'Reilly

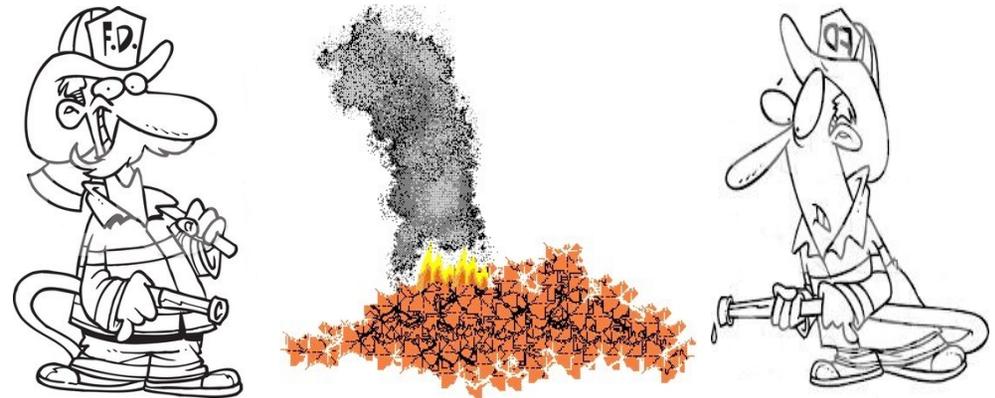
Where has the summer gone? It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Memorial Day. Now our thoughts turn to the snow that will be arriving any day. Here are a few updates from your township trustees.

Significant progress was made in the Shedd road improvement project. If all goes well the road will be resurfaced in the spring. We should all be grateful that the gravel roads held up very well with this dry summer and very little dust issues. Our dedicated road department will be doing all they can to assure the roads are ready for winter and will work hard to keep them in excellent shape when the snow flies.

This summer we tried something new and contracted the lawn care of our parks and cemeteries to a local landscaper. This was an attempt at allowing our road department to better use their skills on the roads. As it turned out we were able to do this for about the same cost as paying our own employees and it worked out very well.

The fire department received a new rescue pumper. Talk to one of our dedicated volunteers about it. They would love to show it off.

One last thing, please keep in mind that burning leaves in the road ditches is prohibited and can cause a serious safety hazard to motorists. If the smoke causes an accident the consequences could not only be dangerous to the passengers but expensive if you are to blame for starting the fire.



November 6th 2012 - Parkman Voting Issues

The Board of Elections has posted two local issues that will be on the November 6th ballot that concerns Parkman residents:

Parkman will have a 1.5 mills renewal of a current tax levy for operation of Streets, Roads and Bridges that will continue for 5 years. This is not an increase, but a renewal.

Cardinal School System will have a “not an increase “of millage - but renewal of the current operations levy for another 5 years at 9.7 million. This will not change the current taxes of local property owners.

Don't forget to get out to the polls!



Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

We have begun a new school year and have a full calendar planned. In September we held a fund-raiser fish fry at the Parkman Community House and we took a back-pack trip in Pennsylvania. October 12th was another fish fry and a biking trip.

In November we have our annual turkey camp-out and the month of December will include another camp-out. (We DO love to go camping! It's a great time to teach the boys various skills and an opportunity for the older Scouts to mentor the younger boys of the troop.)

After the holidays we will make plans to participate in the Greater Western Reserve Council's Klondike Derby and camp (hopefully, IN SNOW) in January. In February we'll observe Scout Sunday, have another winter camp-out, and work on swimming skills at a local indoor swimming pool. March includes Scouting for Food (collecting canned goods for local food cupboards) and volunteering at the Parkman Pancake Breakfasts.

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).



Parkman Boy Scout Troop #76 at our 2012 Memorial Day event



Scott Villers,
Committee Chairman
(440) 548-3622

Cub Scouts - Parkman Troop #76

This is a group designed for boys in their elementary school ages (1st through 5th grade). We meet on Tuesdays from 7-8pm (September - June) at the Parkman Congregational Church.

The Parkman Cub Scouts will have a very ambitious schedule this season including our Halloween Party on October 30th (6:30pm) at the Parkman Community Center. This is our annual party for the troop members. On December 8th, 2012, we will be headed to the Great Lakes Science Center (1-3pm) to learn and earn our Science Belt Loop. On Sunday February 3, 2013, we will be participating with Scout Sunday at the Parkman Congregational Church.

If you are interested in participating with any of these events or have a possible candidate to join our troop, please contact Cub Master - Monique Hornsby at

216-337-2104 or by the troop e-mail
parkmanpack76@gmail.com

You can also check out our new website!
<http://pack76parkman.ScoutLander.com>

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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>

St. Vincent/Samaritan Society "Fill-A-Cruisor"

November 10th (9am-2pm) at Middlefield Wal-Mart and Save-A-Lot

Supper with Santa

December 4th (6pm) at St. Lucy Winca Hall

Mobile Food Pantry

St. Edward (10 -Noon)

November 17, 2012, December 15, 2012, January 19, 2013, February 16, 2013

Christmas Mass

December 24th—Christmas Eve Masses

4pm at St Edward Children's Mass (everyone welcome)

6pm at St Edward and Midnight at St Lucy

December 25 Christmas Day Masses

8:30am at St Edward and 10:30am at St Lucy

St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren

Preparing & serving lunch (9am-2pm) on

November 24, 2012, December 29, 2012, January 26, 2013, February 23, 2013

Free Immunization Clinic at St Lucy's

November 14th and 21st (9-11am) and 14th (3-6pm)

December 12th and 20th (9-11am) and 19th (3-6pm)

January 9th and 17th (9-11am) and 16th (3-6pm)

February 14th and 20th (9-11am) and 13th (3-6pm)



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

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

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!

Women's Fellowship will again be selling

Pumpkin Rolls and Nut Roll

prior to and during the Holidays!

Anyone can contact the church at 440-548-4829 for information.

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



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Christmas Services

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 Historical Society

From: Jeanne Ebersbach, President

The Parkman Historical Society will now meet in
March, May, July, September and December.

The December meeting will be more of a holiday get together
and not necessarily on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

This change was made due to the usually cold or snowy days in November and January.

For any meeting info, please contact Jeanne at jcreekcountry@aol.com

During the September meeting, Dale Komandt hosted a presentation on the Parkman
School including many artifacts and documents to share with those in attendance.



Parkman Road Sign

Photo from: Al Wilson



Al Wilson sent in a photograph to the Paragraphs of this Parkman highway sign. If you look at the scenery, it is nothing like our area. As Al and his family were traveling out west during a summer vacation, he came across this other Parkman community and thought it would be fun to share with our community.

Al stated that this was in Parkman Wyoming, a very rural area in the United States near the border of Montana on I-90. If you look at the map below on the left, you get an idea of the location of Parkman Wyoming. It hosts about 151 people in the 2010 census and is one of three Parkman communities (that I found) in the United States.

The other Parkman is in central Maine (see the map on the right) and has about 820 people in its community. So of the three Parkman's in this country, we are the most populated and the oldest being established in 1804, Parkman Maine in 1825 (though it was purchased in 1804 same as our township by the one in the same Samuel Parkman from Boston and named after his nephew and our first settler - Robert Parkman) and the Parkman Wyoming was established in the latter 1800's and named after Francis Parkman - a famous historian and son of Samuel Parkman.

Thanks Al for sharing this photo with us. It is always fun to learn about our country and add some historical tweeks to this photo. Hope you all enjoyed this tid bit of info fun.



Paragraphs Fall 2012 Cover Photo

From: Cory Anderson

On the cover of this edition, a photo (from the 2012 Parkman Kite Day) of the perfect moment when a bubble popped from the kids trying to catch the large floating sphere. A master bubble-ologist was at the event sharing amazing talents with the crowd.



Double Bubble's are fun and educational!

Some Wikipedia info on bubbles:

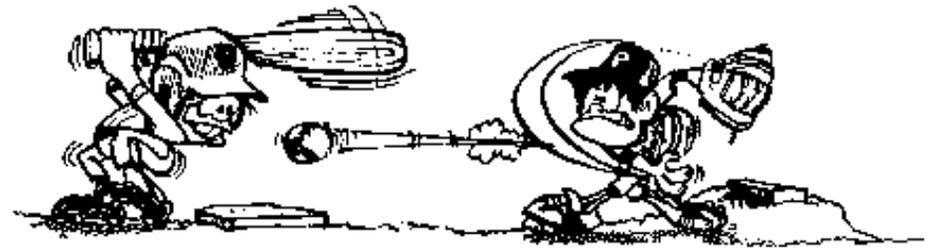
According to Wikipedia - a soap bubble is a thin film of soapy water enclosing air that forms a hollow sphere with an iridescent surface. Soap bubbles usually last for only a few seconds before bursting, either on their own or on contact with another object. They are often used for children's enjoyment.

Soap bubbles are physical illustrations of the complex mathematical problem of minimal surface. They will assume the shape of least surface area possible containing a given volume. While it has been known since 1884 that a spherical soap bubble is the least-area way of enclosing a given volume of air (a theorem of H. A. Schwarz), it was not until 2000 that it was proven that two merged soap bubbles provide the optimum way of enclosing two given volumes of air of different size with the least surface area. This has been dubbed the Double Bubble conjecture.

When two bubbles merge, they adopt a shape which makes the sum of their surface areas as small as possible, compatible with the volume of air each bubble encloses. If the bubbles are of equal size, their common wall is flat. Else, their common wall bulges into the larger bubble, since the smaller one has a higher internal pressure than the larger one, as predicted by the Young-Laplace equation.

At a point where three or more bubbles meet, they sort themselves out so that only three bubble walls meet along a line. Since the surface tension is the same in each of the three surfaces, the three angles between them must be equal to 120° . This is the most efficient choice, again, which is also the reason why the cells of a beehive have the same 120° angle and form hexagons. Only four bubble walls can meet at a point, with the lines where triplets of bubble walls meet separated by $\cos^{-1}(-1/3) \approx 109.47^\circ$. All these rules, known as Plateau's laws, determine how a foam is built from bubbles.

Who knew that going to a Parkman Kite Day could entice such math and science into the minds of the kids in our community? Hope you had the chance to enjoy this event and learn some science about Bubbles and Kites while playing on a very nice summer day.



Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

Parkman Youth League would like to thank the following sponsors: Villers Electric Turon Farms, Miller Designs, Parkman Chamber of Commerce, 1st Quality Electric Molten Metal Equipment, Avalon Welding, North Coast Sales, Ken Fuhry and Bergs Eye View. Your generosity helped provide for another successful season.

A special thanks to Mike Peters for all he has done for Parkman Youth.
Looking forward to next summer.

If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring a team in 2013 please call:
Mike Peters @ 440-548-5565 or Pat Joyce @ 440-548-5576



Sunday Gatherings league 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 55 Plus Club

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

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 Connections Stay tuned as we are planning a Plant Swap in June 2013

If you have any questions, please contact Jane at ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

Parkman Zoning Inspector John Spelich

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 Zoning Board

Parkman Zoning Board Needs You!

If you are interested in serving on the
Parkman Township Zoning board of Appeals or on the Zoning Commission
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 Volunteer Fire and EMS

From: Chief Komandt

As we approach the fall an 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 your 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 that 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.

EMS report for Fall of 2012

From: Joanie Dillon

It's certainly been a wet, hot and *humid* summer. Thank goodness it's over. Those that know me are now enjoying a much happier medical officer in our department. See me smile.

Toni Clawson has her medic license and is doing her thing on our squad. Mike Komandt and Courtney Sanders are in Intermediate class, due to graduate soon. Their skills will be a welcome addition. We're seeing a little more of Kelly Dale on runs. Her bright personality is always a treat.

We've had quite a variety of transports in the last few months. Some were sad, some happy, some a challenge and some surprising. There are times when you get on the scene and find out it's different than the paged call for which you were prepared. It's like responding to a "victim shot" call and find out it's a "victim shocked" by an electrical outlet. That happened a few years ago, but you can imagine the mindset responding to that call. That's the beauty in emergency response, it's always interesting.

We would still enjoy some new faces in our service to the residents of the township. Some of us are getting very mature. There's still talk about paid on-station daytime EMT/FF's for Parkman. I sincerely hope it goes through.

By the time you read this, the Annual Fall Chicken Dinner on October 5th will be history. It's always a joy working with the wonderful Amish ladies that do all the cooking. Next one will be the first Friday in May. Feather Party is scheduled for November 17th, Saturday, at the Community House next to the station. Come on down, win a turkey or ham for your Thanksgiving dinner. We also have stuffed animals, smoke alarms and various other prizes. Food available...hey, there's been homemade lemon meringue pie sold at this event for over 40 years. How did I know that?

If interested in joining the fire department, come on down to a meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 1900 hours (7pm) at the station and see what it's all about. For any information call Chuck or Joanie at 440-548-7541.



Scenes from our 2012 Parkman Kite Day hosted at
Overlook Park (Parkman Chamber of Commerce Event)



Scenes from our 2012 Parkman Summer Events

Above is the Parkman Annual Community Picnic in July hosted at
Overlook Park (Parkman Chamber of Commerce Event)

Below is the Parkman Annual Car Show in July hosted at
St Edwards Parking Lot (SS Edward Lucy Parish Fundraiser)



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