



# Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2016

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**Remembering our Fire Chief  
Paul Wayne Komandt**

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### Parkman Township Trustees

Meetings normally are 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at “7pm” in the Community House

**For all Township business, call 548-2904**

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Dennis Ikeler - DennisIkeler@gmail.com

### Fiscal Officer

Kathy Clossin - ParkmanFiscal@gmail.com

### Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Meri Lynn Klingensmith

For info or reservations call 548-5324 or  
ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

### Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt - 548-5636

### Fire & Rescue

Wayne Komandt - Fire Chief

Jim Clawson - Medical Officer

### 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 6 - 7:30pm)  
rear of the Community House

330-889-3666 or 330-219-3698  
rcavictor42@aol.com

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

### Road Department

Dennis Ikeler  
DennisIkeler@gmail.com

**Road Dept Direct Phone Number  
548-8671**

**For other Township business,  
548-2904**

## Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President  
Sandy Rought, Secretary

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

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

### **Our next events are the:**

#### **Parkman Pancake Breakfast**

Sundays - February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 2016 (9am - 2pm)  
at Parkman Community House

#### **Parkman Easter Egg Hunt**

March 26th, 2016 (11 am)  
at Overlook Park

## Parkman Chamber 2016 Event Schedule

Feb 28, March 6 -13 - 20 (9 – 2) **Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast** at Parkman Com. House

March 26th (11 am) **Easter Egg Hunt** at Overlook Park

May 30th (9am) **Memorial Day Parade** (begins at Overlook Cemetery)

August 13th (5 – 8pm) **Community Picnic** at Overlook Park

Oct. 30th (6 – 7pm) **Halloween – Indoor Trick-or-Treat / Party** at Com. House

Dec. 3rd (8:30 -10am) **Breakfast with Santa** at Parkman Com. House

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’re more of a community group).

We meet on the 3rd Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House.

We would love to see you there!

– Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

## **Other 2016 Events in Parkman**

March 11th Parkman **Boy Scout Fish Fry/Chinese Auction** at the Parkman Com House  
Contact Monique Hornsby (Pack Master) at 216-337-2104 or parkmanpack76@gmail.com

June 4th (1pm) **7th Annual Parkman Plant Swap** at Parkman Com. House  
Contact Jane Zajackowski at ParkmanConnections@gmail.com

August 21st (11am-6pm) **Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner** at St Eds  
Contact the Parish office for information and tickets 548-3812

**Thanks to all who support any of our communities events!**



## **Tribute to Parkman Fire Chief Paul Wayne Komandt**

On behalf of all the residents of Parkman Township, the Trustees would like to honor Paul “Wayne” Komandt for his years of service to the Parkman community as a Firefighter, EMT and Fire Chief. His compassion and dedication in making Parkman a safer place is recognized and appreciated.

Fire Chief Paul Wayne Komandt passed away on January 23, 2016. He was born in 1949, graduated from Cardinal High School in 1967 and served in the US Army from 1969 - 1971 as an aerial photo interpreter in support of the Vietnam War. Wayne then attended Kent State University, and then worked as a Service Manager of Polymer Mechanical Corp for 49 years. He was a member of Parkman Congregational Church and was a past member of the Western Phoenix Masonic Lodge.

Paul joined the Parkman Township Fire Dept. in 1972 as a Firefighter and became an EMT in 1985. After rising through the ranks, he was appointed Chief in 1987, serving the township in that capacity for 29 years until his passing.

We offer our sincerest prayers and sympathy to Paul’s family in this difficult time and know the residents of Parkman feel the same. May he rest in eternal peace.

Sincerely, Parkman Trustees

# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

## Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts

(This will be the 49th year!)

**February 28th – March 6th – March 13th and March 20th**

We depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful.

Please contact Denise Villers  
(phone: 440/548-2939 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).

## The annual Easter Egg Hunt

**(11 a.m. at Overlook Park) will be Saturday, March 26th**

for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). The kids will gather candy-filled eggs. Each child also receives a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize.

## The Community Picnic is scheduled for

**Saturday, August 13th (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Overlook Park.**

Think of it as a BIG potluck dinner - We provide burgers, hot dogs, beverages and a variety of snacks and community members bring a dish to share to round out the meal. We will have the bounce-house again as well as some other activities. We hope to see more residents come together for a great time! Please consider volunteering for your community!

## PARKMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

The holidays also include decorating and un-decorating the center of town. We would certainly appreciate some helping hands with this project – give us a call!

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we're more of a community group). We meet on the 3rd Monday each month (excluding March and August) 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

## Parkman Community House and Overlook Park

To make sure your event date is available at our Parkman Community House - be sure to RSVP with our Community House Coordinator - contact Meri Lynn Klingensmith at 548-5324 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

# Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Roger Anderson

In November we attempted a levy to improve the gravel roads, as you know this failed. Our alternate plan was a smaller levy to maintain the level of service we have become accustomed to by replacing some of the lost funding we have experienced mostly due to changes at the state level. You will see this levy attempt on the March ballot so please come out and vote, or come to a meeting on the first or third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and let us know what you are thinking.

We have experienced a very positive reception with our off-site meetings and we will continue to have these at least twice a year. It is very helpful to have our resident input to help guide us to the correct path of managing our township. We are continuously evaluating and restructuring to maintain our parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, and community house to provide the best we can for our township. We also are working with the Fire and Road departments to provide the best service to our residents while trying to maintain and reduce costs. We have greatly reduced our costs, however it has not been enough to totally replace the lost revenue and there are so many items that still require attention.

As I am sure you know Jon Ferguson has been reelected to another term. This will help us continue to address our budget and focus on future spending. We also elected a new Fiscal Officer, Nina Reed, who takes office on April 1. Nina is working with Kathy Clossin to help us maintain the level of proficiency we worked so hard to achieve. Kathy filled a vacancy and worked tirelessly to provide us with accurate information to maintain and improve our budget. Thanks to Kathy for her service and welcome aboard Nina.

We started daytime staffing in June to backfill the loss of available volunteers in our Fire and EMS Department which has proven to be a good effort. You may also notice our new Rescue Squad that replaces a less reliable one and better serves our community. We have also begun a blending with Troy Fire and EMS and are working toward better service and coverage for both Townships with no added expense to our residents.

Our Zoning Inspector at the request of the Trustees has been notifying some of our residents to improve the appearance of their properties and to comply with our Zoning Regulations. This has been received quite well by most and the appearance is slowly improving. We will try to continue to help this effort with alternating years of Tire and Scrap Day for additional elimination opportunities, usually in June. Everyone can participate by helping an elderly or any other neighbor in the clean-up of their yards. This effort promotes good will and treasured relationships between neighbors. But please be kind.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at a meeting or otherwise. Each of the Trustees took the position to better serve the Township and we continue to try to do just that. See you soon, Roger.

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## Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Jon Ferguson

The Fire Department has implemented several improvements over the past months. The most significant was the implementation of staffing during the daytime hours. We have six months experience and the results have been extremely positive. The average response time from when a call is received until the crew is on the road is one minute and 15 seconds. When you consider that time is critical in a medical emergency, this could be a life saver.

Troy and Parkman Fire Departments have always worked very closely. We are actively working to improve this close relationship. We are working to further blend our people and resources to build on each other's strengths and abilities. We are working to commonize our vehicles right down to where supplies are located in each vehicle. The officers from both departments have met to discuss how to further blend our resources while still retaining each department's unique identity within their community.

As a part of our replacement plan, Parkman purchased a new squad which was received in December. The new squad is a four wheel drive which will allow us to navigate the heavy snows and long driveways more effectively. The new squad is very comparable to Troy's and the Medical Officers from both departments have met to determine the location of the supplies so each layout is similar.

We are always looking for more Volunteers for the Fire Department. If you would be interested in volunteering as a Firefighter or Emergency Medical Technician, please contact any Parkman Fire Officer or stop at the station.

We are all saddened by the loss of Chief Komandt. He was more than our Fire Chief; he was our friend. Rest In Peace, My Friend.



## 7th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

From: Jane Zajackowski

**Saturday, June 4, 2016  
Parkman Community House**

Please plan to arrive at 12:30 to bring in your plants. The plant swap starts at 1:00 PM.

### What to bring:

Your plants to trade. Most of the plants we see at the plant swaps are perennial plants, but any plant is welcome: perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, house plants, shrubs, or tree seedlings. Newspapers or a tablecloth.

You can find more information about the plant swap at [ParkmanPlantSwap.blogspot.com](http://ParkmanPlantSwap.blogspot.com) Also on the Parkman Plant Swap blog, you will find information about how to divide plants. For more adventurous gardeners, there is also information about how to start seeds and how to start plants from cuttings.

If you have any questions about the plant swap, please send an email to Jane at: [ParkmanConnections@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanConnections@gmail.com)

## Parkman Road Department

Dennis Ikeler

Parkman road dept. has had a nice winter so far. This has given us a chance to do more prep work on the roads before the snow hit. We were able to grade and put a little extra gravel down and pack it in. We were able to get driveway pipes in and some ditches cleaned out. Now that the snow has started to fly there is couple of reminders for everyone. Please give our plow truck drivers extra room they can't see you as quick as you see them also do not put trash cans in the roadway.

We are in the process of getting all of our equipment serviced and repairs done with the mild weather giving us some down time from plowing. We are getting our list together for our projects in line for the upcoming spring and summer.

We were disappointed in the failure of the levy this past fall but we go forward with what we have. This has been a real learning experience for me since I have been handling all aspects of the department but it has been interesting from all aspects. I would also like to THANK YOU for your patience with us this past fall and winter. If there are any questions please call the road dept. and leave a message with a name number and the concern and I will get back to you. Be safe the rest of the winter and think spring.

## Parkman Green Address Signs

with the reflective 4 inch lettering (visually standardizing each Parkman street address) allowing our **Parkman Fire and Rescue Volunteers** to easily find your address during the fast pace response of emergencies.

**Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 if you need your address sign updated!**

Special Thanks to all who have already supported this community effort!

## 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 11:30am.



## What ever happened to "Parkman Egg Company?"

From: Loretta Summers

Hi Cory - hope someone in Parkman might know what ever happened to "Parkman Egg Company?" My husband use to work there in the 70's. Mr. Gerhardstein was the manager at the time. I hope someone can shed some light on the closing of Parkman Egg Company. Wondering what company/business is in it now? Any information would be appreciated.

Thank you, Loretta Summers

Hello Paragraph Readers - does anyone know about this Egg Company from the 1970's? If you know any facts about this topic- or any topic (including Postal Concrete Arrows from the last issue) - please feel welcome to share at [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com). Thanks to all for sharing some of our historical facts with the community! Cory



# Parkman Zoning Inspector

**John Spelich**

Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 6 – 7:30 PM,  
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

**SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND HERE ARE A FEW REMINDERS  
FROM YOUR PARKMAN TOWNSHIP ZONING INPECTOR:**

1. If you are planning to build a new house, accessory building or may be a new fence call me at 330-219-3698 or 330-889-3666 or email at rcavictor42@aol.com for needed information or an appointment to complete a zoning permit application for a permit.
2. NEW RATES STARTED JANUARY 1ST, 2016  
the permit rates are the same however there is a charge of 10 cents a square foot for your building in addition to the permit charge (for example if you're building an accessory building the permit is \$40.00, if its a one-thousand square foot building that's \$100.00 dollars more so your total is \$140.00.
3. If you start a project without a zoning permit you will be charged double the cost.
4. Call or come to the zoning office when applying for a permit, I will give you a list of what you need to hurry along the process.

Contact me by phone at 330-889-3666 or 330-219-3698  
or by email at rcavictor42@aol.com

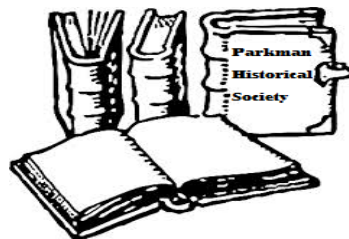
See you soon: John Spelich, Zoning Inspector Parkman Township



Many events can be found on the park website - find a complete list at:  
[www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

## Parkman Historical Society

In 2015, the Parkman Historical Society had completed restoring another section of headstones at the Old/Lower Cemetery on Nelson Road. All are welcome to check the new and/or restored headstones of the founding families of our township. Thanks to all of the Parkman residents who donated and helped support the success of this restoration.



Parkman Historical Society Meetings for 2016 at the Community House – 7:30 p.m.  
**March 17, 2016 - May 19, 2016 - July 21, 2016 - September 15, 2016**

Please feel welcome to send us any feedback and community interest for any upcoming meetings. This is your town and your part of its history! Help us preserve it.

**Parkman Historical Society, PO Box 617, Parkman, Ohio 44080**

Thank you - Dale Komandt (Pres) / Nicklet Shrock (Sec)

# Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Lt. Jim Clawson

I am excited to announce our new squad arrived and is in service. You can't miss it going down the road as it is bright yellow just like our engines. You may ask why yellow, as most fire trucks are red. The reason why our apparatus is yellow is because of safety. The yellow is more visible on the road and there are times we use these vehicles to block roads at scenes of emergencies.

These trucks are our first line of defense while working on roadways. So please remember when you see an emergency vehicle parked across the road, do not drive around to get through.

I would like to take some time to explain the different levels of EMS personnel that run on the squad. There are currently three levels,

### **EMT-B (Basic), EMT-I (Intermediate), & EMT-P (Paramedic).**

The 1st step in becoming an EMS provider is to become an EMT-B which consists of approx. 4 to 5 months of classroom time and clinical time. Most courses are two days a week and are in the evenings. After completion of the class one needs to pass the National Registry exam to be issued a State Of Ohio EMT certification card. This card is renewed every 3 years by obtaining 40 hrs. CE (continuing education). An EMT-B provides basic level care, though local protocols are starting to allow EMT-B's to provide higher levels of care. If one desires to further their education higher, they can go on to become an EMT-I or EMT-P.

The EMT-I is approx. 4 to 5 months of classroom and clinical time. Once certified, the state card is also renewed every 3 years by obtaining 60 hrs. CE. The EMT-I is able to start IV's and administer a list of medications permitted under local protocol and perform more advanced medical procedures.

Last but not least if someone becomes an EMT-P, they take a course which can last anywhere from 9 to 12 months depending on course location. Once certified the state card is renewed every 3 years by obtaining 86 hrs. CE which consists of additional requirements. An EMT-P is able to interpret cardiac rhythms and administer cardiac related drugs and electrically treat complicated cardiac rhythms.

If you ever want to become an EMT and just do not know where to start, we at Parkman Fire Dept. would be glad to have you become a part of our team. If you have an interest and want to help people in their time of need stop by the station and one of our volunteers would be glad to talk to you and give you an application.

### **PARKMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS IS THIS THE END OF A DECADES-LONG COMMUNITY TRADITION? WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

We're looking for some community-minded folks to get involved in Parkman activities. The officers of the Parkman Chamber of Commerce are not going to be able to continue these activities if more people aren't willing to help us out. We sometimes get discouraged by the seeming lack of interest in our hometown. Do we fade into non-existence like so many other small-town groups? We have a small group of loyal helpers that volunteer at our Pancake Breakfast, but we haven't had any "new blood" join us for a quite a while. We need YOU to get involved in YOUR community! If you would like to help with planning or executing any of our events, call us or come to a meeting. Our officers can only do so much on their own and we need YOU!



## Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

From: Monique Hornsby

### Team-building skills...we learn 'em in Scouting.

We continue to meet at the Boy Scout Lodge in Middlefield (Sperry Lane next to the baseball fields) Mondays from 7:30pm to 9:00 p.m.

All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome to join us!

for more info call Monique (Pack Master) at 216-337-2104 or parkmanpack76@gmail.com

Be Prepared. This is the Boy Scout Motto. And prepared we will be as we head out this month for our Annual Klondike Derby. We have our sled made and just waiting on the snow!

February 7th brings Scout Sunday. This is when The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8th (Scouting Anniversary Date) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. We will have our Pancake/Sausage Breakfast for Parkman Congregation Church along with the Cub Scouts helping out.

March brings our World famous Fish Fry and Chinese Auction. We will be at the Parkman Community House on March 11th so make sure you come and support us that evening.

Don't forget the Pancake Breakfasts at the community House...we help out our community and serve on March 6th, 13th and 20th. Cub Scouts have been busy preparing for the Spaghetti Dinner/Auction on January 29th at the Community House. We will be doing a Flag Ceremony at the Lake Erie Monsters Game on Feb. 20th. We will try not to slip on the ice!

Our Blue and Gold Banquet will be on Feb. 23rd. We have 5 boys who completed the Cub Scout program and will be "crossing over" into Boy Scouts that evening.

March brings a field trip to Hale Farm and Village. A church "sleep-in" is scheduled so we can learn to set up our tents for the spring camp out in June. Pinewood Derby will be held in March where racing fans come from near and far and cheer on their favorite Scout!!! We have some hikes, baseball games and a picnic with a presentation by Ohio Search Dog and Rescue.

Scouting for Food is on May 3rd this year so gather your extra food and we will donate it to the food pantry at Parkman Church.

#### Cub Master Quote

"We must change boys from a what can I get - to a what can I give - attitude."

~Sir Robert Baden-Powell (1857-1941) British general and founder of the modern Scouting movement.

## Parkman Cub Scouts - Troop #76

Cub Scouts invites first through fifth graders (7 to 10 years old) to meet on Tuesdays (7pm-8pm) at the Parkman Congregational Church (18265 Madison Rd, Parkman, OH 44080)

Let's encourage physical activities, good behavior, citizenship, strengthen families and have FUN doing it. For more info - parkmanpack76@gmail.com

## Parkman Congregational Church

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

**Rev. Will Coley - Pastor**

Check out the website for the most current event information

**www.parkmanchurch.com**

or contact the church office at 440-548-4829

or parkmanchurch@windstream.net - <http://facebook.com/parkmanchurch>.

Sunday School – 9:00 am / Fellowship Time – 10:00 am / Worship Service – 10:30 am



### Feed a Friend Free Meal

Feed a Friend Free Meal - Last Wednesday of each month from (5 – 6:30 PM)  
Meals served 5:00 – 6:30 pm at Parkman Congregational Church Everyone welcome!  
Bring a friend!

### Family Friendly Movie Nights

New this year: Family Friendly Movie Nights on the third Friday of the month.  
Free popcorn, lemon aid!



## SS. Edward and Lucy

**Catholic Parish Community**

16150 Center St. (P.O. Box 709)

Parkman, Ohio 44080



**Rev. John Burkley, Pastor**

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

**<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>**

or contact the parish office at 548-3812 or [KT@simcon.net](mailto:KT@simcon.net)

## 8th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

August 21st, 2016 (11am-6pm) at St Edwards

Chicken Dinner - Cars - Games - Chinese Auction - DJ Music - More

Contact the Parish office for information and dinner tickets.

### Immunization Clinics

Immunization Clinics are still offered at St Lucy's on some Wednesdays and Thursdays of each month - check the parish website for the complete list of dates and times.