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Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2019



WKYC Channel 3 News - story about our old Post Office
Former Parkman post office finds new life as bed and breakfast.

This link below was posted by WKYC on January 11, 2019.

<https://www.wkyc.com/video/news/local/geauga-county/former-parkman-post-office-finds-new-life-as-bed-and-breakfast/95-bcd9f8b6-7f31-4663-b514-becb234f05a5>

**Many changes coming to the Parkman Town Center
bringing new life to old buildings and creating new ones.
If you have any stories to share, send us an e-mail!**

**Community Website: www.ParkmanOhio.com
Newsletter E-mail: ParkmanOhio@gmail.com**

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Parkman Township Trustees

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

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Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Meri Lynn Klingensmith

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Matt Urie - EMS Officer

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President

Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President, Treasurer

Lynn Schiffbauer, Treasurer

Chamber meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of the months
January, February, April, September, October, and November
in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

Our next events are the:

2019 Parkman Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast

Sundays in March = March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
(9am– 2pm) at the Parkman Community House

Adults (12 & Over) - \$8 Children (6-11) - \$4 Children (0-5) - Free

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th, 2019 (11am) at Parkman Overlook Park

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 5- 6pm)

Cell Phone: 330-219-3698
or e-mail at 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 2019 Community Event Calendar

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Paul Miller “A Praying Life Seminar”

February 22-23rd, 2019 (Friday 6:00 – 9:15 pm and Saturday 8:30 – 12:30 pm.)
Please call the Parkman Congregational Church to reserve a space.

Geauga Park District - 30th Annual Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 9, 2019 (7:30-10:30 pm) at Parkman Community House

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 20th, 2019 (11am) at Parkman Overlook Park

Parkman Memorial Day Parade

May 27th, 2019 (9am) starting at Parkman Overlook Cemetery

10th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 2, 2019 at the Parkman Community House
Please plan to arrive at 12:30pm to bring in your plants. The plant swap starts at 1pm

Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycling Day

Saturday June 15, 2019 (8am - 12 Noon) at Parkman Community House
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from 8AM till 12 Noon in an effort to continue the clean-up of Parkman Township.

PLEASE SEPARATE METAL ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

11th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

Sunday, August 18th 2019 (11am - 6pm) at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party “Trick-or-Treat”

Sunday, October 27th, 2019 (6pm – 7pm) at Community House

Parkman Community Halloween “Trick-or-Treat”

Thursday, October 31st, 2019 (5pm - 6pm)
Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards again this year!

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th, 2019 (8:30am – 10am) at the Community House

**All of the events can use your help as a volunteer!
Thanks to all who do help and support these and any of our community events!**

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

Holiday Decorations

We hope everyone enjoyed the new holiday decorations at the Community House, gazebo, and memorial park "downtown". Special thanks to Lynn Schiffbauer for the ambition to spear-head this project.

Annual Pancakes & Sausage Breakfasts March 3rd – 10th – 17th – 24th

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

Please contact Denise Villers by 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 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 a few that start earlier and others that stay later for clean-up afterwards).

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt (11 a.m. at Overlook Park) will be Saturday, April 20th for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders). The kids will gather candy-filled eggs. Each child also receives a numbered egg from the Easter bunny that corresponds to a prize just for them!

We're looking for some community-minded folks to get involved in Parkman activities. A few community activities have been discarded in recent years – We would love to bring them back (or add something new). If you would like to help with planning or executing any of our events, call us or come to a meeting. We need YOU!

If you would like to help with planning or executing any of our 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 will be meeting on the 3rd Mondays of January, February, April, September and November at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. We would love to see you there!

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

Please consider volunteering for your community!

**Special Thanks to those who volunteered and supported our
2018 Parkman Halloween Party and Santa Breakfast.**



Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Dennis Ikeler

Let's get started about the roads this winter. As everyone knows the winter hasn't been very fun with all the rain and thawing and freezing. We have tried to apply stone and dragging the roads to help with all the holes and stability with all the rain. It seems to have helped and now that they will freeze that will help us keep up with them. We are planning on doing some ditching this winter once things freeze up. We have our Gradall repaired and that will help save some money this year. We are going to talk to Middlefield township to try to work together this year. We have other options also on road repairs that we are looking into. I know everyone has heard of the grant money that is supposed to pave Newcomb. That is not a done deal yet for sure but we are hoping it will and have that done in 2020. That project will be handled by the county engineers. Future notice please don't rake leaves into the ditches and burn them because that can plug drive pipes and crossovers. I would like to thank the Preston family for allowing us to store equipment in their barn again this year.

From: Roger Anderson

As for the Community House we have completed the update of the main floor restrooms and have begun work on the generator installation. To accomplish this, an additional gas line had to be installed at the west end of the building to accommodate the additional load that would be present. This will help complete the process for the Red Cross emergency shelter. This will also help in those times like Election Day when power failed in the area. We will be up and running no matter what. We will continue to update as time and budget allows.

Bookings are coming in at an increased rate and users of the Community House seem quite satisfied. There is a current price sheet on the ParkmanOhio.com website or you can call Meri Lynn for a price for your next event. Be sure to schedule early to assure you can get the date you want.

At Overlook Park we will finish the installation of the other two grills in the spring to be sure they are available for use. There are a number of reservations for the dates in the park already so as with the Community House schedule early to get the date you want.

Once again we will have a community Scrap and Tire recycling day on the Saturday before Father's Day which is June 15, from 8AM till Noon. We have been very successful with these events and have removed tons of garbage and tires from Parkman.

An additional note for recycling, they are NOT accepting glass at this time. Please refrain from depositing glass bottles in those bins, they also do not want the material bagged, this clogs up the machines that sort the materials.

REMEMBER NO BAGS AND NO GLASS IN THE RECYCLE BINS.

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Parkman Volunteer Fire & Rescue

From: Jon Ferguson

The Parkman Fire Department has increased its staffing hours to 15 hours per day, seven days per week. The response time for all staffing calls is less than one minute from the time the call is received until the crew is out the door and on its way. The remaining nine hours coverage still rely on volunteers and mutual aid. We are continuing to develop ways to share resources with other Fire Departments in our area. Chief Komandt is also continuing to evaluate ways to expand the coverage to a full 24 hours every day.

Five of our Fire Department staff have or are taking classes to become Paramedics. One has completed his course work and has passed the rigorous testing. Two are in the testing process, and two are currently attending classes and clinicals.

Chief Komandt has been very successful in obtaining grant funds for the Parkman Fire Department as well as many of the surrounding Fire Departments. The recent regional grant that was submitted was awarded over \$500,000. This award was split between several Fire Departments and was used to buy upgraded SCBA equipment. These types of grants are essential in offsetting the high costs of maintaining any Fire Department.

We are still struggling to enlist and retain qualified staff and volunteers. We are not alone. Most rural Fire Departments are facing the same issues. Parkman pays an hourly rate during the staffing hours and a stipend per call during the volunteer hours. We also provide the training and gear so, if you're interested in an exciting and rewarding job, or know someone who is, Call Chief Komandt at the station, 440-548-2515 or stop at the station and pick up an application.

You can find the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue activity reports on the Parkman website.
www.ParkmanOhio.com

You can find all of the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue current events and fundraisers on their Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Parkman-Township-Volunteer-Fire-Department-105656799483602>

Deepest Thanks to all who volunteer and support our team!



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.

Contact a Parkman Fire Volunteer (548-2515) if you need your address sign updated!
Special Thanks to all who have already supported this community effort!



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

11th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 18th 2019 (11am - 6pm) at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Please feel welcomed to join us at the 11th annual event. There will be various cars of many styles and eras on display, DJ Music, Games, Food and a Chinese Auction.

Hope to see you there! Check out parish website for details!

Parkman Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road Parkman Ohio 44080

New Mailing Address - 18265 Madison Road Middlefield Ohio 44062

Rev. Will Coley - Pastor

Check out the website for the most current event information

www.parkmanchurch.com

or contact the church office (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) at 440-548-4829



Paul Miller "A Praying Life Seminar".

February 22-23rd, 2019 (Friday 6:00 – 9:15 pm and Saturday 8:30 – 12:30 pm.)

Please call the church to reserve a space.

Monthly Fundraising Dinner

Monthly Fundraising Dinner to benefit **Geauga Faith Rescue Mission**.

Dinners will be served at Parkman Congregational Church in the social hall on the third Friday of every month except December from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

Adults \$12.00, Senior Citizens \$10.00, Kids ages 5-10 \$6.00, Pre-schoolers are free.

Carry out is available.

Sunday Evening Worship

6-7pm at Parkman Congregational Church

Everyone welcome! Bring a friend!

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Saturday

AA Meetings ever Saturday at 8:30pm - all are welcomed to this friendly group.

Meet in the church hall.

**Special Thanks to all who helped
and supported the Middlefield Police
"Fill A Cruiser" event and the
SS Edward / Lucy Samaritans Society Giveaway**



The Thanksgiving November 2018 collection event was able to support 68 baskets of food given to 149 needy adults and 90 children and the Christmas December 2018 collection event gathered about 2400 food items that were given to the needy along with many presents for the children of those families. Each year this event is a huge success.

**Special Thanks to all who donated, helped and supported
during the Middlefield Police "Fill A Cruiser" event and
SS Edward / Lucy Samaritans Society Holiday Giveaway**



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678

The VFW Middlefield Post #9678 has a new web site.
Check out all of their events - thanks to all who support!

www.vfw9678.org

Troy Township Contra Dance

Saturdays, March 2nd, 2019 and April 6th, 2019
6:30pm to 10:30pm
at the Troy Community House



All ages join in the irresistibly fun atmosphere of Contra Dance with live folk music.
Lesson at 6:30pm. Dance 7:30-10:30pm.
Adult \$10, youth \$5, family \$25.



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 11:30am.

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UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Batteries, Liquid Paint, Chemicals, Yard Waste of any kind, Rocks, Dirt, Concrete or Cement, Motor Vehicle Parts, No Items containing Freon, Oil or Gasoline or Any items containing Asbestos

Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

Hi everyone, well believe it or not spring is just around the corner and if you're going to build a new house or add on the your existing house here are a few things to keep in mind.

If it is a new house lets say, and it is on a new lot (or parcel) , make sure your new lot has been surveyed and you have a copy of the survey, if you have an exciting drive and that drive has an address verify thru the Geauga County Engineers office (phone call can get your information), if your parcel has no address then the County Engineers office can help you with an address. You might wonder why a street address? Well it is needed because when I go into the Auditors web site (real link) that is how I identify your parcel and your being the owner of that parcel.

When you call me (330-219-3698) for permit information the first question I ask you is your address and of course your name. When applying for a zoning permit have that information with you and the process is easy and quicker for me and you. \

My Zoning office hours on Wednesday nights 4:40 PM to 6:00 PM and we are located in the rear of the community center on Main Market Road (Rt 422).

If you cannot make our hours then call me for another day or night, and if need be you give me a call (330-219-3698) and we get your permit for you.

Also keep in mind that you need 2.50 acres with at least a 200 foot frontage. We also offer "flag lots".

For the well being of Parkman Township if you see illegal dumping and or someone building with out a permit call ZONING.

Thank you
John Spelich Zoning Inspector
Parkman Township



**Geauga Soil and Water
Conservation District**

Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District Celebrates 75 years!

The Geauga SWCD was organized in 1944 and remains committed to its mission of "conserving, protecting, and enhancing the soil and water resources of Geauga County by providing leadership, education, and assistance to all".

Located at the Geauga County Fairgrounds at the North entrance, next to the Ohio State University Extension Office at the Patterson Center, you can find many various activities and events on their website. Congrats on your Diamond Anniversary!

<http://geaugaswcd.com/>

Parkman Overlook Park and Community House Requires Reservations!

To reserve the **Overlook Park** or the **Community House** for any event - please contact Meri Lynn at 548-5324 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com and she will be happy to reserve a date.

10th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 1, 2019
(12:30pm)
Parkman Community House



Start planning early for our annual tradition. Bring plants to trade – perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, houseplants, shrubs, or tree seedlings. Arrive at 12:30pm and bring your plants into the Community House. The plant swap begins at 1pm. Things to bring to the plant swap:

Your plants to trade. We have eight plant categories. Sun and shade perennial plants are always our largest categories, but any plant is welcome.

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| 1. Sun – Perennial Plants | 5. Vegetables | Bring Newspapers or a tablecloth. Our goal is to make cleaning up easy. Also bring box or two – to make it easy to carry your new plants to your car. |
| 2. Shade – Perennial Plants | 6. Shrubs and Trees | |
| 3. Annuals | 7. Houseplants | |
| 4. Herbs | 8. Aquatic Plants | |

For more information, or if you would like to be added to the plant swap email list, send an email to ParkmanPlantSwap@gmail.com

Parkman Historical Society

The 2019 Meeting Dates for Parkman Historical Society
March 21 - May 16 - July 18 - September 19

Please feel welcome to join us at 7:30 pm on those Thursdays at the Parkman Community House !



On the Cover - The Old Postal Cottage, built in the 1840s, was the Parkman post office until mid 2018. Now completely renovated, it is now restored into a tiny house cottage. The building has a long history in our Parkman Community and will continue to serve as an active part of our future. You can go onto our Parkman website to find more photos from the inside and a link to the Air BnB site. Possible news of a new Parkman Post Office returning to 44080 - stay tuned.



Many events can be found on the Geauga Park website - find all info and RSVP at: www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Geauga Park District in Parkman Annual Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 9, 7:30-10:30 PM

Parkman Community House
16295 Main Market (Rt. 422), Parkman, OH 44080

Celebrate the maple season with our 31st annual old-fashioned square dance. Novices needn't feel like saps; all dances are taught in fun fashion by caller Bob Smakula. The Sap Run Revelers will provide rip-snortin', old-time string band music for roof-raisin' entertainment. Dress casually.

Registration begins February 25, 2019
(limit of eight per registering group).

Not wheelchair/stroller accessible. Registration required.

Check out these YouTube links to see past Tree Tapper events:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCektzdVsM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5994PYcDs>



Chickagami Park in Parkman, (formerly Camp Chickagami) was taken over by Geauga Park District in 2009. Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year as a Geauga Park, this local gem continues to serve our community with a variety of uses. Originally the park was used as a Boy Scout camp since 1941, and continues this heritage to bring nature to its users.

Check out the tribute website that shares a collection of history and photos of the camp in action through its years.

“Camp Chickagami”

<https://chickagami.net/>

Those running this website are still looking for any additional photos and info that might add to this collection.

