



Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2022



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

Parkman Township
16295 Main Market Rd. (Rt. 422)
West Farmington, Ohio 44491
(440) 548-2904

Parkman Township Trustees

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

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Mike Komandt - Fire Chief

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President
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:

Parkman Traditional (Since 1968) Pancake Breakfast

It will once again be a Drive-thru Breakfast this year
Serving from 9am-1pm for the Sundays in March 6, 13, 20 & 27
\$9.00 per meal

All other Parkman Chamber Traditions are cancelled at this time but if changed, they will be listed on the Parkman Website - if pending social distancing regulations are changed.

Thanks to all who helped keep any virus spread to a minimum!

Zoning Commission

(now meets 4th Wednesday 7pm)
at the Community House

Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)
at the Community House

Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

(Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6pm) at the Community
House or by appointment in the event you cannot
make office hours.

**Cell Phone or txt: 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

Eric Mathews - Superintendent
ParkmanRoads@gmail.com
Roads Cell Phone - 440-904-0655

**Road Dept. Garage Phone Number
548-8671**

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

Parkman 2022 Community Event Calendar

All of the Parkman Events below are PENDING due to the
new social distancing regulations – please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!



American Red Cross Parkman Community House Blood Drive Dates for 2022

May 28, 2022 (10am - 4pm)
September 4, 2022 (10am - 4pm)
December 29, 2022 (10am - 4pm)

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Parkman Historical Society

PENDING - March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15 and November 17
(7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House
Please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

PENDING - April 16, 2022 at Overlook Park 9am - 11am
(Check the Parkman website for up to the minute updates!)

Parkman Memorial Day Parade

PENDING - Monday May 30, 2022 Parkman Parade is will meet at Overlook Cemetery
and proceed to the Lower Cemetery per tradition.
Don't forget to honor all of our Veterans past and present!

Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 21, 2022 (10am - 6pm) at the St Edward Church
Please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!

**All of the events are pending, and if allowed, we can use your help as a volunteer!
Thanks to all who do help and support these and any of our community events!
Also Thanks to all who helped keep any virus spread to a minimum!**

Geauga County Public Health

Geauga County Public Health website hosts a wide range of support and
rehab information including many resource links and all the most current
local Covid stats. It can be a very useful guide to our community.
The other link is also useful and up-to-date virus info.

http://gphohio.org/ and https://coronavirus.ohio.gov



Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From Denise Villers

Our crazy year continues...

We enjoyed seeing local families at our Breakfast with Santa in December. Kids, parents and grandparents enjoyed breakfast and the kids received small gifts from Santa. (Thanks Santa Jeff Heavner for joining us!)

Pancake Breakfasts will be drive-thru/carry-out again this year. It would be easy to say "We'll start back when this is all over", but too many long standing traditions have gone by the wayside when you skip it even just once. Contact us if you are willing to work with our skeleton crew on any Sunday in March (6, 13, 20, 27)

We still aren't sure about our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year due to social distancing requirements. (Normally the day before Easter – so, April 16th) Watch for details on the website.

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we're more of a community group). We normally meet on the 3rd Mondays in January, February, April, September, October and November at 7pm at the Parkman Community House. We would love to see you there!

Feel free to call me if you have any questions about any of our activities.

Denise Villers (440) 548-2939 denise.villers17880@gmail.com

See you at the 2022 Parkman Pancake Breakfast Drive Thru!

Sundays in March (6, 13, 20 & 27) from 9am-1pm at the Parkman Community House

Drive up and get your traditional Parkman Pancake Breakfast!

Thank you for your continued support!

Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

Pending Historical Society Meetings for 2022

March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15 and November 17

(7:30 pm) "Pending" at the Parkman Community House

Please feel welcome to join us as we preserve our local history!

Thanks to all who help support our community!

More info? Please contact Dale Komandt - 440-785-3514 or dKomandt@hotmail.com

Hello! To all of you out there reading this newsletter. My name is Dale Komandt and I have lived in Parkman almost all of my 84 years. Attended the "Old Parkman School" until it was no more. Graduated from Southington High School. Spent 4 years in the US Navy. Married and widowed. I worked for the Trustees of Parkman as Road Maintenance and Sexton of the cemeteries. I am now retired, almost, also am President of the Parkman Historical Society.

Now we get to the point of this article...

The Historical Society took on a job a couple of years ago to restore and straighten the headstones at the Old Cemetery on Nelson Rd. just south of the square. We have come to the end of our savings plus the help we've gotten from the Trustees.

We are looking for donations from any and all groups, clubs, organizations of Parkman Township and any individuals able and willing to donate to this cause. Take a look at what has been done so far. Let us remember our ancestors, friends and Veterans of earlier times. Any amount will be appreciated. Again, Thank You!

Send your help to:

A.D. Komandt, President of Parkman Historical Society,
16114 Center St., Middlefield, Oh 44062.



Parkman Trustees

From Joyce Peters

Happy Spring, Parkman!

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't already know me. My name is Joyce Peters, the newly elected Parkman Trustee. My family and I have lived in Parkman since 1975. My husband is Tom and we raised 4 kids here...Joe, Mike, Lisa, and Tony. We have been very involved in the community throughout that time and love Parkman. Even though we were not born here or grew up here, we feel like we did. I am very grateful for all of you who trusted and believed in me enough to vote for me. I will do my best to serve your needs for the next four years.



Since this is my very first report to the community in the Parkman Paragraphs, this won't be too long.

The memorial park's main flagpole is installed and proudly waving a very large United States flag. It is beautiful to see. The remaining 6 flagpoles which will fly the flags of the various armed services will be installed in the spring. It should be quite impressive. Many residents already have let us know how much they like it. This is one of the best projects Parkman has ever done. If you see Roger Anderson let him know how much you appreciate it. He has worked hard to get this done for our community. Thank you so much, Roger.

The digital message sign has been installed at the community house, is working and looks great. Training for operating the messages is ongoing.

The trustees are now beginning the work of allocating the American Rescue Plan funds that the township has and will be receiving. We are working to choose the best way to spend this money. There are many permitted ways to use these funds. Our wish is to use them in a manner to most benefit the residents of Parkman. This is a challenging task but also, one we welcome.

Newly elected Fiscal Officer Denise Villers will be installed on April 1, 2022.

We would like to thank all the residents who came out to vote in November. We appreciate your fulfillment of a citizen's responsibility. Even though not everyone agrees on who should be in office or what we should spend our tax money on, we all still can be heard at the ballot box. Making your voice count by voting is what makes this country great. Don't forget, you can contact trustees any time you feel the need to let us know yours and your neighbor's needs. The Parkman Township Board of Trustees will work to meet those needs, communicate to you the things you need to know, and help to make Parkman a good place to live.

Joyce Peters, Parkman Township Trustee

Special Thanks - Parkman's 2021 Holiday Decorations

"Special Thanks" to the ambition of Lynn and Bruce Schiffbauer and Denise Villers These three ambitious and highly active Parkman residents took the time to decorate our town square and community house for the 2021 holidays. The light display once again looked awesome and very much appreciated. Hope everyone had the chance to enjoy the scenery.

Parkman Roads

From Superintendent Eric Mathews - cell 440-904-0655 or ParkmanRoads@gmail.com

I hope everyone is having a warm and happy new year. As winter leaves us we will be getting out to begin road maintenance as soon as possible. With the deep freeze I am noticing some road damage happening in a few areas and will be monitoring it and making proper repairs. I realize with the freezing and thawing that the dirt roads open up with holes. We will be out trying to grade when the road conditions will allow us. Maintaining the dirt roads and trying to keep the holes out of them is our top priority however weather conditions sometimes don't allow for that to happen. Unfortunately just like many other things currently the cost of road materials like gravel and grindings are on the rise. I will continue to work with the trustees and try to be sure we get what materials we can to take care of the roads.

This spring and summer please use caution if you see us working on the roads. Some projects and maintenance may cause us to close one lane while we work. We will try to keep a constant flow of traffic to minimize inconvenience. If you have been one who has called and request fill dirt or would like to be on a list, please contact the road dept. cell phone and I will be sure to get you on the list. If you were on last years list please call so I can update the list and amount of fill you are looking for. We have many ditches that need cleaned however we have very limited areas to dump the dirt so any help will be appreciated.

I would like to thank those who utilize the recycling bins in our parking lot and thank you to those who pick up some lose items which may blow out and we don't see. Remember its posed so that you are on camera and that no garbage or large items are to be left outside of the bins or in the parking lot. These bins are for recycling purposes only.

I hope everyone has a wonderful safe and healthy spring and remember that if you have any questions for the road dept. we are only a phone call away.

Thank You - Superintendent Eric Mathews

Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich - cell 330-219-3698 and email rcavictor42@aol.com

Hi everyone this is John Spelich your Township zoning inspector. This past summer, zoning had a time to gather and get rid of unwanted signs throughout the township. There are regulations on where you can have a sign and the size of the sign.

For example section 702.0 item A - **Signs are prohibited in all districts of the township.**

1. Signs that prevent the driver of a vehicle from having clear vision
2. Signs that interfere with government
3. Roof signs
4. Mobile signs

Now what signs are permitted?

1. One real estate sign per lot
2. One sign per development and or sub-division
3. One name-plate per lot
4. Directional meaning enter and or exit
5. Temporary may be OK if the owner of the property says OK but only for 30 days

There is a whole lot more to this section and if your interested call me and I will go over more items. Thank for your time and here is to a great spring and summer.

Sincerely - John M. Spelich - Parkman Township Zoning

**Wednesdays (4:30pm - 6pm) at the Community House
or by appointment in the event you cannot make office hours.**



Parkman's Flags

There have been many kind words expressed on the new flag in the Parkman Veterans Memorial Park. It can be seen flying in all directions. Many thanks to Roger Anderson (past trustee) for the effort to organize and have the old & broken Parkman flag pole replaced.

Also - don't forget to thank the Baptie Family when you see our flags on light poles during Memorial Day holiday. These flags were donated in 2021 by Cindy Baptie Derifield in memory of her father Mr. Kenneth Baptie (1927 - 1984) who served in the Navy in World War II.

Kenneth marched in every Parkman Memorial Day Parade in his dress uniform.

Soon after the soldiers returned from World War I, they organized the Clifford Thompson Post of American Legion with a membership of 23. Some of those most interested were: James Farley, Pearl Brown, Walter Minter, Aulden Hazlett, Charles and Carl Haight, Oscar Irwin, Guy Agler, Ernest Hillock, and Howard Fram. The Legion was named after Clifford Thompson, son of our minister, who was Parkman's only casualty of World War I. Ray Johnson, Walter Minter, Guy Agler, and Oscar Irwin are the only members still living. Oscar Irwin is the only one living in Parkman. The Legion planned to build a place for their meetings. At the same time the Mothers Club was looking for a building or a place to build. It so happened that the Old Creamery building, then owned by John Ohl, was available. So with the help of several people, with both labor and money, the Legion and Mothers Club bought the building. Many dinners and dances and receptions have been held at the hall.

In 1822, after the formation of the 1st Militia Company in Parkman, the ladies united in furnishing a flag by contributing fine linen of their own spinning. The painting of the stars and stripes was done by Barton Avery. When completed, it was presented to the company by Miss Sophia Doty with an address by Mrs. Daniel Owen. Her speech has not been preserved, but the following is a copy of the remarks made to the Ensign by Captain Fairbanks upon acceptance of the flag:

"Ensign, it becomes your duty to take charge of this flag, a present from the patriotic ladies of Parkman. Although in times of peace it is used for parade and ceremony, yet, remember in times of war, it serves as a rallying point for the soldiers. your liberty or your life. "

This was the first flag owned by any company in the county and at the following training at Burton, the Parkman Company marched in front of the others carrying the colors of "Old Glory".

Not once in its years of existence has Parkman lost sight of its ideals of patriotism for the stars and stripes have been unfurled as a standard for the present as well as the on coming generations.

Parkman Memorial Day Veteran Honoree's

From Cory Anderson - ParkmanOhio@gmail.com.

After collecting this typed written (1976) history of Parkman, and digitizing it to share with you, I also added onto our Parkman website a new page that salutes our Parkman Veterans.

This effort is to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Parkman Militia (1822) who had Parkman's very first "locally hand made" US ensign flag and the 75th anniversary of the Parkman Veteran's Club (1946)

I have some photos & stories of past Parkman Veteran Honorees, but the effort is ongoing.

Please feel welcome to add and share or even help bridge communications to family members of these Parkman Veterans AND allow an appropriate salute to their service. This effort is to pair with the evolutionary upgrade of our Parkman Veterans Memorial Park located between the old post office and the Parkman gazebo (Rt 422 & Rt 528 / Rt 88).

Send any Parkman Veteran photos or info to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com.



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678

Check out all of their events on Facebook - thanks to all who support!

<https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/>



Parkman Veterans Club

Established in 1946, as Parkman Veterans returned home from WWII, this club was a gathering place to allow fellow members recoup from enduring the stress of such an experience. This later was evolved into the Middlefield VFW Post 9768, that still exists to date. Most of the founding members were very active within the Parkman community.

Thanks to all of Parkman's Veterans for their service to country and community!

IN MEMORY OF THE PIONEERS OF PARKMAN - OUR FIGHTING MEN ALL CITIZENS OF PARKMAN - IN THE FIRST CENTURY AND A HALF

Below are a couple excerpts about early Parkman Veterans from this 1976 rendition that were written by: Dawn Hall, Arlene Gotham, Madelaine Dietz

The whole complete story is now digitally archived and on the Parkman Website!

Another family who have lived there since 1931, is the Stanleys. They had a large family. Their old home has been removed and Marion and Leonard Hickox built a home nearby, Lillian Miller owns a home on Owen's Road. John built a fine house on Nash Road, Sister Elaine is a nurse and lives in Pakistan. One brother, Richard, was killed in Germany, February 3, 1945. Two sisters, Marcella and Elizabeth, died of disease. Their parents were very hard working people. John is a trustee and I am sure a very good one. He married a pretty lady, Jean. They have two daughters: Jane and Jeanette; and one son.

The following names are taken from a list of soldiers in the Revolutionary War from Kent State University:

Joel Cross, Cpl. New York Militia
Asa Doty, Massachusetts Artillery

Samuel Donaldson, Pvt. Connecticut Militia
Benjamin Smith, Ensign Connecticut Militia

Besides the soldiers of the Revolutionary War, we should also mention:

Zechariah Hosmer
Reuben Curtiss
Elisha Bundy
William French Sgt. Brewers, Massachusetts Regiment

Seth Phelps (father-in-law of Parkman founder)
Jonas Carter
Private Woods, Massachusetts Militia

During the Civil War 79 answered the call, and 24 in the War of 1812. In World War 1 - 22 was the quota, and only Clifford Thompson, son of Rev. Thompson, failed to return. He was a very fine young man and had high inspirations. In World War II, 120 were on the honor - roll, of that number 8 men did not return: Gerald Owen, son of Mrs. Grace Thorpe and Cecil Owen (deceased), was the first casualty in Panama City, Florida, in 1943. John, Quinn, son of Jim and Joe Quinn (they were very wonderful people--now deceased), was killed in action in France in December 1944. Richard Pollari died in Germany in 1945. The Pollari's were a very admirable family, two daughters became nurses, Kaarlo became a teacher, and Edward a businessman. Dick Stanley died in Germany in 1945. He was from an outstanding family living on State Road. Joseph Turocy died in a Veteran's Hospital some time later. Turocy's lived on a farm once owned by Mr. War Ohl, and now owned by Rollin Stoll. Forrest Smith, son of Howard and Alice who bought the O. C. Smith farm, died in eastern France, December 13, 1944. Michael Tackacs was killed in action. He was the son of George Tackacs, who lives on one of the pioneer Moore's property. John Ferry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ferry, was captured after the fall of Corregidor and remained a Japanese prisoner until September 1944 when the prison ship was sunk. That was very sad for all people in Parkman. Mr. Lee Ferry is now deceased.



Parkman Fire & Rescue

From Mike Komandt - Parkman Fire Chief

Parkman Fire Department had its busiest year on record in 2021. We received 591 requests for emergency response including total incidents in the following categories and does not account for all incident types.

Fires – 82	Service calls -19
EMS – 386	Good Intent – 58
Transport - 189	False alarms- 11
Hazardous conditions – 32	

This represents over a 32% increase in service requests over 2020, and our response times remain the lowest we have had in recent years. On average it takes us less than 1:30 to respond to emergencies, with daytime responses averaging less than 45 seconds. We constantly strive to respond in the quickest and most efficient manner.

In 2021 we also were able to obtain numerous grants through local, State, and Federal sources in the total of over \$14,000. We continue to request funding to bring Federal and State tax dollars back to the local community and have requested over \$215,000 to support critical needs of the department in 2022.

Parkman Fire is also able to provide Smoke alarms to residents free of charge through a cooperative with the Red Cross. If you need smoke detectors, please contact the fire house and we will provide and install those free of charge.

Remember SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!!!

We will soon be able to offer CPR courses to the residents and businesses of Parkman again!! If you wish to attend one of these courses, please contact the fire department. You may see us out and about at the local schools and daycare teaching fire prevention throughout the year. If your establishment would like to participate, or visit the fire house, please reach out to us so we can schedule an onsite or fire house visit.

Parkman Fire Department is always looking for dedicated volunteers and part time personnel. If you are interested in serving the community, please stop in the fire house and pick up an application. All certification training courses for township residents are fully funded by the fire department. We look forward to continuing the highest level of professional service to our community into the future!

Thank you for your continued support.
Mike Komandt

Parkman Polar Bears Snowmobile Club

Check out the most up to date club info at:
<https://www.facebook.com/baja1990/>



Parkman 55 Plus Club

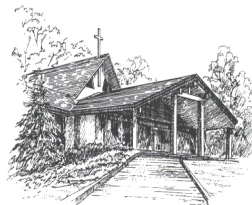
The Parkman 55 Plus Club meets at the Parkman Community House the first Thursday of every month (11:30am) for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Please feel welcome!

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Pavilion

Please contact Dolly Rivera for info or reservations
call 216-785-1556 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.



SS. Edward and Lucy
Catholic Parish Community
 16150 Center St. (P.O. Box 709)
 Parkman, Ohio 44080
<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>



Check out the parish website for the most current masses and event information or contact the parish office at 440-548-3812 or KT@simcon.net

Welcome to Rev. Jacob Bearer - Administrator
 In 2017, Father Jacob Bearer was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland, and looks forward to serving the SS Edward Lucy Parish.



2022 Annual Car Show / Chicken Dinner

The annual 2022 Car Show / Chicken Dinner is scheduled for August 21, 2022 (10am—6pm), at St Edwards Church. Please stay current about any of our events this year by checking our website for the most up to date info.

Special Thanks to all who supported our 2021 Char Show Chicken Dinner and Raffle Fundraiser!
<http://parkmanohio.com/2021%20Car%20Show.htm>



Volunteers are always welcomed and needed at our monthly visit to the St. Vincent Food Kitchen in Warren on the 4th Saturday of every month.

Contact Parish Office for more info!

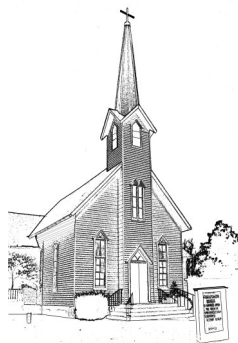
Parkman Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road,
 Parkman Township, Middlefield, Ohio 44062
 440-548-4829

Rev. Will Coley – Pastor

Church office is open Monday and Friday from 9am to 1pm and Thursday from (9am to 11am)

Email – parkmanchurch@windstream.net
 On the web – www.parkmanchurch.com
 Facebook – <http://facebook.com/parkmanchurch>



Sunday Worship Service Schedule

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

Monthly Fundraising Benefit Dinners are Drive Through Only at Parkman Congregational Church held on the third Friday of the month from 5pm – 7pm. Dinners are \$12.00 each

Menus for first half of 2022

January 21 – Meatloaf Dinner
 February 18 = Pork Tenderloin Dinner
 March 18 – Macaroni and Cheese Dinner
 April 15 – Beef Stroganoff Dinner
 May 20 – Roast Chicken Dinner

Menus for second half of 2022

September 16 – Meatloaf Dinner
 October 21st – Chicken Paprikash Dinner
 November 18 – Swiss Steak Dinner



Geauga Park District

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>
 Check out our full adventure list on our website!

Geauga Park District's - 2022 SCOUT DAYS

Geauga Park District's winter Scout Days programs are here, and registration is now open for all of them by phone only at 440-286-9516.

Scout Day: Bear Cub Scouts - Fur, Feathers & Ferns

Saturday, March 12, 9:30-11:30 AM, at Swine Creek Reservation

Join us to work on your Fur, Feathers & Ferns Adventure. We'll work on requirements 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 to fully complete it.

Scout Day: Cadette Girl Scouts - Trees Badge

Saturday, March 12, 1-3 PM, at Swine Creek Reservation

Join us in the sugarbush to learn about trees as part of the Trees Legacy Badge. We'll cover requirements 1, 2, 4 & 5.

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org> - check out our full adventure list on our website!

Parkman Boy Scouts Troop 4076 and Cub Scouts Pack 3141



Check out all current Pack 3141 events and info at
<http://www.pack3141.org>
middlefieldpack3141@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/middlefieldpack3141>



Troop 3141 thanks all who supported our 2022 fundraiser!

Special Thanks to everyone who supported the 2022 fundraisers
 Keep current with all other 2021 Cub Pack activities via our website or facebook.



Parkman Boy Scouts Troop 4076

Mark Pegrutz
 Parkman 4076 Troop Master and Cub Scout 3141 Pack Leader

Boys interested in scouting (Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts) feel welcome to call Scout Master Mark Pegrutz at 440-667-7209.

Cardinal Schools

<https://cardinalschoools.org/>

For the first time since 2019, we're finally able to welcome a live audience to our spring musical, DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID!



Based on the classic 1989 animated movie, DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID is a truly beautiful love story that will capture the hearts of young and old. Information regarding ticket sales, dates, and more, can be found at our website:
<https://cardinaltheater.org/littlemermaid>