



Parkman Paragraphs

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

Township Trustees (1st & 3rd Tue.)

Kevin O'Reilly
Lucinda Sharp-Gates
Alan Wilson

Township Clerk

Nancy Wheelock

Zoning Commission (4th Tue.)

John Augustine & Bill Pollard

Zoning Appeals Board (2nd Tue.)

Dennis Ikeler

Zoning Inspector (Weds. 7-8:30)

John Hasman

Roads Department

Tom Evers

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion

Wendy Anderson

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt

Fire & Rescue

Wayne Komandt

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

With this issue, we complete the first year of Parkman Paragraphs. Our next issue in June should have YOUR input! So call me at 548-5636 and tell me that you sending me an article. Or even dictate it over the phone (I still take shorthand, but it's a little slower than the 120 words per minute I did in the very old days of the 1961).



It looks like Spring will be here soon and I, for one, can't wait. It's been a long, cold Winter, and I'm waiting for that first motorcycle ride! Lots of chrome to polish yet, but that'll be done soon.

In a very short time, we've gone from just four pages in our first issue in June 2004, to 12 pages this issue. But we're still looking for more of **your input**. And, we're still looking for input from Parkman organizations to share their information with the residents. We'd like to include a Community Calendar. Let me know!



TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' NOTES

from Alan Wilson, Trustee

My fellow trustees and I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Fuhry for his many years of service to our community as township trustee. We all wish him well in his new position as Geauga County Common Pleas Court Judge. We would like to welcome Lucinda Sharp-Gates to the Parkman Board of Trustees to complete the term left vacant by David Fuhry. There are many changes that will occur in Parkman in the next few years and we would like to provide some helpful information for you.

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KNOW YOUR TOWNSHIP

Ever wonder who does what in Parkman Township activities? Well, we got as much information as you'd want, and it's all in one place. Remember, the number to call is 548-2904 for all Township stuff.

PARKMAN TOWNSHIP

Board of Trustees

Kevin O' Reilly, Chairman
Lucinda Sharp-Gates
Alan Wilson

1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30pm

Zoning Commission Board

William Pollard
John Augustine
Steve Cole
Carlos Nieves
Scott Villers
Renee Patry (Alternate)

4th Tuesday 7pm

Zoning Inspector

John Hasman
Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm

Road Superintendent

Tom Evers

Fire Chief

P. Wayne Komandt

Clerk

Nancy Wheelock

Zoning Commission Board Secretary

&
**Zoning Board
Appeals Secretary**
Connie Hasman

Cemetery Sexton

A. Dale Komandt

EMT Advisor

Joan Dillon



Zoning Board of Appeals

Dennis Ikeler, Chairman
Cindy Gazely
Rich Hill
John Patton
Mary Pitcher
Ron Misconin (Alternate)

2nd Tuesday 7:30pm

Assistant Zoning Inspector

Mark Strumbly

Assistant Cemetery Sexton

Tom Evers

Community House Custod.

Wendy Anderson
Linda Sherwood

LUCINDA MAKES IT A FIRST

January 4th marked an historic date in Parkman history. Lucinda Sharp-Gates was sworn in as the first female Parkman Township Trustee. At a special meeting in December 2004, she was appointed to fill the rest of Dave Fuhry's term, ending December 31, 2005. Our heartiest



congratulations, Lucinda! We're delighted the ladies now have a "voice."



Left, Lucinda Sharp-Gates is sworn in as the first female Trustee in Parkman Township history (by Clerk Nancy Wheelock). Above, the Parkman Township Trustees at their organizational meeting on January 4. Left to right, Kevin O'Reilly, Lucinda Sharp-Gates and Alan Wilson. (Photos courtesy of Edna Davis)

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES' NOTES (continued from page 1)



The plans for rebuilding Route 422 are in the final stages. Stage 3, or final stage review, will be in March. Property right of way negotiations will begin soon and are to be completed by May of 2006. The State will open bids for the project in January of 2007. Construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2007 with the hope of completion of the project by the summer of 2008.

The Geauga County Water Management Department sent the specifications to contractors for bids at the end of December 2004 for the Parkman Sewer District. The bids were opened, but all were rejected. New bids will be opened the end of March. Construction should begin in early summer and is slated to be completed by early summer 2006. Residents will tie into the new system from that point until December 2006.

The Parkman Board of Trustees will have to take into consideration the potential planned growth and beneficial development that will be made possible in the township because of the new sewer district. Our current zoning resolution will have to be updated to plan for new business opportunities that will be made possible by the addition of sewers in Parkman. You are welcome to attend future zoning commission meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, if you desire to have input into the changes made to the zoning resolution.

We have seen many weather changes this winter. The gravel roads require much attention with these changes. Our road department will continue to maintain the roads as needed. We appreciate your understanding. Please call us with any problems or concerns with our township roads. The Parkman Township Board of Trustees welcomes the residents of Parkman to contact us with their concerns about the township or attend the trustees meetings so that you can be informed and involved.



SPECIAL TRUSTEES MEETING -MONDAY, MARCH 7

The next meeting of the trustees will not be on Tuesday, March 1. It has been **rescheduled for MONDAY, March 7**. The Trustees will return to their normal meeting schedule for their March 15 meeting.

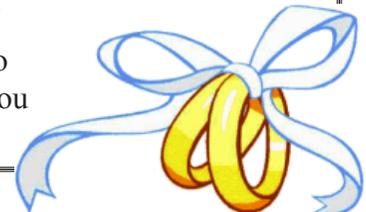


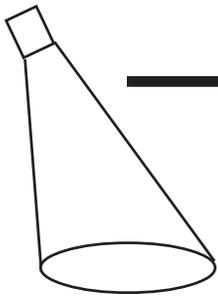
WANT TO RESERVE THE COMMUNITY HOUSE & OVERLOOK PARK PARNABY PAVILION?

Planning that perfect Wedding Reception or Graduation Party? Need a nice place for it? Well, the Parkman Community House or Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion are available for just such events. We talked with Wendy Anderson and got a few figures from her:

	Resident	Nonresident
Rental per day (except as below)	\$75	\$150
Wedding Receptions (\$100 deposit required for Wedding Receptions)	\$375	\$475
Saturday Night Rental	\$150	
Rent Entire Building	\$250	
Funeral Receptions	\$25	\$50

There is no charge for Overlook Pavilion, but you have to contact Wendy to reserve it. You must leave the Community House and Overlook Park like you found it. Call 548-2904 and leave a message for Wendy.





SPOTLIGHT ON PARKMAN BUSINESS

This column introduces our community's businesses so you'll know what's available right here in our township. Have a business or service that you would like us to feature? Call Lynn Komandt at 548-5636.

IT'S TIME FOR THAT SPRING MAKEOVER - FOR YOU AND YOUR HOME

This issue we have a husband-and-wife spotlight that's a little different. They each have a separate business, but both are in the beauty industry, so to speak!

Denise Wellman has been a cosmetologist for more than 22 years. After owning a salon that she started in Burton, called "That Certain Look," for 9 years, she sold it to move to Florida, only to find herself back in Ohio after 15 months. Since she wanted to stay home with her young daughter and also do hair, she started a salon out of her home, naming it "Country Styles". Located at 16731 Farmington Rd., just 1/4 mile from US 422, the salon is fully licensed and prices are reasonable. Haircuts for adults are only \$12, including shampoo. For children under eight, they are only \$10. Other services offered are: perms, colors, highlighting, razor cutting, facial waxing, manicures, pedicures, paraffin wax treatments, well water treatments, hot oil treatments, styling from blow dries to up-dos, moustache and beard trims, specialty perms and colors, gel nails, facial bleaching, hair straightening, and makeup application.

The salon is situated in a country atmosphere, hence the name. It is handicap-accessible (no stairs). And the salon caters to the whole family: men, women and children. So make your appointment soon with Denise by calling 440/548-5459. Hours are Mon. and Wed. 9am to 8pm; Tues., Thu. and Fri. 9am to 5pm; and Sat. 9am to 3pm. Appointments are necessary. Also, there is a great referral program: for every new client a person refers they will receive one free haircut!

Mark Wellman has been a painter for over 20 years. He owns his own painting-contractor business and he paints everything from new construction homes to those that need a fresh look. He does interior as well as exterior work. He specializes in faux finishes and can make a plain steel door look like real wood (you can see some of his work in his wife's "Country Styles" salon). Mark has many references as well as photos to show his work. He's very particular and wants to make sure that each customer is a happy one. So call Mark at 440/479-8226 or 440/548-5459 for a free estimate.



ROAD DEPARTMENT RUMBLINGS

from Tom Evers, Superintendent

The Township Trustees have adopted the County Engineer's Revised Policy on Driveway Permits, as well as the County's Mailbox Installation Policy. The Laws of the State of Ohio provide for the removal of obstructions within the right-of-way. Here are the rules for mailboxes:

1. The mailbox unit shall be entirely of plastic and/or lightweight galvanized steel construction. Newspaper delivery boxes shall be of the same type of construction and of minimum dimensions suitable for holding newspapers.
2. The post shall be a single 4" x 4" diameter wooden post or a metal post no greater than 2" in diameter and no more than 24" into the ground. Mailbox supports shall **not** be set in concrete **or be permanently affixed in any manner**.
3. Multiple mailbox units of more than two boxes may not be mounted on one support.
4. The door of the mailbox shall be placed a minimum of 4" outside the shoulder portion of the highway. When a mailbox is installed in the vicinity of existing guard rail, it shall be placed behind the guard rail unless otherwise approved by the Geauga County Engineer.



CHAMBER CHATTER

from Dorothy Novotny

Parkman's Chamber of Commerce marks its 35th Anniversary this year! Their first meeting of the new year in January started with the resignations of our President Rich Thorn and Vice-President Mike Novotny.



Nominations were made from the floor to fill these offices and voting took place. The new officers are Dorothy Novotny, President, and Faith Kumher, Vice-President. Returning officers are Dave Fuhry, Secretary, and Don Villers, Treasurer. A great big thank you to Rich and Mike for all their hard work through the years!

It's **PANCAKE BREAKFAST TIME!** This year the breakfasts come early because Easter is March 27. This year's dates are February 27, March 6, March 13 and March 20, and you can eat from 9am until 2pm. Reminder letters have been sent out to past helpers to fill working positions at the breakfasts. The Chamber needs new helpers this year since it takes many volunteers to make our Pancake Breakfasts a success. If you are new to the area, it's a great way to meet your neighbors.

We always have a lot of fun! The benefits are outstanding! The equipment is furnished, we offer free on-the-job training, you can choose your own hours, eat a free delicious breakfast and have a great time! Past volunteers say they look forward to the Pancake Season here in Parkman! Want to have fun with us? Call Mike or Dorothy Novotny at 548-2104 and let them know when you can help out.

The proceeds from the breakfasts and other Parkman Chamber of Commerce events are put back into your community. Past years' proceeds went to building the Gazebo in town, updating Overlook Park and providing many functions for Parkman children and their families to enjoy. Come help us out this year!

We also invite you to attend our meetings every third Monday at 7:30pm in the Community House. We also would love to have you at our Easter Egg Hunts and the Kite Festival. These events are organized by just a few of us, but we need your help to make them successful events each year. We'd like to provide more events, but we need more volunteers to make that possible. We need to work together as a community so we can enjoy more happenings here in Parkman.

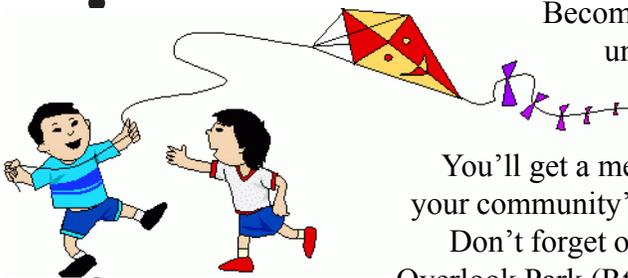
Become a member. It's only \$5. Membership is being accepted until March 21. Make your check payable to Parkman

Chamber of Commerce and send it to Parkman Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 525, Parkman OH 44080-0525.

You'll get a membership card. Come join our organization and further your community's events. Make a difference in your town!

Don't forget our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday, March 26, at Overlook Park (Rt. 168). It starts at 11:00am and is for Parkman kids only, from toddlers through sixth grade. Don't forget to bring a basket or container.

To celebrate National Kite Week, will have our Fifth Annual "**Come Fly With Us**" Kite Festival on April 23, from 10am to 5pm at Overlook Park. This is for all ages and much will be going on. There'll be kite vendors, Junk Yard Kite Building Contest, "Make It" Workshops, demonstrations, kite sprint races, music and face painting (and maybe even more). Refreshments will be available. FMI: 440/632-3473.





THE POSTAL SCENE

from Bruce Schaef, Parkman Postmaster

There's nothing like a colorful marine aquarium to bring the amazing aquatic world of reefs, plants and animals to the surface. Or an excursion through the desert to explore the diverse world of creatures thriving in hot, dry climates.

That's right, stamps take you on "eco-cruises" through our Earth's radically different ecological communities. Stamps offer us insight into the major cultural trends and inventions of the 20th century through the Celebrate the Century program.

Plus they honor the artists and authors who shaped our vision of the future. You'll find the pulse of our great country living in the large collection of postal stamps. Stamp collecting can be a lifelong fun and educational hobby for all ages. It's a great hobby for kids. It's easy to start your own collection without a big investment.

You can start by simply saving stamps from letters, packages and postcards. Ask your friends and family to save stamps from their mail. Neighborhood businesses that get a lot of mail - banks, stores, travel agencies - might save their envelopes for you, too. Or, start your collection by choosing one or two favorite subjects. Then, collect only stamps that fit your theme - art, history, sports, transportation, science - whatever you choose! This is called topical collecting.

Start with used stamps and a few inexpensive accessories (such as a small album and a package of hinges), and you can have a great time on a limited budget. Remember to put stamps, albums and hinges on your birthday and holiday wish lists, too!

If you go on-line to www.usps.com and click on "Buy Stamps & Shop," you'll get all kinds of information like: kinds of stamps, removing stamps from envelopes, how to organize your stamps, info on kinds of stamp albums, how to put stamps in them, what a stamp is worth, judging the condition of stamps, other sources for stamps, other philatelic collectibles and stamp groups to join.

Yes! Stamp clubs can be a great source for new stamps and for stamp collecting advice. These clubs often meet at schools, YMCAs and community centers. You can find out more at the USPS website.

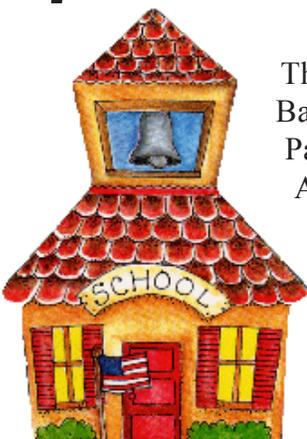
Of course, you can visit my office or give me a call 548-4951. We're open Monday through Friday from 8am to noon (closed for lunch) and from 12:45pm till 4:30pm. On Saturdays, we're open from 8am till noon. The lobby is open at all times except Monday through Saturday from about 5am until 7:45am, and Saturday afternoons from about noon until 4pm.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

The Parkman High School Alumni Association will have its 114th Annual Banquet on Saturday, May 7, at the Parkman Community House. If you lived in Parkman and attended school here or in the Cardinal School System, this Association is for you.

If you haven't attended for awhile, we would love to see you again. Some of your classmates may also show up for an "Old Hometown Day" evening. We promise a good meal, some entertainment and old friends. And you'll be home early, too! Contact Dale Komandt for further info at 548-5636.





HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

from Jeanne Ebersbach, President



Did you know that: Parkman was settled by Robert Parkman in 1804 and his descendants still visit the township? That there were once five churches in Parkman? That there were three separate communities in the township before 1820 (Bundysburg, Little Ireland and Smithville)? That the Post Office was established in 1805 and ten years later had an annual income of only \$10.80? That the upstairs of the Community House was once a roller rink? That the first Amish man to come to Geauga County settled in Parkman and his descendants still live here?

Well, maybe you should know more! In 1797, the Connecticut Land Company sold 17,036 acres of land, in what was known as the Connecticut Western Reserve, to Samuel Parkman, Esq., of Boston, and General Joseph Williams. Thus it began. The rest, as they say, is history - more than 200 years of history and that is what the Parkman Township Historical Society wants to preserve. It reads like a good novel: hardship, romance, murder, comedy, family and tradition.

Help save our history. Memberships are \$10 each, \$30 for a sponsorship or \$250 for a lifetime membership. Membership assures you of future issues of our newsletter which may be compiled into a unique history of Parkman. Imagine someone looking at these in a hundred years and reading about **you!** Also, do you know any tales to be told? Have any artifacts or things of interest to donate or share? Let us know (call Jeanne Ebersbach at 548-2138).

We now have our own home (the former home of Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Thompson, and generously donated by the family), which we plan to start restoring soon. Once it's finished, we'll have space to display items. Space is limited now, but we hope to remedy that soon. We want to preserve the integrity of our community by not forgetting the past. Let us show pride in our community's past. Let us hear from you now!

And speaking of our new home, we're looking for dedicated volunteers to participate in this grassroots effort. We need donations of time and lots of materials. We're looking for donations of paint, wallpaper, caulk, hardware, drywall and compound, Thoro Seal, lumber, varnish, insulation, plumbing supplies and/or labor, lighting fixtures, electrical supplies and/or labor, bathroom fixtures, kitchen cabinets, landscaping designs, shrubs, flowers, mulch/stone/etc., lawn cleanup equipment/labor, bulbs, trees, driveway slag. We also need carpenters, drywallers, landscapers, electricians, painters, laborers, plumbers, excavators. We're also looking for those that can finish hardwood flooring and an artist for sign painting or stenciling. Whew! That's quite a lot. And there's probably much more we haven't even thought of. All volunteers will be recognized, probably on a large, permanent plaque display prominently. Are you game? Then let's go!

Just a reminder, we will again have a **garage sale in June** (date to be determined). We need donations of new or gently used stuff to help raise more funds for our restoration project. Call Jeanne and let her know what you can give (548-2138).

DO YOU HAVE EMAIL?

How about getting your *Parkman Paragraphs* on-line? Drop Lynn Komandt an e-mail at heeler2000@hotmail.com. You'll need to provide your name and mailing address, along with your e-mail address. When an issue is mailed, you'll get an e-mail with *Parkman Paragraphs* as an attachment. You'll need Acrobat 5.0 or higher to download. This will save a little postage and printing cost for the Township.





AS I LOOK BACK

By Jacque Yost

April 18, 1946 began as any day would for a seven-year-old who was residing with his father, aunt & uncle in Phalanx Station, Ohio, by eating a good breakfast then going out to play with his cousins in the back yard. But

this day was going to be quite different for this boy. His dad was going to marry a long time friend that afternoon. This wedding was going to take place in Parkman, Ohio. The young boy had no idea what changes were going to take place in his life that day.

In the afternoon all the family drove to Parkman for the wedding. It was to be held in the Parkman Congregational church with Rev. John Has-Ellison presiding over the service. The young boy sat with his aunt during the wedding ceremony. As his dad and his new bride walked down the aisle toward the rear of the church his aunt whispered in his ear to say "Hi, Mom." That was the beginning of a new way of life for me.

After the wedding celebration was over, Dad took the family up the street to our new home right next to the elementary school. Boy was I excited to know that I was going to live next to the school with the entire playground equipment close by. It wasn't until toward evening time that I learned that my cousins would not be staying with me and that I was now going to be alone. My joy quickly faded as this is not what I had anticipated. Many tears were shed as I watched my aunt and uncle leave to go home, with my cousins waving out the car window to me. Parkman now had three new residents.

I found that the new home was very nice. I had my own room and could go to the playground to pass time away. Getting adjusted to having a "mom" was new to me and of course she had to learn how to live with a "son" who hardly knew her. It was going to be a long period of adjustment for all in the household.

Being in the second grade I had to go to a new class with new children that did not know me at all. I was a new kid who could not talk very well because of a speech disability known as stuttering. Mrs. Karen Has-Ellison, the wife of the preacher, was my teacher. She quickly realized that I was going to need some help in bonding with my new classmates, so she was very kind in assisting me in this classroom environment.

But, that is another story to continue later.

Editor's Note: A former Parkmanite, Jacque lives in Vernal, Utah, with his wife May. They come back to Parkman only occasionally. He's promised to continue his story.



WHERE ARE YOU?

If you called 911 for an emergency, could our Fire Department find you in the dark, in the rain? During an emergency, time is precious. Make it easy for us to find you.

Your house number should be visible in the yard of your house, not on the other side of the road on your mailbox. Our large green signs make that happen. And for only \$10. That \$10 goes to help the Fire Department replace and restock necessary supplies for our ambulance and fire trucks.

If you'd like a sign for your home or business, please call Dale Komandt at 548-5636, or contact any fire fighter. We'll need the digits of your house number and a phone number or address to deliver the sign. It takes about a week for us to complete.

AROUND THE TOWN(SHIP)

Parkman lost one of its pillars on January 9, with the death of Kelly Gotham. He was born in June 13, 1918 and was buried at Overlook Cemetery. I didn't know Kelly very well, only for five years, but what I did know was very good. He was a very gentle, caring person. I know his family will miss him and our thoughts are with them, especially Arlene.

On a more positive note, we've been receiving notes from former residents or those who leave us to fly south.

Dear Lynn,

Thank you so very much!! It is so great to get the Parkman info. We are missing all of our beloved Parkmanites-especially at the holiday season. Surprising how much our love for one another grew in only 7-8 years. It is such a great community!! We have been Blessed with visits from many of our loved ones from Parkman...Mary & Myron Beechy, Mike and Jeremy Patterson and this week Steve and Leslie Vargo & perhaps others. Our love to Y'ALL !!!!

Kaye and Jerry (Sanders), Lexington North Carolina

Hi ,

So glad to hear from Parkman. Yes, we did move to PA, going on 4 yrs. We are enjoying our retirement here. We live in Potter County and they have it right on sign when you come into to it, "Gods Country." I miss the people in Parkman and the nice peaceful town it use to be. Where we live now you might see a car go by once an hour. That's the way Parkman was years ago. By the way, Joe and I had our 40th anniversary July 4, 2004. Everybody back then said it wouldn't last a year!

Joseph & Kathy Leman, Austin, Pennsylvania

Editor's Note: These former Parkmanites receive their Parkman Paragraphs via email. It works great. Call me (548-5636) to put you on the list.

Dear Lynn,

I just wanted to send you a short note telling you how much I enjoy that Parkman newsletter that you write. I had a great time at (daughter-in-law in Virginia) Marsha's at Christmas time! I darn near froze my ___ off! Temps in the 20s, mostly. Had to borrow sweaters. Enjoyed those great-grandkids. We went to Annapolis and DC and saw the WWII monument, but the wind was so strong and temps so low that I really didn't appreciate it. Traffic there is so bad and Dulles airport gives me the creeps. Keep up the good work.

Jean Giles, Eustis, Florida



HERE, CHICKEN, CHICKEN

We've put the call out for chickens and their friends (mashed potatoes, gravy, veggies, dessert, etc.) to congregate at the Community House on **Friday, May 6**, at 5pm. We haven't told them yet that they're the feature at our Spring Chicken Dinner. Ticket sales are limited, so call Joannie Dillon at 548-4571 to arrange to purchase your tickets. Our chicken dinners are famous all over the area, so act now. As always, the dinner is done by one our Amish School's ladies and our Volunteer Fire Department. And our chicken's even better than "finger lickin' good."





CHURCH CHAPTERS

from Connie Hasman

At a special December 5, 2004, meeting, the membership of Parkman Congregational Church called Rod Edwards to serve as our new pastor. Rod is a longtime resident of the Middlefield/Parkman area, and has served as an Elder of Parkman Congregational Church for three years.



Parkman Congregational Church is affiliated with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, a small evangelical Christian denomination based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Our association with the "4C's" is voluntary, meaning our congregation reserves the autonomy to govern its own affairs, yet willingly joins with other similar churches for the purposes of mutual encouragement and accountability, fellowship and cooperative efforts in ministry and Christian missions. We welcome the community to join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 10am, or during other opportunities such as our Saturday evening fellowship at 5:30pm every Saturday night. We also hold numerous small group Bible studies, a youth Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and a time of prayer every Wednesday night at 7pm. For more information, contact the church office at 440/548-4829 or visit us on the web at www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com.

As we go through life, it helps to have the love and support of others. Please come and join the "Inspire and Uplift" club, a medical/prayer/support group meeting. Our purpose is to learn, to listen, to pray, to heal and to support one another! We meet the last Thursday of each month at 7pm in the lower level of Parkman Congregational Church, 18265 Madison Road (Route 528). If you have any questions, contact Jayne B. at 330/207-5197 for more information.

Fresh off the press...the Parkman Congregational Church Women's Fellowship has just published a *brand new* cookbook, "Inspired Cooking II." It includes 147 pages of Parkman Congregational Church members' and friends' favorite recipes. Divided into sections, it features Appetizers, Relishes and Pickles/Soups, Salads and Sides/Meats and Main Dishes/Vegetables/Breads, Rolls & Pastries/Cakes, Cookies and Desserts/ and Beverages, Microwave and Miscellaneous. The cookbook also includes helpful pages such as baking tips; substitutions chart; weights, measures and equivalents chart, and a helpful cooking hints page. Cookbooks are available for \$10 each, or \$9 if you purchase 2 or more cookbooks. To order, please send payment (payable to Women's Fellowship) for the amount of books requested and \$2 per book shipping cost, as well as your name, address and phone number. For more information, please call the church office at 440-548-4829. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will be donated to the Parkman Congregational Church mortgage retirement fund.



WE HAD SO MUCH FUN, LET'S DO IT AGAIN

It's time for our Annual (we hope) Spring Feather Party! We had so much fun last November, we wanted to do it again. So join us on **Friday, March 18**, at the Community House for a pleasant and fun evening for all. The activities begin at 7pm, and doors will open at 6:30.

As always, great hams, turkeys and plush animals will be awarded to the winners. All proceeds benefit your Volunteer Fire Department for supplies and equipment. See you on the 18th!





FIRE DEPARTMENT JOURNAL
from Paul (Wayne) Komandt, Chief



During 2004 we had five people take and pass the 36-hour firefighter class. They are very welcome additions. We ended 2004 with a total of 362 incidents. We had just about one per day. We had 41 in November but only 23 in April. Our ambulance responded to 261 of these incidents.

And speaking of our ambulance, our new one is here and has been put in service. We've had in-service instruction sessions for all department members to familiarize us with the new layout and features of this beautiful vehicle. It's the first brand-new ambulance Parkman Volunteer Fire Department has ever had.

We started the EMS division back in 1984 with an ambulance purchased from Community Ambulance for \$5000. If only it were still \$5000 for our new one! This brought to mind some of the interesting items from our history that I thought you might enjoy.

The Fire Department was formed in 1945. Prices were much lower then. Records indicate that 12 helmets were purchased for 25¢ each from Republic steel. Helmets are now about \$175 each. In 1947, a fire nozzle was purchased for \$38. The price now is in excess of \$250.

In 1946, a card was sent to all telephone subscribers in Parkman to ask them to desist from using the phone for 10 minutes after the fire siren had been sounded.

Many of you might remember where the old fire station was located. It doesn't seem possible but we moved to the current location back in 1976. In 1977, we had the first three women join our Fire Department. They were Shirley George, Dixie Warner and Elizabeth Komandt. We currently have nine women serving as fire fighters and/or EMS personnel

Your Fire Department has come a long ways since 1945. The training required has multiplied many times over that required then. I would be willing to wager that today's firefighter trains more in two months than the original members trained in two years. Be assured that the current members of your Fire Department are committed to supplying you with the best service possible, and they appreciate your continued support.

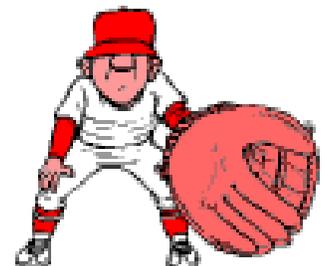
As always, if you might be interested in helping the Fire Department as a fire fighter or emergency medical technician, contact any member or stop in on any Wednesday night. Our station is always open to the citizens of Parkman Township.



TIME FOR BASEBALL SIGNUPS

It's time to sign up for baseball and softball.

Parkman residents can sign up at Parkman Elementary School on Friday, March 4, from 4-6pm, and on Saturday, March 5, from 10am to noon. Call Dale Holcomb at 548-2581 if you need more information.



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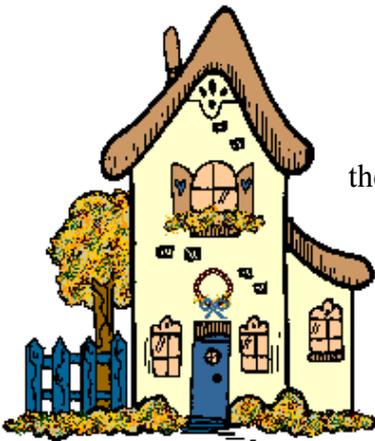
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ZONING COMMISSION BRIEF

from Alan Wilson, Trustee

The Parkman Township Zoning Commission approved an amendment to the Parkman Township Zoning Resolution on December 17, 2004. They also held a public meeting on January 24, 2005, for public discussion of the amendment. Changes were made to 401.0 Prohibited Uses In All Zoning Districts that pertain to Adult Oriented Businesses. Article XIV Adult Oriented Businesses was added to the zoning resolution. The new article will require that an adult-oriented business be classified as a conditional use and be located within and subject to the regulations of the industrial zoning district(s). The proposed amendment will be sent to the Township

Trustees for review. They will hold a public meeting on March 7 for open discussion, before they decide to accept or reject the proposed amendment.

A portion of property along State Route 168 is currently zoned industrial. The Zoning Commission has considered changing this district from industrial to residential. If this change is made, the property owners in that area would be limited to the zoning requirements of a residential district and would no longer qualify for consideration in an industrial district. The Zoning Commission will have continued discussion about this matter. Parkman residents and property owners are welcome to attend the meetings.



Happy Mothers Day