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# Parkman Paragraphs

## Spring 2013



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## **Parkman Board of Trustees**

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

For all Township business, call 548-2904.

### **Township Trustees**

(meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - 7:30pm)

Nancy Ferguson

Kevin O'Reilly

Don Villers

### **Fiscal Officer**

Joyce Peters

### **Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion**

Wendy Anderson 548-2388

### **Cemetery Sexton**

Dale Komandt

### **Fire & Rescue**

Wayne Komandt

### **Fire/Medical Emergencies:**

CALL 911

### **Zoning Commission**

(meets 4th Tuesday)

at the Community House

### **Zoning Appeals Board**

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

at the Community House

### **Zoning Inspector**

John Spelich

(Wednesdays 7 - 8:30pm)

Phone: 440-548-2904 or

rcavictor42@aol.com

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

### **Roads Department**

Tom Evers

Parkmanroad@windstream.net

## **Parkman Chamber of Commerce**

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

Our next event is the

## **Parkman Pancake Breakfast**

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

at the Parkman Community House

Volunteers - please contact Denise Villers at 548-2939

## **Parkman Boy Scouts' Fish Fry**

Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> (5 - 7pm) at the Parkman Community House

# **Parkman Chamber of Commerce 2013 Event Schedule**

at Parkman Community House

## **Parkman Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**

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

at Parkman Community House

Still serving on chinaware since 1968!



## **Parkman Easter Egg Hunt**

March 30th (11am)

at Overlook Park



## **Parkman Kite Day**

TBA - at Overlook Park

Stay tuned for details.



## **Parkman Community Picnic**

July 20th (5 - 8pm) at Overlook Park

Stay tuned for details.



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

## **Don't forget the many other events this spring!**

## **Parkman Boy Scouts' Fish Fry**

Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> (5 - 7pm) at the Parkman Community House



## **Parkman Volunteer Fire Rescue Chicken Dinner**

Friday May 3rd at the Parkman Community House

Tickets or any questions, please contact any Rescue Team Volunteer.



## **Parkman Connections**

4th Annual Plant Swap - Saturday June 1st 2013 (1pm)

at the Parkman Community House

If you have any questions, please contact Jane at

ParkmanConnections@gmail.com.



# Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

## RECAP

Our Halloween Party following Trick or Treat for Parkman's little ghosts and goblins was lots of fun with plenty of snacks, drinks, and games to play. We passed out nearly 70 treat bags to the kids. Thanks to all that joined us!

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> had a FANTASTIC turn-out! We served 97 breakfasts (kids and their parents/grandparents). Santa was a VERY busy man that morning! Thanks S.S.!

Each year we invite all our volunteers to an appreciation dinner. On December 16<sup>th</sup> we gathered at the community house and enjoy a catered dinner. (Thanks to J.D.'s Post House Restaurant!) We then had a Chinese-style gift exchange. Those chocolates sure did get traded a lot!

We rang in the New Year with our friends at the Community House. We had a delicious "heavy hors d'oeuvre" buffet and had a great time dancing to our favorite tunes played by the DJ - Jockey Joe.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Plans are underway for our Annual Pancakes and Sausage Breakfasts – the first four Sundays in March. We depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful. Please contact Denise Villers - phone: (440) 548-2939 or e-mail:

[villers\\_3622@windstream.net](mailto:villers_3622@windstream.net) with dates that you can work. We offer on-the-job training in all positions. A few jobs require you to be at least 18 years old (*and many of us are WAY over that age*) but teens are more than welcome to volunteer their time and work in the dining room or behind the scene in the kitchen. We have a wide variety of jobs to fill. Each Sunday is divided into two shifts: 9:00 to 11:30 and 11:30 to 2:00 (with some that start earlier and others that stay later for clean-up afterwards). *Please consider volunteering for your community!*

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** (11 a.m. at Overlook Park) is Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6<sup>th</sup> graders). The kids gather candy-filled eggs. Each child also receives a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize just for them!

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

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

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

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

– Denise Villers (440) 548-2939

Denise Villers, President  
Sandy Rought, Secretary

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

# Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Nancy Ferguson

The Board of Trustees accepted Pat Joyce's resignation at the January 7, 2013 Township Meeting. Here is Pat's resignation letter.

*Please accept my resignation as trustee of Parkman this December 31, 2012 as of 6 p.m. It has been a pleasure serving my community in this capacity. I appreciate the residents of Parkman giving me this opportunity.*

Thank you for serving the community as a trustee. On February 5, 2013, we welcomed former township trustee Don Villiers as Pat's replacement. Pat's Election Committee selected Don to serve as trustee for the remainder of 2013.

The Fire Department has some new members, which you can read about in Chief Wayne Komandt's article. Congratulations on your appointments. Thank you for volunteering your time to serve our community.

The Zoning Commission also has a new member Paul Nalepa. Paul has many years of zoning experience as well as being a former Fowler Township Trustee.

Each year the trustees select a veteran to honor on Memorial Day. Any Parkman resident who has a family member who served in the military, and has been buried in one of Parkman's cemeteries can submit their name for consideration. The honoree will be chosen on April 2, 2013 at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Enjoy the Pancake Breakfast and the upcoming Fire Department and Amish School Chicken dinner in May. Have a safe and healthy spring and summer. Come join your neighbors and us at a Trustee Meeting held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House.

You never know what you will learn about what is going on your community if you do not get involved.



## Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

Winter is here and so is the BSA's annual Klondike Derby that tests the boys' outdoor skills – fire building, first aid, knot tying, and team work. Our small troop did quite well this year.

In February the troop observed Scout Sunday, where the boys attend church at either their sponsor church (Parkman Congregational Church) or their own church. We may also have a camp-out if it doesn't rain.

(Winter camp-outs need snow to make it fun!)

March will bring two fund-raising Fish Frys at the Parkman Community House of Fridays, March 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and support us. We will also be helping the Chamber of Commerce at the "world famous" Pancake Breakfasts.

April showers keep us indoors in the swimming pool at Middlefield Apartments. This helps the boys work on their swimming skills in preparation for summer camp.

May should be dry enough for another camp-out. Don't forget about the Memorial Day Parade – it begins at Overlook Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

In June we will be off to Scout Camp for lots of fun and skill-building. Our weekly meetings are on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane in Middlefield - near the baseball fields (behind Arby's). As always, new boys are welcome to join us (ages 11 – 18).

Scott Villers,  
Committee Chairman  
(440) 548-3622



## Cub Scouts - Parkman Troop #76

This is a group designed for boys in their elementary school ages (1st through 5th grade). The Parkman Cub Scouts made up of 5 dens:

**Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos 1 and Webelos 2.**

We meet every Tuesday at Parkman Congregational Church  
18265 Madison (St. Rt. 528) Parkman, Ohio 44080.  
Meeting times are appx. 7-8 p.m.

**March 5, 2013** - Wildlife Conservation Workshop - Earn the Wildlife Conservation Beltloop

**March 10, 2013** - Archery Workshop - Earn the Archery Beltloop

**March 19, 2013** - Pinewood Derby - Fastest Car wins!

**March 29, 2013** (Fundraiser) Cub Scout Fish Fry at Parkman Community House

**April 2, 2013** - Disabilities Workshop - Earn the Disabilities Beltloop

**September 2013** - Bike Rodeo

Plus many more fun and interesting activities are being planned.

If you are interested in joining Cub Scouts next year our first meeting will be September 10, 2013 at 7:00pm at Parkman Congregational Church. Boys grades 1st thru 5th grades are invited to join. Please think about participating in a wonderful organization preparing our young boys for the future. If you have any questions please email the pack at

**parkmanpack76@gmail.com**

You can also check out our new website  
**http://pack76parkman.ScoutLander.com**



## SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community



**Rev. John Burkley, Pastor**

Check out the website for the most current masses and event information or contact the parish office at 548-3812 - <http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

## Geauga Co. Immunization Clinic

St Lucy continues to host many dates of this community health opportunity.

It is usually scheduled for the

second Wednesday and Thursday and the third Wednesday of every month.

Check out both [ParkmanOhio.com](http://ParkmanOhio.com) and [SSEdwardLucy.com](http://SSEdwardLucy.com) for a complete schedule.

## Easter Masses

Easter Vigil Mass Saturday March 30 (8pm) at St Lucy

Easter Sunday March 31 (8:30am ) Mass St Edward & (10:30am ) Mass St Lucy

## Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at St Edwards

July 28, 2013

Look for upcoming info on websites



SAP'S-A-RISIN' - LET'S CELEBRATE! sweet tradition of history, public collection and free samples continues. It's hands-on, educational, inspirational and celebrational! Bring your family and friends out to Geauga Park District's Sap's-A-Risin' for a taste of how maple sugaring has evolved since the Native Americans, then a taste of the sticky stuff itself.

## Sap's-A-Risin'

Sunday, March 3, 10 and 17 – Noon to 4 p.m.

Swine Creek Reservation, 16004 Hayes Road, Middlefield Township

Guests are always excited for this free experience: to enjoy historical interactions with costumed interpreters, gather sap during a stroll through the sugarbush, see and learn how sap is boiled in the sugarhouse's evaporator, enjoy a sample taste of syrup, then warm up in the lodge with live music, woodcarving demonstrations, maple stirs and maple popcorn. Geauga Park District's sugarhouse was built in 1983 on a 32-acre sugarbush thanks to the inspiration of former Park Board member Mark Sperry, a staunch believer in public education. This Genuine Geauga experience has become a memorable family tradition for many, drawing an average 400 people each day. For others, Sap's-A-Risin' has been known to change their entire outlook on March.

"Each day the lodge also features wood carving demonstrations and sales with Jim Stadlander and Diane Harto, maple treats and live music: the New Deal String Band (old-time country and string band music) on March 3; Drake Hollow (country, blues and folk) on March 10; and Dave and Barb Partington (Appalachian and British Isles songs and tunes) on March 17.

Registration is not required for this all-ages program. The lodge, history trail and sugarhouse are fully wheelchair/stroller accessible, but sap gathering is off trail.

More info on the park website - [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

# Parkman Congregational Church

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

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer Time, 8:55 AM - 9:10 AM

Happy Quarter Hour, 9:00 AM (social time, light refreshments)

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:15 AM

All are welcomed and encouraged!



## Easter Service

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2013 (10:15am)

Email: [parkmanchurch@windstream.net](mailto:parkmanchurch@windstream.net)

On the web: [www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com](http://www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com)



Sunday Gatherings start at 11am

(Bible Study at 9:30am)

in the **Parkman Community House.**

All are welcome!

For more information call 440-636-2836 or check out the

Church Website: [www.necommunity.org](http://www.necommunity.org)

**Learning to love God and to love people in the three life phases**

**Finding Life - Living the life - Giving our life**

Check out our website for news, events, devotions, discipleship, groups and ministries.

We look forward to meeting you!

## Parkman Historical Society

From: Jeanne Ebersbach, President

The Parkman Historical Society will now meet in

March, May, July, September and December on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

All are welcome to join us at the Parkman Community House on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 to learn and preserve our local history heritage.

Anyone with a story or information to add to our efforts—please feel welcome to share any input that will help develop our ambition to collect the facts of our past.

For any meeting info, please contact Jeanne at [jcreekcountry@aol.com](mailto:jcreekcountry@aol.com)



## Passing the Torch

By Cory Anderson

Hello Parkman Friends,

It has been eight years that I have served as your Parkman editor and website servant for this ambitious collection of what our community has been up to. This communication project has really been fun. It was a great pleasure to have met and worked with all of the amazing volunteers who have kept our Parkman community so active and vibrant.

Yet, even the President of the USA is only allowed to run for eight years so that the office does not get stale. I think that I might be in that same situation and welcome some new life to take on this project and work with our trustees to help promote what our Parkman Community is up to.

If you think you might have an interest to take the reigns of this communication project and would like to add some of your own personality into the future of it, then please take the time to contact any of the trustees or myself and express your interest.

I would enjoy a young talent, growing with this experience in the world of graphic artist or journalism, who would take this Parkman Paragraphs project and help it evolve and allow it to continue the local community tradition of sharing the stories of what we do in this town.

If that sounds like something you would have an interest in, or know someone from our community that might make a perfect fit “next generation” Parkman Paragraphs editor, then please send us an e-mail or attend a Parkman Trustees meeting and express your ambition.

Once again, thanks to all who have worked and helped make this communication a success all of these years during my tenure. So many volunteers, so many stories of community activity, this project has really shined on the teamwork that makes our Parkman Township such a wonderful place to live. It has been an honor to be a part of that volunteer ambition these past eight years.

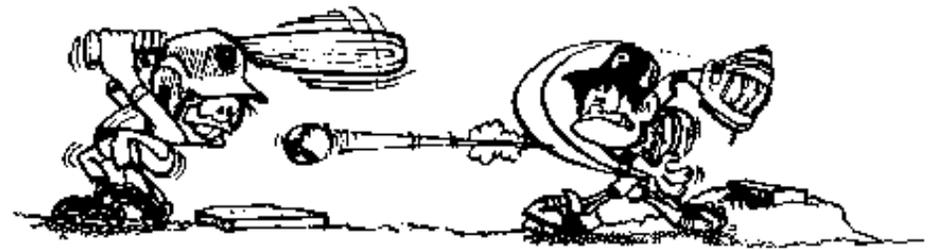
Hopefully we can find some new talent to take the reigns and evolve this communication project into a successful future for our community to enjoy. Once again, if you know anyone who might have an interest, please e-mail [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com) or attend a trustee meeting. It will be great to “Pass the Torch” to an up and coming talented resident!

**Thanks to everyone on the team and community  
for your help to make this  
Parkman Paragraphs project a success!  
Cory Anderson**

# Paragraphs Spring 2013 Cover Photo

From: Cory Anderson

On the cover of this edition, a behind the scenes photo from the Fall 2012 Parkman Feather Bingo where volunteers Dale Komandt rounds up a prize turkey for one of the many game winners as Chuck and Joanie Dillon and Liz Sanders are some of the many volunteers who helped handle the many desert choices. Below are more photos from this annual Parkman Fundraiser Tradition...Thanks to all who always continue to support this event - Hope to see you at the next ones!!



## Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball League

Parkman Youth League (PYL) baseball and softball sign-ups are coming soon at the Parkman Community House for the 2013 spring/summer season. The following are the dates and times for sign-ups:

Friday February 22<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday February 23<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm

Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm

This is a Recreational League and we encourage boys and girls ages 5 thru 14 to sign-up. No experience necessary. We will be located in the back of the Community House, in the Basement. Knowledge of your children's shirt size would be helpful. We will also be looking for team sponsors again this year. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring a team in 2013 please call:

Mike Peters @ 440-548-5565

## Parkman Zoning Inspector

**John Spelich**

Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM,  
and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

A new way to serve the public. This is John Spelich Zoning Inspector of Parkman Township. If you are in need of a zoning permit or information on Parkman zoning,

call me at

330-219-2698 (cell) or 330-889-3666 (home)

mailing address

John Spelich

PO Box 125, West Farmington, Ohio 44491

email at

rcavictor42@aol.com

My hours at the office 7pm-8:30 pm every Wednesday or call for an appointment if you can not make the Wednesday night hours. I am here to serve your zoning needs every day and night. You can also reach the Zoning Office at 440-548-2904 (extension 2 )

## 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 11:30a.m.

**Green Address Signs** - Parkman Address Signs have just been redesigned to host 4 inch lettering verse the former 3 inch lettering This is due to easier visibility during a faster pace travel during emergencies. If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - then get the newest version of our project.

Don't wait until its too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected!  
Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details! Stop Procrastinating!!



## Parkman Connections

### 4th Annual Plant Swap—Saturday June 1st 2013 (1pm) at the Parkman Community House

If you have any questions, please contact Jane at [ParkmanConnections@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanConnections@gmail.com).

#### What should I bring?

Bring any plants you have to trade. Most of the plants at the plant swaps in the past have been perennial plants, but any plant is definitely welcome: perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, house plants, tree seedlings, or cuttings from shrubs.

#### How many plants should I bring?

It doesn't matter. If you have several plants to share, that's great! If you have just one or two prized plants to swap, that's great too! People who start plants from seeds often bring several of their seedlings to share. People who divide their plants often have just one or two of a particular plant to share. We will be very happy to see you and whatever plants you can bring with you.

#### Can I bring a friend?

Absolutely! The more, the merrier!

If you or your friend would like to be included in our plant swap email list, please send the email address to Jane at [ParkmanConnections@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanConnections@gmail.com)

I will send reminder emails before the plant swap.

What if I have a question before the plant swap?

Just send an email to Jane at [ParkmanConnections@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanConnections@gmail.com)

## Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Chief Komandt

Spring will soon be with us. We may have escaped a very hard winter, but we would like to remind all of you to always be aware of winter safety. Please remember to keep chimneys clean and driveways clear.

The Fire Department has recently gained members and we would like to acknowledge the commitment made by Tim Czacherski, Clinton Sestak, Russell Spenser, and Angel Miller. Along with that we would like to acknowledge 5 young men- Josh Brown, Tom Baril, Cade Devol, Jason Fent and Sam Martin. These 5 young men are Cadets with the Department and have been a great addition. They have been taking part in training sessions and have been learning what the Fire Service is about.

The members of the Department have a commitment to you, the residents of the community, to serve you. I am very proud of all the men and women who spent their time training and responding to incidents. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and service. We have facilities and equipment but without these dedicated people putting aside personnel lives when the need arises, we would not have a Department.



## Parkman Volunteer EMS report

From: Joanie Dillon

Guess I'm the only one enjoying the cool, beautiful winter. Most friends don't know that I don't have any heat in my car...know what? Don't care. Beats hot, humid weather. Our members know that I've backed off answering calls all the time. At 71 years old, I'm ready to relax and take up knitting. FF/Paramedic Jim Clawson is in the process of taking over my duties and is doing a wonderful job.

We have a few new members on the department. Clinton Sestak, Russell Spenser and Tim Cz (I haven't learned to spell his last name yet, sorry Tim) are enthusiastic and welcome additions. Our cadet, Josh Brown, deserves special mention because he responds to most of the calls to help the crew. Thank you, Josh. Jeremy Miller's wife, Angel, has been approved by the Trustees and is in the process of getting her EMT-B certification. I love to see the new faces and the enthusiasm is contagious. EMT-I Elizabeth Sanders has her firefighter certificate and is so anxiously awaiting her first real experience in that area. Ask her next time you see her.

Mark Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, on your calendar. It's the next Annual Spring Chicken Dinner. We appreciate the support of our residents at this fund raiser we've been putting on for so many years. The Amish ladies are experts in dinner preparation. Come join us and celebrate the great taste of chicken and all the trimmings. It's what food is all about!!

Any interested men and women yearning to join our organization can attend a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm and meet the EMTs and firefighters who are dedicated to protecting your life and your homes. For information call Chuck or Joanie at 440-548-7541.

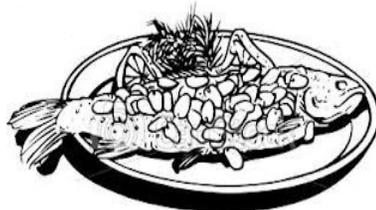


# **Parkman Troop 76 Boy Scouts' / Cub Scouts' Fish Fry**

**Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> (5 – 7pm)  
at the Parkman Community House**

**Adults (11 and up) \$9  
Kids (5-10) \$5**

**Tickets at the door (no presale).**



# **Parkman Volunteer Fire & Rescue Annual Chicken Dinner**

**Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> (5pm-8pm)  
at the Parkman Community House**

**Adults (12 and up) \$14  
Kids (12 and down) \$7**

**Tickets or any questions, please contact  
Joanie Dillon at 440-548-7541  
or any Rescue Team Volunteer**

