



Parkman Paraglyphs

Fall 2017



Scenes from the 2017 Memorial Day Parade above and
Scenes from some of the 2017 Pancake Breakfast Chefs below.



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Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

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(meets 4th Tuesday)
at the Community House

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

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**For other Township business,
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Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, Vice-President
Lucinda Sharp-Gates, 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 Chamber Halloween Party "Trick-or- Treat"

Sunday, October 29th, 2017 (6pm – 7:30 pm)
at Community House

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 (8:30 – 10am)
at the Community House

Parkman 2017 Event Calendar

Octoberfest Dinner and Dance

Sunday October 22nd, 2017 (1:30 pm)
at St Edwards Church - call office for tickets 548-3812
Wayne Tomsic Combo Polka Band
Pork Chop Dinner
Adult \$16 - Child \$10 - Take Home \$14

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party "Trick-or- Treat"

Sunday October 29th, 2017 (6pm – 7:30 pm) at Community House

Parkman Community Halloween "Trick-or- Treat"

Tuesday October 31st, 2017 (5pm - 6pm)
Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards this year!

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3rd, 2017 (8:30am – 10 am) at the Community House

Parkman 2018 Event Calendar

Parkman Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast

Sundays in March = March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
(9am– 2pm) at the Parkman Community House
Adults (12 & Over) - \$8 Children (6-11) - \$4 Children (0-5) - Free

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st, 2018 (11am) at Parkman Overlook Park

9th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Parkman Community House
Please plan to arrive at 12:30pm to bring in your plants. The plant swap starts at 1pm

Parkman Car Show

Summer 2018 (TBA) at St Edwards Church Parking Lot

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party "Trick-or- Treat"

Sunday October 28th, 2018 (6pm – 7:30pm) at Community House

Parkman Community Halloween "Trick-or- Treat"

Wednesday October 31st, 2018 (5pm - 6pm)
Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards this year!

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 1st, 2018 (8:30am – 10am) at the Community House

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

A quick review of our activities since the spring edition of our Parkman Paragraphs: The first four Sundays in March we were busy with our annual Pancake Breakfasts. We greatly appreciate and depend on all you wonderful volunteers to make this fund-raiser successful. We offer on-the-job training in all positions. If you would like to join us, please contact Denise Villers (Phone: 440/548-2939 or Villers_3622@windstream.net).

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Overlook Park for our Parkman residents (toddlers through 6th graders) was a great success! The kids gathered candy-filled eggs and then each also received a numbered egg that corresponds with a prize just for them! The weather started out pretty cool but by 11:00 it was a beautiful day and a lot of families enjoyed watching the kids.

Upcoming activities:

TRICK OR TREATING

The last few years the Chamber of Commerce has hosted an indoor Halloween Party Trick-or-Treating at the Community House - to keep our trick-or-treaters safe and off the streets. The township is no longer providing for safe crossings in town due to the lack of children going house-to-house here in Parkman. We ask the residents to bring their treats here to the community house instead of their homes. We provide tables and chairs and everyone gets to see the parade of "ghosts and goblins" together. We are continuing this activity and invite everyone to join us on Sunday, October 29th from 6pm until 7:30 pm.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We've been hosting BREAKFAST WITH SANTA for a few years now and it has been well-received. The kids get to visit with Santa, receive a small gift and then they enjoy a yummy breakfast with their parents/grandparents. This year's breakfast will be on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. A child's breakfast is only \$3.00 and adults can eat for \$5.00.

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

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we're more of a community group).

**We meet on the 3rd Mondays of the month in
January, February, April, September, October, and November
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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party "Trick-or-Treat" at Community House
Sunday, October 29th, 2017 (6pm – 7:30pm)

Breakfast with Santa at the Community House
Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 (8:30 – 10am)

Parkman Trustee Notes

From: Jon Ferguson

We've covered a lot of ground since our spring edition of the Parkman Paragraphs was published. We have been able to work within our budget and still make some much needed improvements.

Our Community House has been in need of a lot of TLC for years, especially the restrooms. We obtained bids to renovate them. The bids were quite high and far exceeded anything we could justify given our limited budget. Fortunately, Trustee Roger Anderson put together a DIY plan that would upgrade the second floor restrooms for a significantly reduced cost. Roger and his family, especially his wife, Kathy, have been working on the restrooms for several weeks. Not only have they volunteered their time but they have also received volunteer help from several Amish residents with the support of Gold Key. A few of the local ladies have also assisted. There is still work to be done but the "crew" is getting near the end.

The Fire Department continues to work at getting grants to help offset the growing costs of maintaining the safety forces and equipment needed to support our community. Chief Komandt has obtained over \$120,000 in grants so far this year. Some of these grants were joint efforts with Troy and Middlefield. He has already begun working on grants for 2018. I have tracked the performance of our staffing efforts since it was implemented in June of 2015. The response time for our staffers continues to average less than one minute from the time they receive the call until the time they're out the door. Our volunteer shifts are also exemplary. They are averaging around 5 minutes from the time the call is received until they are at the station, in gear, and out the door. This is extremely crucial when you consider that, in the case of stroke, heart attack, and other critical events, just a few minutes can make a significant difference. I am extremely proud of their efforts. We are currently looking to expand the staffing efforts while operating within our existing budget. We have been fortunate to add several additional volunteers and staffers to our Department but, we still need a few more. If you have an interest, please stop by the Fire Station or call 548-2515. We supply the gear and help with training.

Road maintenance continues to be our biggest challenge financially. For the first four years we were trustees we were hit with significant reductions in our revenue due to changes in the state budgeting process and reduction in local government distributions. In total we saw a significant reduction in funds available for the roads. The levy you approved last fall replaced those lost funds. We began to receive that money this year and have begun the hectic process of trying to catch up. Dennis Ikeler has been coordinating the road maintenance activities. He has been working with our road crew to maximize our road efforts. He has implemented several ways to reduce cost and still get the job done. For example, working with the material supplier and sharing resources with Troy Township, he has been able to cut the cost of crack sealing in half. He has also been able to borrow equipment from Russell Township and Chester Township instead of renting it. Earlier this year, with the help of the Geauga County Engineer's staff, he took core samples of the roads to determine the extent of the road base. It was determined that most of the limestone that had been applied to the roads over the past many years had broken down into much smaller pieces. We had no large stone for our base. Extra limestone, including large stones, was applied and graded into the roads to help develop a stronger base. This was followed by more standard size limestone. We also located a N.E. Ohio company to supply and spread the calcium chloride as a dust suppressant. This company provided the same calcium chloride as we used in the past but at 15% reduction in cost. Plus, they were able to work with us on a day by day basis which means on most days we can grade the road and spray it with calcium chloride the same day. We also found a more effective way to apply the calcium chloride. The process we use now should allow the dust suppressant qualities of calcium chloride to last longer. The new procedure calls for grading the road, dampening the road with water, applying the calcium chloride, and then rolling it. This is considerably different than what has been done in the past. Incidentally, the truck spraying the water is the truck that is on loan from Chester Township.

We have a road levy on the ballot this fall. This is a renewal levy and will not add any new taxes. Our Trustees' meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Parkman Community House unless a different location is posted. We utilize an open format for our meetings and encourage input from those attending. Please plan to join us at our next meeting.

Parkman Community House and Overlook Park

To RSVP our Community House or Overlook Park contact
Meri Lynn Klingensmith at 548-5324 or ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who supported the 2017 Parkman Market Day at the Parkman Community House

Thanks to all who donated, volunteered and joined us on Saturday May 6th, 2017 at the Parkman Community House for the Parkman Market Day. It was very successful for a first year event! All of the table rental and Chinese Auction proceeds were donated toward the renovation cost of the much needed improvement of Our Community House. You will notice the completion of many on going upgrades (including all new windows, fully complete bathroom upgrades, and painting of the upstairs kitchen) during next time you visit our Community House!

Also - Special thanks to all those who volunteered their many many hours of donated time to help make this Parkman Community House renovation actually happen! This could not have happened without such amazing and selfless generosity of time and energy spent by volunteers remodeling the building to preserve our local gem. Those who helped with this project truly have a dedication to our community.

Stay tuned for information about a possible 2018 Parkman Market Day

There are many other Parkman community improvement projects throughout our town - all the projects are design to help sustain and preserve a deteriorating community infrastructure with a diminishing budget - so if you would like to volunteer to help out - please contact a Parkman Trustee at a normal trustee meeting and see what is on our "to do" list. There are many ways to help our your community.



Parkman Historical Society

The 2018 Meeting Dates for Parkman Historical Society
March 15 - May 17 - July 19 - September 20

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

The Parkman Historical Society has taken on a project that we now find might be just a little bit too much for us. As some of you might already know, the "Lower Cemetery" on Parkman/Nelson Rd has been getting some much needed attention. The Cemetery has had headstones straightened and washed every year for the past four years. We started with the founders of Parkman Family's buried in the northeast corner. It looked so good we decided to do the entire cemetery.

There have been many changes to Parkman over the years with many more coming. Some of our older homes will be destroyed, stores changed and/or torn down. The look of Parkman will change from the way many of us remember growing up here.

Sandie Parnaby has been trying to find a grant to help with our project. So far she has found a grant that would help with Veterans tombstones, but a lot of research is still needed for this. Now we are asking for your HELP! Any donation to our project would be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be mailed to: Parkman Historical Society, PO Box 617, Parkman, Ohio 44080

Please help us to preserve some of the oldest history or Parkman from falling into oblivion.
Thank You, Dale Komandt

Parkman Congregational Church

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

Rev. Will Coley - Pastor

Check out the website for the most current event information

www.parkmanchurch.com

or contact the church office at 440-548-4829

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



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

Feed a Friend Free Meal

Feed a Friend Free Meal - Last Wednesday of each month
Meals served 5:00 - 6:30 pm 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.



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

Octoberfest Dinner Dance

Sunday (October 22, 2017) @ St. Edward
Noon Polka Mass
1pm Dinner and Polka Dance

Wayne Tomsic Combo Polka Band

Pork Chop Dinner
Adults \$16 Kids \$10 (Take Out \$14)
Reservations Required - call Parish office

Parkman Annual Car Show Fundraiser

Thanks to all who came and supported the annual SS Edward Lucy "Parkman" Car Show Chinese Auction and Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday August 20, 2017. We had over 100 cars entered this year. The event was very successful! You can find some of the photos from the event on the SS Edward Lucy website.

Immunization Clinics

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



Parkman Boy Scout's Troop # 76

From: Monique Hornsby

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

Please see our web site at www.pack4076.org for "up to date" activities and don't forget our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/parkmanpack4076>. For more info call Monique at 216-337-2104 or parkmanpack76@gmail.com

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome to join us!
We meet on Mondays (7pm) at the Mineral Lake cabin

Hiking, camping, learning to cook over an open fire are just some of the skills our Parkman Troop 4076 did this summer. We had a full turnout for summer camp at Beaumont this year. Our scouts earned merit badges, zip lined and had a week full of fun. We have a few working on their Eagle so stay tuned for that. We had a flag retirement ceremony at Troy Community so, if you have any old, tattered flags and wish to dispose of them properly, we will gladly accept them. Go Day is coming up as well as our Annual Turkey Camp out in November. Don't forget to see us selling popcorn through the month of October. Stop by to say, "Hi" or pick up some popcorn to support Boy Scouts. If you wish to join or know someone interested, we meet at Mineral Lake cabin on Monday evenings at 7 pm.

Parkman Cub Scouts - Troop #76

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

We are active throughout the summer too. We went horseback riding, camping, hiking, canoeing and picnicked at Chicagami this summer. We had a blast but now that its September, we are gearing up for 2017-2018 season of Scouting fun. We have archery, corn maze, camp outs, swimming, hiking, baseball games, field trips and so much more to do this season. We learn scouting skills, leadership, good citizenship skills and make lifelong friends all while having fun. We meet every Tuesday at 7 pm at Parkman Community Church. Stay posted for our annual Spaghetti Dinner/Auction on January 26th at the Community house. See you then!

Cub Master Minutes: A Leader - Leads

A general was in trouble. He was facing an enemy army that was bigger and better equipped. Moreover, he needed food, equipment, and supplies and had no money to buy them. It was winter and the river between him and the enemy was so full of ice that everyone knew it could not be crossed. The general did not know this, so he put his men in small boats, crossed the river, and surprised the enemy-captured a thousand and put the rest to flight. The general's name was George Washington. Many men still wait until the ice is out of the river... or business is better...or conditions improve. Today, as in 1776, the way to win is not to wait for the ice to go, but to cross the river and attack.

To reserve the **Overlook Park** or the **Community House**
for an event contact

Meri Lynn @ 548-5324 or parkmancommunityhouse@gmail.com
and she will be happy to reserve a date.



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

FREE WAGON RIDES & FALL FUN

Come to Swine Creek Reservation for all these festivities
Swine Creek Reservation is located at 16004 Hayes Road in Middlefield Township.

Free horse-drawn wagon rides through the woods of Swine Creek Reservation promise lots of seasonal fun and smiles this October, with opportunities tailored to families, couples and individuals, and seniors.

Enjoy the sights, sounds and scents of autumn on Saturdays and Sundays, October 21, 22, 28 and 29, with first-come, first-served wagon rides from 1 to 5 p.m. Timed passes will be distributed as guests arrive; each day's final ride leaves at 4:30 p.m.

Wagon rides will also be available, along with many more free featured activities, during **Jump Into Fall Days** on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. Additional family fun on these days will include hands-on fall activities for all ages, kayaking, fishing, face painting, balloon creations, a corn box, music, and more!

Finally, seniors may also register for special wagon rides on Thursday, October 12, noon to 3 p.m., complete with a free picnic lunch provided by the Geauga County Department on Aging and University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center. Senior Day: Fall Wagon Ride marks the end of outdoor Senior Days until spring. Watch fall and winter listings for indoor Senior Day: Lifelong Learners programs throughout the cold-weather months. Registration is required for Senior Day at 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org.

9th Annual Parkman Plant Swap

Saturday, June 2, 2018 (12:30pm)

Parkman Community House

The 2018 Parkman Plant Swap will be held on Saturday, June 2 at the Parkman Community House from 12:30 to 3PM. Start planning early for our annual tradition. Bring plants to trade – perennials, annuals, vegetable plants, houseplants, shrubs, or tree seedlings.

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

In addition to receiving plant swap reminders, everyone on the plant swap email list also receives informative garden newsletters about once a month throughout the year.

Jane Zajackowski

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.





Parkman Volunteer Fire & Rescue

From: Chief Mike Komandt

First, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of Parkman Township Fire Department.

2017 is shaping up to be a busy year for every fire department in Geauga County. Middlefield, Troy, and Parkman are all experiencing above average requests for service. At this time Parkman is close to 30 incidents above average for the same time frame in 2016. This is in part to our automatic aid agreements with the surrounding communities, as well as an increase in requests from inside the township.

Parkman and Troy continue to work towards the goal of blending our departmental operations and procedures. A large Federal regional grant has just been awarded to Middlefield, Farmington, Parkman, and Troy Fire Departments. This will fund the purchase of additional new fire hose, nozzles, adapters, and appliances. This purchase will solidify the partnerships of these Fire Departments by purchasing the same color, type, size, and style of equipment for each department.

Parkman is also looking into expanding our hours of part time staffing of the fire house. Currently there are two (2) EMS/Firefighters working at the fire house from 8am-4pm Monday – Friday, including Holidays. We are looking to extend these days and hours to better serve Parkman by looking at the data we have collected over the past few years.

2017 saw the award of numerous State and Federal grants for Parkman as well, bringing local tax dollars back to the community. We continue to apply for numerous Federal, State, and local grants to assist funding much needed purchases and equipment.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of having Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your homes. As the colder weather will certainly be upon us, it is vital to your safety to ensure that there are WORKING detectors in your home.

If you have any questions as to where to place the detectors, or you need assistance installing the detectors PLEASE CALL 548-2515 and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Detectors save Lives.
Chief Mike Komandt

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 if you need your address sign updated!

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

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John Spelich

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

In the event you can't make those hours please call me for an appointment at 330-219-3698 or email me at rcavictor42@aol.com

Here is some helpful information from your Zoning Inspector:

In order to keep property values at its peak, here are some tips: all buildings and the exterior of all premises should be properly maintained to achieve a presentable appearance for your property and your neighbors property .

The exterior open space around each dwelling should be maintained and improved to show pride in your neighborhood, your yard walks parking areas and driveways should be properly maintained.

No temporary buildings, trailers campers, tents or recreational vehicles are allowed unless approved by the Zoning Inspector (you may need a variance in some cases, call zoning if you have a question or concern..

Junk and inoperable or unlicensed vehicle or vehicles are not allowed or located on your property, except when stored within a completely enclosed building.

Keep this in mind - you need a zoning permit if you are building a house or an addition such as a porch, garage, deck and if you change the pitch of your existing roof - you need a permit for that also.

Zoning is here to assist; you so if you have any questions, call me on my cell phone at 330-219-3698 and office hours are Wednesdays night 6pm to 7:30 pm or call for an appointment.

Thank you - John Spelich

On the Cover - Photos of 2017 Memorial Day and Pancake Breakfast

Each year Parkman hosts many volunteer staffed events like our Pancake Breakfast and our Memorial Day. Yet with only a couple editions a year of our newsletter - it is tough to thank all of those who have helped make these events a success. So to try and thank those who were involved in our 2017 Parkman Community Volunteer Activities - if any were missed - you too are much appreciated!

Parkman Memorial Day

Special Thanks to Marjorie Soltis and Family (honoring our 2017 Veteran - Mr. Steve Soltis)
Parkman Trustees - Jon Ferguson, Roger Anderson, and Dennis Ikeler
Gauga County Sheriff Department - Commander Jeff Gardner and the Middlefield VFW Post #9678
Chief Mike Komandt and the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
Father John Burkley of SS Edward Lucy Parish and Reverend Will Coley of Parkman Cong. Church
Director Tim Florjancic and the Cardinal High School Marching Band
Len Hall and Monique Hornsby and the Parkman Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troop #76 team

Parkman Pancake Breakfast

Chamber Chair Denise Villers and the many volunteers of the Parkman Chamber of Commerce team and rest of our community who participate and support this community fundraiser every year.

Parkman Market Day

Meri Lynn Klingensmith and the team of volunteers who supported this event and Chinese auction.



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!

vfw9678.org