



# **Parkman Paragraphs**

## **Spring 2025**



**Saluting a local hero - "Final Call" to Parkman 4201  
Parkman Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief  
Mr. Charles "Charlie" G. Dillon**

**Community Website: <https://ParkmanOhio.com>  
Newsletter E-mail: [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com)**

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Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

### Parkman Township Trustees

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

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440-904-0540

or e-mail [ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com)

### Fire & Rescue

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440-547-2817 or [mike.komandt@gmail.com](mailto:mike.komandt@gmail.com)  
Non Emergency Fire Station 440-548-2515

### Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

### Zoning Commission

Meets 4th Wednesday 7pm  
January, April, July, and October  
at the Community House

### Zoning Appeals Board

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

### Zoning Inspector

John Spelich—Zoning Inspector

Cell Phone or txt: 330-219-3698 or  
e-mail at [rcavictor42@aol.com](mailto:rcavictor42@aol.com)

Mark Strumbly - Asst Zoning Inspector  
at 440-321-6167

(Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6pm) at the Community  
House or by appointment in the event you cannot  
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E-mails must have residents name and contact  
info to be officially answered.

### Road Department

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## Parkman Chamber of Commerce

16295 Main Market Rd. (Rt. 422) - Unit A  
West Farmington, Ohio 44491  
or Email - [ParkmanChamber@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanChamber@gmail.com)

Denise Villers, President  
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Nancy Black, 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.

**Mark your calendar for our 2025**

**Parkman Pancake Breakfast - serving since 1968**

Parkman Community House - Sunday's in March (9, 16, 23, 30), 2025 (9am-1pm)  
Pancake and Sausage Meal - "Eat In" and "Drive Through" options available

**Many thanks to all who help volunteer and support all of our Parkman traditions!**

# Parkman 2025 Community Event Calendar

Thanks to all for your continued support to our community traditions  
and also keeping such traditions safe for everyone to enjoy.  
Please check [ParkmanOhio.com](http://ParkmanOhio.com) for all updates!!

## Scout's Troop 197 (Burton) - Taco Trivia Night

February 22, 2025 (4pm - 7pm) at the Parkman Community House  
<https://www.facebook.com/BurtonTroop197> or [Troop197burton@gmail.com](mailto:Troop197burton@gmail.com)



## American Red Cross

### Parkman Community House Blood Drive

March 6, 2025 (10am - 3pm) / May 28, 2025 (10am - 3pm)  
July 23, 2025 (10am - 3pm) / December 11, 2025 (10am - 3pm)  
at the Parkman Community House

## Parkman Chamber's Pancake Breakfast

Sunday's in March (9, 16, 23, 30), 2025 (9am - 1pm)

Parkman Community House

Adults - \$10 Kids (10 and under) - \$5 Pre-Schoolers - Free

All you can eat breakfast includes - pancakes, sausage and drink.

"Dine In" and "Drive Through" options available



## Parkman Historical Society

Our 2025 meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of April, June, August and October.

4/17/25, 6/19/25, 8/21/25 and 10/16/25

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

or e-mail your story to [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com) to share on our website

## Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

April 19, 2025 (11am) - Parkman Overlook Park



## Parkman's Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 26, 2025 (9am) at Overlook Cemetery, followed by our parade to the Lower Cemetery

## Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycle Day

June 21, 2025 (8am - Noon) at the Parkman Community House

**GOTTA GO GREEN**

<https://startrecycling.com/>

PLEASE SEPARATE METAL ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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

## Senior Scrap and Recycle Pick Up Day

Senior pick up for Parkman is June 16 & 17, 2025 (Sign up deadline is June 9, 2025)  
You must contact The Geauga County Department on Aging for sign up!

**Many thanks to all who help volunteer and support  
all of our Parkman Community traditions!**



## Saluting a local hero - "Final Call" to Parkman 4201

On November 23, 2024, a Celebration of Life was hosted at the Parkman Community House. Our Parkman Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief, Mr. Charles "Charlie" G. Dillon, passed away at the age of 86 on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. He was born October 17, 1938 and honorably served as a volunteer on the Parkman Fire Department for over 50 years. His wife of 64 years, Joanie Dillon also served on the team for over 30 years. Both Chuck and Joanie's dedicated tenure helped many of our residents through the years. The antique pumper on our Fire and Rescue logo is a tribute to the same historical pumper that Chuck created for the Parkman Department many years ago and can still be found at the station. During the celebration, the Geauga County Dispatch called an honorary "Final Call" to his badge number. His Assistant Chief call number is Parkman - # - 4201.

You can find photos of the historic pumper and the ceremony on our website:  
<https://parkmanohio.com>

**Thank you with the highest respect to Mr. Charlie Dillon and all of the volunteer Fire and Rescue Team that have serve our community since it began.**



## Geauga County Sheriff's Office

Scott A. Hildenbrand - <https://sheriff.co.geauga.oh.us/>

Many thanks to the Geauga Sheriff's Department for keeping our Parkman Community and Geauga County safe. You can review monthly Sheriffs Reports for Parkman on our

<http://parkmanohio.com/SheriffsReportParkman.htm>



## American Legion - Burton Post 459

<https://www.facebook.com/AL.Post459>  
 Burton.Middlefield.Post459@proton.me or (440) 834-8621

## Veterans Of Foreign Wars - Middlefield Post 9678

Facebook = <https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/middlefieldvfw9678@gmail.com> or (440) 632-1257



## Geauga Park District

<https://www.gegaparkdistrict.org>

### Annual Sap's-a-Risin'

March 2, 2025 (12 pm - 4 pm) & March 9, 2025 (12 pm - 4 pm) at Swine Creek Reservation.  
 This event is free. Check out our full adventure list on our website!



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## Parkman 55 Plus Club

Please feel welcome to 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 11:30am.

## Parkman Trustees

From: Joyce Peters

It has been a very cold and very snowy winter so far. We hope that you are all making the best of it. In spite of some equipment breakdowns, Parkman's road crew are doing their best to clear the roads for you. We appreciate their hard work.

In the event of another power outage, you should know that the United Way of Geauga County and Geauga Family YMCA have teamed up to serve our Geauga community this winter. The YMCA is now serving as a Warming Center for area community members who need a warm, comfortable place to stay and enjoy a nice hot coffee or tea. No YMCA membership is required.

### Location:

**Geauga Family YMCA**  
 12460 Bass Lake Road  
 Chardon, OH 44024

### 2025 Warming Center Winter Hours:

Monday-Friday: 5:30 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Saturday: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Once February rolls around, I always feel like we have made it, spring is around the corner. Planning your gardens and making your outdoor and vacation plans, always makes it feel even closer.

The Trustees were pleased to welcome two Parkman Township Cardinal School students to a recent Township meeting. The Ohio Township Association offers five separate scholarships to students who live in townships. Both Aubreigh Kitzmiller and Max Soltis applied for these scholarships. A scholarship requirement was to attend a full Trustee Meeting and have the trustees sign their applications. These young people were well-spoken, polite and charming. We were happy to recommend them for these scholarships and are so proud of our Parkman kids and wish them good luck with the scholarships.

Looking toward the coming events of this year, Chamber of Commerce famous Pancake Breakfasts will be held on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th from 9am - 1pm at the Parkman Community House. Take note of the fact that March has 5 Sundays this year but only 4 breakfast days.

The Chamber will also hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025, 11am at Overlook Park.

On May 26, 2025, we will once again hold our Annual Memorial Day Celebration at Overlook Park, at 9am sharp. The ceremony honors military veterans who were Parkman residents and are interred in our Cemeteries. We will also specifically recognize one or more of those veterans.

Immediately following the ceremony, we will parade to the Parkman Lower Cemetery for a short ceremony there. Anyone is welcome to march. Young children need to be accompanied by an adult.

This year we are following that up with a walk back to the Gazebo in the center of town. Please be sure to attend this special addition to our usual Memorial Day. We will have a ceremony dedicating the original Parkman School bell, which hung in the belfry of the original Parkman School from 1883 to 1952 when the school was demolished and a new Parkman school was built. As part of our goal to preserve as much of Parkman history as possible, the Trustees approved using funds from the American Rescue Plan to upgrade the gazebo with new 50-year warranted roofing and also install the school bell in the structure for all residents to enjoy. Please join us for these festivities.

Parkman Township needs your help. Our Zoning Board and Board of Appeals are looking for citizens to serve on these boards. The Zoning Board enforces local zoning ordinances and regulates land use within a community and meets several times a year to conduct business. The Board of Zoning Appeals hears and decides appeals from property owners who believe a zoning decision regarding their property was incorrect or needs a variance due to unique circumstances and meets as needed.

All Board members meet in the evening and are paid \$30 per meeting. Your help is needed and the commitment is not overwhelming.

Please call Trustee Henry Duchscherer, 440-858-7848 to inquire.

We wish you a safe and warm remaining few weeks of winter and a glorious spring.



**SS. Edward and Lucy**  
**Catholic Parish Community**  
 16150 Center St. Parkman, Ohio 44080  
<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

**Rev. Jacob Bearer - Pastor**

**William Steigerwald - Parish Office Coordinator**

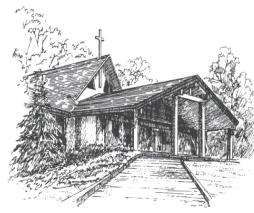
Check out the parish website for the most current masses and event information  
 or contact the parish office at P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080  
 440-548-3812 or [office@ssedwardlucy.com](mailto:office@ssedwardlucy.com)

Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

**Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser**

Sunday August 17, 2025 (11am - 6pm) at St Edwards Church

Check out the parish website for all current information.



## Parkman Congregational Church

Parkman Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road in Parkman Ohio

Mailing Address - 18265 Madison Road Middlefield Ohio 44062

**Rev. Will Coley - Pastor**

Check out the website for the most current information  
[www.parkmanchurch.com](http://www.parkmanchurch.com) or contact the church office 440-548-4829

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. — Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
 Come Worship with us!

AA Meeting every Saturday at 8:30 pm in the church social hall  
 All are welcome to this friendly group.

Fundraising Dinners to benefit the Missions Work of Parkman Congregational Church

**Swiss Steak Dinner**

Friday, May 9, 2025

Dine in and Carry out – 5:00 -7:00 p.m. \$15.00 each

**Election Day Turkey Dinner**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

5:00 - 7:00 pm – Dine in and Carry Out. \$15.00 each

## Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

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 4/17/25, 6/19/25, 8/21/25 and 10/16/25  
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 or e-mail your story to [ParkmanOhio@gmail.com](mailto:ParkmanOhio@gmail.com) to share on our website.



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

## Cardinal Schools

<https://cardinalschools.org/> <https://cardinalhuskiesathletics.com/>

Check out the school website for the most current list of events and info.



## Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From: Denise Villers

**Halloween 2024** (Friday, November 1st ) was filled with candy, snacks, games, and music. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported our Halloween party. We would love to see more residents come out to pass out trick-or-treat goodies. It's an awesome opportunity to stay connected to our community and see all the little goblins and superheroes.

**Holiday decorating** downtown and at the Community House for the season is quite the undertaking, but it's well worth it! We hope you enjoyed all the lights and decorations.

Special thanks to our chief design coordinator, Lynn Schiffbauer, for heading up the work crew (the Blasko family (Brian, Erin and Stacy), Dale & Michelle Parnaby, Rod & Pam Zeigler, Lance Portman, and Chamber officers).

We enjoyed seeing so our local families at our **Breakfast with Santa** in December. Kids, parents and grandparents enjoyed breakfast and the kids received small gifts from Santa. Thanks to our volunteers for a great day. Special thanks to Santa Jeff for joining us!

**Pancake Breakfasts** will once again be dine-in or carry-out (drive-thru style). This year we'll be charging adults \$10.00 and children \$5.00 (pre-schoolers are free). We are looking for local non-profit groups to set up in the entry room. Contact us ASAP.

Would you be interested in getting involved? We appreciate all the help we get – there are a lot of jobs to be filled for each of the four weeks (divided into two shifts) - Sundays in March (9th , 16th , 23rd , and 30th ). This is a great opportunity for our teens to work their required community service hours. Give me a call!

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be the day before Easter – Saturday, April 19th at Overlook Park at 11:00 a.m. It's not a “free-for-all”.

We start with the toddlers, then we have the pre-schoolers gather eggs, and on up through the grades (through 6th ). Our Easter Bunny gives each child a special egg that entitles them to a gift/prize.

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 7:00 p.m. at the 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 (216) 215-4156 [denise.villers17880@gmail.com](mailto:denise.villers17880@gmail.com)

## Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich and Mark Strumbly (Assistant Zoning Inspector)

**When applying for a permit here is what to DO.**

1. Call me first at 330-219-3698 or E-mail me at [rcavictor42@aol.com](mailto:rcavictor42@aol.com) doing that will start your application process sooner.
2. Give me information on and about your project: type of project, square foot of house garage, out building or addition.
3. My zoning hours are Wednesdays (4:30pm - 6pm) at the Community House or by appointment in the event you cannot make office hours. If you can't make the night and hours call me and we will get together when its good for you and me.

Cell Phone or txt: 330-219-3698 or e-mail at [rcavictor42@aol.com](mailto:rcavictor42@aol.com)