

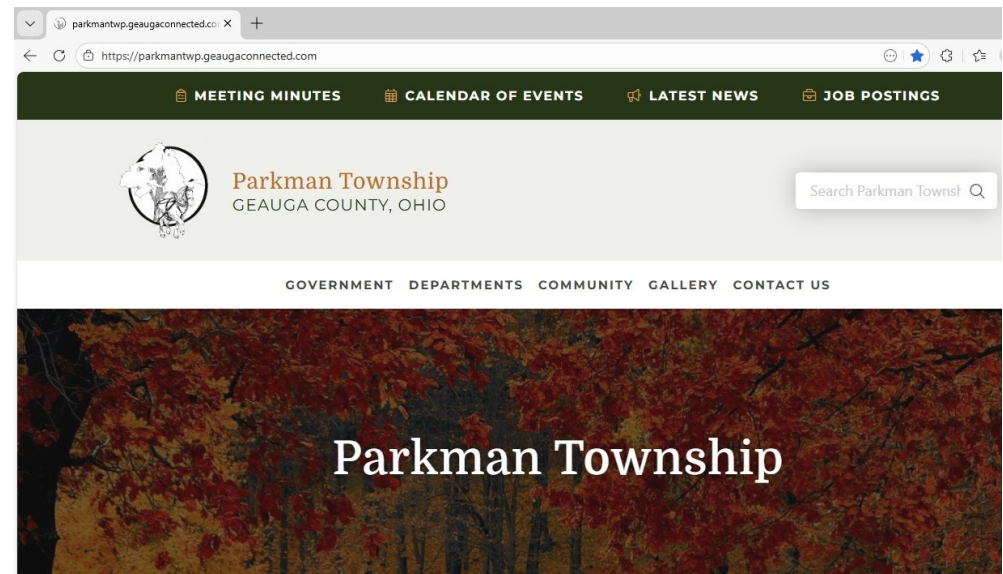


Parkman Paragraphs

Spring 2026

Parkman's New Website

<https://parkmantwp.geaugaconnected.com>
is now available for 2026



Please excuse our dust
as we change our website from the old website
<https://ParkmanOhio.com>
to the new website.

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

Our newsletter e-mail is still
ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

Parkman Paragraphs is published in Spring and Fall.
This Spring 2026 edition sponsored by the Parkman Trustees.
Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

Parkman Township Trustees

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

For all Township business, call 440-548-2904

Parkman's Facebook

Search "Parkman Township" on Facebook

Parkman's Trustee E-mail

parkmantownship548@gmail.com

Joyce Peters - joyce_peters2000@yahoo.com
Lance Portman - rdtrustee@gmail.com
Brandon Reed - TrusteeBrandonMReed@yahoo.com

Fiscal Officer

Denise Villers - Parkman.F.O@gmail.com

Parkman Community House and Parkman Overlook Park Pavilion

Lynn Schiffbauer - Parkman Hall Coordinator
For info or reservations call 440-904-0540 or e-mail
ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com

Check out our Parkman website for the most up to date
policies and rental charges
or contact Lynn to print a current contract.

Fire & Rescue

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief
440-547-2817 or mike.komandt@gmail.com
Non Emergency Fire Station 440-548-2515

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

16295 Main Market Rd. (Rt. 422) - Unit A
West Farmington, Ohio 44491
or Email - 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 2026

Parkman Pancake Breakfast - serving since 1968

Parkman Community House - Sunday's in March (8, 15, 22, 29), 2026 (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!

Zoning Inspector

Mark Strumbly - Zoning Inspector
at 440-321-6167 or Strumbly58@gmail.com

By appointment office hours only.

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

Zoning Commission

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

Zoning Appeals Board

Meets 2nd Tuesday at 7pm
at the Community House

Road Department

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

Cemetery Sexton

Patti Humr - Sexton
216 -509-3144
ParkmanCemetery@gmail.com

Parkman Webmaster & Editor

Cory Anderson - ParkmanOhio@gmail.com

Fire/Medical Emergencies: CALL 911

Parkman 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 <https://parkmantwp.geaugaconnected.com> for all updates!



American Red Cross

2026 Parkman Community House Blood Drive
February 2, May 27, July 22, October 2, 2026 (10am - 3pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Geauga Park District

<https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org>

Saps A Risin Annual Tradition

February 22, March 1, March 8, 2026 at the Swine Creek Reservation
Visit the GPD website for more info.



Parkman Chamber's Pancake Breakfast

Sunday's in March (8, 15, 22, 29), 2026 (9am - 1pm)
Parkman Community House

All you can eat breakfast includes - pancakes, sausage and drink.
"Dine In" and "Drive Through" options available

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 (8th , 15th ,
22nd , and 29th). This is a great opportunity for our teens to work their required community service
hours. Give Denise Villers a call!

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

Denise Villers 216-215-4156 denise.villers17880@gmail.com

Parkman Chamber's Easter Egg Hunt

April 4, 2026 (11am) - Parkman Overlook Park

Parkman Chambers annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be the day before Easter, 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.



Parkman Historical Society

Our 2026 meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of April, June, August and October.
April 16th 2026 at (7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House
or e-mail your story to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com to share on our website

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

Parkman's Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 25, 2026 (9am) at Overlook Cemetery, followed by our parade to the Lower Cemetery

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



Parkman Congregational Church

18265 Madison Road in Parkman Ohio
Mailing Address - 18265 Madison Road Middlefield Ohio 44062
www.parkmanchurch.com or contact the church office at 440-548-4829

Check out the website for the most current information

Rev. Will Coley - Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am - Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm - Come Worship with us!
AA Meeting every Saturday at 8:30pm in the church social hall - All are welcome to this friendly group.



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community

16150 Center St. Parkman, Ohio 44080
Mailing Address - P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080
http://www.ssedwardlucy.com



Check out the parish website for the most current masses and event information
or contact the parish office at 440-548-3812 or office@ssedwardlucy.com
Office hours are Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm

Rev. Jacob Bearer - Pastor

Mark you calendar's - 2026 Car Show and Chicken Dinner - Sunday August 16th, 2026

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

https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/
MiddlefieldVFW9678@gmail.com or 440-632-1257



Both Posts have supported our Parkman Veterans and Community for generations!

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 new

https://parkmantwp.geaugaconnected.com



Parkman Fire and Rescue

Many thanks to the Parkman Fire and Rescue Team for helping our Parkman Community during our times of need. You can review their monthly Activity Reports on our new website

https://parkmantwp.geaugaconnected.com

Parkman Fire Department is always looking for volunteers and part time personnel. If you are interested in serving the community, please stop in the fire house and pick up an application.



Cardinal Schools

https://cardinalschoools.org/ https://cardinalhuskiesathletics.com/

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



Scout's Troop 197 - Burton Ohio

https://www.facebook.com/BurtonTroop197 or Troop197burton@gmail.com

Check out their Facebook for the most current list of events and info.



Happy 250th to the USA Parkman Ohio is 222 years old too!

From Cory Anderson

Our United States of America will be celebrating the 250th anniversary this year (1776 - 2026) but did you know that Parkman is 222 years old? We were founded in 1804 by the Parkman family.

In the past 20 years of editing our Parkman Paragraphs, many interesting facts / stories about our towns history had been covered. As I continue volunteering as editor and also to help create the our new website into a more updated and useful communication source for us, I welcome anyone who would like to share any stories that we have not seen yet.

If you would like to share a fun story about our community, then please send it to the newsletter e-mail ParkmanOhio@gmail.com .

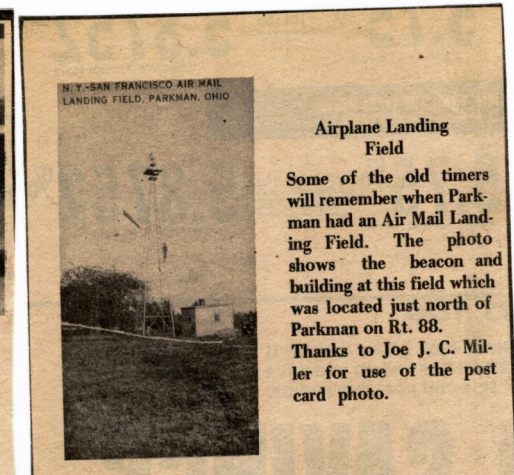
I look forward to your community input for both our newsletter and website!

Parkman had first air strip in Geauga County



AIR MAIL
Some of you will remember when the first Air Mail Service in Geauga County was available at Parkman. In the photo are W. H. Cromwell, Pilot Knaap, Field Marshal C. E. Leece and Postmaster P. C. Brown. We don't have the dates for this photo but we think it was in the early 20's - do you know?

Photo courtesy of T. L. Moore



Airplane Landing Field

Some of the old timers will remember when Parkman had an Air Mail Landing Field. The photo shows the beacon and building at this field which was located just north of Parkman on Rt. 88. Thanks to Joe J. C. Miller for use of the post card photo.

Did you know that 100 years ago, Parkman had the very first air strip in Geauga County? Rumor has it located across the street from the old Parkman School on Rt 88. It was a part of the US Air Mail Service in the 1920s. Based off of these historical newspaper clippings, William Cromwell was a key person who developed the location and Geauga County's first air mail delivery. If you have any interesting facts to help develop this story, any input is very much welcomed. Please send it to the newsletter e-mail ParmanOhio@gmail.com.

Happy 222nd Parkman Ohio and Happy 250th USA!

Parkman Trustees

From: Joyce Peters

Saying goodbye from Parkman

It is with regret that Parkman Township has accepted the resignation of Mr. John Spelich, our long-time Zoning Inspector. John served the township diligently for about 14 years, spending countless hours traveling our roads and checking on the conditions in Parkman. He gave his best efforts to be sure that the township's zoning regulations were enforced and upheld. We will miss him and his pleasant smile and the respect which he tried to show everyone.

John's replacement is Mark Strumbly who has served for about a year as the Assistant Zoning Inspector. He has been learning the ropes during that time and we expect that he will fill John's shoes nicely. If you need to contact Mark with any zoning questions, services, or appointments, his telephone number is 1-440-321-6167, email is Strumbly58@gmail.com

Please remember that all changes to your property including fences, sheds, additions, new structures and any other changes require a zoning permit. Please call Mr. Strumbly with any questions about what is permissible and how to proceed. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

We hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. The Trustees would like to thank the Parkman Chamber of Commerce for their dedication to beautifying the downtown parks and the Community House for the Christmas season. We get many calls from people complimenting us about the displays. It makes us so proud of our town and we hope you are also proud to live in Parkman. Thank a Chamber member when you see one. Better yet, contact them and offer your help installing or taking down these wonderful decorations. Some years there are only a handful of people doing all the hard work. Contact them at ParkmanChamber@gmail.com

During the fall and winter, as weather permitted, the road crew has been prepping Hosmer Road for the chip/sealing project. This work included cleaning out the ditches, 3 driveway pipe replacements, tree removals and berm cutting with more culvert replacements and berm cutting to be completed. Chip sealing this road will cost approximately \$300,000. This long-awaited road improvement project is planned for this spring/summer.

The Community House is in need of some work. While planning to replace the concrete at the front entry porch, we consulted with an engineering firm. An extensive investigation of the building has been completed. It has been determined that some repairs to the balcony are warranted. The outdoor stairs have been blocked off from use. They have to be replaced. Some of the beams supporting the roof have to be replaced. The posts supporting the balcony require some straightening. The concrete entry porch has to be replaced. This is a major project and we are determining the bidding process and how best to fund the work. It will be costly and we are investigating possible grants or other avenues to help with the cost. Once work does begin, other than prohibiting the use of the balcony, there will be minimal disruption in the use of the building. This project is most likely not to begin for months while we get the details ironed out. The really good news here is that the engineers determined that other than the porch, the Community House is in really good shape and will be around for at least another 50 years.

We will soon start planning the annual Memorial Day Celebration. Please attend our ceremony on Memorial Day at Overlook Cemetery beginning at 9:00 AM. Those who do usually find it to be very moving and uplifting. Our ceremony at Overlook Cemetery honors veterans who have served their country, followed by a parade down to the Lower Cemetery for a shortened ceremony. The criteria for veteran nominees is as follows: must have been a resident of Parkman, must have served in any branch of the armed services, and must be buried in Overlook Cemetery. It is helpful if you have information about the veteran's life and service or can direct us to someone who does. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact me at 440-313-5095 or send an email to joyce_peters2000@yahoo.com

Have a wonderful spring and summer, filled with joy and laughter!

Parkman Trustees

From: Brandon Reed

Greetings neighbors. My name is Brandon Reed. I am "YOUR" newly elected Parkman Township Trustee. I am honored to have been elected to the Parkman Township Board of Trustees, continuing my life of service to the community.

I was born and raised in Geauga County, mostly in Middlefield Village. My wife Nina and I have lived in Parkman for over ten years now. We have two children, an adult son and a teenage daughter. I, along with my wife and son, are all Cardinal High School graduates. Our daughter is currently a 7th grader at Cardinal Jr./Sr. High School. I have been in Public Service my entire adult life.

I have worked for the County of Geauga for the past twenty-two years. Currently I serve as the Deputy Director of the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency. Prior to that, I spent the last twenty years at the Geauga County Sheriff's Office in Emergency Communications. I also served on the Middlefield Fire Department from 1999-2009. My background is public safety and that will always be my number #1 priority when serving as township trustee.

Ensuring Parkman remains a safe place to live and visit is incredibly important to me. With that includes the safety of our roadways. Parkman Township has several miles of dirt roads. Dirt roads are difficult to maintain largely due to the extreme weather conditions we see in our area. Constant freezing and thawing of roadways create many challenges when trying to maintain secondary township roads. In the dry hot summer months these dirt roads become quite dusty. This not only creates annoyance for the motorists driving down these roads but becomes an even bigger nuisance to the residents that live on these roads. The dust is kicked up into the air and covers essentially everything. The dust clouds make spending time outdoors doing yard work or trying to enjoy a picnic with friends or family outside nearly impossible. The Parkman Twp. Road Dept. works tirelessly all year long to try to stay on top of these issues. I look forward to working with the other two trustees and our dedicated employees to continue to search for ways to improve all township services within the confines of our fiscal budget.

I welcome residents to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at 440-313-5774 or by E-Mailing me at trusteebrandonreed@yahoo.com

Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycle Day

From: Lance Portman

Our traditional Parkman Scrap and Tire Recycle Day will be hosted on June 27, 2026 (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 25 & 26, 2026 (Sign up deadline is June 18, 2026)
You must contact The Geauga County Department on Aging for sign up!

