

MAY 2024

# Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



## Parkwood Easter Egg Hunt March 24, 2024

We had a lot of fun at the Parkwood Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th! Lots of families came and participated in the egg hunt, games and bouncy house. We appreciate the help of our volunteers who came and helped set up and clean up especially: Chris, Maya, Lizzie, Sara Beth and Elena. Look for more community events notices coming up and if you'd like to volunteer please contact us at [events@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:events@parkwoodnc.org)!



## New Picnic Table at Emerald Pond



After a recent request from Parkwood Home-owners, a new picnic table has been placed at the Emerald Pond Park Area.

Our thanks to Gary Hatch, Elder Lucas Foster and Elder Carson Hansen, missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Steven Berkowitz for their leadership and work on this project.

The missionaries want to do service for people and groups. If you have a service that you need done, please contact Gary Hatch at [hatch.gary@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.gary@gmail.com) or 919-943-3758 or the missionaries at 919-225-7386 to submit a request.

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at 7 pm via Zoom

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Laura Denny, our office administrator,  
is available by email or phone.  
Please allow 24 hours for a reply.

# Notes from the Parkwood Community Garden

By Susan Costa

Welcome, Spring! Welcome, Summer! Welcome back, Spring! Whew, it's been a bit of a temperature rollercoaster lately. We've barely been able to restrain ourselves from putting tomatoes and peppers in the ground (and some of us went ahead and did it anyway – live on the edge! It's survival of the fittest!)

We've got four new gardeners who have adopted their own beds this summer, and two returning gardeners who have their own beds.

They are off to a great start, having already harvested some lettuce from their own beds. If you visit the garden and want to harvest something, please check to be sure you're not picking from someone's personal plot (there are names on them). In the main/shared garden we're picking rapini (a.k.a. broccoli raab), lettuce, collards, cabbage, cilantro, dill, parsley, chives, and arugula. Strawberries and peas will be coming very soon.



The drip irrigation has been set up for the season, so please be careful not to cut a dripline if you're using scissors or a knife to harvest. Our next project that doesn't involve digging will be to rebuild the gate, which is definitely a bit saggy, but it happens to all of us as we age - LOL. We will likely be dividing some of our more rambunctious perennials such as Mountain Mint, Anise Hyssop, Oregano, and possibly some black eyed Susans. Keep an eye on Nextdoor and Instagram for those dates.

Hope to see some of you at the garden! Green thumbs are not necessary, and beginners are welcome. We're moving up our start time by an hour, so we'll be meeting now on Sundays from 9am-11am. Once it starts to get really hot, we'll move that up to 8am. If you want to drop in and lend a hand when no one is there, we welcome the help. Please refer to the white notebook inside the communications board at the garden entrance for a mini "to do" list. The only requirement is that you know how to tell a weed from something edible (yes, we know some so-called "weeds" are edible, but even a rose can be a weed if it's growing where you don't want it) If you stop by to do some work or to harvest, please leave your comments in the book. We love reading them!

Questions? Contact us via email at [parkwoodcg@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodcg@gmail.com) Check out our progress on Instagram [#parkwoodcg](https://www.instagram.com/parkwoodcg)

P.S.: If you have a chance, check out Keep Durham Beautiful's inaugural Durham Garden Tour on May 4th (rain date May 5th). Tickets are \$30 and are on sale now. For more information you can also email [tania@keepdurhambeautiful.org](mailto:tania@keepdurhambeautiful.org) The tour will feature eight residential gardens and two public gardens throughout Durham, offering a unique selection of sustainable and creative designs to get you in the mood for making your own impact on Durham's beauty.



**We love our neighbors!**  
Let's get to know each other!  
Upcoming opportunities:

**Soulful Sunday**  
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month  
10:30 am-12 noon  
Conversations on meaningful topics

**Parkwood Flea Market**  
May 4th  
8 am-12 noon  
Prizes, activities, friendship

**Race Unity Day Picnic**  
June 8th  
Details to come.

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## Quilting and Sewing Group Meeting at Parkwood Community Center

**Sew Fun Parkwood** is a bee loosely associated with the Durham Orange Quilters. The group meets Thursday evenings at 6:30 at the Parkwood HOA building.

Members bring current projects (usually, but not always quilting) to work on and enjoy the conversation.

For more information, contact Diane Wold,  
[diane.e.wold@gmail.com](mailto:diane.e.wold@gmail.com).

## Posting Signs in Parkwood

Are you searching for your lost pet?  
Planning a Yard Sale?

It is ok to post banners and signs in our neighborhood to ask for help or to advertise your event but please remember to remove the signs.

When you find your pet or once your event is over, please collect your posters or signs.

### Advertise in Parkwood Press

Pricing and details are on our website,  
[https://parkwoodhoa.nabrnetwork.com/  
publicforms.php](https://parkwoodhoa.nabrnetwork.com/publicforms.php)

## Who Do I Call?

**Speeding and other traffic issues.** Please contact the PD by either dialing 911 or the DPD non-emergency number 919-560-4600.

**Pets running loose without a leash.** If a dog is not aggressive but seems lost, and you are comfortable, you could try to lure him into a backyard and find the owner. But if you are not comfortable doing this, please call Durham County Animal Control which is handled through the Sheriff's Department. 919-560-0630.

**Cars parked on lawns, trash in the front yard, overgrown lawns.** If you wish to report this kind of issue you can either contact PA at [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org) or contact the NIS directly by emailing [nis-codeenforcement@durhamnc.gov](mailto:nis-codeenforcement@durhamnc.gov) or calling 919-560-1647

**Cars, trailers or trucks parked on the streets.** The Durham Police Department enforces parking on public streets and should be contacted at the Durham PD non-emergency number 919-560-4600.

Keep in mind, sometimes a problem can be handled quickly by a friendly conversation. Sometimes starting the conversation with an offer to help works wonders. You never know, that person with the overgrown lawn may be ill or injured and unable to mow the lawn. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

## Tall Grass? Time to Mow!

Spring is here and the grass is growing. If you haven't already starting mowing your grass, it is probably time.



## Please do not park on Parkwood Parklands

We continue to notice an unsettling trend in some of our parklands. Residents of nearby homes seem to be using parkland space as extra parking. This is not permissible.

The issue is most obvious on some of our circles where there is parkland in the center section and homes only along the outside.

Please do not park in these parklands.



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## Summary of Minutes from April 11, 2024 Board Meeting

Guest: Steven Berkowitz

Call to Order 7:12 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Felipe Rodriguez, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Richard Evert, Dennis Sharp, Olga Rodriguez, Andrew Hunter, Mary Mertz, Julia Maron, Marie Dean

### Committee Roundtable

**Executive Committee - F. Rodriguez**

Executive Committee Minutes 8 April 2024  
Marsha Brooks, President (absent)  
Felipe Rodriguez, Vice President  
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary  
Marie Dean, Treasurer

1. Next EC meeting will be on 1 May at 7:00 pm.
2. Atlantic Union Reserve Account. Vickie will call to find current interest rates, FDIC insured limits and monthly allowed transactions.
3. Letter to Homeowner on Lake property. Vickie met with the homeowners last week and they are willing to do what is necessary to not block any needed access.
4. Parking on Parkwood Property. There appears to be more and more parking in non-parking areas (bike lanes, lawns, Parkwood property). We are looking into ideas to help stop and reverse this trend.
5. PPM response to homeowner with returned payment. We are recognizing that the postal service no longer is a reliable way to send payments to PPM. Marie will discuss with the Finance committee.
6. Maintenance for Office/Community Center. Hot water heater needs to have the temperature raised to 160 degrees for a day to kill SRB (sulfur reducing bacteria) which produces a gas (hydrogen sulfide) that smells.

Minutes approved.

EC Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

**Finance Committee Report - M. Dean**

April 9, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting  
The Finance Committee of the PHA held their monthly virtual meeting on April 9, 2024 from 7:00 - 7:40. Attending were Marie Dean, & Felipe Rodriguez.

The committee reviewed the March report from PPM. A correction was requested to be made of funds spent for the Easter Egg Hunt as it was taken from a new account that PPM established rather than using 00536 Community Activities. As of April 8, PPM reports we have 98 homeowners who've received a late notice, and there are 4 accounts that are recommended to be sent to our attorney.

There were no updates from Ganley's office to report because the foreclosure resolution on the accounts we'd sent by mail on March 4 were not received at the attorney's office! With the mail service being poor, in the future, this type of correspondence needs to be sent by certified mail.

**Motion: To go into executive session to discuss/vote on homeowner financial matters.**

Submitted by: Marie Dean, Treasurer

**Parks and Lawns - M. Mertz**

Parks, Lawns, & Ball Field Committee Meeting  
April 1, 2024 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

In attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Wray Dean, Rob Shoaf, Chris Classen, Mary Mertz, Marie Dean, Andrew Hunter

1. Tree Removal Report. Bill Donald Allen cut down the hazardous trees on parkland behind 106 - 132 Larkspur Circle after the Board approved the work at their March 14, 2024 meeting.

Donald Allen cut down a dead post oak tree with three trunks on parkland behind 5617 Pelham Rd threatening to fall on the homeowner's house.

A large pine tree fell towards the Old Forest Growth Trail but was prevented from landing on the trail by other trees. It doesn't pose an imminent threat to trail users now but it eventually will be unsafe. Donald Allen will evaluate the tree and some other dead trees along the nearby stream when he returns from vacation the second week of April. (During the meeting, Bill shared that erosion along Parkwood Creek and stream banks has caused tree problems.) To date, the committee has spent \$8,525 of the \$20,000 budgeted on tree removal.

**Motion to authorize Donald Allen to cut down an uprooted 70-ft long pine tree and 3 damaged trees it is leaning against that kept it from falling on Old Growth Forest Trail for \$800 from Fund Code 05078. Seconded. Motion passes.**

**Motion to authorize Donald Allen to cut down 6 dead trees along the stream on Old Growth Forest Trail threatening a power line and 2 structures on homeowner properties on Timmons Drive for \$600 from Fund Code 05078. Seconded. Motion passes.**

2. Grounds Report. Bill  
RLC has treated the common areas for fire ants.  
RLC spread 160 cu yds of mulch on plantings.  
RLC agreed to remove large logs and other large debris from the emergency spillway swell without any extra cost.
3. Drainage  
Storm drainage at Sedwick Park.  
On March 21, Bill reported a sink hole 9 inches in diameter and 8 inches deep on the Sedwick Park field with photos. Bill put some clumps of dirt left from the basketball court project and two rocks in the hole plus

orange flags (donated by Google contractor).

On March 22 AM, Mike, Marie, and Steven reviewed the site. They concluded that if the pipe doesn't go straight and perhaps has a turn in it, that may be where there is a separation in close proximity to the sinkhole.

On March 22 PM, Steven met Davis from Dragonfly Pond Works and confirmed there are bends in the pipe. They discussed scoping to assess the situation. Three bids were subsequently received and one later recommended for Board approval.

March 26, Mike and Steven used equipment to determine depth of pipe. Estimated depth to top of pipe at hole is 5.7 feet and 7.4 feet to bottom of pipe. Total drop measured to be 4.88 feet, and this 18-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) measured to be 172 feet long.

After discussion during tonight's meeting, everyone agreed that the next step is to have the pipe scoped to help determine the cause of the sinkhole and if there are problems elsewhere along this storm drain. Dragonfly Pond Works has offered a bid. Steven has reached out for another bid. Steven has contacted the city to scope the pipe for free and is waiting to hear back. For now, flags should remain around the hole for safety purposes.

Dredging project above the Parkwood Lake dam emergency spillway.  
A second bid has been received from John Guins who built the grass waterway below the spillway in 2005. He plans to take down a few small trees on the east side of the dam on the west end. He plans to remove about 40 cubic yards of sediment with a long reach excavator from in front of the concrete spillway. He plans to dump the removed sediment on site below the west side of the dam. There will be about 40 tons of class "B" rip rap installed on both

sides of the concrete spillway to reinforce the slopes at the water level. All disturbed areas will be covered with seed and straw.

**Motion to authorize Guins Excavation Service to restore full use of emergency spillway for \$8,500 in accordance with Estimate #1724 3/30/2024 using the Capital Reserve Fund GL-01010 for payment. Second. Motion passes.**

Clermont culvert clean-out project. Per their contract, Dragonfly Pond Works will begin cleaning Clermont culvert area this month. They clean it out once a month for 6 months from April-September. Committee members agree this has not been sufficient to keep it clear. (RLC has provided a bid to clean it out every 2 weeks.) Bill plans to ask Dragonfly for assessment of the culvert when they come out in April to also monitor algae and invasive species. Hopefully when Dragonfly comes out, the

Lotus Pond and Parkwood Lake levels will be lower for better assessment of the culvert's functionality.

4. **Playgrounds and Parks**  
Kayak launch. A homeowner reported to Bill that 2 teenagers were rocking the kayak launch threatening to dislodge it from the lake bed. Committee agreed to keep an eye on it and discussed how to reinforce stability by attaching it to the pier.

Replacement of missing bench overlooking lake at Sedwick Park. Wray reinforced the bench currently there. Mike has an extra kit to replace the second bench.

Basketball court. Wray reported that the replacement of the concrete pad at the Sedwick Rd Park basketball court was completed.

Picnic table for Emerald Pond. Steven will send information to Laura to order a kit (al-

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# Math & Art Connections Mini Camps

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ready approved by the Board) and contact Elders for a volunteer project to complete and install the picnic table.

Concrete blocks for Sedwick Parking Lot? (Steven sent out pictures of \$70/6 ft block including 2-18 inch pins including delivery.) Committee members replaced cracked plastic parking blocks with railroad ties provided by Andrew and painted the ends; however, someone has run over one already. Steven proposed replacing them with concrete blocks, but Wray wants to try longer, more supportive pins first and reposition one in particular near the ditch side of the parking lot.

#### 5. Ball Field Report. Bill

The mandatory annual recertification of the Back Flow Prevention (RPZ) Valve is scheduled for April 2, 2024.

SDLL asked the Board to approve allowing SDLL to replace the bleachers at the ball field and to pour concrete pads under the bleachers and another pad nearby for the score table to sit on. The Board agreed to approve the project if SDLL provided additional documents to the Executive Committee which we think occurred.

#### 6. Old/New Business

Signs on Parkwood trails. Rob and Andrew reported that some signs have faded. Andrew showed a picture of one signpost where the sign had been pulled off. Committee members shared that Mike probably has records for sign replacement and possibly some extra signs.

Playground equipment by Euclid Pond. Rob is concerned about cleanliness of the equipment. After pollen season would be a good time to wash the equipment.

Replacing 7 steps on Clermont down to Parkwood Lake. The railroad ties have been in place so long they are embedded in the ground. For now, they are safe. Committee members agreed to scout for a con-

tractor for this project, probably someone who installs retaining walls. The old ties would need to be pulled up and discarded. Then the area would need to be prepared before new steps are installed. Possibly use treated lumber instead of railroad ties.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. Minutes submitted by Mary Mertz.

**Motion to ask VisionNC to perform a video inspection to determine 1) the cause of the sinkhole 2) if there are other problems along the pipe 3) to determine the best remedies to this problem at a cost not to exceed \$825 out of GL-00570 Drainage Improvements. Seconded. Motion passes.**

#### Garden Committee - C. Classen

This year we have 5 people who are new or returning gardeners that each have a bed of their own. With the Garden's helpers prep work and guidance they have planted their crops. This early in the season most of the crops are lettuce, pea, onion family plants and cabbage and broccoli (brassicas) family plants. We have used our cold frame to harden off some of the early crops. The Bee Garden which is coming alive with its perennials. Lilies and iris will be blooming soon. It's a good time to get some fresh herbs and chives in the garden. Volunteer hours for March were 15, this doesn't include the hours the 5 plots owners have worked on their spots. Happy spring.

#### Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

Reminder, the deadline for the next issue of Parkwood Press is the 15th of the month.

#### Parkwood on Social Media

Our Facebook presence stands at 652 Followers and 562 Likes. Our posts reached 221 people and we had 430 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts during this time.

ParkwoodNC Google Group  
Our group has 880 members. There have been 18 new posts/conversations since our March Board of Directors meeting.

### Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

No report available.

Chris Classen mentioned progress on the new signs for other entrances to Parkwood.

### Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Activities as of 8 April 2024

Members are Olga Rodriguez, Mamie Parker and Vickie Wheeler. Preparation is proceeding on the Spring Flea Market.

The 2024 Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. Fun was had by both young and old. The weather was a bit breezy but there was lots of sunshine. Look for pictures in May's Parkwood Press.

The Spring Flea Market date is 4 May 2024 and received 17 requests for spaces the first day

## There is room for You on the Parkwood Board of Directors

We are seeking candidates to fill vacant seats on the Board of Directors of the Parkwood HOA.

Any candidate elected now would serve in an at large capacity through September 2024. It is not required that you live in the district you represent if you are elected "at large". See the bylaws and district map at [parkwoodnc.org](http://parkwoodnc.org) for more information.

To serve on the Parkwood Board of Directors you must be

- A resident and homeowner in Parkwood
- Current on all assessments and payments to the Association
- Available for Board meetings - 2nd Thursday of every month - 7 pm

registration was open. We look forward to another great turnout.

The next Events Committee meeting will be 22 April.

### New Business

Parkwood Lift Station Consolidation (PALSCO)

**Motion to authorize Steven Berkowitz to contact and work with attorney Michael Ganley to finalize this process then bring it back to the Board of Directors for approval. We will use GL-00529 to fund this. Seconded. Motion passes.**

Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Second. Motion passes.

Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes from Parkwood Association board meetings are archived and available on our website. [parkwoodnc.org](http://parkwoodnc.org)

The next meeting of the Parkwood Association Board of Directors is scheduled for May 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

If you would like to attend as a guest, please email the office, [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org) no later than May 7.



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## More from the Parkwood Easter Egg Hunt



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 Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm  
 Parks, Lawns & Ballfield: [parksandlawns@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:parksandlawns@parkwoodnc.org)  
 Meets 1st Monday, 7pm



## May 2024

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