

AUGUST 2024

# Parkwood Press

The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

## Parkwood Annual Meeting

September 10, 2024

7:00 pm

online via Zoom



Our 2024 Annual Meeting will be online on September 10th via Zoom beginning at 7:00 pm.

Details on how to register for the meeting will be mailed to all Parkwood Homeowners.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Parkwood Office, [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org)



## Parkwood Flea Market

Our Fall Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th 8am-Noon.

Look for further details and a reservation start date in our September issue of Parkwood Press

# At long last, the end is in sight

After more than five years of work, the Sedwick Park Bridge – an originally simple idea that evolved into a saga much more complicated than anyone could have envisioned – is on its final stretch. Progress during the hot muggy days of July was fast and furious, as shown in the photos below, and completion is expected by the middle of August.

### Monday, July 8:

A survey crew from Freehold Land Surveys arrives to do the precise surveying and staking needed to position the bridge abutments.



### Tuesday, July 9:

Blue Ridge Trails' excavation crew begins the digging. And of course after the digging comes the soil hardness inspector.



Machines can't do everything



Thursday, July 11: Assembling the concrete forms



Monday, July 15: Pouring the cement



After pouring the cement, the forms sit through several heavy rainstorms, by which time the concrete has hardened enough to allow for the dismantling of the forms.



Tuesday, July 24: The finished bridge abutments



Bridge Goes Here

by Mike Brooks

## Next Steps

Blue Ridge Trails will build the trail ramps at each end of the bridge during the week of Aug. 1, connecting both sections of the trail together. The bridge kit will arrive on Aug. 8, and (depending on weather) will be assembled by Parkwood Volunteers Aug. 9-12.

And the saga will be done.

## Parkwood Board

**2023 - 2024**

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 Felipe Rodriguez, Vice Pres. Dist. 1  
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Dist 3: OPEN	Dist 6: OPEN
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Dist 4: George Greene*	Dist 8: OPEN

\*Serving At-Large

The PA Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom

## Mailing Payments

If you mail payments for Parkwood Association dues, including via your Bank's Bill Pay, please take note of these critical reminders:

- All payments go to PPM, not to our Parkwood Office.
- Mail checks to PO Box 97006, Raleigh NC 27624.
- Do not mail payments to PPM's physical office. Doing so will delay processing, which can result in late fees.
- Make checks payable to Parkwood Association. Do not make checks payable to PPM.

These are important to avoid delays and to serve you more efficiently.

To learn about options for convenient automatic or online payments, please view the attached payment options. Customers can also sign up for automatic draft by visiting PPM's website, <https://ppmral.com/ppm-automatic-draft-form>.

## Parkwood Office

Parkwood Association  
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 Website: [parkwoodnc.org](http://parkwoodnc.org)

Office Hours: Wednesday 2:30 - 5:00 pm

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

## Parkwood on Social Media

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<https://groups.google.com/g/parkwoodnc>

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## 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.



### Newsletter Delivery Options

All Parkwood Homes receive a minimum of two paper issues of the Parkwood Press per year. These are currently scheduled for January and July.

**Want to receive a paper copy of the Parkwood Press Every Month?**  
Join our Opt-In List to have a paper copy delivered to your doorstep every month.

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Let us know that you no longer wish to receive the every month paper copy.

*Email [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org) to make delivery change requests.*

## 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).

## Need a Bulky Item Pickup?

Call Durham One-Call, 919-560-1200, to request a pickup of your items.

For more information about Bulky Item pickup services, see: <https://durhamnc.gov/855/Bulky-Services>



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## 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.

### Advertise in Parkwood Press

Place your Business Card, Quarter Page, Half or Full Page Ad in our newsletter.

Pricing and details are on our website, <https://engage.goenumerate.com/s/parkwoodhoa/publicform.php?qid=65111>

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

Call to Order 7:03 pm

Guests: Steven Berkowitz, Mike Brooks, George Greene

Attendance: Felipe Rodriguez, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Dennis Sharp, Janie Long, Olga Rodriguez, Julia Maron, Marsha Brooks, Marie Dean

### **Motion to elect George Greene to the Board of Directors. Seconded. Motion passes.**

George will serve at large for District 4.

### **Committee Roundtable**

**Executive Committee - M. Brooks**

Executive Committee Minutes 2 July 2024

Marsha Brooks, President  
Felipe Rodriguez, Vice President  
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary  
Marie Dean, Treasurer

1. Next EC meeting will be on 1 Aug 24 at 7:30 pm.
2. Problems with communicating with PPM. It seems as if PPM is trying to change their communication with us by email instead of phone calls. As an example, in trying to coordinate moving our Atlantic Union Reserve account to Pinnacle, Vickie has left phone messages which go unanswered. After the first message she received an email requesting she email back with a description of what she wanted and someone would get back to her. Transfer is pending until this is resolved, but our account is not at risk of not being insured as our Reserve does not exceed the limit that is FDIC insured.
3. Tree on Monterey Ln Update. Vickie has received emailed receipts of the amount spent to repair a section of fence that was damaged by a tree on Parkwood land that was scheduled for removal, but fell before it could be removed. These emails will be sent to Laura to be processed and Marie will contact PPM requesting them to set up a General Ledger code for this type of expense. Amount spent was \$215.00.
4. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. Priority will be on replacing 3 exterior doors, soffit & fascia boards, and the sealing of the 2 cracked roof boots. Marie will contact Gerding Construction for updated estimates.

5. Open complaints review. The Executive Committee will initiate a plan of reviewing the Homeowner Complaints, Inquiries and Issues Spreadsheet that contains a record of complaints/requests received from homeowners.
6. Durham Water bill. In reviewing the financial report from PPM it was noticed that we were receiving several different water/sewer bills. Marie will check out these multiple addresses and bills.

EC Minutes approved.

EC Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

**Finance Committee Report - M. Dean**

July 9 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The Finance Committee met at 7:30 on Tuesday, July 9. Attending this month's meeting were Olga Rodriguez, Marsha Brooks, Felipe Rodriguez, and Marie Dean.

1. The committee reviewed the Cash Report from PPM.
2. The committee reviewed the Collections Report from Ganley's office. There were 3 with liens that have paid in full, 2 still a work in progress, & 1 pending bank foreclosure.
3. We'd received another attorney's bill dated 07/01/2024 for the PALSCO Project, \$420 for dates of service June 7, 10, 11, and 24. City of Durham currently agrees to reimburse expenses up to \$1625.
4. After filing an extension for our 2023 tax return the update from NB&T is to expect it to be completed soon.
5. Motion to approve list of 32 homeowners that PPM shared to proceed with sending their Demand Letter (\$100 fee).

Submitted by: Marie Dean, Chairperson  
FC Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

**Motion to approve list of 32 homeowners that PPM shared to proceed with sending their Demand Letter (\$100 fee). Seconded. Motion Passes.**

**Parks and Lawns - M. Mertz**

Parks, Lawns, Ballfield, and Playgrounds  
Committee Meeting July 1, 2024: 7:05-8:33 pm

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

1. Tree Report. Bill Mitchell
  - Three trees behind 102 Lattimore Lane were reported as dangerous. Bill went out and tagged them. One was dead and the other two were leaning toward homeowner property. Donald Allen will go out soon to cut them down.
  - Bill reported that \$10,925 of funds in Code 05078 have been spent as of July 1st which Marie confirmed.
2. Grounds Report
  - Bill Mitchell reported that a request to mow underneath Crepe Myrtle trees and cut some brush at Euclid Pond has been taken care of.
  - Marie and Wray Dean reported that RLC mowed the path between Hidden Park

going towards Brentwood behind 7 Travis Circle.

- Steven took care of a dangerous limb on a trail near 120 Larkspur.
- Steven led a volunteer group to remove debris in the Parkwood Creek behind 117 Oliver Lane, a two-hour project.
- There has been another complaint of debris, old and new, behind Tipperary Court.
- Committee members discussed the article in the recent Parkwood Press by Mike Brooks about homeowners dumping yard waste and trash on Parkwood common land.

Request the Board to send a letter to the homeowner on Leitzel Court to remove trash dumped on Parkwood land behind the property. Seconded. Passes in committee.

**Motion to send a letter to the homeowner on Leitzel Court to remove trash dumped on Parkwood land behind the property. Seconded. Motion passes.**

3. Drainage. Steven Berkowitz  
Everyone agreed Guins Excavation Service did an excellent job reinforcing the spillway of Park-

## DURHAM BAHA'I CENTER SUNDAY PROGRAMS IN AUGUST

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRAYER GATHERINGS**  
**August 4 & 14 @ 10:30AM - 11:30AM**

*Bring a prayer, song, quote, or passage to share in the spirit of worship.*

### SOULFUL SUNDAYS

**August 11 & 25 @ 10:30AM - 12PM**

*Music, prayers, and lively discussion to feed our spirits and inspire us to promote peace, unity & justice in our communities.*

### MONTHLY MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

**August 18 @ 3PM - 5PM**

*This month's topic: "Does truth matter? What impact does the presence or absence of truthfulness have on society?"*



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wood Lake.

Steven reported he has received bids from three companies to repair the drainage pipes at Sedwick Park field. Guins Excavation Service provided the most economical remedies. Guins' proposal included two parts: 1) Repair the pipe in the sink hole area for \$1,500, and 2) Replace the pipe network and resurface the field for \$19,500. Everyone agreed that eventually the pipes need replacing, and the Guins bid is attractive. However, Parkwood has some big projects, especially the Sedwick Park bridge, so Bill proposed we let Guins simply fix the pipe under the sink hole for now. The committee discussed if this would be a waste of money if we need to replace the pipes in the future. Steven further explained that Guins would learn a lot from fixing the sinkhole which would inform the larger project when Parkwood Association is ready. (Further details are provided in the Guins' proposal which will be provided in the Board packet for consideration.)

Authorize Guins to repair the pipe in the sink hole area for \$1,500 from Code GL-00570-00. Seconded. Passes committee vote.

**Motion to authorize Guins to repair the drainage pipe at Sedwick Park that has caused a sinkhole at an amount not to exceed \$1,500 using GL-00570. Seconded. Motion passes.**

4. PALSCo Update. Steven Berkowitz  
Steven reported that Parkwood's lawyer and the city of Durham are close to agreement about documents needed to proceed.
5. Playgrounds. Wray Dean
  - Wray replaced the tetherball at Sedwick Park on June 17th.
  - Wray reported he needs to order more tetherballs. He continues to shop for best buys and will most likely try a different brand that sells two balls per box.
  - Wray has built one bench and has parts for another one. Mary Mertz has volunteered to put another one together.
  - Wray encourages everyone to keep an eye on our playgrounds and to report problems.
6. Plantings. Chris Classen  
Chris reported that some plants were stressed with the hot and dry weather.

7. Ball field.  
Steven, working with Bill, has drafted an amendment to the SDLL lease to make SDLL responsible for paying the ball field's water bill and for maintaining the RPZ valve. Hopefully by the next meeting, an agreement between Parkwood HOA and SDLL can be proposed.
8. Trails. Steven Berkowitz
  - Steven and Wray continue looking for someone to replace the Lotus Pond bridge.
  - Daniel Maxwell continues to maintain our trails, and he came out today. His report is forthcoming.
9. Volunteer Projects.
  - Christus Victor Lutheran Church members are planning a volunteer day for September 8th and have reached out to Steven for projects. Also, missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints would also like some service projects.
  - Committee members agreed to send Mary ideas for projects, and she will compile a list.
10. Invasive Species.  
Parkwood common area invasive plants within 10 feet of property lines.
  - Several months ago, the committee agreed that wording of a Board-approved policy for homeowners to control invasive species on Parkwood land within 10 feet of property lines needed tweaking. Bill Mitchell proposed edits which the committee discussed. Mary Mertz provided an appendix to guide homeowners.
  - Committee members agreed we need to take out section 4 of Parkwood's Tree Policy that addresses invasive species and provide the revised invasive plants policy as a stand-alone policy. The committee agreed it makes sense to keep the Tree Policy focused on trees and to have a separate policy to direct homeowners how to make a plan and request permission to control invasive plants on Parkwood land within 10 feet of their property. (Documents are included in the Board packet for consideration.)

Motion: To ask the Board to approve the updated invasive plants policy and remove section 4 of the Tree Policy. Seconded. Motion passes in committee.

Motion is tabled in the Board Meeting.

Common Area at-large and invasive species.

- Everyone agreed invasive species are a problem on Parkwood land. We agreed that using goats was not practical and, based on previous proposals, was expensive.
- Discussion led to some targeted actions. Mary volunteered to search for companies that control poison ivy. Steven agreed to ask Daniel Maxwell, who maintains our trails, if he is authorized to apply herbicide in infested areas. (Daniel has since reported that he does not handle herbicides.)
- Other ideas to help are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.  
Minutes are submitted by Mary Mertz

### Garden Committee - C. Classen

June was so dry. Thank goodness for our irrigation system. We have had to do some extra watering to keep our plants and gardens alive. This very hot weather disrupts the tomato growth. The plants have trouble setting flowers because they are trying to stay alive and aren't worried about propagating. We do have green tomatoes and we have cherry tomatoes that we hope will ripen if we are lucky enough to get out of the 90's (feels like 100's) weather.

In June we planted basil, pole and bush beans, crowder peas, cucumbers, squash, and tomatoes. Cabbage, tromboncino squash (long curved necked squash), beans, and the last of the strawberries were harvested in June. We added new signage to designate Public beds from the five Private beds of our beginner gardeners. We hope this plan will protect our Private bed owner's crops from being taken. We'll see. The Bee Garden and the flower garden in front of the vegetable garden suffered from the heat. Their blooms haven't lasted as long as usual. Plants have dried up. We are thankful for this week's rain and hope to reseed some flowers.

We are thankful for our volunteers, Susan Costa, Debbie Burdick, Diane Wright, HollyThompson, Megan Squire, Shana, Eleanor Stell and anyone else I have missed. Happy Gardening.

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

Reminder, the deadline for the next issue of Parkwood Press is the 15th. This is an opt-in print issue

of the newsletter. A paper copy will be delivered to about 132 Parkwood homes.

### Parkwood on Social Media

Our Facebook presence stands at 684 Followers and 577 Likes. Our posts reached 192 people and we had 565 page visits in the past 28 days. There was 1 post during this time, sharing the July newsletter.

### ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 878 members. There have been 9 new posts/conversations since our June Board of Directors meeting.

### Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 7pm via Zoom

Attendees: Mike Brooks (Chair), Marie Dean, Chris Classen, Wray Dean, Pete Eisenmann, Janie Long, Andrew Hunter, Steven Berkowitz

1. Approval of May minutes.
2. Sedwick Park Bridge Updates
  - Bridge Kit has been fabricated and is ready to ship, much sooner than expected. We will need to pay the remaining balance (\$27,664) one week prior to the ship date.
  - Blue Ridge Trail Works, Inc. (Scott Brown) is finalizing their documents to be an approved vendor for Parkwood, as required by PPM. We will then deliver their down payment check (\$12,625), and will learn the anticipated finish date.
  - Additional surveying will be required to precisely mark the location of the concrete abutments; we should have a proposal and time frame by the end of this week.
  - UPDATE: A team from Freehold Land Surveys performed the survey staking on July 8; Blue Ridge Trail works did the excavation for the two concrete abutments on July 9, and expects to have the forms installed, and pour the concrete on July 15, weather permitting. That means the bridge kit can be shipped approximately July 22, and a volunteer team can assemble the bridge after that.
  - For anyone thinking about helping with assembly, we have an 8 1/2-minute training video, a Field Assembly Guide, and the

Bridge plans available for download. A volunteer team will be needed to help unload the bridge kit when it arrives.

**Motion to transfer up to \$28,000 from the Reserve account to PPC Projects GL 05527- to cover the remaining balance of the bridge kit. Second. Motion tabled.**

There will be a called meeting of the Board to vote Wed. July 17th.

3. New Parkwood entry signage  
Due to time constraints, committee agreed that this project will be put on hold, until the bridge project is completed.
4. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Signage project
  - Katie Zimmerman provided a report and recommendations, and has already marked some of the items discussed in the report.
  - Katie has provided the list of entrants, and a link to software to do the random drawing.
  - UPDATE: Pete volunteered to arrange the selection and notification of the 3 prize winners, and has now contacted winners and arranged meetings and will take photos, and has also met with Katie to move this project forward.

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

## Free Snake Removal

Find an unwanted snake on your property? No need to hurt or kill it. Contact Parkwood resident Kari Lindeman, call or text 630-995-5412.

I kindly ask that you:

- Get a picture of the snake.
- Keep an eye on the snake until I arrive
- Do not call past 11pm

All relocated snakes are given a quick health checkup, then released on a distant private land with permission.

5. Playgrounds planning/development
  - Wray asked members to take note of new playground equipment they might see, and to offer suggestions about new and replacement playground equipment.
6. No new business.
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 7pm via Zoom  
Adjourned at 7:50

## Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Members are Olga Rodriguez, Mamie Parker and Vickie Wheeler.

Preparation has begun on the Fall Flea Market. The tentative date (pending confirmation of availability) is 5 Oct 24.

We are looking for potential partner(s) for a fall activity, possibly a Halloween Trunk or Treat.

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New Business

Minutes Approval

Board Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

**The next meeting of the Parkwood Association Board of Directors is scheduled for August 8, 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 August 6.

## Missionaries Interested in Service Projects

Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are interested in doing service for people and groups. If you have a service or project 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.

## FROM THE PARKLAND PLANNING COMMITTEE

**AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .**

The winners (L to R): Josh Hodgson, \$100; Ed Grubb, \$50; and Daniel Chakrobartty, \$50. Photos by Pete Eisenmann

The April edition of the Parkwood Press invited readers to participate in a survey about the Old Growth Trail. Information sheets were also posted at each trailhead. Afterward, a random drawing was held to select three winners from all who responded to the on-line survey by the April 30 deadline. The first name drawn received a \$100 Amazon gift card, the second and third names drawn each received a \$50 Amazon gift card. While all 3 of our winners are Parkwood residents, the survey was not limited to Parkwood residents: input from anyone who uses the Old Growth trail, which is open to the public, is valuable as the Parkland Planning Committee (PPC) moves forward with ways to add interpretive information and educational signage in our unique Old Growth Trail area.

For those who missed the survey, or who haven't yet visited the Old Growth Trail, your input is always welcome. The goal is to help visitors appreciate and understand more about the Old Growth area. And while the analysis of the survey responses is still underway, there were a number of questions; here are brief answers to one entrant's very interesting multi-part question:

- **Why is it called the Old Growth Trail?** We started calling the 11.5-acre area the Old Growth Forest in 2018, after the Board commissioned the Parkwood Master Plan as a guide for future recreational, open space and parks improvements. Until the trail was built in 2021, it was a tangled, almost trackless wilderness with few visitors; most residents were unaware of its existence.
- **When was the last time these woods were logged?** They must have been logged at some point in the past, but not recently – unlike the rest of Parkwood and most areas around Durham, which have been repeatedly cut and regrown as Piney Woods.
- **How old are the oldest trees, and what species are they?** There are a lot of hardwood species (and a few pines) in the Old Growth area; too many to list here, but there's another document available – there's a link on the Parkwood website: [parkwoodnc.org](http://parkwoodnc.org) Scroll down to the PARKWOOD PARKLANDS section, click on the *Parkwood Forest Stewardship Plan*, and go to page 7, the "Area 2" section. We know that since Parkwood's founding in 1960, the Old Growth area hasn't been logged, and many of the large trees are obviously much older. There are also a few faint traces (rings of daughter trees, for example) of very large-diameter trees that are now long gone, but may have been logged in the distant past.
- **Do we know the historical land use since colonial settlement (not just there but throughout Parkwood)?** Once the original trees were cut down—except for scattered survivors—it was farmland. Until 1960, what then became Parkwood was and always had been a remote farming area in southern Durham County. Some nearby parcels were granted to the first European invaders by the King of England (probably one of the Georges) in the 1700s: the original Herndon tract, just to our west, was one of those.
- **Does an iNaturalist Project exist for Parkwood open space areas?** No, but that's a great idea; I'm a member of iNaturalist, but I hadn't thought of that. It would be a great project to bring about, because the Old Growth area is such a unique survivor. A catalogue of species - trees and wildlife - would be a glimpse into the past, and an encouragement to continue what was up until now accidental preservation (valued by many only for trash dumping, but don't get me started).

by Mike Brooks

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# August 2024

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