

NOVEMBER 2024

# Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

## *Welcome November*



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further details!



Central SW Durham Plant Library's

### FREE NATIVE SEED STARTING WORKSHOPS

December 7th and January 11th from 9-11

@ Parkwood Neighborhood Association  
1417 Seaton Rd, Durham, NC 27713

Thank you for making this possible:



Rachel's  
NATIVE PLANTS



# The ~~Big~~ CLEAN Sweep at Work



The Big Sweep—Durham’s largest litter cleanup event of the year—turned out to be more of a Clean Sweep for Parkwood. On Oct. 12, sixteen volunteers from within and outside our community converged on the Parkwood Community Center parking lot, picked up their grabbers, trash bags, vests and gloves (supplied by Keep Durham Beautiful) and promptly disappeared into the jungle. The only thing lacking was everyone singing, “Hi-Ho, Hi- Ho, it’s off to work we go!” but we can work on those lyrics for next year – by which time the supply of dumped trash will probably have been replaced, sorry to say.

‘Jungle’ is probably not quite fair to our woodlands, more like ‘Tangled Underbrush’ – except that everyone’s cheerful and enthusiastic efforts brought out a ‘Junque Jungle,’ an eclectic collection of objects large and small, old and new, mostly very muddy, found all along (and in) Parkwood Creek from McCormick Rd. down to Clermont Rd.

Some items were likely washed downstream from our several recent heavy rainstorms, but others . . . how (for example) does a vacuum cleaner get washed downstream by floodwaters? That’s a dumper, thank you very much to an unknown neighbor. The total haul: somewhere above 1,500 pounds was our best guess, and a big chunk of Parkwood’s woodlands has now been swept through and picked clean by the fearless volunteers of our

## ROLL OF MUDDY HONOR

Pete Eisenman, Peter Sjosfza, Marina Loskutova, Victoria Loskutova, Abraham Adu, Eileen Guo, Alyx Falis, Micah Alexander, Kelley Grogan, Dennis Martin, Peter Soloe, Sahba Maani, Diamond Pace, Colleen Haithcock, Barb Tripp-Moen, Vivian Berger (if any names were left out or misspelled, my apologies).



See more photos at:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/keepdurhambeautiful/albums/72177720320966060](http://www.flickr.com/photos/keepdurhambeautiful/albums/72177720320966060)

by Mike Brooks

## Parkwood Board

**2024 - 2025**

Marsha Brooks, President, Dist.7

Marie Dean, Vice Pres. Dist. 8

Vickie Wheeler, Secretary, Dist. 2

George Greene, Treasurer, Dist. 5

Dist 1: Diane Wright

Dist 1: OPEN

Dist 2: Chris Classen

Dist 3: Dennis Sharp

Dist 3: Richard Evert

Dist 4: Janie Long

Dist 4: OPEN

Dist 5: Andrew Hunter

Dist 6: Gretchen Aycock

Dist 6: David Sokal\*

Dist 7: Felipe Rodriguez

Dist 8: Liz Scisco\*

\*Serving At-Large

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

### Parkwood on Social Media

#### ParkwoodNC Google Group

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

#### Parkwood on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ParkwoodNC>

### 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/parkwood-hoa/publicform.php?qid=65111>

### 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.

## Parkwood Office

Parkwood Association

1417 Seaton Road

Durham, NC 27713

Phone: (919) 544-2161

Email: [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org)

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.

**There will not be Office Hours on Wednesday, November 27. If you need help with an office matter, email [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org).**

**Appointments for office help can be set for Monday or Tuesday, Nov. 25th and 26th**

### 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.

Customers can sign up for automatic draft by visiting PPM's website, <https://ppmral.com/ppm-automatic-draft-form>.

# Native Seed Workshops

**December 7 and January 11  
9-11 am**

**Parkwood Community Center  
1417 Seaton Rd. Durham, NC 27713**

Please consider attending one of our upcoming native seed workshops. After two successful events last winter that were funded by the North Carolina Native Plant Society, we'll be partnering with the Central SW Durham Plant and Seed Library. All materials and resources have been generously provided by Leaf & Limb, Rachel's Native Plants, and Country Farm and Home. Please follow our Facebook event page for more information including a list of seeds being offered.

## You will learn:

- the benefits (and ease) of growing natives in your yard and shared spaces
- a method to germinate native seeds outside over the winter
- resources on how to germinate native seeds in your refrigerator
- how (and when) to transplant and care for your native plants

## What you can bring:

- you don't need to bring anything - all will be provided. However, if you have your own growing containers/flats, you may bring those with you!

We look forward to seeing you there! Look for a separate email and a Facebook post for the event in the coming weeks!

## 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).

### 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.

### Receiving Paper Copies but prefer Digital?

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.*

## Who Do I Call?

**Speeding and other traffic issues.** Please contact the Police by either dialing 911 or the Durham Police Department 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 Neighborhood Improvement Services (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 Police Department 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.



# Monthly Meaningful Conversations



**Aiming to discover truth, uplift & inspire the human spirit, and build bridges of unity & respect for all.**

**Sunday,  
November 17  
3 - 5 PM**

***This month's topic: Finding Hope  
in Chaotic Times!***

***How can we make sense of the  
difficult times humanity seems to  
be going through?***

## 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 for the 2024-2025 term.

Any candidate elected now would serve in an at large capacity through September 2025. 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 [parkwood-nc.org](http://parkwood-nc.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



Durham  
**ONE CALL**  
919.560.1200

### 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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## Summary of Minutes from October 10, 2024 Board Meeting

Call to Order 7:14 pm

Attendance: Vickie Wheeler, Dennis Sharp, Janie Long, Andrew Hunter, George Greene, David Sokal, Marsha Brooks, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco

Guests: Mike Brooks, Angela Dadlani, Jeff Hawkinson

### New Business for Board Discussion

#### Election of Officers

President - Marsha Brooks

Vice President - Marie Dean

Secretary - Vickie Wheeler

Treasurer - George Greene

### Committee Roundtable

#### Executive Committee - M. Brooks

#### Executive Committee Minutes 2 October 2024

Marsha Brooks, President (absent)

Felipe Rodriguez, Vice President

Vickie Wheeler, Secretary

Marie Dean, Treasurer

1. Next EC meeting will be decided after the Elections for Officers at the October Board meeting.
2. Notification of a flooded area during the storm at Emerald Circle - Vickie will ask Laura to follow up with reporting homeowner and ask her to provide pictures of the area she is reporting; and ask the district reps to look at the site.
3. Check from PALSCO for \$2620 will be deposited back into the legal fund account that it was taken from to pay Ganley, GL-00529 Legal General.
4. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. Gerding Construction has been selected to replace 3 exterior doors, repair soffit & fascia boards and seal the 2 cracked roof boots. Gerding is working on registering with VIVE. Marie is following up on the VIVE registration process.
5. Open complaints review. We will look into a way to ensure this database is updated as things progress. Perhaps enacting procedures for this process will help both the District reps and the Admin keep this updated in a timely manner.

6. Waivers for VIVE registration. Contrary to what they may say, Marie has received confirmation back from PPM that no matter which options for the waiver we submit, we will be charged \$125 for each waiver. Each time the vendor is used, if they are on a waiver it will be an additional \$125, even though the waiver itself says we won't be charged.
7. PPM Annual Budget email and 2025 Addendum Fees. Marie had sent an email to PPM for clarification on these fees and how they will affect us. She had received no response so we asked our Admin to follow up on Marie's email with some additional questions. Laura did receive a response from PPM on September 18 which answered the questions.

Minutes approved.

Executive Comm. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

#### Finance Committee Report - M. Dean

#### October 09, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee met at 7:00 on Thursday, October 9. Attending this month's meeting were Felipe Rodriguez, George Greene, and Marie Dean. The committee had just late this afternoon received the September 2024 Cash Report from PPM. PPM reported 10 accounts they are working on that are delinquent in paying their 2024 assessment, and the status showing that they're preparing to transfer them to our attorney. To avoid waiting another month we'd ask the board approval that these 10 accounts be sent for the attorney to collect when PPM says the time is appropriate. The committee reviewed the Collections Report from Ganley's office. There was 1 pending bank foreclosure, and 2 that have received pre-foreclosure letters.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45  
submitted by Marie Dean, Chairperson

**Motion to approve 10 accounts be sent to the attorney for collections from PPM Financial Statement when PPM says the time appropriate. Seconded. Motion passes.**

## Parks and Lawns

### Parks, Lawns, Ballfield and Playgrounds Committee Meeting

October 7, 2024: 7:05 -8:30 pm

In attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Brooks, Wray Dean, Marie Dean, Chris Clasen, Rob Shoaf, George Greene and Liz Templeton Scisco

After reviewing completed, current and planned 2024/2025 projects and associated expenditures, the committee voted to ask the PA Board to increase the 2025 committee budget by \$20,500. \$10,000 of the \$20,500 increase was in the drainage system repair and maintenance budget category. (Our 1960-designed stormwater control system is being severely challenged by the high volume, short duration stormwater events it is now trying to handle.)

Here is the proposed 2025 budget for each budget category:

- GL 00458 Landscaping: \$12,000 (same as 2024)
- GL 00531 Grounds Maintenance: \$80,000 (\$5,000 increase over 2024)
- GL 00553 Playgrounds Maintenance: \$8,000 (\$2,000 decrease from 2024)
- GL 00570 Drainage System Maintenance & Repair: \$20,000 (\$11,000 increase over 2024)
- GL 00589 Trail Maintenance: \$10,000 (\$2,000 increase over 2024)
- GL 05072 Lake Maintenance: \$9,000 (a \$4,500 increase over 2024)
- GL 05078 Tree Removal: \$20,000 (same as 2024)
- Total 2024 budget request: \$159,000 (2024 budget \$138,500)

The committee also approved the following motions:

**Motion 1:** The committee approved Steven Berkowitz's motion to reimburse him for the \$124.10 he spent out-of-pocket to purchase a special concrete sealant material during the repair of the Sedwick Park drain pipe, to be paid from GL 00570.

**Motion 2:** To recommend that the Board authorize Guins Excavation Service to dig up and replace 80-ft of rusted out, 15-inch diameter metal pipe with the same length of 15-inch diameter, double-wall, HDPE plastic pipe starting at the outlet of the drop box behind 107 Jennings Lane, at a cost of \$6,400 to be paid from GL 00570.

**Motion 3:** To recommend that the Board authorize Rescue Lawn Care to fill-in the depressions left at Sedwick Park from the repair of the drain pipe and the removal of the root ball of the fallen tree, using 15 cu yds. of 50:50 topsoil and then grade and seed the filled-in areas, for \$1,475 to be paid from GL 00458.

BoD action on Committee Motions:

**Motion to take \$600 from the playgrounds budget, GL-00553 to GL-00570 to complete payment to Guins Excavation of \$6400. Seconded. Motion passes.**

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**Motion to authorize Rescue Lawn Care to fill-in the depressions left at Sedwick Park from the repair of the drain pipe and the removal of the root ball of the fallen tree, using 15 cu yds. of 50:50 topsoil and then grade and seed the filled-in areas, for \$1,475 to be paid from GL-00458. Tabled.**

**Motion to take \$650 from the playgrounds GL-00553 to cover the cost of purchase and delivery of 15 cu. Yards of 50:50 topsoil compost blend from The Rock Shop to fill in the depressions. Seconded. Motion passes.**

### Garden Committee - C. Classen

The garden is tuckered out and winding down on its produce. Green beans are our best crop right now. People are still finding pods hidden among the leaves. Peppers and cherry tomatoes are some of the last crops. Bed clean up is ongoing. Several beds have been planted with lettuce, spinach and beets.

More lettuce and Swiss Chard will be planted when we take out the tomatoes. We have not been able to grow anything in the cabbage family because of cabbage worms, maybe next year after we try to break the cycle of pests.

We had so much rain at the end of the month that not much work got done. We are drying out now. Susan thought she had the irrigation system fixed but we found out our timer is broken and needs to be replaced. We will purchase a new one out of this year's budget for use next year.

Volunteer hours for September were 18. The garden committee requests that our 2025 budget remains at \$750.

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

The deadline for the next issue of Parkwood Press is the 15th. This is an opt-in print issue of the newsletter, delivered to about 130 Parkwood homes.

#### **Parkwood on Social Media**

Our Facebook presence stands at 728 Followers, 589 Likes. Our posts reached 291 people and we had 667 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 5 posts during this time.

#### **ParkwoodNC Google Group**

Our group has 880 members. There have been 15 new posts/conversations since our September Board of Directors meeting.

#### **Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks**

#### **Parkland Planning Committee**

Minutes for Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, 7pm via Zoom

1. Present: Mike Brooks (Chair); Wray Dean, Marie Dean, Steven Berkowitz, Janie Long, Chris Classen, Andrew Hunter, Rob Shoaf
2. Approval of August minutes.
3. Sedwick Park Bridge Updates:
  - o The Sedwick Park Bridge was completed on August 24 (with final installation of anchor bolts on Aug. 26). Final project cost is expected to be \$94,144.12 (plus the possible addition of one final invoice from GeoTechnologies for concrete testing). Earlier tests have found maximum concrete strength to be 5,000 psi.
4. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Signage project
  - o Deferred to next meeting
5. New entry signage
  - o Need to update Jan.16 signage quote; next, apply for sign permits for 2 locations, and once permits are approved, present total costs (sign permits, materials, installation) to the Board for funding approval.

*In Studio and  
Off Site Options*



*Private Parties  
Team Building  
Fundraising  
Kids Events*

**4711 Hope Valley Rd, Durham, NC 27707**

**[www.wineanddesign.com/durham-nc](http://www.wineanddesign.com/durham-nc)**

*Woman/Minority owned*

- 6. Playgrounds planning/development
  - o After meeting with equipment company representative, we are now awaiting a proposal for replacement of at least some of the Sedwick Park equipment.

- 7. New business
  - o 2025 Budget: Current budget was 05527-00 PPC Projects, \$10,000; 06027-00 PPC Engineering, \$5,000. Committee agreed to maintain the same budget figures for next year.
  - o Proposal to implement a Tree Replacement Policy. Archival draft policy attached for discussion. Committee discussed moving forward with an updated Tree Replacement Policy, including more emphasis on native trees.

MOTION: That the PPC will spend up to \$500 to purchase and plant an Oak sapling to replace the fallen Post Oak in Sedwick Park, after seeking Donald Allen’s opinion on which Oak species would be preferable. Seconded. Motion passed in committee.

- o Welcome Packets Suggestion from Liz Templeton: Committee agreed to suggest implementation of Welcome Packets to the Board for new residents. It would be a great way to get more volunteers for the board, educate residents about the trails and other recreational features, and potentially get more community involvement.
- o Suggestions from George Greene: 1) Upgrading the Lotus Pond Trail (and perhaps others) with a layer of gravel: PPC will get a proposal for adding gravel to the Lotus Pond Trail; 2) Adding a sidewalk to Revere Road in front of the mosque: Steven will contact city officials about current sidewalk policy; land in front of the Mosque is their property; 3) Add dog waste containers to the trailheads: Committee has not seen any need for dog waste containers at park trailheads.
- 8. Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7pm via Zoom.
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:50

**Events Committee - V. Wheeler**  
 Events Committee Activities as of 9 October 2024

Members are Olga Rodriguez, Mamie Parker, Liz Cisco and Vickie Wheeler.

The Fall Flea Market was the biggest yet since we have restarted. It was held 8am - noon, 5 Oct 24. We are in the planning process with Parkwood Methodist Church for a Movie on the Lawn in the Spring.

Next Events Committee meeting will be on 13 Oct 24.

**New Business**

Dennis suggests making large wall maps available for sale to the community.

**Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve the minutes. Second. Motion passes.

**Meeting adjournment**

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passes.

Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 9:13 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 November 14, 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 November 12th.

BoD Action on Committee Motions:

**MOTION to authorize PPC to spend up to \$500 from GL-05527 PPC Projects to purchase and plant an Oak sapling to replace the fallen Post Oak in Sedwick Park, after seeking Donald Allen’s opinion on which Oak species would be preferable. Seconded. Motion passes.**

# Scenes from the Parkwood Flea Market October 5, 2024



**Contact the Board**

All Board Members: board@parkwoodnc.org  
 President & Officers: executive@parkwoodnc.org  
 District Reps: district1@parkwoodnc.org  
*(be sure to use your district number)*

**Parkwood Association Committees**

Events Committee, events@parkwoodnc.org  
 Finance Committee: finance@parkwoodnc.org  
 Garden Committee: garden@parkwoodnc.org  
 Parkland Planning: possibilities@parkwoodnc.org  
 Parks Lawns & Ballfield parksandlawns@parkwoodnc.org



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