

FEBRUARY 2025

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

Happy
February

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Parkwood Events!

**PARKWOOD
EASTER EGG HUNT**
SUNDAY, APRIL 13
2 PM

SPECIAL RAFFLE
Family Membership to
the Parkwood Pool

Sedwick Park
1316 Sedwick Rd.



**Parkwood
Spring Flea Market**

May 3, 2025
8 am-12 noon

Registration for Flea Market vendor booths will open in early April. Exact date to be announced later.

Have Drainage or Erosion Problems?

It doesn't take much walking around looking at Parkwood's yards – all 1000-odd of them – or touring many of our parklands and trails to see clear evidence of widespread flooding problems, especially after heavy rains.

As we well know, Durham is urbanizing all around us. According to NC Cooperative Extension, "We have more homes, commercial buildings, parking lots, and roads and less forested landscapes to slow down rainwater runoff."

It's really a simple equation: there is less water going into the ground and more stormwater flowing to our local streams. Increased volume means increased velocity within the stream, and therefore increased erosion.



That's a lot of acronyms, but SCMs are just tools to help us address water quality concerns such as sediment and excess nutrient pollution, while BMPs include things like streambank stabilization, cisterns, rain gardens, critical area plantings, grass swales and more for individual yards and stormdrain networks.

Through CCAP, the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District can reimburse homeowners, businesses, schools, churches and other civic and community groups up to 75% of the cost of SCM/BMP installation (up to \$5,000 per property owner per fiscal year).

ISIP, on the other hand, allows for 100% cost-share reimbursement for project installations for landowners experiencing water quality concerns who self-certify as having an income beneath a specified threshold (FY 2024 limits of \$67,800 for a family of 2, up to \$98,300 for a family of 6, for example).

For more information about participating in CCAP or ISIP, contact Jack Brown at (919) 560-0557 or (984) 260-5762 (cell) or visit the Durham Soil & Water Conservation District website: www.dconc.gov/SWCD.

Photos by Jim Marts (top two) and Lacey Smith (bottom); adapted by Mike Brooks from information provided by DS&WCD



"How much stormwater is added to creeks? In a 1" rainfall, one acre of parking lots and driveways can drain 27,000 gallons of rainwater to local streams ... All this extra stormwater runoff erodes streambanks and is the largest source of sediment and pollution in urbanized areas of NC."

Well, guess what? Durham County's Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) and Impaired Stream Improvement Program (ISIP) are available to improve local water quality by providing Durham citizens (that's us) with technical assistance and potential cost-share reimbursement for the design and installation of Stormwater Control Measures (SCMs) and Best Management Practices (BMPs).



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: Rob Shoaf*

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 Office

Parkwood Association

1417 Seaton Road

Durham, NC 27713

Phone: (919) 544-2161

Email: pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

Website: 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

ParkwoodNC Google Group

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

Parkwood on Facebook:

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

Parkwood on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/parkwoodnc/>

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.

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>.

Interested in serving on the Parkwood Board of Directors?

We are seeking a candidate to fill one vacant seat on the Board of Directors of the Parkwood HOA.

A 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 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

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 or 919-943-3758 or the missionaries at 919-225-7386 to submit a request.

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.



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>

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 to make delivery change requests.



PARKSIDE

BAPTIST CHURCH

A new church serving our community.

Join us on Sunday!

Equip Class - 9:15am // Worship Service - 10:30am

1515 Clermont Road, Durham, NC 27713

To learn more,
visit parksidebc.org
or scan this QR code:



Parkwood Homeowner Dues for 2025 are \$250

Payments are due January 1, 2025
Dues not paid by March 31st will have an
additional late fee applied on April 1st.

How to pay:

Mail a check:

Parkwood Association
c/o Professional Property Management, Inc
PO Box 97006
Raleigh, NC 27624

Pay Online:

Visit parkwoodnc.org
Use yellow "Make a Payment" button
to login and submit your payment.

Dues not paid by 3/31/2025 will incur additional fees.

If you cannot pay your entire assessment, please contact PPM to set up a payment plan to
avoid additional fees.

919-848-4911



DURHAM BAHA'I COMMUNITY

on the occasion of the "Black History Month"



"To create a just society begins with recognition of the fundamental truth that humanity is one. But it is not enough simply to believe this in our hearts. It creates the moral imperative to act, and to view all aspects of our personal, social, and institutional lives through the lens of justice. It implies a reordering of our society more profound than anything we have yet achieved. And it requires the participation of Americans of every race and background, for it is only through such inclusive participation that new moral and social directions can emerge."

[National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the U.S.]

Meaningful Conversations

Sunday, February 16 @ 3PM - 5PM

"Bending the Long Arc of the Moral Universe towards Justice"

Does justice begin inside a person's soul? How can one create justice in/with oneself?



DURHAM BAHA'I CENTER
5103 REVERE ROAD, DURHAM 27713
www.durhambahai.org * (919) 489-6690

Summary of Minutes from January 9, 2025 Board Meeting

Call to Order 7:08 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Rob Shoaf, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Richard Evert, Janie Long, Andrew Hunter, Gretchen Aycock, David Sokal, Marsha Brooks, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco

Guests: Mike Brooks, chair of PPC

Election of At-Large Board Member

Motion to appoint Rob Shoaf as the at-large Board Representative for District 1. Seconded. Motion Passed unanimously.

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Brooks

Executive Committee Minutes 1 January 2025

Marsha Brooks, President
Marie Dean, Vice President
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary
George Greene, Treasurer (absent)

1. Next EC meeting will be 5 Feb 25 at 7:00 pm.
2. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. We will purchase three doors from Lowes and have TradeWorks Handyman Services, LLC install them and repair the soffit, fascia boards and trim work.
3. Filing Corporate Transparency Act documentation. This is still going through legal action and currently there is no requirement to file. The attorney has said they expect a final decision in the next few weeks.
4. "Excused" absences for a Board meeting. Discussion/awareness of how absences potentially affect Board meetings. We know emergencies and major life events happen. But we also know that the Board meets the second Thursday of each month and should be able to plan accordingly, outside of the aforementioned emergencies and major life events.

5. Website changes from PPM. PPM is changing our website and access at the end of this month. We are looking at their procedures for transporting current subscribers and the possibility of pursuing other options.
6. Contact info on Board members. Laura will expand her database of Board members to include contact information.
7. City of Durham logon account. We will ask our Admin (Laura) to get the logon account information from Steven so she can set the account up properly under the Parkwood office email. In the future, any need to access online account information for the Parkwood Association is to be initiated by our Admin.
8. Summerglen recurring complaints. Laura will create a template for letters to homeowners who are willingly ignoring our Bylaws and Covenants. Vickie will assist in the first drafted letter to the homeowner on Summerglen Ct. This is a priority.

Motion to purchase 3 exterior doors from Lowes at a cost not to exceed \$1400 using GL-00505 Seaton Rd. Property. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to revise motion of 8 Aug 24 to hire TradeWorks Handyman Services, LLC to install 3 exterior doors, repair soffit, fascia boards and trim at a cost not to exceed \$3,090.63. Payment to come from GL-00505 Seaton Road Property Maintenance, with a transfer from Capital Reserve Atlantic Union GL-01010. Second. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes approved.

EC Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Finance Committee Report - M. Dean for G. Greene

Finance Committee Meeting January 8, 2025

- Review the financial report from PPM. In the excel sheet provided, the Accounts Receivable (AR) tab will only focus on the delinquent accounts this month.
- Questionable transactions: There are no unknown or unjustified transactions this month.

- Delinquent account review:
 - 8 accounts were successfully transferred to the Collections attorney.
 - We have 1 account needing a PPM demand letter escalation.
 - Vote to approve PPM demand letter escalation on PPM Acct #10987-03.

Motion to give PPM the go ahead to send the escalation letter to Account #10987-03. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Review of the Collections attorney report.
- Board vote to escalate to foreclosure on delinquent accounts:
 - Collections Account 70259.62; Balance = \$684.86
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 - Collections Account 70259.67; Balance = \$684.86
 - Collections Account 70259.68; Balance = \$934.86
 - Collections Account 70259.69; Balance = \$934.86

Motion to authorize the attorney to file foreclosure actions for the accounts listed above. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Review of received invoice.
 - The committee voted & approved payment of \$30 invoice for Bagwell Holt and Smith's advice on CTA filing. Invoice was received 1/1/25.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm
submitted by Marie Dean

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

Summary of Parks, Lawns and Ballfield Committee Meeting - January 6, 2025

1. Clermont Culvert
 - a. Motion to approve contracting with Rescue Lawn Care for bi-weekly cleanup and removal of debris at the Lotus Pond at a pro-rated (January - June) rate of \$380 per month, coming to \$2280 using GL-00570 (Drainage).
 - b. Steven will follow up with city and then advise on pond dredging
2. Plantings: Proposal for Goodyear Circle (Liz/ Rob): We will update at February Board meeting
3. Ballfield Lease Amendment has been fully executed by South Durham Little League (SDLL) and Parkwood Association requiring SDLL to be fully responsible in the future for payment of the Ballfield irrigation Water Bill and RPZ valve recertification and maintenance. In the process of having this service transferred from Parkwood to SDLL, the City will be refunding Parkwood \$787.36 for overpayment (we've been incorrectly charged for Sewer service in addition to water service).
4. Events/Volunteer Needs
 - a. Native Plant Workshop 9-11am ***Checked in on 1/7 and Jeff is planning to do the event unless conditions are dangerous, he is going to post updates on Facebook event.***
 - b. Sedwick Park Soil Spread 1/11 @11:30am
 - i. Postponed tentatively to 1/18 - announced at Board Meeting
5. Works In Progress
 - a. Invasive plants policy (Bill)
 - b. Review of RLC Lawn Care Service Areas & Drainage Expected completion: April 2025
 - c. Dam Emergency Action Plan
 - d. Checking with RLC about mulch for playground (Sedwick) *Hope to have quote by Feb Board meeting
 - e. Tree Report Review *Hope to have summary by Feb Board meeting*
 - f. Drainage Structures on Private Property *Policy*

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Garden Committee - C. Classen

Not much was happening in the Community Garden in December. There are lettuces under frost

covers that are shivering but surviving. Collards plants are small but alive and waiting for a little warmer weather to help them grow. There are some hardy perennials hanging in there too. One volunteer wrote in our log. She worked for 2 hours at the beginning of December.

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 of the newsletter. A paper copy will be delivered to about 130 Parkwood homes.

Parkwood on Social Media

Facebook

Our Facebook presence stands at 749 Followers, 597 Likes. Our posts reached 190 people and we had 249 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts of original Parkwood Association content, a Happy New Year image with a reminder about office hours and a link to the January issue of Parkwood Press.

Instagram

Our new Instagram account, parkwoodnc, was launched on December 22, 2024. With 4 posts to date, we now have 16 followers.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 881 members. There have been 4 new posts/conversations since our December Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, 7pm via Zoom

1. Present: Wray Dean, Marie Dean, Pete Eisenmann, Rob Shoaf, Chris Classen, David Sokal, Janie Long, Mike Brooks (Chair)
2. November minutes: approved as written.
3. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Signage project
 - a. Katie's due date 12/16; her suggestion: Using corrugated roofing section to cover up an area of ground, to allow natural subterranean habitat to develop underneath.



Welcome, International Friends!

RTP ESL offers free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes on Wednesdays hosted at Parkside Baptist Church.

Learn and practice English in a friendly environment!

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| <p>Wednesday Mornings 10am-12pm English from the Bible</p> | <p>Wednesday Evenings 6:20-7:40pm Conversation, Pronunciation, Idioms</p> |
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Learn More & Register:

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Sections could then be lifted up, to view the habitat. Committee approved; Pete will install 2x4 ft. pieces of corrugated roofing material.

4. New entry signage
 - a. Working on Sign Permit Applications for presentation at the next meeting.
5. Playgrounds planning/development
 - a. Updates from Wray re: volleyball court; discussion about whether volleyball court is even used. Suggestion: future Parkwood Press survey of what residents might want in their playgrounds.
6. Tree Replacement Policy:
 - a. Still no feedback from City/County Arborist Robin Schultze; left another message on Monday, no response yet.
 - b. Updates from Panther Creek Farm expedition – forwarded message from the owner (excerpt): “In terms of viability/survival, young trees and bare root plants do very well, better actually than older ones as they more quickly adapt to their environment. Having said this, you can have anything you want. I’ll be sure to point out the older trees you may have missed as well. One general rec is to overplant, assuming some will die. That is a fact no matter what material you choose. I don’t have any sense of what you are trying to replace and that can be important: street trees, front yard highly visible trees, an open lot, etc. Those issues should inform your choices as well. If you are looking for larger trees and have a budget, check out <https://www.trianglenativetrees.com/>

This is a small nursery run by the head of urban forestry for Durham, Alex Johnson. He is an urban tree guru and is growing tees for sale on the side. His prices are very reasonable for the material he is selling and he is a wealth of advice.”

7. Goodyear Circle plantings to screen McCormick traffic glare: After discussion, committee agreed to refer this question to the Parks & Lawns Committee for further action.
8. New Trail Maps for the two kiosks and for the Parkwood office have been printed and will be mounted ASAP.
9. New business:
 - a. Rob: Adding signage to perimeters of circles to discourage parking on parkland: referred to Parks & Lawns Committee for further

discussion/action.

- b. David: Suggestions for creating a trail from Parkwood across NE Creek over to the Food Lion Plaza; David will follow up with the City of Durham and with Bartlett Reserve to explore possibilities.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

The Events Committee is looking forward to 2025's activities. Our next meeting will be later in January.

New Business

Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Minutes from Parkwood Association board meetings are archived and available on our website. parkwoodnc.org

The next meeting of the Parkwood Association Board of Directors is scheduled for February 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

If you would like to attend as a guest, please email the office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org no later than February 11th.

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

Another Successful Winter of Sowing Native Seeds

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold weather to attend one of this year's native seed sowing workshops. Late fall and winter is the ideal time to sow many native seeds outside as they need the cold, wet weather to break their dormancy and germinate in the Spring. With over 50 seed species between the two workshops, we had nearly 70 folks join us this winter who were looking to add to their personal or community landscape.

Beyond seed starting, I was taken by some of the really exciting connections I witnessed: local nature stewardship groups connected with one another, master gardeners shared their expertise, and residents discussed approaches for engaging homeowners' associations in restorative landscaping practices. Conversations also highlighted the significance of culturally important native and naturalized plants in the



Triangle, adding a layer of context to the ecological work being undertaken.



Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the exchange of ideas and knowledge. These workshops represent small but important steps toward building a network of native plant advocates working to enhance our shared environment.

Stay tuned for information about some native plant giveaways this Fall!



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



February 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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