

MARCH 2025

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



March

Welcome Spring

PARKWOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

SPECIAL RAFFLE
Family Membership to
the Parkwood Pool

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 2PM

Sedwick Park
1316 Sedwick Rd.

Volunteers Needed - Help with set-up, activity stations and clean-up.
Please contact Events Committee at events@parkwoodnc.org if you can help!



JOIN US FOR CREEK WEEK 2025: OUR CREEK NEEDS YOU!



Creek Week is a time to discover and clean up our local streamways. It has been celebrated in Durham since 2009. To date, 210,989 pounds of litter has been collected with 4,808 volunteers.

Here's the Creek Week schedule for Parkwood – please register in advance at:

keepdurhambeautiful.org/creek-week-events

Pre-registration isn't required, but we need to make sure there are enough supplies on hand.

Last October, sixteen volunteers from within and outside Parkwood participated in the Big Sweep, and did a stupendous job cleaning up a long stretch of Parkwood Creek.

But the job wasn't finished: Creek Week gives us a chance to clean up a couple of sections of the streamway, in both Parkwood and Parkwood Village sections, which would have been too much to include last fall. These are neglected and overgrown sections of the creek (off Timmons Rd.) and a side tributary (northeast border of Parkwood Village), so this could be a more rugged adventure. But still a great opportunity to clean up a heavily-littered area, meet some new people, and get to know your neighborhood better – or all the above!

Participating volunteers will receive maps of the area (which is actually nearby), trash bags, gloves, litter grabbers, and vests. Please wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes or boots, pants and long sleeves, and bring a reusable water bottle. This is probably not an occasion for young children.

When we meet at the Parkwood Community Center parking lot, volunteers can choose which of the two sections they prefer, and guides will accompany each group.

After Creek Week, the City of Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department and Durham



County General Services will make sure that collected litter is properly recycled or sent to the landfill.

And in case you might wonder, "Parkwood Creek" is the name we're lately calling what is officially "Northeast Creek Tributary C". But that's not much of a name, and since the communities within the Parkwood area contain the great majority of, and work hard caring for, this waterway, it just seems like we've earned the right to give our pleasant little creek a nicer name.

Northeast Creek Tributary C ("Parkwood Creek") Cleanup with The Parkwood Association and Parkwood Village

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 – 4:00 pm
**Meet at the Parkwood Community
Center, 1417 Seaton Road, Durham**

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 4: OPEN
Dist 1: Rob Shoaf*	Dist 5: Andrew Hunter
Dist 2: Chris Classen	Dist 6: Gretchen Aycock
Dist 3: Dennis Sharp	Dist 6: David Sokal*
Dist 3: Richard Evert	Dist 7: Felipe Rodriguez
Dist 4: Janie Long	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.

Help Your Dog Be a Good Neighbor

Clean up after your pet

- Always carry a baggie or two with you and your four-legged buddy when you head out for a walk or playtime in the park.
- It is your responsibility to clean up after your pet when you are out in our neighborhood, this includes along our roads and sidewalks as well as parks and trails.

Cleaning up after your pet includes bagging your pet's poop and taking it to your own trash bin or a trash can found at one of our public parks.

Do not put dog waste in a neighbor's trash bin or in a yard or trail.

Keep your dogs on a leash when away from your own property.

This includes when out on walks and time spent in our Parkwood Parks and Trails.

Durham's Leash Law

Durham County pet owners are required to keep their animals under restraint when they're away from their property. It's unlawful to take a dog on a stroll through your neighborhood without a leash. No matter how friendly or well-behaved the owner believes their pet can be around others, the pet must be supervised and restrained at all times for everyone's safety.

<https://www.durhamsheriff.com/services/animal-services/leash-law-tethering-ordinance>



Supervise your dogs if they are outside in an unfenced yard

- Dogs should not be free to roam beyond your yard off leash no matter how well trained.
- Too often dogs on the loose are approaching walkers, runners or bike riders.
- While your dog may be trained not to threaten others, your neighbors and passers by have no way of knowing that.

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 "<https://ppm.cincwebaxis.com/parkwood>"
Use "Make a Quick Payment" button
to login and submit your payment.

Pay By Phone:
Call 610-646-5130

Please note owners who choose to pay online or pay by phone are subject to a transaction processing fee charged by the payment service provider. Accepted credit cards include Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover

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



"And the honour and distinction of the individual consist in this, that he among all the world's multitudes should become a source of social good. Is any larger bounty conceivable than this, that an individual, looking within himself, should find that by the confirming grace of God he has become the cause of peace and well-being, of happiness and advantage to his fellow men? No, by the one true God, there is no greater bliss, no more complete delight."

[From the Baha'i Sacred Writings]

Meaningful Conversations

Sunday, March 15 @ 3PM - 5PM

"Does 'the pursuit of happiness' lead to happiness?"

What is happiness? What ways of living foster happiness?



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

Summary of Minutes from February 13, 2025 Board Meeting

Call to Order 7:04 pm

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

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Quarterly Board Member Attendance was reviewed and all are in good standing.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Brooks

Executive Committee Minutes 5 February 2025

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

1. Next EC meeting will be 5 March 2025 at 7:00 pm.
2. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. The three doors have been delivered. We will purchase 3 replacement door knobs before installation.
3. Filing Corporate Transparency Act documentation. We have Rob Shoaf's completed BOIR form and Marie will take it to our attorney to have it ready to file if necessary.
4. "Excused" absences for a Board meeting. Laura has changed the recording of attendance in the spreadsheet to reflect either present or absent and added a field for the reason for the absence. We will review the spreadsheet for the previous quarter at February's Board meeting.
5. Contact info on Board members. Laura has expanded the spreadsheet of Board members to include contact information. She is contacting members for information as needed. She will make this available to Board members only.
6. Summer Glen recurring complaints. We are reviewing templates for both initial and follow up letters and aiming to have proposed letters by

the March Board meeting. This is a priority.

7. Complaint from Emerald circle. Laura will send this to the Board members for that district so they can verify the problem and if necessary contact Durham One Call to see what Durham's requirements are for making this type of complaint.
8. Board or committee members contacting PPM directly. Board or committee members who are looking for information should funnel their requests through Laura rather than contacting PPM, our attorneys or any other agency we have a contract with directly. Please remember there is an hourly charge for contacting these agencies. You may find that other Board members or Laura will already know the answer to your question.
9. Insurance policy renewal. We will ask Laura to contact Insurance People for copies of our policies. We will need a quick turnaround as the policy renewal is due 7 March.

Minutes approved.

Exec Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Finance Committee Report - G. Greene

PARKWOOD Association Finance Committee
Meeting Time: February 11, 2024 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Adjourned: 7:37 pm

Attendance: George Greene, Marsha Brooks, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

1. Committee reviewed the Financial Transactions of January 2025 and found no transactions of concern.
2. Committee reviewed the status of Accounts Receivable predating 2/1/25.
 - a. Review of Account #10987-03. This account was held by a previous homeowner and owed a balance of \$164.96. PPM sent a demand letter to the previous homeowner and has not received a response
 - i. Motion to write off the balance of \$164.96 in Account #10987-03 (held by previous homeowner), to bad debt, GL-12-00562. Motion passed.
 - b. Review of Account #11569, total balance \$3478.20. Account has been delinquent

since 2021 and pending foreclosure since 2023. In July 2024, deed was transferred from the delinquent homeowner. The committee has inquired with collections attorney for a status report.

- c. In total, two accounts have come back to compliance, two other accounts have made payments, and two other accounts have begun reviewing payment plan options.
 - i. Motion to remove the lien on properties associated with compliant accounts, #11004 & #11312. Motion passed.
3. Committee reviewed invoices from Collections attorney for services rendered.
 - a. Motion to approve payment of invoices Statement # 245123 – 245130, totaling \$3,171.02 from 00529, Legal – General. Motion passed.
4. Committee reviewed status of 2025 Assessment Collection.
 - a. 57% of homeowners have paid 2025 Assessment as of 1/31/25.
 - b. Late fees begin 3/31/25.
5. Committee reviewed the current delinquent assessments collection procedure to streamline collection of overdue Assessments and associated fees.
 - a. Currently, the first payment reminder is sent in February, a second reminder in March, and a third “Final Late Notice” is sent in April. Removing a late notice accelerates the remaining steps in the collection process by 30 days.
 - i. Motion to remove the “Final Late Notice” from collection procedure. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Motions Considered by the Board:

Motion to write off the balance of \$164.96 in Account #10987-03 (held by previous homeowner), to bad debt, GL-12-00562. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to remove the lien on properties associated with compliant accounts, #11004 & #11312. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve payment of invoices Statement # 245123 – 245130, totaling \$3,171.02 from 00529, Legal – General. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to pre-approve escalation to PPM Demand letter from Final Late notice. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA

PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE

February 3, 2024: 7:00 pm (Liz, Feb. Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: February 3, 2024 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:10 pm

Adjourned: 9:10 pm

Attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Wray Dean, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, Rob Shoaf, George Greene, Liz Scisco
Guests: None.

Invasive Species Removal Policy Project:

1. Committee discussed removal policy and came to agreement on removal policy.
2. Motion to Adopt the Proposed Invasive Species Policy and to amend the Existing Tree Policy to reference in section 4 the New Invasive Species Policy. Passed.

Clermont Circle Culvert Project:

1. Committee received an update on the city's progress with the culvert. Design options are expected from the city by summer 2025.

Goodyear Circle Planting Project:

1. An updated proposal for hedge plantings was presented and debated by the committee.
2. Motion to plant Virbunum chindo plants as hedge at Goodyear Circle, Work in Progress, pending updated pricing from RLC.

Playground Mulch Project:

1. The committee discussed past mulching practices and present playground maintenance.
2. Motion to purchase 100 cubic yards of playground mulch for RLC to spread in community playgrounds, not to exceed \$2,875 from Playground Maintenance 00553. Passed.

Sedwick Park Seeding Project:

1. The committee discussed the needs for grass seed and straw where volunteers spread dirt in January.

2. Motion to have RLC spread seed and straw in the desired area of Sedwick park, not to exceed \$600 GL Code 00458 Landscaping. Passed.

Parks, Lawns, & Ballfield Motions to the Board

Motion to adopt the Proposed Invasive Species Policy and to amend the Existing Tree Policy to reference in section 4 the New Invasive Species Policy.

Motion to table this motion until the next meeting.

Motion to amend the current motion to table and in its place have an email vote no later than Thursday, Feb 20, 2025 to vote on the proposed Invasive Species Policy and to amend the Existing Tree Policy. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to purchase 100 cubic yards of playground mulch for RLC to spread in community playgrounds, not to exceed \$2,875 from Playground Maintenance 00553. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to have RLC spread seed and straw in the desired area of Sedwick park, not to exceed \$600 GL Code 00458 Landscaping. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

Keep Durham Beautiful had leftover bulbs from their Bulb Blitz which we benefited from last month. Chris picked up another 75 bulbs and bare rooted plants from KDB. Holly, Shauna and Chris planted the plants and bulbs last Wednesday. Let's hope they pop up.

Upcoming projects beginning in March (not all-inclusive, but it's a start):

- Top off the shared (public) beds with compost, weeding where needed. Compost will be delivered this month.
- Rebuild the front gate (Does anyone have 4 or 5 long poles of fresh bamboo?)
- Order & spread mulch in the paths (we have yet to order mulch, but it will be soon, as the paths are very muddy)
- Repair the irrigation system and add lines

where needed

- Rebuilding or raising several beds & adding compost as needed
- Removing or repairing old trellises, general tidying up
- Placing durable plant tags on perennials in the pollinator garden and rain garden
- Dividing perennials that have gotten too large & potting these up to give away

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 752 Followers, 599 Likes. Our posts reached 291 people and we had 453 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts of original Parkwood Association content, posting about the Volunteer Opportunity to spread soil at Sedwick Park and a link to the January issue of Parkwood Press.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 19 followers. 8 posts have been shared since the account was launched in December 2024.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 881 members. There have been 11 new posts/conversations since our January Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, 7pm via Zoom

1. Present: Marie Dean, Chris Classen, Janie Long, Steven Berkowitz, Rob Shoaf, Mike Brooks (Chair)
2. December minutes approved as written
3. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Forest project
 - a. Re: Katie's suggestion to create subterranean habitat areas: Pete will install two to four 2x4 ft. pieces of corrugated roofing material to create habitat areas to reveal sequentially. Committee discussed Board

points about safety concerns, non-cutting edges/corners, need for instruction signs, & dangers

4. New entry signage
 - a. Sign permit applications should be ready to present to Board at next meeting.
5. Playgrounds planning/development
 - a. Decision from December meeting: removal of volleyball net, to see if there are any complaints.
 - b. Draft a survey article for the Parkwood Press re: what improvements/changes residents might want in our playgrounds.
6. Tree Replacement Policy
 - a. City-County Arborist will tour some of our areas when he can schedule some time.
 - b. Return to Panther Creek Farm to choose tree saplings for planting: to be scheduled
7. Have new Trail Maps for the two kiosks and for Parkwood office: will mount them ASAP.
8. Possibilities for creating a trail across NE Creek over to the Flood Lion Plaza: David Sokal will give a presentation to the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission at their next meeting.
9. New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:16.

D. Sokal noted that presentation to DOST will occur on February 19, 2025.

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Meeting Minutes 22 Jan 2025

The meeting was held virtually through Zoom at 7:00 pm. Attending were Olga Rodriguez, Mamie Parker, Liz Scisco and Vickie Wheeler.

Easter Egg Hunt - 13 April. We will look at a rain date, possibly during the week, if needed. The Parkwood Swim Club is donating a membership for a raffle again this year.

Spring Flea Market - 3 May. Flea Market Banners were ordered in December. Save the date was placed in the Feb PP. Mamie will let Laura know when reservations will begin for the March PP.

Movie on the Lawn date - Adam Benson has requested Friday 9 May. This is a good date for us. We will invite Adam to our February Events meeting.

Fall Flea Market - 4 Oct.

Fall Festival - 15 Nov. To be held at the Ballfield.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

New Business

Minutes Approval

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

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passes.

Board Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm

**The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of Directors
is scheduled for March 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 March 11th.

Parkwood's Website is Currently Unavailable

Please bear with us as we navigate some changes with our website.

Please email the Parkwood Association office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org, for any documents or details you have come to rely on finding at parkwoodnc.org. Our office administrator will be happy to assist you.

Advertise in Parkwood Press

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

Email the Parkwood Association Office for pricing and further details,
pa.office@parkwoodnc.org.



Parkwood Spring Flea Market

May 3, 2025

8 am-12 noon

5122 Revere Rd.
Durham, NC 27713

Vendor booths for the Flea Market will be set up along the edge of the mosque parking lot and in front of the building.

Registration for Flea Market vendor booths will begin on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

If you have questions before registration opens, you may email the Parkwood Association office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org



Snow in Parkwood!

Winter made an appearance in a big way this February, giving us an opportunity to slow down and enjoy a couple of snow days.

How did you spend your snow days? Sledding? Building a snow man?? Walking with your furry family members??



L. Denny



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D. Sokal



S. Berkowitz



D. Sokal



D. Wright

Contact the Board

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(be sure to use your district number)

Parkwood Association Committees

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 Parkland Planning: possibilities@parkwoodnc.org
 Parks Lawns & Ballfield parksandlawns@parkwoodnc.org



March 2025

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