

MAY 2025

# Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



## A Wonderful Day for an Easter Egg Hunt

We had a great Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th. Thank you to the members of our Parkwood Events Committee and to all who came out to enjoy the fun and festivities!



*4 photos by L. Denny*

More photos from the Easter Egg Hunt can be found on page 11.



*photo by V. Wheeler*

Don't forget to come out to the Flea Market!



## Parkwood Spring Flea Market

May 3, 2025  
8 am-12 noon



# 2025 RECREATION SURVEY

The primary goal of this survey is to determine what Parkwood Homeowners see as being the best use of our recreation areas. As we consider enhancing the areas listed below, please complete & return this survey to the office at 1417 Seaton Rd., Durham 27713 or use the black drop box at the mailbox. Your opinion is valuable in helping the committee make decisions for improvement. If you have thoughts which need more room, please attach an additional sheet or email [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org)

## **TOT LOT** Located on McCormick Road

- 1) Do you use this playground? Y N
  - 2) Are you satisfied with the equipment? Y N
  - 3) Is the seating adequate? Y N
  - 4) Are there improvements you'd like to see? Y N
- If yes, ideas?



## **EUCLID ROAD PARK** Located on Euclid Road at the pond

- 1) Do you use this playground? Y N
  - 2) Are you satisfied with the equipment? Y N
  - 3) Is the seating adequate? Y N
  - 4) Are there improvements you'd like to see? Y N
- If yes, ideas?



## **HIDDEN PARK** There are several entrances to this park. Look for the signs posted on Revere Road close to Goodyear, two entrances noted by signs on Brentwood Rd, or park at the pond on Euclid Rd., close to Euclid Pond, and follow the signs giving directions along the trail into Hidden Park.

- 1) Do you use this playground? Y N
  - 2) Are you satisfied with the equipment? Y N
  - 3) Is the seating adequate? Y N
  - 4) Are there improvements you'd like to see? Y N
- If yes, ideas?



## **SEDWICK PARK** Located on Sedwick Road near the parking lot and below the lake.

- 1) Do you use this playground? Y N
  - 2) Are you satisfied with the equipment? Y N
  - 3) Is the seating adequate? Y N
  - 4) Are there improvements you'd like to see? Y N
- If yes, ideas?



## 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: OPEN

Dist 3: Richard Evert

Dist 4: Janie Long

Dist 4: OPEN

Dist 5: Andrew Hunter

Dist 6: OPEN

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

## Interested in serving on the Parkwood Board of Directors?

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

Candidates 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](http://parkwoodnc.org) for more information.

To serve on the Parkwood Board of Directors you  
must be

- A resident and homeowner in Parkwood
- Current on all assessments and payments to  
the Association
- Available for Board meetings - 2nd Thursday of  
every month - 7 pm
- Be willing to serve on at least one Parkwood  
committee: Finance, Parks & Lawns, Parkland  
Planning, Events or Community Garden.

## Advertise in Parkwood Press

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

Email the Parkwood Association Office for pric-  
ing and further details,  
[pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org).

## 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.

## Unpaid Parkwood Homeowner Dues for 2025 are now Late

To avoid further penalties residents should pay  
now or reach out to PPM for a payment plan.

### 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

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## Hello to my Neighbors at Parkwood,

My name is Liz Scisco, and my family moved to Parkwood in 2020. So far, I have loved calling this community home. I recently joined the HOA Board, and I am currently chair of the Parks, Lawns, & Ballfield Committee.

### What Parkwood can do for you...

This year, your Parkwood board and committee members are working on several different projects to make our community great.

We are doing a thorough drainage and maintenance walkthrough of our grounds. This is intended to address any issues that we may currently have, and evaluate additional maintenance we may need in the future to prevent as much flooding and damage to property as possible.

We are installing new plants in our neighborhood, beginning with Goodyear circle. We have plans to improve all of our green spaces by focusing on low-maintenance, native plants!

In addition to our normal events, we are co-hosting a Movie on the Lawn with the Methodist church and hosting a Fall Festival (11/15/25). Be sure to save the date!



### What YOU can do for Parkwood...

Parkwood Board needs 3 new board members to more fully represent our neighborhood! Members do not have to be located in the districts with openings (3, 4, & 6), but can be elected any time as an “at-large” board member. I can say from experience I’ve loved serving on the board, and have really felt like I am making good progress for our neighborhood goals! Membership requires attending a zoom meeting on the second Thursday each month.

If being a board member is too much of a commitment, I would encourage you to join a committee! This still allows input, but isn’t as firm of a commitment! Consider joining

- **Parks, Lawns, & Ballfield Committee** if you are an outdoor lover
- **Community Garden Committee** if you like to dig in the dirt
- **Help with Parkwood Press & Social Media** if you have great content to share
- **Parkland Planning Committee** if you are a big thinker with great ideas
- **Events Committee** if you love to plan fun happenings and have ideas for more events

If you’re interested in helping out but don’t want to join a committee, consider a one-off helping hand at one of our volunteer events! Email [pa.office@parkwoodnc.org](mailto:pa.office@parkwoodnc.org) to sign up!

# Parkwood United Methodist Church

## Fundraiser to Serve Our Neighbors



Friday, May 16 ~ 3 pm - 7 pm  
Saturday, May 17 ~ 8 am - 2 pm  
at Parkwood UMC 5123 Revere Rd. Durham



## Estate items - *Furniture, Pottery, Jewelry* Silent Auction Bake Sale      Plant Sale

Delicious baked goods available for purchase while you browse the various Sale items

*Baked Goods and coffee are available Friday and Saturday*

*Hot Dogs with all of the fixings are for sale on Saturday from 11 am - 12:30 pm.*

*DJ Frank will be providing music.*

### Silent Auction

**Bidding for Silent Auction Items ends at 1:00 pm Saturday.**

Available Items include:

- Coach Bill Belichick personalized, autographed UNC football
- Coach Jon Scheyer autographed Duke Basketball
- Coach Manny Diaz autographed Duke Football
- Coach Dabo Swinney autographed Clemson basketball
- UNC Women's 2024 National Champion Team autographed soccer ball
- Team autographed Carolina Hurricanes Jersey
- Kyle Larson 2023 autographed NASCAR miniature car & baseball cap
- Durham Bulls Baseball Tickets
- VIP package for 2 to see Mary Chapin Carpenter & Brandy Clark at DPAC
- \$500 in Legal Services by Matthew Burkert

Other Items include:

Local Merchant & Restaurant Gift Cards	Entertainment	Jewelry
Accessories	Car Care	Gas Card
Handcrafted Items including Carolina & Duke Birdhouses		
Housewares & Decor including Sets of Dishes		

**Payments of Cash, Credit Cards and Checks will be accepted at this event**

Parkwood United Methodist Church  
5123 Revere Rd. Durham, NC 27713  
parkwoodumc.org    919-544-1078

## Summary of Minutes from April 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Call to Order at 7:03 pm

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

Guests: Mike Brooks

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting of the Board of Directors. Second. Motion passes unanimously.**

Committee Roundtable

**Executive Committee - M. Brooks**

Executive Committee Minutes 2 April 2025

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

1. Next EC meeting will be 30 April 2025 at 7:30 pm.
2. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. We have received an updated estimate for the remaining soffit work.
3. Filing Corporate Transparency Act documentation. Per an email from our attorney March 24th, there is no longer a requirement for us to file.
4. Helpful information for new Board members. We have started a list of items we believe new Board members should be aware of. We will give these to Laura to prepare. We ask that all Board members take the time to consider what they would like, or would have liked to know, when first joining and send those suggestions to Laura also.
5. Insurance policy renewal. Grace Shigley is no longer with Insurance People and has forwarded a new contact. We will do more research on this policy.
6. Parkwood's Website provided by PPM. Laura has begun work on our new website.
7. Tax Administration letter. We have some ques-

tions on this form. Why was the ballfield rental listed and not the Community Center? Who made this determination? Laura will follow up with either Steven or the Tax Administration office.

**Motion to revise Motion from 9 Jan 25 from the amount of \$3090.63 to \$4007.44 to include the additional \$916.81 from GL-00505 Seaton Road Property Maintenance to complete soffits and fascia boards repair. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Minutes approved.

EC Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

**Finance Committee Report - G. Greene**

Meeting Time: April 9, 2025 @7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7 pm. All members in attendance.

1. Committee reviewed the standing of all members of the Board of Directors. All members were found to be in good standing.
2. Committee reviewed the invoices from Collection Attorney, Bagwell Holt Smith P.A. Committee motion to approve payment of invoices from March services totaling \$258.69. GL-Code 12-00529-00. Motion passed in committee.
3. Committee reviewed the quote to engage Neal, Bradsher & Taylor, P.A. to file 2024 taxes. Committee motion to present \$1850 in costs to the Board of Directors for approval. Motion passed in committee.
4. Committee reviewed the April 2025 Collections Report from Bagwell Holt Smith P.A. Committee reports that four accounts have come into compliance and there are no actions needed by Committee for remaining accounts.
5. Committee reviewed the individual transactions from the March 2025 Financial Report and flagged transactions for detailed review and justification.
6. Committee was made aware of changes in home-owner reimbursement procedures for out-of-pocket expenses. Committee requests that all requests for reimbursement be made by Parkwood Office Staff, once notified of approval by the relevant committee or the Board



of Directors.

7. Committee reviewed the March 2025 Aging Report Review and reports there are no accounts requiring action by Committee.

Motions to present to the Board of Directors:

**Motion to approve \$1850 in costs to engage Neal, Bradsher & Taylor, P.A. to file 2024 taxes, GL -Code 12-00517-00. Second. Motion passes unanimously.**

Finance Committee Meeting Adjourned 7:33 pm.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE  
 April 7, 2024: 7:00 pm (Liz, Mar. Meeting Chair)  
 Meeting Time: April 7, 2024 @7:00pm  
 Call to Order: 7:05 pm  
 Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Attendance: Steven Berkowitz, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, George Greene, Liz Scisco  
 Guests: Jeff Hawkinson, Emily Young

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Drainage/Maintenance
  - a. Dam Emergency Action Plan (Steven) Survey Expected in April
  - b. Review of RLC Lawn Care Service Areas & Drainage (Liz)
    - i. Walk Through: 50% Complete: Expected completion: May 2025
    - ii. Make sure if trees are cut down, we make sure they are grinding down the roots
  - c. RLC put out the fire ant poison yesterday on the ballfield & parkland
2. Plantings: (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
  - a. Goodyear Circle Installed, feedback?
    - i. Liz to speak to Jay about communication on future projects
  - b. Google Plantings Survey for July/August?
  - c. Future Projects: Sub-committee to review and propose
  - d. Landscaping/Planting Mulch: Still gathering information and doing cost analysis, continue to table until May meeting.
3. Playgrounds:
  - a. New Recreation Survey



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- i. How do we determine priority of suggestions?
- ii. Appropriate to ask if the homeowners would be willing to have dues increase for these improvements?
- iii. Format (google form?)
  1. How to display/distribute: Parkwood Press
  2. Distribute Playground Flyer with QR Code (Liz)
  3. Instagram & Social Media Accounts
- b. Trash Can Lids (Steven)
  - i. Motion to purchase (2) 55 gal bins, (3) plastic swing tops, and (2) Steel swing tops at a cost no more than \$850 to replace damaged bins and lids from GL Code 00553 Playground Maintenance. Motion Approved by PL&B Committee.
  - ii. Approach Lutherans about new paint? (Chris) in the fall?
  - iii. Steven to take cans to be recycled after replacement.
4. Tree Report (Bill)
  - a. To date, we have spent only \$225, and there are no outstanding work orders for Donald Allen.
  - b. Rob to ask PPC committee about Replanting Trees
5. New Items
  - a. George Reimbursement:
    - i. Motion to approve increase in expense of soil to repair field at Sedwick park from \$650 (previously approved) to \$830.44 from GL Code 00553 Playground Maintenance. Motion Approved by PL&B Committee.
      1. Price increase due to rescheduling because of snow.
  - b. Need Bamboo shoots for Garden: Cut from Old Growth (ok?)
    - i. Old Growth bamboo roots are sticking out/causing hazard, solutions?
      1. Mike suggests getting Silent Treatment to cut, just needs Sawzall
      2. Liz might be able to cut with her tools for free if they can't do it at no extra cost
6. Works In Progress
  - a. Clermont Culvert (Steven)
  - b. Mosque Drainage (Steven) : Progress made, Steven may be able to do engineering, John Guins will likely do work. \*Hopefully a proposal by the next meeting.\*
  - c. To Be Discussed: Adding "No Parking" sig-

nage (or perhaps curbing-type materials) to the perimeters of the circles along Revere Rd., Euclid Rd., Blanchard Rd., and possibly Radcliff Circle, & Lattimore Lane to discourage parking along the edges of, or even inside of, the circles. Address next meeting with Mike Brooks

- d. Asset Inventory? (Reserve analysis) W/ George

**Motion to purchase (2) 55 gal bins from Nobel Oil, (3) plastic swing tops from The Cary Company, and (2) Steel swing tops from Global Industrial at a cost no more than \$850 to replace damaged bins and lids from GL Code 00553 Playground Maintenance. Second. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Motion to approve increase in expense of soil to repair field at Sedwick park from \$650 (previously approved October 2024) to \$830.44 from GL Code 00553 Playground Maintenance. Second. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### Garden Committee - C. Classen

The gardeners have been doing bed preparation and seeding. One big project involves cutting and laying the bags from the Lotus Pond dredging, in our pathways. We have covered some with mulch and will finish up when we can. The timers needed to be replaced and Susan Costa took care of it. She checked for leaks. There were none in the drip system but the splitter at the house faucet needs to be replaced. Chris Classen will buy a new one. We planted a new strawberry bed this year. It is almost time to plant the more tender crops. 25 volunteer hours for March. Happy spring

#### 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 765 Followers, 603 Likes. Our posts reached 296 people and we had 538 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 3 posts of original Parkwood Association content,



Creek Week, March issue of Parkwood Press, post with details about the Easter Egg Hunt. We also shared 2 posts from neighbors, Parkwood United Methodist Church and Christus Victor.

#### Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 26 followers. 3 posts were shared on the account since our March Board meeting. In the last 28 days we've had 100 views, 14 interactions.

#### ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 879 members. There have been 17 new posts/conversations since our February Board of Directors meeting.

Topic to Discuss per Board Member Request- - Current format for Minutes in Parkwood Press vs. a shorter summarized version.

**Parkland Planning Committee** - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7pm via Zoom

1. Present: Janie Long, Marie Dean, Rob Shoaf, Chris Classen, Steven Berkowitz, Mike Brooks (Chair)
2. Approval of February minutes
3. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Forest project
  - a. Discussed need for additional planning: 1) Avoiding sharp edges; corners; 2) How to repeatedly lift the panels, and prop them open for observing; 3) Accompanying informational signage on operation and on what creatures to look for; 4) locations for the installations to incorporate varied habitats.
4. New entry signage
  - a. Sign permit applications in progress: landscaping regulations will be satisfied by existing grass and plantings.
5. Playgrounds planning/development
  - a. Survey article for the Parkwood Press: Marie, Janie & Chris will meet to review and revise a survey to be included in the May edition of Parkwood Press (and as an on-line version).



## DURHAM BAHA'I COMMUNITY



### Meaningful Conversations

**Sunday, May 18 @ 3PM - 5PM**

#### *"Understanding Our Ecological Crisis"*

*What is humanity's relationship to nature? How is the way we relate to nature similar to the way we relate to ourselves?*

### **"For the Betterment of the World"**

**Saturday, May 31 @ 8AM - 6PM**

*Join us in one of an unprecedented series of global gatherings to explore the inherent oneness of humanity. It is time for humanity to come together as one family to create a world where everyone can thrive!*



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6. Sedwick Park Tree Replacement:
  - a. Janie and Chris visited Kiefer Landscaping; best suggestions were Nuttall Oak (*quercus texana*) or Red Maple (*acer rubrum*). After on-line discussion, majority preference was for the Nuttall Oak, due to its larger spread and longer lifespan. Board-approved budget of \$500 will be sufficient, and we will need a barrier (black drainage pipe?) around the trunk to prevent deer damage.
  - i. These funds should come from the 2024 Budget for PPC Projects GL-05527.
7. NE Creek trail to the Food Lion Plaza (David): no updates
8. New Business:
  - a. Faded sign on front of office bldg: call Triangle Sign for replacement quote; also need matching finial for large Parkwood sign at corner of Seton and Revere.
  - b. Recommendation for Board: please consider hiring an on-call handyman for 10-20 hrs per week for needed repairs and maintenance which can no longer be managed by volunteers. Suggestion to look for recommendations from realtors.

PPC Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

**Board Motion - Motion to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

**Events Committee - V. Wheeler**  
Events Committee Meeting Minutes 2 Apr 25

This meeting was held virtually through Zoom at 8:00 pm. Attending were Olga Rodriguez, Mamie Parker, Liz Scisco and Vickie Wheeler.

Easter Egg Hunt - 13 April. The Easter Egg Hunt is ready to go. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help hide the eggs. Please contact events@parkwoodnc.org if you can help.

Spring Flea Market - 3 May. Registration for spaces has opened and reservations are coming in.

Movie on the Lawn 9 May - This is a joint activity between Parkwood HOA and Parkwood Methodist Church. Princess Bride is the movie that has been selected. Since the movie will be shown after most people's dinner times we have decided to go with snack foods such as popcorn, ice cream and drinks. If weather does not cooperate, Pastor Benson has suggested we move the event inside to their Fel-

lowship Hall in lieu of a rain date.

*After meeting update: The Movie Night event has been postponed until a later date.*

Fall Flea Market - 4 Oct.

Fall Festival - 15 Nov. Liz is making great progress on the Festival and has reserved the Ballfield for this date. She has been contacting local groups and businesses including: SCA who has offered a demo and are available on the 15th, Parktown Food Hub who has offered to have a booth with information on their services along with setting up a kids craft table, and has found 2 food trucks that would work well with our event. This is shaping up to be a fantastic event!

Next meeting 5 May at 7 pm

Events Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

### **New Business**

Suggestion to form a committee to look at PPM vs. other management companies.

D. Sokal mentioned that he is in discussion with the city planner regarding a new trail to Food Lion Plaza.

Meeting adjournment  
Motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

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





*photos by Mike Brooks*

### Contact the Board

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*(be sure to use your district number)*

### Parkwood Association Committees

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# May 2025

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

				1	2	3 8 am Parkwood Flea Market
4 10 am Community Garden Mtg	5 7 pm Parks, Lawns & Ballfield Committee Mtg.	6	7	8 7 pm Parkwood BoD Meeting	9	10
11 10 am Community Garden Mtg	12	13	14	15 Deadline for June Parkwood Press	16	17
18 10 am Community Garden Mtg	19	20 7 pm Parkland Planning Mtg.	21	22	23	24
25 10 am Community Garden Mtg	26	27	28	29	30	31