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Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



June

A Great Time to visit Our Gardens!



As we settle in to the warm Summer months, it is a great time to stop by the Parkwood Office and Community Center at 1417 Seaton Road and take a moment to enjoy a bit of nature!



The pollinator garden is literally a buzz with activity. Bees and butterflies flitter about enjoying the many flowers and plants.

Check out the Community Garden to see the thriving gardens maintained by our wonderful volunteers. You are welcome to pick a few items to enjoy from our **Public** garden plots.



*Be sure to avoid the plots marked **Private** as their signs indicate.*

Check out page 6 for more information on the Community Garden and how to get involved.



Parkwood Flea Market - Spring 2025



Thank you to our Flea Market vendors and to our neighbors who came out to shop our Spring Flea Market on May 3rd.

We plan to have another flea market this Fall. Keep an eye out for details in future issues of Parkwood Press. We expect to begin announcing details in our August issue for what will likely be an October event.



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

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Dist 1: Rob Shoaf*

Dist 2: Chris Classen

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Dist 3: Richard Evert

Dist 4: Janie Long

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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 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.

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Parkwood Association

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Durham, NC 27713

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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.

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.

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Call 610-646-5130

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Parktown Food Hub Seeks Community Support to Keep Doors Open

By Jennie Vaughn

Did you know that there's a place in Parkwood that provides free, nourishing food to anyone who needs it, no questions asked?

We are the Parktown Food Hub, a 501(c)3 charitable organization that aims to build community and reduce hunger and food insecurity here in Durham. Our mission is to build community by sharing food with as many people as possible with zero food waste.



The Parktown Food Hub was founded in the summer of 2019, just a few months before COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to a critical partnership with the Parkwood Elementary PTA food pantry, we were able to stay open for the whole pandemic and help hundreds of families faced with job loss and uncertainty during that difficult time.

Today, we continue to serve our neighbors in need, providing groceries for 450 families per month. We do this through the support of a small paid staff and dozens of dedicated volunteers – and by working in partnership with many churches, relief agencies, and charitable groups in Durham, creating community and enhancing what we can do by working together. We are an agency of the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, and we get support from their partners as well.

Food Hub programs

We distribute food by appointment on Mondays, and we hold open distributions – open to anyone who needs food, no documents needed – on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. You may have seen us in action if you have driven by or walked by our headquarters in the Parkwood United Methodist Church on one of our distribution days.

We also have a community garden that provides a place for people to engage on a regular basis, a base for larger groups to volunteer together, and a place to compost donated produce that cannot be given away. The compost nourishes the food that is grown, which in turn nourishes members of the Parktown Food Hub community.

In partnership with the Masjid Ibad Ar-Rahman (our local mosque), Al-Huda Academy, and others, we have hosted monthly Book and Cook events in the ballfield parking lot. Each event features a book reading session with children's literature highlighting themes of nutritious food, kindness, and community, as well as a food demonstration, crafts, and games. Book and Cook is currently on pause, but we hope to resume these events soon.

Community support needed

Unfortunately, the past year has been difficult for many food-related ministries and organizations, as need continues to grow but resources of food and funds have shrunk.

Today, we are facing a crisis. Food Hub board member Steve Toll put it this way: "Right here in Durham, too many of our neighbors face the painful reality of food insecurity. Families are stretched thin. Seniors are making impossible choices between groceries and medications. Children are showing up at school without enough to eat. At the Parktown Food Hub, we're doing everything we can to be a consistent, compassionate presence to make sure no one falls through the cracks, but we can't do it alone."

Without your support, we will be forced to close our doors in just six months. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 to ensure the Food Hub can operate for years to come. Please help us support this vital community resource!

How you can help the Parktown Food Hub

1. **Donate.** While volunteers are the lifeblood of the Food Hub, we need money to pay our small but dedicated staff, to keep our delivery van running, and to cover the behind-the-scenes essentials like our phone and laptop—tools that help us coordinate food pickups, manage volunteers, connect with clients, and keep the entire Food Hub functioning. Through June 30, donations are being matched up to \$1000. Check our website for details.
2. **Adopt a shelf.** Filling a shelf with food is a fun way to support and keep the Hub stocked. Consider recruiting your business or faith community to help!
3. **Volunteer.** Volunteers are essential to the success of the Food Hub. Work in the garden or help during distribution days. Check our website for opportunities.

For more information about Parktown Food Hub and how to donate directly, visit www.parktownfoodhub.org or scan the QR code below. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Jennie Vaughn is a 15-year resident of Parkwood and is a volunteer and board member at the Parktown Food Hub.


A colorful poster for a community picnic. The top half has an orange background with a large yellow sun in the center. Two white palm trees stand on either side of the sun. The text 'ONE HUMAN FAMILY' is arched in blue, 'Day' is in large blue letters, and 'Picnic' is in a blue script font. Two white starburst shapes contain the text 'June 7' and '11am - 3pm'. The bottom half has a blue background with white text listing activities: 'LIVE MUSIC, BARBECUE, LINE DANCING, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & KIDS ACTIVITIES'. Below this, the location is given as 'Durham Baha'i Center, 5103 Revere Road, Durham, NC 27713'. The poster is framed by a gold border with colorful floral motifs in the corners.

Everyone in Parkwood is invited to:

ONE HUMAN FAMILY

Day

Picnic

June 7

11am - 3pm

**LIVE MUSIC, BARBECUE,
LINE DANCING, FELLOWSHIP,
FOOD & KIDS ACTIVITIES**

Durham Baha'i Center
5103 Revere Road,
Durham, NC 27713

Notes from the Parkwood Community Garden

By Susan Costa

As we step into the heat of summer, our community garden is entering one of its most active and rewarding seasons. Whether you're tending your own private bed or volunteering in one of our shared public plots, now is the time to enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of your labor!

Our public beds and the pollinator and rain garden areas are thriving thanks to the generosity and teamwork of our volunteers – we

appreciate you! You'll also notice some beds within the garden which are maintained by those same volunteers, but are signed "private", for their use only. Many of these are maintained by new gardeners who are partnering with a more seasoned volunteer. Please respect the learning commitment they've made with us and do not pick from those beds marked "private". Please pick only from the signed "public" beds, of which there are many.

If you'd like to get involved, we're always looking for help with:

- Weeding, spreading mulch, squashin' squash bugs...
- Infrastructure and maintenance projects (gate, fence, and trellis repair; occasional irrigation modifications – the sorts of things that need power tools)
- Seed starting, transplanting

What to Grow & Plant Now

Peas and watermelon radishes have finished for the season. We're just finishing up lettuce and arugula, but the swiss chard and kale are still going strong. We'll soon be picking beans, tomatoes, and peppers, and cucumbers and zucchini are not far behind.

In June and July, our long growing season means it's not too late to plant heat-loving crops:

- Okra, sweet potatoes, black-eyed peas, and melons thrive in the heat.
- Herbs like basil, thyme, and oregano are perfect for picking all summer long.
- Already harvested your spring crops? Use that space for a second round of zucchini or bush beans for a late summer harvest.

Garden Tips for Success

- Water deeply and early in the day to minimize evaporation and reduce the risk of disease. We use an irrigation system at the garden to optimize watering time and reduce the chance of water splashing on the leaves, which can spread disease.
- Mulch generously with straw, leaves, or even pine needles. This will keep roots cool and retain moisture.
- Watch for pests, especially squash bugs, aphids, and caterpillars. These all need to be removed by hand (or by spraying with a hose, in the case of aphids). Hopefully we'll have plenty of birds and ladybugs around to help out the humans!

Stop by most Sunday mornings and you'll find us there. Hope to see you in the garden!



Summary of Minutes from May 8, 2025 Board Meeting

Guests: Mike Brooks, Alex Swett

Adjourned: 7:34 pm

Call to Order 7:15 pm

Attendance: George Greene, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

Attendance: Rob Shoaf, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Clasen, Janie Long, Andrew Hunter, George Greene, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean

General Activities:

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

Suggested edit to New Business from April Meeting -
D. Sokal mentioned that he is in discussion with Tom Dawson, Principal Planner, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Durham.

Motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

1. Committee Review March 2025 Final Finance Report.
 - a. There has been some re-coding of grounds, landscaping, lake maintenance costs. This will be reflected in the May report.
2. Committee Review April 2025 Preliminary Finance Report.
 - a. Request a breakdown of debit card charges and to recode these expenses, as needed.
 - b. Ask committees to provide invoice copies to the Finance Committee.
 - c. No homeowner accounts need action.
3. Committee Review of Bagwell Holt Smith Invoices. Two invoices totaling \$363.69
 - a. Motion to pay outstanding invoices for services rendered by Bagwell Holt Smith, totaling \$363.39.
 - b. No other accounts need action.
4. Committee review of Collections report.
 - a. Requested that delivery of the report be standardized for the first of the month.
 - b. Motion to Release Lien on now compliant Account 70259.67.
5. Motions for Board of Directors:
 - a. Motion to pay outstanding invoices for services rendered by Bagwell Holt Smith, totaling \$363.39.
 - b. Motion to Release Lien on now compliant Account 70259.67.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean
Executive Committee Minutes 30 April 2025

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

1. Next EC meeting will be 4 Jun 25 at 7:30.
2. Complaints from homeowners. We are currently working on issues on Clermont, Deblyn Ct. and Summerglenn Ct.
3. Maintenance at Office/Community Center. We have received an updated estimate for the remaining soffit work. Work to begin May 6,
4. Parkwood's Website provided by PPM. Laura has begun work on our new website.
5. Tax Administration letter. We will check on the status of this letter.

Minutes approved.

Exec. Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Finance Committee Report - G. Greene

PARKWOOD HOA Finance COMMITTEE
Meeting Time: May 7, 2024 @7:00pm
Call to Order: 7 pm

Motion to pay outstanding invoices for services rendered by Bagwell Holt Smith, totaling \$363.39. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to Release Lien on now compliant Account 70259.67. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - G.Greene for L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE

May 5, 2024: 7:00 pm (Liz, May Meeting Chair)
Meeting Time: May 5, 2024 @7:00pm
Call to Order: 7:05 pm Adjourned: 9:05 pm

Attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Brooks, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, George Greene, Liz Scisco

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Drainage/Maintenance
 - a. Review of RLC Lawn Care Service Areas & Drainage (Liz) Walk Through: Complete!!!
 - i. Full Review & Notes from Liz
 - b. Discussion of Continuing Clermont culvert cleanout (Board approval expires in June)
 - i. Steven to check with City by next meeting
 - ii. Get current quote for next 6 months
2. Plantings: (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Landscaping/Planting Mulch
 - i. Reviewed Original Motion that was tabled By HOA Board
 - ii. (Bill) discussed the plantings mulch situation with Jay Hardy. Original price \$5400, now \$4700 for 160cy
 - iii. Discussed need for Walnut vs. Standard, and benefit of Parkwood paying for mulch directly? New Plan: Reevaluate Mulch in the Fall
 1. Bill to speak with Jay about needs (timing, amount, location, and type). Will also speak with Jay about cleaning around Tot Lot fence.
3. Playgrounds: Asset Inventory? (Reserve analysis) W/George
 - a. Recreation Survey (Waiting On Feedback/ Published in Parkwood Press)
 - i. Next Steps (Chris to follow up)
 - a. Distribute Playground Flyer with QR Code
 - b. Instagram & Social Media Accounts
 - b. Trash Can Lids (Steven)
 - i. Trash cans & lids are ordered/some are in!
 1. New ballfield one is already installed. SDLL helped pay.
 - ii. Need volunteers for trash can install
 1. Workday (Steven and Mike to establish)
 2. Approach Lutherans about new paint projects? (Chris) in the fall?
 - iii. Steven to take cans to be recycled after replacement.
4. Tree Report (Bill)
 - a. 1522 Sedwick Road tree fall. Donald Allen to come out this week to look and price.
 - b. Re-plant Trees (PPC) Rob to ask committee, Liz will help after drainage walkthroughs

complete. Debate on whether or not this is a PPC or PL&B issue?

5. New Items
 - a. New Email from Roseanne Smith: Are you still planning on fixing the steps down to the lake with a railing on Clermont Rd?
 - i. Steven to talk to Pete/Gary and new neighbor to develop a plan
 - b. Plant Swap: Suggested by Marie (Add to Plantings)
 - i. High Profile planting areas
6. Works In Progress
 - a. Drainage
 - i. Clermont Culvert (Steven)
 - ii. Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area Drainage project. (Steven)
 - b. Dam Engineer Review (Steven): Completed, waiting on engineer report
 - c. Cut Bamboo stumps from Old Growth Trail (Steven/Liz)
 - d. Poison Ivy control discussed for trails and public land. Steven will talk with the Silent Treatment representative.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

The garden thieves are back!! Debbie went today (May 7) and found 3 pepper plants pulled out as well as a basil and a chamomile from marked private beds. Peas were harvested from a non-public bed. We have a dummy camera we will put up as well as new and improved bed signs.

During April we hooked up our timers and installed a new splitter at the house. We had a wonderful Iris display at the garden front. We are doing lots of clean up and weeding. The Bee Garden is getting lots of attention too. Watch for some late spring and summer blooms soon. Volunteer hours were around 25.

Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

Reminder, the deadline for the next issue of Parkwood Press is 15th.

Parkwood on Social Media Facebook

Our Facebook presence stands at 781 Followers, 615 Likes. Our posts reached 436 people and we had 717 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts of original Parkwood Association content,

Easter Egg Hunt, April issue of Parkwood Press, We also shared 3 posts from neighbors, Parkwood United Methodist Church, Parkwood Swim Club and Parktown Food Hub.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 35 followers. 3 posts were shared on the account since our April Board meeting. In the last 28 days we've had 237 views, 19 interactions.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 880 members. There have been 8 new posts/conversations since our April Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 7pm via Zoom

1. Present: Marie Dean, David Sokal, Chris Classen, Steven Berkowitz, Mike Brooks (Chair)
2. March minutes approved

3. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Forest project
 - a. No updates at this time.
4. New entry signage
 - a. Steven & Mike have finalized locations & positions. Landscaping regulations should be satisfied by existing grass and plantings. Changes will be incorporated in permit documents.
5. Playgrounds planning/development
 - a. Survey article drafted by Marie, Janie & Chris; will be published in May and July issues of Parkwood Press, and will be available on-line as a Google Survey.
6. Sedwick Park Tree Replacement:
 - a. After discussion, committee agreed to delay planting the tree until Fall; Chris will verify total amount needed, and what extra planting materials would be advisable.
7. NE Creek trail to the Food Lion Plaza: Updates: email from Tom Dawson, Principal Planner for City of Durham Parks and Rec Department, thanking us for the information sent (David's PowerPoint presentation); he would like to meet and will be in touch. David has also put in an application for Durham's Participatory Budget, requesting budgetary funding for this



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- project.
8. Faded sign on front of office bldg: need to measure and re-draw the original sign, then contact Triangle Sign for quote. Also need finials for main Parkwood sign. Also Parkwood Pathways sign at the trail from Hidden Park to Euclid Pond is completely faded out (per Rob); we have a few extras in stock.
 9. At its last meeting, Board discussed PPC's recommendation for part-time handyman (10-20 hrs per week for needed repairs & new tasks). Board was interested and supportive, and they will discuss the idea further.
 10. New Business – none.
 11. PPC Meeting adjourned at 8:18

The Movie on the Lawn has been postponed and will be scheduled for later in the year.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for 15 Nov.

The Fall Flea Market is scheduled for the first Saturday of October.

New Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

The May meeting will be held later this month. Some notes of interest:

The Easter Egg Hunt was great fun!

In spite of the threat of rain, the Spring Flea Market had amazing weather and a good turnout.

**The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of Directors
is scheduled for June 12, 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 June 10th.

Who Do I Call?

Your HOA receives calls and emails from residents who have a complaint or concern they see in our neighborhood. And while our volunteer Board of Directors does their best to respond, many of the complaints are concerning matters that don't fall within the purview of the Parkwood Covenants or Bylaws and some of those that do are enforced by different agencies. To try to make this process easier for all, prevent unnecessary frustration and get results, below are some common concerns and who should be contacted to resolve these issues.

Speeding and other traffic issues. If you observe someone speeding or driving recklessly, please contact the PD by either dialing 911 or the DPD non-emergency number 919-560-4600.

Pets running loose without a leash. If a dog is not aggressive but seems lost, and you are comfortable, you could try to lure him into a backyard and find the owner. But if you are not comfortable doing this, please call Durham County Animal Control which is handled through the Sheriff's Department. 919-560-0630.

Cars parked on lawns, trash in the front yard, overgrown lawns. When you see any of these occurring and wish to report it you can either contact PA at pa.office@parkwoodnc.org or contact the Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services directly by emailing 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, even in neighborhoods, and should be contacted at the Durham PD non-emergency number 919-560-4600.

Keep in mind, sometimes a problem can be handled quickly by a friendly conversation. Sometimes starting the conversation with an offer to help works wonders. You never know, that person with the overgrown lawn may be ill or injured and unable to mow the lawn. Obviously, this doesn't apply to all situations and you do have options to get them resolved. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

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

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?



Contact the Board

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

Parkwood Association Committees

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



June 2025

Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat

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