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Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



July



Clermont Road Storm Flooding and Culvert Improvement Project

Volunteers Needed!

**Serve on the
Parkwood Association
Board of Directors**

Self Nomination Form Inside
this Issue!

Submit by 5 pm, July 18th!

Flooding wrought by the remnants of Hurricane Helene on September 27, 2024 in our beloved mountains are now well known. Parkwood had its own share of storm-related issues that day which the Parks, Lawn and Ballfield Committee is still working on solutions to address. Grounds were already saturated, but an intense 2-inch rainfall in less than an hour that morning resulted in flooding along multiple streams and storm drains in Parkwood. The most extreme flooding occurred where the stream flowing along the north-south spine of Parkwood (officially called Northeast Creek, "Tributary C", though we call it "Parkwood Creek") passes under Clermont Road into Parkwood Lake. The water surface elevation in the lake forebay above Clermont during dry weather is essentially the same as the elevation of the Lake below. Historically, the forebay is called the "Lotus Pond" -- for years this seasonally contained a beautiful display of large lotus plants, which sadly never returned after the pond had to be dredged in 2014.

By noon on September 27, the water level in the Pond had risen over 5-feet, overtopping Clermont, backing up to the lower portions of the two homes on either side above Clermont, and flooding the adjacent driveway (including the cars parked in it) below enroute to the Lake. Besides the storm's intensity, a contributing factor appears to be the size and elevation of the 42-inch culvert conveying stream flow under Clermont. In 2014, this culvert was installed by the City of Durham, replacing a 60-inch culvert that was in extremely poor condition. Parkwood assisted during its installation by engaging our contractor to lower Parkwood Lake, while concurrently performing the first major maintenance dredging of the Lotus Pond and shallowest portions of the lakebed. However, the City designed and installed the 42-inch culvert, as it is principally located within the right-of-way of City-owned Clermont.



I subsequently prepared an engineering report documenting the existing culvert's limitations and likelihood of future performance problems during future high-intensity storms. The City has agreed to further evaluate and ultimately select an option to address these concerns. In the interim until a solution is implemented, Parkwood's contractor RLC is clearing accumulated debris from the culvert inlet biweekly. The Committee continues to seek status updates on this project from the City. For further information, the Durham City contact for this project is Greg Smith, P.E., in the Public Works Department. 919-749-8785; Greg.Smith@durhamnc.gov

Steven Berkowitz, P, L, & B Committee member and long-term Parkwood Resident

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?



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Dist 6: David Sokal*

Dist 7: Felipe Rodriguez

Dist 8: Liz Scisco*

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

Parkwood on Social Media

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Parkwood's Website is Back!

Familiar Parkwood Resources and more can be
found at our newly re-launched website,

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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.

Please note:

**The PA Office will not be open for office
hours on Wednesday July 2.**



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FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRAYER GATHERINGS

July 6 & 20 @ 10:30AM - 11:30AM

*Bring your children, and a song, quote, prayer, or passage to share
in the spirit of worship.*

SOULFUL SUNDAYS

July 13 & 27 @ 10:30AM - 12PM

*Music, prayers & personal stories to feed our spirits and inspire us to promote
peace, unity & justice in our communities. Also, special activities for children!*

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PROCEDURE FOR SELF NOMINATION FOR THE PARKWOOD HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are actively seeking candidates for the Board of Directors of the Parkwood HOA.

NOTE: Each district elects 2 representatives to the board to serve for 2 years. In the event a district does not fill both seats, a candidate will be selected at large. At-large elections take place at the Annual Meeting. See the bylaws at parkwoodnc.org for more information. Use the map right to locate your district.

This year the following Districts have open seats to the Parkwood Homeowners' Association Board:

District 1	2	District 5	1
District 2	1	District 6	2
District 3	1	District 7	1
District 4	2	District 8	1

If you own a home in one of these Districts, are paid up on your annual assessment and have at least 5 hours a month that you can give towards helping keep Parkwood a desirable and safe place to live please volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors by completing the enclosed Self Nomination Form and delivering it to the Parkwood Association office by 5pm July 18, 2025.

All successful nominations will be added to the ballot to be mailed out to every homeowner with the standard annual meeting packet on August 1, 2025.

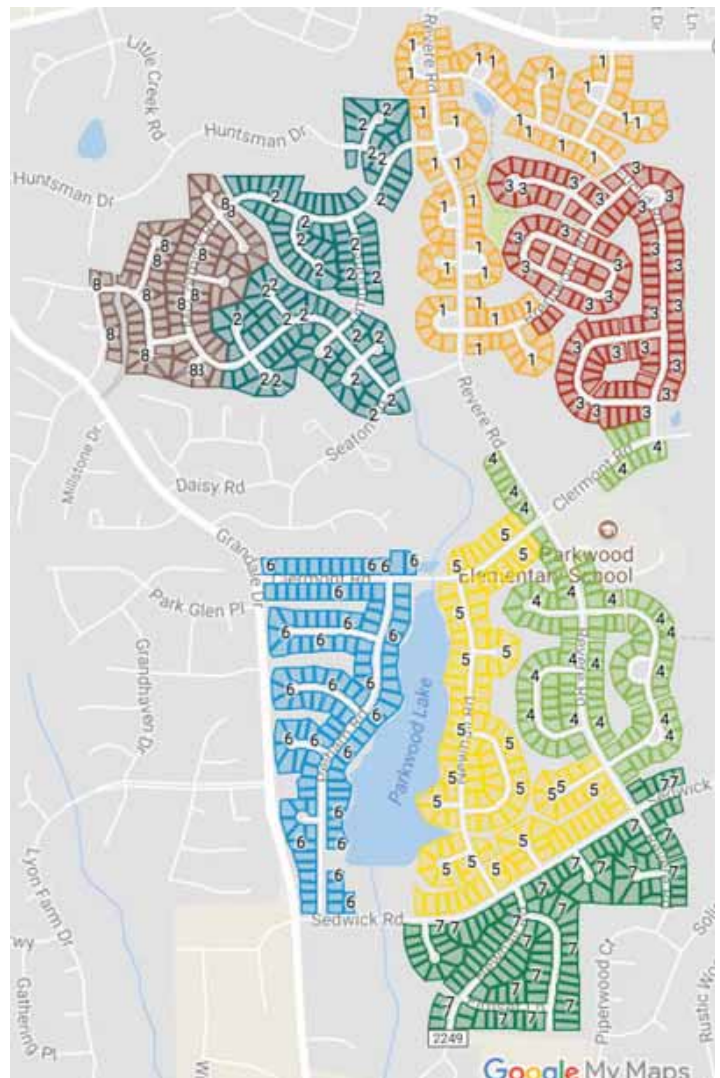
No specific experience is required -- only a love of Parkwood and a willingness to do the work.

Candidates must be the following:

- 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

How to join:

- Complete the self-nomination form (below)
- Submit the nomination form to the Parkwood Office NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. on July 18th.
- Successful nominations will be included in the ballot mailed to homeowners on August 1st..



Self Nomination Form - Parkwood Association Board of Directors In the Parkwood Office no later than 5 p.m. on July 18th

If elected, I would be willing to join the Board as a Director from District ____, the district where my property is located. I understand that this is a two-year appointment. I have provided a personal statement supporting my application to serve on the Board.

All information in this form must be completed to be considered for nomination.

Parkwood Address: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Please mail, email or drop off this completed form to the Parkwood Association office (below) no later than 5 pm, July 18, 2025.

Parkwood Association
1417 Seaton Rd,
Durham, NC 27713

Email: pa.office@parkwoodnc.org
Phone: 919-544-2161

Voters will want to know how long you've lived in Parkwood, what you love about living here, and your vision for our community. Feel free to share the skills and knowledge you have to offer as well as your thoughts on community service.

Personal statement supporting my application:

Summary of Minutes from June 12, 2025 Board Meeting

Guests: Mike Brooks, Emily Silverman

Call to Order at 7:11 pm

Attendance: Rob Shoaf, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Richard Evert, Janie Long, Andrew Hunter, George Greene, 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 May meeting of the Board of Directors. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 4 June 2025

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

1. Next EC meeting will be 2 Jul 25 at 7:30 pm.
2. Complaints from homeowners. The form letter found was created prior to the 2018 update of our bylaws so it needs to be updated before use. Vickie and George are working on this.
3. Parkwood's Website. Our new website is getting close to being completed. We will meet at 6:00 pm on 11 Jun to preview at the Office.
4. Tax Administration letter. Each of the EC members will check the form individually and finalize at the next meeting.
5. Email to all homeowners about parking violations. Homeowners parking on lawns and having unregistered/non running cars continue to be reported frequently. In an effort to address this we will compose an email to be sent to all homeowners reminding them of the vehicle and parking regulations in Parkwood. We will ask them if they have any violations in these areas to please bring their properties into compliance as soon as possible as we will begin proactive enforcement of these regulations in the coming weeks.

Exec. Committee Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Finance Committee Report - G. Greene

PARKWOOD HOA Finance Committee Meeting
Time: June 10, 2025, 2025 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:20 pm

Adjourned: 7:56 pm

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

Business for Committee Discussion

General Activities:

1. Committee Review May 2025 Preliminary Finance Report. No follow up inquiries required. No accounts require committee action at this time.
2. Committee Review of Bagwell Holt Smith Invoices. No invoices were received.
3. Committee review of Collections report.
4. Discussed collections status of outstanding accounts.
5. Committee discussed updating contact information for First Citizen Bank accounts.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

Parkwood HOA Parks, Lawns, & Ballfield Committee

June 2, 2025: 7:00 pm (Liz, May Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: June 2, 2024 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Adjourned: 9:32 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) Complete!!! Full Review & Notes
 - i. Major Drainage Projects to be reviewed with Steven and completed as we have capacity (likely after Bahai center project)
 - ii. Minor Projects: Clearing culverts: Propose to schedule a "monthly clean out day" in the winter months (let's say 2nd Saturday of the month) and work out which areas need it most. Can also

- coordinate with Creek Week and Keep Durham Beautiful.
- iii. Possible Drainage Survey for residents with drainage on property only (once every 3 years?) to evaluate smaller drains.
- b. New RLC misses: Travis Cr and Euclid
 - i. Supposed to call office when they can't come
- c. Discussion of Continuing Clermont culvert cleanout (Board approval expires in June)
 - i. Steven to check with City by next meeting
 - 1. Potentially release names in Parkwood press, get residents to put pressure on city (Steven to prep blurb)
 - ii. Continue Clermont Culvert cleanout with RLC for next 6 months (July-Dec): (see attached) \$380/mo (total \$2280) GL Code #05072. Motion passes unanimously. (in committee)
- 2. Plantings: (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Landscaping/Planting Mulch
 - i. Current Plan: Evaluate during landscaping contractor bids to see how much each contractor thinks is needed. No plantings mulch until next year.
 - b. New Trees! (Chris) from Keep Durham Beautiful
 - i. Sedwick park got first tree (Sunday): Northern Red Oak
 - 1. Needs stakes/etc.
 - ii. Plants Remaining: Where to plant?
 - 1. (2) American Hornbeam along the old growth trail
 - 2. (1) Winterberry Holly at Emerald Pond
 - 3. (1) Northern Red Oak for Sedwick Tree 2 (planted 6/5)
 - 4. (1) (TBD) Willow White Oak
- 3. Playgrounds: Asset Inventory? (Reserve analysis) W/George
 - a. Recreation Survey (Published in Parkwood Press)
 - i. Next Steps: Liz to post Playground Flyer with QR Code
 - b. Trash Can Lids (Steven) will be installed as they come in
 - c. Discuss tying Benches down
 - d. Discussed Clermont Railing for steps down to the lake
- 4. Tree Report (Bill) 3 Large Trees to review (Bill to present more details in meeting)
 - a. Ballfield Trees: Motion to pay a tree removal service no more than \$4250 to remove the trees at the ballfield and dispose off-site. GL Code #05078. Motion passes unanimously in committee.
 - b. Wicklow Lane: Motion to pay a tree removal service no more than \$2550 to remove the trees at 114 Wicklow Lane. GL Code #05078. Motion passes unanimously in committee.
 - c. Euclid Road Trees: Motion to pay a tree removal service no more than \$2150 to remove the trees at 1613 Euclid Rd. GL Code #05078. Motion passes unanimously in committee.
 - d. Let Laura send application to vendors we are considering
 - e. Reviewed reimbursement procedure
- 5. Volunteer Days
 - a. Tree Plantings (Need ax, shovel, auger recommended)
 - i. Thursday, June 5th 5:30 (Chris, Mike and Liz)
 - ii. Sunday, June 8th 1pm (Chris, Mike and Liz)
- 6. Trail Maintenance: Silent Treatment (Steven)
 - a. Motion to have Silent Treatment treat Poison Ivy for \$650 on the maintained trails with GL-Code 00589 Trail Maintenance. Motion passed in committee.
 - b. Motion to have Silent Treatment address Bamboo stumps for \$200 on the maintained trails with GL-Code 00589 Trail Maintenance. Motion passed in committee.
- 7. New Items
 - a. Motion to commission RLC to grind the 4 stumps in the grass at Custer Circle for \$240 GL Code #05078. Motion passes unanimously in committee.
 - i. Will ask to negotiate for labor hours first. (Bill)
 - b. Chris to lead July meeting PL&B
- 8. Works In Progress
 - a. Drainage
 - i. Clermont Culvert (Steven)
 - ii. Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area Drainage project. (Steven) : Progress made, Steven may be able to do engineering, John Goins will likely do work. *Hopefully a proposal by next meeting.*
 - b. Dam Engineer Review (Steven): Completed, waiting on engineer report
 - i. "Dry-run" of Emergency Action Plan with City to be scheduled.
 - c. Plantings: Survey/New proposals
 - d. To Be Discussed: Adding "No Parking" signage

Motion to extend the Board meeting for fifteen minutes. Seconded. Motion passed.

Items to Follow up with Contractors

9. RLC (Bill/maintenance & Chris/plantings)
 - a. Quote review
 - b. Clearing around the tot lot fence (Done)
 - c. recommendations for poison ivy control
 - d. *Trade off for not mulching
 - i. bush-hogging at 5336 Revere
 - ii. Tree stump removal
 - e. Replace landscape timbers near the lake (labor only)?

Motions brought to the Board for Consideration

Motion to Continue Clermont Culvert cleanout with RLC for next 6 months (July-Dec) \$380/mo (total \$2280) GL Code #05072 Lake Maintenance. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to pay a tree removal service no more than \$4250 to remove the trees at the ballfield and dispose off-site. GL Code #05078. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to pay a tree removal service no more than \$2550 to remove the trees at 114 Wicklow Lane. GL Code #05078. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to pay Donald Allen tree removal service no more than \$2150 to remove the trees at 1613 Euclid Rd. GL Code #05078. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to have Silent Treatment treat Poison Ivy for \$650 on the maintained trails with GL-Code 00589 Trail Maintenance contingent on certification to apply herbicide. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

The month started off with the discovery of five whole plants pulled up and disappearing. Since we don't think the thieves were animals, we decided to install cameras with signs. We also added better signage in the beds. So far so good.

Our volunteers planted tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers. Chris went to Duke Campus Farm and

picked up more cukes, summer squash, zucchini, kale and some flower starts for free. Basil and parsley were planted as well.

Work was done in the flower gardens as well as general weeding and maintenance. It's very lush in the garden now as we wait for the fruits of our labor. Our recorded volunteer hours were 19.5 for May.

Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

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

Parkwood on Social Media

Facebook

Our Facebook presence stands at 797 Followers, 621 Likes. Our posts reached 336 people and we had 450 page visits in the past 28 days. There is only 1 post of original Parkwood Association content, announcing Parkwood Press. We also shared 6 posts from neighbors, Parkwood United Methodist Church, Parkwood Swim Club and Parktown Food Hub.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 38 followers. Only one original photo has been posted since our May meeting. We've had 43 views in the last 30 days.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 879 members. There have been 11 new posts/conversations since our May Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

The May Meeting of the Parkland Planning Committee was canceled so there is no report.

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Update

The June meeting will be held Saturday, 14 Jun. Some notes of interest:

Finalizing the date for the Movie on the Lawn, looking for a September evening.

The Fall Festival is to be held 15 Nov and we are

making great progress. We hope to bring lots of fun to Parkwood residents.

unanimously.

Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

New Business

D. Sokal mentions a concern from a neighbor on Clermont Rd. Follow up was discussed.

Motion to extend the meeting for 5 minutes. Seconded. Motion passes.

Minutes Reviewed

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passes

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pa.office@parkwoodnc.org.

The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of Directors
is scheduled for July 10, 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 July 8th.



A PET NAMED BILL

by Isabel Cruz Rodriguez
Author-Illustrator

While walking in the forest
My friend and I got chills
We saw the cutest hedgehog
And named our new pet Bill
But when we bent to pet him
We noticed his sharp quills
"Nope. You won't make a good pet at all."



Contact the Board

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



July 2025

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Sat

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27 10 am Community Garden Mtg	28	29	30	31		