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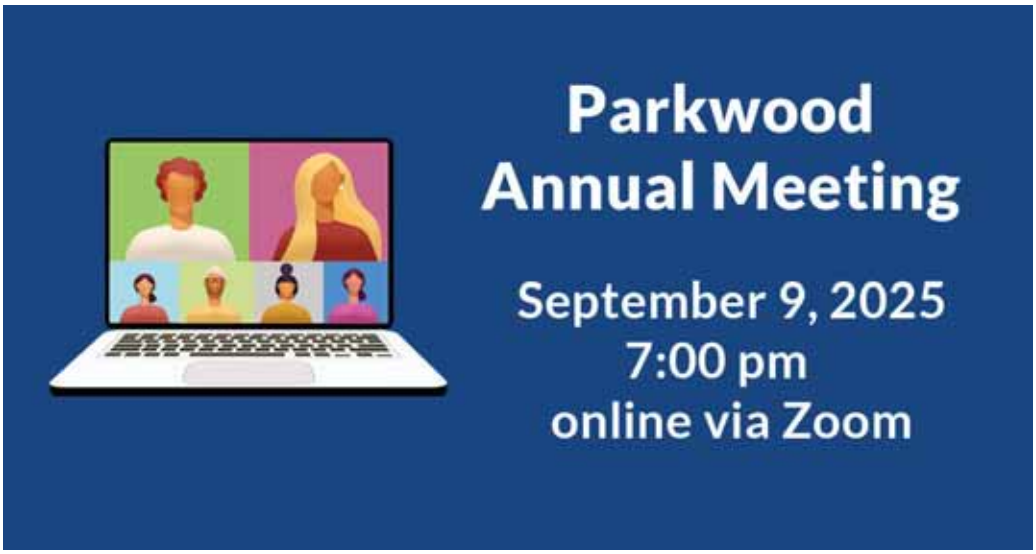
Parkwood Press

The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



Our 2025 Annual Meeting will be online on September 9th via Zoom begining at 7:00 pm.

Details on how to register for the meeting will be mailed to all Parkwood Homeowners.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Parkwood Office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

Parkwood Flea Market

Our Fall Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th 8am-Noon.

Look for further details and a reservation start date in our September issue of Parkwood Press

Parkwood Entrance Sign Gets Some Much Needed Care and Repair

If you have driven into Parkwood via Hwy 54 to Revere you may have noticed the Parkwood sign on the east side is up again. Thanks to David McLamb. Jaxon Borkhuis and Chris Classen the sign has been mended, painted and rehung on the brick structure at the entrance to Parkwood. The signs that are on the two sides are at least 20 years old and have been repaired previously.

The sign on the east fell down and broke apart. David was able to glue it back together and put metal braces on the sides. Insects had tunneled into the wood as well. A generous amount of wood filler was put on to fill the decayed wood. Jaxon, Chris's great grandson helped sand it smooth and then a coat of paint was applied over it. Chris touched up the paint on the front and now the deer looks out over Parkwood again. Many thanks to our Parkwood volunteers.

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Dist 4: OPEN
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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

Parkwood Office

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Phone: (919) 544-2161
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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/

The next meeting of the Parkwood Association Board of Directors is scheduled for August 14, 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 August 12th.

Parkwood's Website

Familiar Parkwood Resources and more can be found at our website,

https://parkwoodnc.org/

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.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED

PARKSIDE LABOR DAY COOKOUT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 5:00PM

@ PARKSIDE – 1515 CLERMONT ROAD, DURHAM, NC

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrate the end of the summer! Bring your appetite and invite your friends and neighbors–everyone is welcome!

To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, please let us know you're coming at parksidebc.org/cookout

PARKSIDE
BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us on Sunday!

1515 Clermont Road, Durham, NC 27713

9:15am Equip Class
Steps to Faith
Parkside Kids and Youth

10:30am Worship Service
Childcare (4 and under)

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

Who Do I Call?

Speeding and other traffic issues. Please contact the Police by either dialing 911 or the Durham Police Department 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. If you wish to report this kind of issue you can either contact PA at pa.office@parkwoodnc.org or contact the Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) 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 and should be contacted at the Durham Police Department 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. Thank you for being a good neighbor.

CITY OF DURHAM

Durham ONE CALL 919.560.1200

Serve on the Parkwood Board of Directors for a 1 Year Term

We expect to have open seats on the Parkwood Association Board of Directors and are seeking candidates to represent their neighbors and serve in an at-large capacity for a term of 1 year.

Self-Nominations for a 2 year term to the PA Board were due at the end of July but you may still run for a 1 year term.

Nominations will be taken at the Parkwood Association Annual meeting on Tuesday, September 9th.

Candidates will be elected at this time would serve in an at large capacity through September 2026. 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.

Bulky Item Pickup

Residents can submit a request online at **www.durhamnc.gov/durham-one-call** or call Durham One Call at **919-560-1200**.

Generally, 3 items can be picked up for Free.

When disposing of appliances, all food and debris must be removed prior to collection. Remove or secure doors to eliminate potential hazards to children. When disposing of lawn equipment, gasoline, oil and any other fluids must be removed before collection.

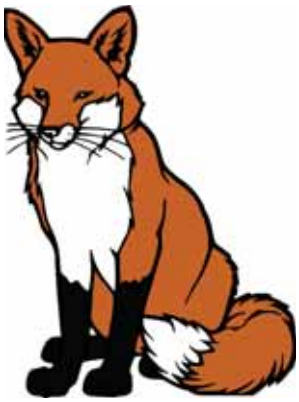
Prohibited Items
There are items that are excluded from Bulky Item curbside service. These items should be disposed of at the City's Waste Disposal and Recycling Center, located at 2115 East Club Boulevard.

Foxes and Snakes

We should all be aware of snakes and now foxes are living in our neighborhood - the foxes can be aggressive and dangerous especially with small animals and our children. Foxes carry rabies sometimes and we definitely need to be aware. What can we do? We need to eliminate habitat areas for them to live, especially those in our backyards such as tall grass and years of brush overgrowth. Some of our properties back up against power lines and easements and this is where our homeowners should be aware of and be willing to help and cut what's behind your houses. We all enjoy our nice neighborhood and our lawns where we all can see; however, we should not neglect what's behind our homes as well.

Let's all make a strong effort to make sure our neighborhood is safe for all.

Anonymous, a homeowner since 1970s



Get more information:

NC Wildlife Resources Commission has great information on Coexisting with Foxes and other wildlife available at:

https://www.ncwildlife.gov/media/2181/download?attachment

Get

- Fox Facts
- Tips on Coexisting with Foxes
- Resources for Fox related problems.

Summary of Minutes from July 10, 2025 Board Meeting

Call to Order 7:07 pm

Attendance: Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Janie Long, Marsha Brooks, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Brooks
Executive Committee Minutes 2 July 2025

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

1. Next EC meeting will be 6 Aug 25 at 7:30 pm.
2. Complaints from homeowners. We are working on letters for 4 properties.
3. Parkwood's Website. Our new website is live. Make sure to check it out.
4. Tax Administration letter. Marie will send an email to our attorney asking him about the cost to review this.
5. Email to all homeowners about parking violations. Email is complete. Will get to Laura to send out.
6. PPM's latest email to all Parkwood homeowners. We will ask Laura to remind PPM that these letters should not go out to our homeowners.

Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Finance Committee Report - M. Dean

PARKWOOD HOA Finance COMMITTEE
Meeting Time: July 8, 2025, 2025 at 7:00pm
Call to Order: 7:04 pm
Adjourned: 7:22 pm

Members in Attendance: George Greene, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

Business for Committee Discussion
General Activities:

1. Committee Reviewed June 2025 Preliminary Finance Report.
   a. Costs for the community center maintenance are assigned to the wrong GL-code. Committee will instruct PPM to adjust reporting.
   b. No accounts need action by the Committee.
2. Committee Reviewed collections attorney Bagwell Holt Smith Invoices.
   a. Invoice # 251935, totaling $8.69, for postage fee.
   b. Invoice # 251936, totaling $258.69, for foreclosure proceedings.

   Move that the committee approve payment of both invoices from Bagwell Holt Smith for services rendered, totaling $267.38. Motion passed in Committee.

3. Committee reviewed Collections report and Accounts Receivable.
   a. Discussed collections status of outstanding accounts.
   b. $11,261.53 in Accounts Receivable. $9,302.30 in 2025 Assessments.
   c. 6 accounts with collections attorney: 5 with outstanding balances and 1 paid in full in June 2025.
      i. Move that the committee approve release of lien on Account 11196-02. Motion passed in Committee.
   d. Committee is waiting on an acceptance settlement offer of one outstanding account.
      i. Move that we foreclose on Account 7025.69 (outstanding balance $2,238.29). Motion passed in Committee.
4. Discuss needs for 2026 Budget Justifications. Committee to approach other Committee Chairs about the need for descriptions of budget requests.

Motions to present to board:

1. **Motion to approve release of lien on Account 11196-02.Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**
2. **Motion to allow Collections Attorney to move forward with foreclosure on Account 7025.69 (outstanding balance $2,238.29). Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

Parkwood HOA Parks, Lawns, & Ballfield Committee

Meeting Time: June 7, 2025 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:07 pm
Adjourned: 8:08 pm

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

1. Drainage/Maintenance
   a. Maintenance/RLC (Bill) Update on Follow up items
      i. Recommendations for poison ivy control. RLC has been engaged to control (one-time) poison ivy on the trails for $650.
      ii. Updates on outstanding projects:
         1. bush-hogging at 5336 Revere; RLC has agreed to bush hog and mow weekly.
         2. Tree stump removal. The removal of stumps on Custer Circle has been completed.
         3. RLC contract has been modified to continue removal of debris in the Lotus Pond.
      iii. Planning for new projects:
         1. Replace landscape timbers near the lake at Clermont Rd. Plan to engage a foreman for supervision of volunteer led project and service day to replace steps and add a railing. Committee to seek proposals for materials and supervision of volunteer workers.
      iv. Clermont culvert (Steven)
         1. Update on neighborhood engagement with city of Durham.
            a. Steven wrote an article for the July issue of Parkwood Press. Residents have begun reaching out directly to city officials.
            b. Committee will continue removal of debris from Lotus Pond.
2. Plantings: (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
   a. New Trees! (Chris) from Keep Durham Beautiful.
      i. Updated plantings:
         1. (2) Hornbeams along the old growth trail. Completed
         2. (1) Winterberry Holly at Emerald Pond Completed.
         3. (1) Northern Red Oak for Sedwick Tree 2. Completed.
         4. (1) Willow Oak. To be planted on the North side of Parkwood Lake.
3. Playgrounds: Asset Inventory? (Reserve analysis) W/George
   a. Update on Recreation Survey (Published in Parkwood Press).
      i. Committee has received few responses. Committee will continue advertising the survey in Parkwood Press, at parks, and on social media.
      ii. Instagram & Social Media Accounts? Will follow up on QR code for survey.
   b. Update on trash can lid replacement.
      i. All the trash can lids have been installed.
      ii. Committee to approach Lutheran church about volunteer day to paint trash cans in the fall.
4. Tree Report (Bill):
   a. Committee reviewed completed and pending projects from June's meeting.
   b. No new projects.
5. Trail Maintenance: Silent Treatment (Steven)

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   a. Update on Poison Ivy Control: To be conducted by RLC.
6. New Items
   a. Check in with Bill about Tot Lot: Weed maintenance and branch removal.
   b. Replace faded Parkwood paths entry signs.
   c. Goodyear finishing
      i. Quick update: The plants are not thriving as is. Planning to ask another landscaper for suggestions and possibly spreading them out.
      ii. Liz did speak to Jay about making sure that next planting, if there are changes they have to be approved by at least the Parks and Lawns.
   d. Replace the landscape timbers in Sedwick Park parking lot.
   e. Engage with the State Department of Transportation for maintenance of drainage ditch at Sedwick Park.
7. Works In Progress
   a. Drainage
      i. Update on Clermont Culvert
      ii. Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area Drainage project. (Steven): Progress made: Committee is conducting due diligence review of project scope, funding sources, and cost-sharing negotiations with other stakeholders.
   b. Dam Engineer Review (Steven): Report has been received and will be reviewed by the Committee.
      i. Still need to have "dry run" of the Emergency Action Plan. Committee is engaging with the City of Durham to schedule the test.
   c. Discussion of "No Parking" Signage or curbing-type materials for the perimeters of 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.

Motion to amend to have Rescue Lawn Care treat Poison Ivy for $650 on the maintained trails with GL-Code 00589 Trail Maintenance, instead of the Silent Treatment as specified in June's Board of Directors' Meeting. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

Can you say hot and wet? The garden is lush but not producing much yet in the way of tomatoes. We have some cherry tomato varieties that are reddening up and some Roma's that are green. There are lots of flowers on the cucumbers but not many babies. Is it too hot? Sometimes when it is too hot the buds won't set. I see bees in the garden so let's hope they are pollinating our veggies. We have some pole beans that are going crazy. There is lots of basil to be picked in the public beds. The flower beds are being tended to as well. Chris is the only one who has written in the little notebook we keep. I'm not sure if others have lent a helping hand or not. The volunteer hours for June are 12 plus.

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 802 Followers, 623 Likes. Our posts reached 368 people and we had 380 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts of original Parkwood Association content, announcing Parkwood Press and the Playgrounds Survey. We also shared 3 posts from neighbors, Parkwood Swim Club and Parktown Food Hub.

Instagram
Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 42 followers. Only one original photo has been posted since our May meeting.

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

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 7pm via Zoom

1. Present: Marie Dean, David Sokal, Chris Classen, Steven Berkowitz, Pete Eisenmann, Mike Brooks (Chair)
2. Approval of April minutes, May meeting not held
3. Old Growth Trail Interpretive Forest project:

a. Project on hold until further notice.

4. New entry signage
   a. Permitting updates approved, awaiting updated price quotes for final motion approval by committee, then to be submitted to Board for approval. UPDATE: Motion approved via email by PPC Committee on 7/5/25.

      Update since Board Mtg: permit applications have been submitted to the City/County Planning Department

      Parkland Planning Committee Motion:
      i. Part A: to approve payment of permitting fees for 2 new entry signs, at $182.50 per sign, totaling $365.00, to be paid from PPC Engineering Code 06027-00.
         1. NOTE: Payment should be made using the City of Durham's Payment Portal at https://ipn2.paymentus.com/rotp/dhds for Payment Type 4–Planning. Processing fees ($0.50 per sign) are included above, and will be added at checkout.
      ii. Part B: to approve the cost of materials and installation for 2 new entry signs, totaling $1910.81 (including tax) to be paid from PPC Projects Code 05527-00. Payment should be made to Triangle Sign Company, 2525 Highway 70 East, Durham, 27703 per Estimate # 28037.

      See next column for Board vote.

5. Playgrounds planning/development
   a. Survey article: published in May & June issues of Parkwood Press; two responses received. July issue will repeat the survey, plus flyers with a QR Code will be posted.
6. Sedwick Park Tree Replacement:
   a. Chris was notified by Keep Durham Beautiful that they had surplus tree saplings available; six were obtained and were planted by volunteers: 2 Northern Red Oaks in Sedwick Park, 2 American Hornbeams along the Old Growth trail, 1 Winterberry Holly in Emerald Park, and 1 Willow Oak (White Oak) TBD: committee will look at additional location in Hidden Park.
7. NE Creek trail to the Flood Lion Plaza – UPDATE: David has discussed possibilities with Denise Chaplick, new Planner for City of Durham Parks and Rec department (previous contact, Tom Dawson, is no longer with the City).
8. Signage: Faded sign on front of office bldg, missing finial for large Parkwood Office sign, and faded Pathways signs at several locations: need to inventory any trail signage needing replacement, provide total to Triangle Sign for a quote, and forward quote to Parks, Lawns & Ballfield Committee. The sign in front of the office building may need to wait until building repainting is done.
9. New Business: Traffic calming and speed bumps discussed: Janie will follow up with appropriate officials, particularly Revere Rd..
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:05

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Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Update

Fall will be with us before you know it. Some notes of interest:

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

The Fall Festival is to be held on 15 Nov and we are making great progress. We hope to bring lots of fun to Parkwood residents.

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New Business

Minutes Review

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

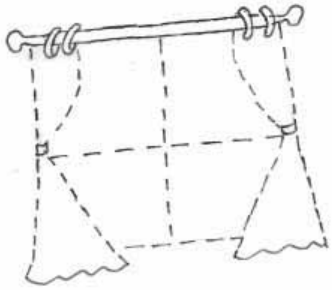
Board of Directors Meeting adjourned 7:56 pm.

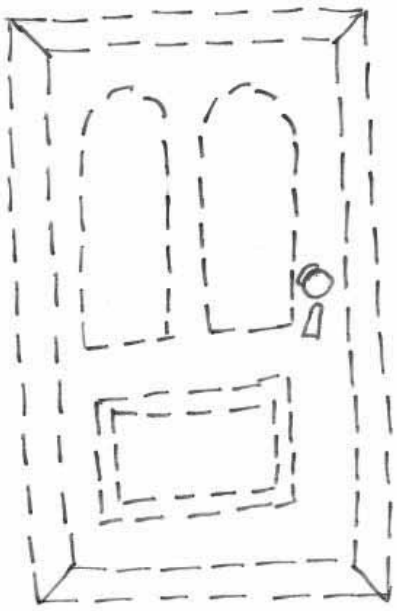
Kids' Corner

Color Me Activity

Doodling Dudley Doodles

by: Isabel Cruz Rodriguez





Dudley Pencil runs around

Makes his home a big playground.

Dudley doodles on the floor.

Dudley doodles on the door.

Dudley doodles on the wall

And the window down the hall.

Dudley doodles a red cat

With a green and orange hat.

Dudley doodles on the coat

A purple dog and one blue goat.

“Dudley!” “Dudley!” hear Mother shout,

“What’s this doodling all about?”

No worries, Mom, I’m Dudley and smart.”

“Just turn the page and I’ll re-start.”

Contact the Board

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

Parkwood Association Committees

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