

OCTOBER 2025

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

Movie on the Lawn

Friday, October 17 * 7:00 pm

at Parkwood United Methodist Church
5123 Revere Road Durham, NC

Email pa.office@parkwoodnc.org for further details.



It is "inconceivable" that you would miss
this family-friendly adventure presentation!

Free Popcorn and drinks will be available.
You may also bring your own food and drinks.
NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

We will be collecting canned food items for the Parktown Food Hub.



As noted in the graphic above for the Movie on the Lawn, Parkwood Association is collecting much needed food items for Parktown Food Hub at our upcoming events.

If you can, bring a food item for donation when you attend Movie on the Lawn on October 17th and the Parkwood Fall Festival on November 15th.

Parktown Food Hub's Most Needed items are:

- ◆ Canned vegetables
- ◆ Canned soups and broths
- ◆ Mac & cheese
- ◆ Ramen
- ◆ Spaghetti noodles
- ◆ Canned tomato sauce
- ◆ Canned chicken
- ◆ Oatmeal
- ◆ Cereal

Runnin' Down a Drain

Gutters are boring, and hard work.

It's difficult to write an exciting article about gutter maintenance. My hope is that the record-setting floods and Parkwood HOA's renewed commitment to neighborhood drainage maintenance, YOU will be encouraged to prevent damage to your own home!

Why do I need to clean and maintain my gutters?

Soil Erosion & Foundation

- Overflowing gutters let rainwater spill closer to a home's foundation. This can lead to basement flooding, soil erosion, and eventually structural issues.

Soffit/Roof Damage

- When gutters are backed up, rainwater can become trapped on the roof and the trim that surrounds the gutters, which can lead to expensive water damage.

Pest prevention

- Water that pools around any area can attract pests, primarily mosquitos, but other pests as well!

What can I do?

The first step is to evaluate how much effort you are willing to put in to gutter maintenance:

I'm a DIY champion! Go on and get your bad self on the roof, friend! Make sure to follow these safety tips, check and clean your gutters twice a year, and keep an eye out for potential issues during big storms.

I've got a really tall roof (and also have better things to do with my weekend) Parkwood has several local handymen and other professionals to help you with this very project! You can find local professionals on sites like Angi or Thumbtack.

I literally never want to think about my gutters again. Bummer! I must have failed to make gutters the thrilling endeavor they really are!

Sadly, there is no true "never" option here, but if you want to make gutters a distant memory, consider having gutter guards installed, which trap debris on top and allow water to flow through! There are also many companies that offer a maintenance schedule, and will simply come twice a year and charge it!

Keep Your Home Going!
-Miss Maintenance



Parkwood Board

2025 - 2026

Officers will be elected at our
October PA Board of Directors Meeting,
scheduled for October 9, 2025

Dist 1: Diane Wright*	Dist 5: George Greene
Dist 1: OPEN	Dist 5: OPEN
Dist 2: Chris Classen	Dist 6: Bobetta Clark-Jones*
Dist 2: Vickie Wheeler	Dist 6: OPEN
Dist 3: Richard Evert	Dist 7: Felipe Rodriguez
Dist 3: OPEN	Dist 7: OPEN
Dist 4: Janie Long	Dist 8: Marie Dean
Dist 4: OPEN	Dist 8: Liz Scisco

*Serving At-Large

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

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/>

Parkwood's Website

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

<https://parkwoodnc.org/>

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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 do not park on Parkwood Parklands



We continue to notice an un-
settling trend in some of our
parklands. Residents of nearby
homes seem to be using park-
land 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.

Posting Signs in Parkwood

Are you searching for your lost pet?
Planning a Yard Sale?

It is ok to post banners and signs in our neigh-
borhood to ask for help or to advertise your
event but please remember to remove the signs.

When you find your pet or once your event is
over, please collect your posters or signs.

Parkwood Flea Market Rules and Guidelines

1. Spaces are assigned on a first come first served basis.
2. Please set up in the space you were assigned when you registered.
3. No Tables are provided
4. No Food for Sale
5. No Knives or weapons may be sold.
6. No pets may be sold or given away.
7. All unsold items must be removed by the vendor.
8. Deposit Required. \$5 will reserve up to 2 spaces.
 - a. Parkwood Residents will receive a refund of the deposit once the event is over, and your space has been cleared and cleaned.
9. Non-Parkwood resident have a \$5 non-refundable fee.



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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.

PARKWOOD
Fall Festival
SAVE THE DATE
November 15, 2025 11am-4pm



Durham
ONE CALL
 919.560.1200

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.

Halloween Reminders

Many of our younger Parkwood Residents will be venturing out to Trick or Treat for Halloween, on Friday October 31st.

Take extra care when driving though our neighborhood that evening. Slow down and watch for children.

If you are giving out candy this Halloween, check the path to your porch or candy station for fall or trip hazards.

Let's make this a fun and safe Halloween for our young friends!



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Summary of Minutes from September 11, 2025 Board Meeting

Guests: Mike Brooks

Call to Order 7:12 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Janie Long, 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 August meeting of the Board of Directors. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Brooks
Executive Committee Minutes 6 September 2025

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

1. The next EC meeting will be 2 Oct 25 at 7:30 pm.
2. Complaints from homeowners. Reviewed current open homeowner issues.
3. Volunteer recognition. Laura is creating a template for certificates that can be used. We need to look for ways to get young volunteers and homeowners involved. Looking into a potluck in the spring as the weather gets warm.
4. Slides for the Annual Meeting have been submitted to Laura.
5. Board Members for 2026 With the 3 returning members the Board now has 8 members and 3 potential at large to be elected at the Annual Meeting.
6. Form for website to make complaints. Laura has been asked to create a form for our website through which residents may file complaints or make inquiries. Vickie will check on status.
7. Budget for Office/Community Center is being put together now. George is taking the lead on this.
8. PPM Website. Too many people are still going through PPM to submit a complaint. How are they getting there? Will ask Laura to check into this.
9. Annual Meeting. All registered homeowners

have been vetted for the meeting and preparations made.

10. Action items for next month - Board member confidentiality/non-disclosure, commitment to serve statement; Halloween – decorated homes,

EC Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm

Finance Committee Report - G. Greene

Motion to authorize payment of Invoice #254377 in the amount of \$436.54 to the collections attorney Bagwell Holt Smith for services rendered. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA
PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE
September 8, 2025: 7:00 pm (Liz, May Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: September 8, 2025 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Maintenance (Grounds Contract)
 - a. RFP 2025 Updates (RFP sent)
 - i. *Review Silent Treatment and Blands Contracts*
 - b. Maintenance/RLC (Bill) Update on Follow up items
 - i. RLC control (one-time) poison ivy on the trails
 1. First treatment complete, 2nd Treatment TBD (end of Sept)
 2. Check out Sedwick trail to Dam, still need to followup
 - ii. Complaints
 1. Newhall by the lake: Mowed before we got back to RLC (Steven to keep an eye on it)
 2. Mowing over trash (RLC will remind his crew)
 3. Tot lot (RLC to be reminded again)
 4. 1608 Euclid/4702 Brentwood: Deter-

mine Mowing/Brushhogging

a. From the fence to the street

iii. *Trade off for not mulching.

1. bush-hogging at 5336 Revere; RLC has agreed to bush hog and mow weekly. Walk site. Get specific on what to do. Jay is coming up with plan to clear undergrowth. (Steven to send photos).

a. Needs follow up, take out trees maybe?

b. Bill thinks current is adequate, risk of damaging fence

2. RLC contract has been modified to continue removal of debris in the Lotus Pond.

3. Add area behind ballfield back into maintenance contracts

c. New Project (Steven and Pete): Replace landscape timbers near the lake (labor only) and add handrail. 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.

i. Meeting with Prospective Contractor on 9/18 at noon (Tom)

1. Proposal to review by October

2. Contractor with supervised volunteers

3. Liz talk to Ken? Brad?

ii. Also address replacing the landscape timbers in Sedwick Park parking lot At the same time? Bulk discount?

2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)

a. Liz to review Plantings Contract, send to Chris and Jeff

i. Have to have a landscaped area for signage, need proposal for that as well

b. New Planting Proposal for Sedwick Park by 9/15 (Chris and Jeff) with Liz to coordinate getting quotes during walkthroughs for landscape contract

c. Plantings Google Survey for July/August? WIP.

3. Playgrounds:

a. Trash Can lids painted! Thank you to the Lutheran Church!

i. Need to paint 2nd spare can (Chris to follow up)

b. Recreation Survey: Liz reviewed with Pete

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- from PPC
- c. Tot Lot Improvements (liz working on getting info and bids)
 - i. Cleaning: Follow up with Barrs: Ask about cleaning and possibly a quote to paint? (Marie) Ask about Euclid Pond too
 - ii. Add railing to slide
 - iii. Replace rusty chain
- 4. Drainage & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
 - a. Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area Drainage project. (Steven) : Guins has submitted bid to do the work. Hopefully a proposal for engineered plan will be available to review by next meeting. Committee is conducting due diligence review of project scope, funding sources, and cost-sharing negotiations with other stakeholders.
 - b. Dam Engineer Review: Asked to modify the report to adjust lake edge landscaping recommendation.
 - i. No word back from the city about Dam Emergency Response
 - c. Water lilies, check with dragonfly (Bill)
 - i. When do we need to dredge the pond, pre-water lilies or pots?
 - ii. Bill to check with Dragonfly about drainage
- 5. Trail Maintenance (Steven)
 - a. Bamboo stumps in progress (much better!) Should be done
 - b. Evaluate old growth trail for some longer-lasting maintenance
 - c. Curtis issue/bamboo maintenance (Steven to speak with Daniel about bamboo maintenance)
- 6. Tree Report (Bill)
 - a. New Trees Removed
 - i. Euclid Ditch Trees (Donald Allen)
 - ii. Drainage Ditch behind Oliver lane
 - iii. Dead Tree behind Euclid Road
 - b. Also complete: Old Pine Tree at 114 Monterey Ln. (Donald Allen for \$185)
 - i. Evaluate tree policy? Clarify costs
 - 1. Emergency Trees
 - 2. Non-Emergency Trees
- 7. Budget/Asset Inventory (George/Liz)

Garden Committee - C. Classen

If you visit the garden you will notice that there are a lot of brown and wilted plants. The summer season has ended with cleanup beginning. There might be a cherry tomato or two and some string

beans but not much else. We have a few squash plants producing and there is lots of basil to harvest. We will be planting some fall crops when it is cooler. Think lettuces, radishes, spinach and carrots. Susan rebuilt our sagging gate. Thank you. We had 18 plus volunteer hours this month.

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 817 Followers. Our posts reached 251 people and we had 351 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts of original Parkwood Association content. We also shared 3 posts from neighbors, local churches and Parktown Food Hub.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 44 followers. Only one original photo has been posted since our August meeting.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 880 members. There have been 17 new posts/conversations since our July Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - M. Brooks

Parkland Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 7pm via Zoom

1. July minutes approved
2. New entry signage: Planning Dept. and State DOT requiring additional changes for landscaping and for NCDOT Encroachment Agreement; Steven following up on those requirements.
3. Playgrounds planning/development
 - a. Pete has compiled all 40 survey responses thus far into a detailed spreadsheet, with a summary, which he will share with committee members; committee discussion.
4. Sedwick Park Tree Replacement:
 - a. First Oak tree (at previous tree location) doing well; 2nd Red Oak planting looks a little

fragile.

5. NE Creek trail to the Food Lion Plaza:
 - a. Report from David about future possibilities, discussion.
6. Signage:
 - a. Faded sign on front of office bldg: per Exec. Cttee, new sign can wait on replacement until after the office building is repainted.
 - b. Missing finials for large Parkwood Office sign, and inventory of faded Pathways signs locations needed; provide list to Triangle Sign for a quote, and forward quote to Parks, Lawns & Ball field Committee (or Executive Committee) for their acceptance and installation.
 - c. Motion: transfer these signage-related items to PL&B and Executive Committee (office signage) and to the Parks & Lawns Committee (Pathways signage). Motion Approved in committee.
7. Traffic calming/speed bumps:
 - a. Preliminary report from Janie, discussion – especially about Speed Humps (aka Speed Bumps).
8. New Chair: Mike Brooks stepping down as Chair effective September. Pete has volunteered to serve as Chair.
9. New business:
 - a. New Budget Passed (same as last year:
 - i. 05527-00 PPC Projects 10,000.00 (used for actual construction expenses)
 - ii. 06027-00 PPC Engineering 5,000.00 (used for planning research, permitting, etc.)
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

and Vickie will verify with PUMC that this date will work with them.

Fall Festival - 15 Nov. Liz continues to make great progress. She is ready to make the deposit on the food truck, has put together Craft Fair Guidelines, and has asked all to review/comment. A rain date of 22 Nov has been suggested.

Content for slides for the Annual Meeting were discussed. Vickie will prepare and submit to Laura by the deadline.

Parktown Food Hub. Ideas for partnering were discussed and suggestions made on how our upcoming events can help get this started. Emily will be taking the lead on this.

2026 Budget. Everyone will bring their estimates of what has been/will be spent this year to our Sep meeting to prepare our budget for next year.

Next meeting (proposed date): 22 Sep at 7:30 pm

Events Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

New Business

Minutes Review

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Minutes 25 Aug 25

This meeting was held virtually through Zoom at 7:30 pm. Attending were Olga Rodriguez, Mamie Parker, Liz Scisco, Emily Silverman and Vickie Wheeler.

Updates on upcoming activities:

Fall Flea Market - 4 Oct. Mamie reported that registration for spaces has opened and reservations are coming in. Some work on signs is needed but all is on schedule.

Movie on the Lawn date. 17 Oct has been chosen

**The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of Directors
is scheduled for October 9, 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 October 7th.

Kids' Corner

Boo! Follow the numbers to find a bat, a Jack-o'-Lantern, and a witch's hat; Then, have fun coloring.
Happy Halloween!

FIVE Days to Halloween©
by Isabel Cruz Rodriguez

There's a chill in the air
And a full moon above
Halloween's almost here...
Only FIVE days to go!

Everyone's carving pumpkins
With a candle inside
Halloween's almost here...
Only FOUR days to go!

We'll dress up as goblins,
witches or ghosts
Halloween's almost here...
Only THREE days to go!

We'll tiptoe around
And then, we'll yell BOO
Let's start practicing now...
Only TWO days to go!

Our bags will be filled
With goodies galore
Halloween's almost here...
Only ONE day to go!

It's already dark
Trick or Treaters at our door
Today's HALLOWEEN
Oh, No!
...we're still in pajamas!



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