

MARCH 2026

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 29th
at 2 pm



Sedwick Park

1319 Sedwick Rd.

Durham, NC 27713

Introducing Senior Games

Nora Herrera and Luis F. Olivieri have been neighbors in Parkwood for over 20 years. One of their yearly activities is to participate in Senior Games track and field events. Since 2012 they have participated in events in 15 different US states and territories. They throw softball, discus, shot put and javelin. Nora has been ranked top 50 (All-American) for shot put. Luis is in the top 100 in the USA for each of their ages categories.



Every year they register for Durham, Orange, Wake counties events, which

take place during March-May months. They will love to see Parkwood neighbors ages 50 or more that like to walk, jump, and/or throw, to join them for the 2026 season as Team Parkwood. Top three finalists at each event gain the right to represent their county at the State Finals in September. They usually practice at Lowes Grove School or Rogers Herr tracks. For information on how to learn or participate, email at lfor@netzero.net. <https://www.ncseniorgames.org/>

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Update on Changes to Parkwood Press Newsletter Delivery

- In January and December we announced that the opt-in delivery copies of Parkwood Press would no longer be delivered. We decided to step back a bit and reassess the need for opt-in delivery.
- This issue, March 2026, as well as the upcoming April issue, is being delivered to the approximately 130 opt-in homes as a paper booklet, while other Parkwood households will access the newsletter digitally via the link shared via email and social media. Every household in Parkwood will be delivered the July 2026 issue and subsequent January and July issues.
- **We need to hear from those opt-in households that wish to continue paper delivery.**
- If you are currently receiving the paper copy and want to continue, please email pa.office@parkwoodnc.org or call the office (919) 544-2161 at your earliest convenience to let us know. Be sure to share your name and address so we can keep you on the list.
- If you are not currently receiving the paper booklet on opt-in months and want to start receiving these, you can also reach out to pa.office@parkwoodnc.org or call (919) 544-2161.

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Parkwood Board

2025 - 2026

Marie Dean, President, Dist.8

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Dist 1: Diane Wright*	Dist 5: OPEN
Dist 1: OPEN	Dist 6: Bobetta Clark-Jones*
Dist 2: Chris Classen	Dist 6: OPEN
Dist 3: Richard Evert	Dist 7: Felipe Rodriguez
Dist 3: OPEN	Dist 7: OPEN
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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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.

Parkwood Office

Parkwood Association

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Durham, NC 27713

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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.

Mailing Payments

If you mail payments for Parkwood Association dues, including via your Bank's Bill Pay, please take note of these critical reminders:

- All payments go to PPM, not to our Parkwood Office.
- Mail checks to PO Box 1379 Commerce, GA 30529
- Do not mail payments to PPM's physical office. Doing so will delay processing, which can result in late fees.
- Make checks payable to Parkwood Association. Do not make checks payable to PPM.

These are important to avoid delays and to serve you more efficiently.

Customers can sign up for automatic draft by visiting PPM's website, <https://ppmral.com/ppm-automatic-draft-form>

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. Parkwood has a 25 MPH speed limit throughout. The Board has recently been discussing viable options for trying to help slow people while driving through our neighborhood. But unfortunately, Parkwood Association (PA) has no jurisdiction to enforce traffic laws. Traffic enforcement is handled by the Durham Police Department. 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.

Dogs running loose without a leash. If you see a dog away from its yard without a leash it could be the neighborhood escape artist out for a stroll or just one who took the opportunity of an open gate to run. If the dog is not aggressive but seems lost, and you are comfortable, you could try to lure him into a backyard and find the owner. This does happen occasionally in our neighborhood. But if you are not comfortable doing this or the dog is aggressive, 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. These are against both our Parkwood Bylaws and the City of Durham Municipal Codes. Since being annexed by the City we are eligible for the City to enforce these infractions through the Durham Neighborhood Improvement Services Department. This service is funded by the taxes we pay and they are well equipped to handle these situations. So 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 NIS directly by emailing nis-codeenforcement@durhamnc.gov or calling 919-560-1647

Cars, trailers or trucks parked on the streets. Our streets are public streets and as such PA does not have any jurisdiction. 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.

Openings on the Parkwood Board of Directors

- We are seeking candidates to fill vacant seats on the Parkwood Association Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 term.
- Candidates elected now 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

Parkwood Homeowner Dues for 2026 are \$290

Payments are due January 1, 2026
Dues not paid by March 31st will have an additional late fee applied on April 1st.



Durham
ONE CALL
919.560.1200

How to pay:

Mail a check:

Parkwood Association
c/o Professional Property Management, Inc
PO Box 1379
Commerce, GA 30529

Pay Online:

Visit parkwoodnc.org/payments
Click on "Make an Online Payment" link.
Enter required information on the form.

Dues not paid by 3/31/2026 will incur additional fees.

If you cannot pay your entire assessment, please contact PPM to set up a payment plan to avoid additional fees.

Contact PPM by phone, 919-848-4911

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.

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.



See list of prohibited items on durhamnc.gov, scan the qr code.

Warrior Getaway
May 21-25, 2026
 Bonclarken Conference Center
 Flat Rock, NC

Joni and Friends Warrior Getaway serves American servicemen and servicewomen living with visible and invisible injuries and disabilities resulting from military service, as well as spouses, caregivers, and children. During this time of respite, healing, and renewal, families will find fellowship with other warriors and their families who are facing similar challenges while enjoying accessible activities, encouraging messages, counseling opportunities, and time in God's Word.



WARRIOR GETAWAY



Volunteer opportunities are available to honor and give back to those who have selflessly served our country! Through volunteering at Warrior Getaway, you help create a Christ-centered, refreshing experience for military families.

For more information, contact hollin.odiorne@joniandfriends.org or visit <https://joniandfriends.org/north-carolina/>



Parkwood United Methodist Church

Sundays

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship in person and online

Contemplative Prayer

Wednesdays at 8 AM,
 starting March 4, at PUMC

Lenten Study

Wednesdays at Noon
 at Starbucks, 4834 NC Hwy 55

Listening Circles

March 21st at 10 am

We will play "My Neighbor's Voice,"
 an active listening game.

Light snacks provided.

All are Welcome!

Parkwood United Methodist Church
 5123 Revere Road Durham, NC 27713

Summary of Minutes from February 12, 2026 Board Meeting

Call to Order at 7:05 pm

Attendance: Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Richard Evert, Janie Long, Bobetta Clark-Jones, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 5 February 2026

Marie Dean, President
Janie Long, Vice President
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary
George Greene, Treasurer

1. The next EC meeting will be 4 Mar at 7:00 pm
2. Spectrum account. We will have Laura switch our internet to AT&T.
3. Procedures for responding to Homeowners. Laura will summarize issues that are forwarded for action and she will be the one point of contact for the HOA.
4. Reviewed community issues and complaints.
5. Winter check list for Community Center. After the water hoses to the garden froze and burst the water supply to the outdoor spigots was shut off. We will see that a winter check list will be created and added to the Office/Community center procedures.
6. HOA Point of Contact. Laura is the point for assuring that we can get proof of insurance and W-9 before hiring vendors. She is also the single point of contact for requesting payment from PPM and all outside communications involving Parkwood HOA.
7. Board member confidentiality/non-disclosure.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

Finance Committee Report - F. Rodriguez

Parkwood Finance Committee Meeting
February 10, 2026

1. Review Preliminary January 2026 Report from PPM.
 - a. Transactions of interest. Making sure two payments came from 2025 Funds
 - b. Collections status from 2025 No new actions required
2. No Motions for the Board.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA
PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE
February 2, 2026: 7:00 pm (Liz Scisco, Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: February 2, 2026 @7:00pm
Call to Order: 7:05 pm
Adjourned: 8:24 pm

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

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Maintenance (Grounds & Plantings)
 - a. Homeowner asking the committee to consider re-starting the "Clean-up" contract, due to accumulation of trash they have noticed.
 - i. Previous Contract lists areas that should be under contract with RLC/other vendors. Possibly more a matter of enforcing/amending our current contracts than with hiring another vendor.
 - ii. Contact contractors for costs to clean up common areas & Lotus Pond
 - b. Works in Progress: bush-hogging at 5336 Revere and other areas, talk to PPC (Bill)
2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Bulbs from Keep Durham Beautiful acquired and installed by Chris and Liz at Haledon Ct and Goodyear Circle.
 - b. Works in Progress: Plantings Google Survey
3. Playgrounds: In Progress
 - a. Cleaning (Marie): Barrs was contacted and we are awaiting an estimate for the cost to clean the playground equipment. Because of delay, other contractors are now being contacted.
4. Drainage & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
 - a. Dock Update: The pole was removed, and

- the kayak dock has become unmoored. Call into the vendor who installed has been made and price will be requested.
- b. The steps to the lake at Clermont Rd were replaced. The committee decided to redo the top rail.
 - i. Possibility of adding a rail to the bottom for stability? Staining?
 - c. Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area Drainage Project: Still trying to find a consultant willing to draw up a plan for the project required by the Durham Soil and Water Conservation.
5. Trail Maintenance (Steven)
- a. Adding gravel to the trails/etc. Work Complete.
 - b. Work in Progress: Arborist to evaluate the section of the ballfield to lotus pond trail that has multiple exposed roots and recommend how best to repair the trail without damaging the nearby trees.
6. Tree Report (Bill)
- a. Tree Policy Review: New Approval Protocol (proposed by Steven/Liz)
 - i. Homeowners should alert the Parkwood office to any new tree concerns.
 - ii. Parkwood office will then notify the Parks, Lawns & Ballfield committee chair, and committee-appointed tree representative to investigate tree issues.
 - iii. The appointed tree representative shall contact one or more tree removal services to obtain one or more quotes for tree work if determined to be needed as consistent with this policy. The committee chair will act in the event that the tree representative is unavailable.
 1. Any contractor has to be approved to work in Parkwood.
 - iv. Work will be obligated under the following conditions of authorization:
 1. All work under the Tree Policy's \$2000 allowance per month is considered approved.
 2. All work in excess \$2000 allowance.
 - a. Non-emergency: By majority vote of the full Parkwood Board for expenditures in excess of \$2000.
 - b. Emergency: By majority vote of the full Executive Committee for expenditures in excess of \$2000 to handle an emergency health or safety issue that requires immediate Association action.

3. Monthly Report shall be submitted in writing to both the PL&B and the Parkwood board of directors, including an estimation of cost.
 - b. Motion to Approve Amendments to the Tree Policy in Attached document (submitted by email 2.2.26).
 - c. Suggested: Propose to the board an amendment to the by-laws to include this policy OR to suggest that any policy adopted by the board is considered an amendment of the bylaws.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

No February report from the Garden Committee.

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 852 Followers. Our posts were viewed by 373 individual viewers and we had 264 page visits in the past 28 days. There were 2 posts of original Parkwood Association content. We also shared several posts from our Parkwood neighbors.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 82 followers. We've recently shared our February newsletter and a couple of snow photos.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 882 members. There have been 18 new posts/conversations since our January Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20, 7:00 PM EST

Participants: Steven Berkowitz, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, Pete Eisenmann, David Sokal

Duration: 41 minutes

Overview

- Entrance Signage: DOT approval obtained for revised drawing; City/County Planning Dept. review approved – permit fees are being submitted to Durham City
- Trail Maintenance: Gravel replenishment for five trails completed. Two bridges between Ne-whall and Revere identified in need of repair
- Trail Development Feasibility: Maintenance of and access to existing trails is the identified priority. Feasibility of new trails to be continued with discussion in sub-groups
- Playground Survey: Discussion was taken up in Parks and Lawns Committee
- Traffic Calming: Continued efforts to change emergency-route designation for Revere Road – Durham One Call notified and awaiting verification before proceeding
- Discussion of the restriping Sedwick Road after NCDOT resurfacing

Notes

Meeting Overview

- Meeting opened with approval of December meeting minutes.

Entrance Signage Update

- Revised drawing approved by DOT and forwarded for city review – city permitting approved and payment of Permit Review Fee of \$188.28 (GL – 06027) was approved for payment – Steven to contact Laura for payment, hopefully before 1/22/2026
- Vendor W-9 and insurance documentation required before payments.
- 2025 funds may be carried over to 2026 pending approval.

Trail Maintenance and Assessment

- Gravel replenishment completed per Steven update
- Pete and Steven conducted trail walk in early January and will forward results for signage repair and replacement. Rob to provide his independent findings to committee for comparison and update.
- Information to Parks and Lawns and also get estimates for large bridge on Revere Trail

Trail Development Feasibility

- Subgroup to assess potential trail connections and existing right-of-way's. – will be ongoing
- Present focus will be maintenance of existing trails

Traffic Calming – Revere Road

- Recent police enforcement observed.
- Emergency-route designation change requires cross-department review and has been sub-

mitted to Durham One Call for initiation of the change of designation

Playground Survey

- Rob provided update and input to Parks and Lawn Committee

New Business

- Possible meeting with Durham City Transportation Manager on January 23 to discuss restriping Sedwick Road – she mentioned in an email that input from Parkwood and that “...there may be opportunities to enhance the existing layout and improve safety for both vehicles and pedestrians.” Marie to follow up with update to the committee

Adjournment

Confirmed next meeting date and time – February 17, 2026, 7pm

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Minutes 20 Jan 26

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

Activities for 2026 with firm dates::

Easter Egg Hunt - 29 March
 Spring Flea Market - 2 May
 Fall Flea Market - 3 October
 Fall Festival -14 November (with a rain date of 21 November)

Ideas for additional activities:

A parade in summer possibly as a 4th of July event
 Trunk or Treat
 A movie in April and/or Labor Day
 A shredding event for the neighborhood

The next Events Committee meeting will be 23 February at 7:30.

New Business

Minutes Review

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

Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Kids' Corner

by: Isabel Cruz Rodriguez

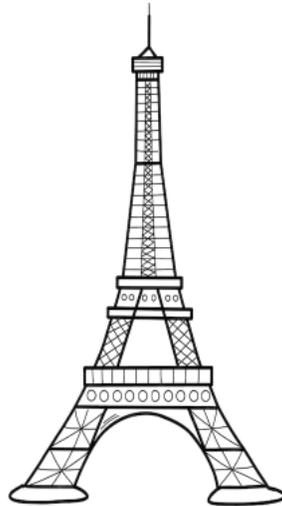
Yellows, Blues, and Greens. It's Time to Color!

In like a lion, out like a lamb
Does it have to do with weather?
Let's learn about it all together!
Is it something we should watch?
Yes, it's here - the Month of March.
Its flower is the daffodil

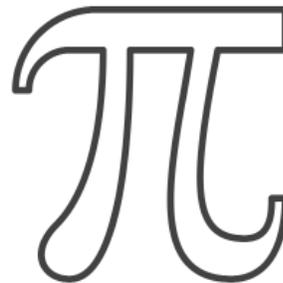
Its birthstone is aquamarine
When's the time to celebrate and play?
Women's History month and St. Patrick's Day!
And if you like Math, March 14 will fly by
Celebrating numbers on the Day of Pi.



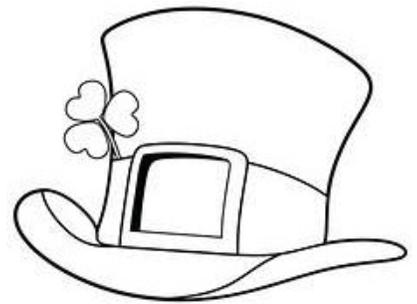
Daffodil



Eiffel Tower -
Paris, France



Symbol of Pi



Happy St. Patrick's
Day!



DID YOU KNOW?

March was once considered the first month of the year. According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was 10 months long, beginning in March and ending in December.

March 7. The board game Monopoly was invented on March 7, 1933.

March 8. Women's History Month is observed annually during March to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8.

March 14. Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 with math jokes, pi-reciting competitions and (of course) freshly baked pie.

March 17. St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear GREEN.

March 20. The sun shines on the equator for the vernal equinox, giving us a near 50-50 split of day and night.

March 31. Eiffel Tower Day, an unofficial holiday meant to honor the inauguration of the Eiffel Tower on March 31, 1889. Oui, Oui!

The next meeting of the
 Parkwood Association
 Board of Directors
 is scheduled for March 12, 2026
 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
 March 10th.

Helping Our Neighbors



We collected food for the Parktown Food Hub during our 2025 Parkwood Association Fall Events. We are excited to share that the 2025 total is \$729 and 195 pounds.

Specifics for each event:

Fall Flea market	\$165	25 lbs.
Movie On the Lawn	\$ 4	40 lbs.
Fall Festival	\$560	130 lbs.

Keep an eye out for opportunities to show support for Parktown Food Hub in 2026. Let's continue to help our neighbors in partnership with our local to Parkwood food pantry.

Parkwood Spring Flea Market

Saturday, May 2nd

8 am-Noon

5122 Revere Road



Vendor Registration will open
 Wednesday, April 1st

You may email
 pa.office@parkwoodnc.org with
 questions.

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

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



Visit our website at parkwoodnc.org

March 2026

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 Board of Directors Mtg.	13	14
15 10 am Community Garden Mtg	16	17 7 pm Parkland Planning Committee Mtg.	18	19	20	21
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29 10 am Community Garden Mtg	30	31				