

MAY 2026

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



EASTER EGG HUNT '26

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th! What a beautiful day in Parkwood!

Special thanks to Liz Scisco and Emily Silverman for the great photos!

Next Monthly Food Drive for Parktown Food Hub is June 5-7

Parktown Food Hub is a food pantry located here in Parkwood, at 5123 Revere Rd. Parkwood is supporting the Food Hub with monthly food drives. Beginning June 5-7, we will have food drives every month on the first weekend of the month.

Our food collection locations are: 5301 Pelham Rd, 5317 Newhall Rd, and 1607 Euclid Rd. You can also leave donations at the Parkwood HOA building at 1417 Seaton Rd (office open Wednesdays 2:30-5:00 pm and community center open for scheduled events).

What to donate? New, unopened, unexpired shelf-stable items (no glass containers please), such as:

- Canned tuna, chicken, beef stew
- Canned beans, vegetables, tomato sauce
- Canned soups and broths
- Mac & cheese
- Dry beans
- Pasta, ramen, rice
- Oatmeal, cereal, cereal bars
- Peanut butter, jelly

If you or anyone you know needs food assistance, contact the Parktown Food Hub at (984) 484-8475. Check their web site and Facebook page for more information.

Thank you for supporting this community effort.



Parktown
Food Hub



Everyone who's driven along Sedwick Road during the past several months has certainly noticed two construction events: 1) holes being dug one after the other to bury segments of new sewer pipe. Once everything was buried, then 2) that south half of Sedwick Road was quickly repaved, leaving the north half as the same old, somewhat dilapidated concrete pavement.

Not a huge improvement, aside from the new (and yet-to-be-connected) sewer line.

But that's not the end of the story. Sedwick Road is on the schedule to be completely repaved by NCDOT (the State Dept. of Transportation) sometime in 2027-28.

So, the City of Durham Transportation Department is now planning pavement marking improvements for Sedwick Road. As part of this effort, the City is working closely with NCDOT to update roadway striping and enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists on this heavily-travelled section of road.

City Transportation staff (including Leslie Tracey, Transportation Engineering Manager) will be at the Parkwood Spring Flea Market this **Saturday, May 2 (8:00am — Noon)**, to share information about the project and display draft plans. Everyone is very welcome to stop by the department's table to view the plans, ask any questions you may have, and offer suggestions. Plus you just might find a treasure at Parkwood's famous flea market.



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

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<https://parkwoodnc.org/>

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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>

Love Our Parks!

The weather is finally nice, and our parks are seeing more people!

We, the Parks, Lawns, and Ballfield Committee Members, wanted to send a reminder to all our residents and users, to please take care of our parks!

As we make improvements to our parks and playground this spring and summer, we ask that you help our community by helping take good care of our public spaces!



Tetherballs are for Hitting!

But not for pulling or swinging on! Please be mindful!

Docks are for Launching!

We've got big plans for the kayak dock, so treat the equipment kindly so we don't become unmoored!



Trash is for the Can!

We've got brand new lids on most of our trash containers! Make sure to use them!

Do you love your neighborhood parks?

Feel free to sign up to volunteer for park improvement days! Or better yet, bring your good ideas to the Parks, Lawns, and Ballfield Committee! We meet by zoom the first Monday of the month at 7pm. You can request to attend as a guest by emailing parksandlawns@parkwoodnc.org.

Should Parkwood Association Be Concerned with Land Development Code?

When we asked our attorney, Michael Ganley, for his legal advice as to the LDC (Land Development Code) that the City of Durham is considering to impose and if our Restrictive Covenants would be overridden by the zoning change. Specifically, our Covenants allow only a detached single family home on each plot. Will this change allow homeowners to put up additional homes on their property or tear down and build a multi-family dwelling? It has been our understanding that generally while Covenants cannot override or loosen State or City laws, they can tighten the law to be more restrictive. Will this change or not apply with this legislation? Here's his response.

"There has been a trend for many North Carolina cities to remove any land density requirements, however, you are correct that under our current state laws, covenants can be more restrictive than zoning laws. Accordingly, despite any changes to municipal zoning laws, any owner would still have to abide by your covenants and may only construct a single detached single family dwelling on any Parkwood lot. Let me know if you have any further questions."

PARKWOOD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAYS

We are looking for volunteers, of all ages, that would be willing to help keep Parkwood a wonderful place to live.

Most projects will be scheduled for the Second Saturday of the month from 8 am - Noon. Typical projects include park cleanup, staffing community events, and general neighborhood improvement projects.

We hope to kick off Parkwood Community Volunteer Days in June.

Email pa.office@parkwoodnc.org if you are interested in learning more.



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.



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



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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.



Community Health Clinic

Free • Saturday, June 13 • 10am - 4:30pm

Parkside Baptist Church • 1515 Clermont Rd, Durham, 27713

What's Offered:

Dental: Dental Screening • Extractions • Cleanings • Fillings

Medical: Diabetes Screening • Cholesterol Screening • Vital Signs
Blood Pressure • Depression Screening • Heart Disease Assessment



Learn More & Register Today!

parksidebc.org/healthclinic



Parkwood United Methodist Church

Sundays

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship in person and online

Bible Study on the Psalms

Thursdays at 2pm

Hybrid Format -

In person at Parkwood UMC or via Zoom

Listening Circles

May 18 at 10 am and 6:30 pm

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

Light snacks provided.

All are Welcome!

Parkwood United Methodist Church
5123 Revere Rd. Durham, 27713

You're Invited to a Pie Party!

Sunday, May 17 @ 3:30-5 PM

Do you want to eat lots of homemade pie?
Make one (and bring your family!)
to the Parkwood Pie Party!

Everyone gets to be a judge,
and everyone gets to eat pie!

Enter a homemade pie (crust and all!)
into any one of these categories:
Under 18 Bakers / First Time Pie Baker
Fruit, Chocolate, Veggie
Meat, Tart, Cream
Gluten Free, Nut

Pride and nominal prizes for the favorites!

Parkwood United Methodist Church
5123 Revere Rd. Durham, 27713

Summary of Minutes from April 9, 2026 Board Meeting

Call to Order 7:09 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Vickie Wheeler, Richard Evert, George Greene, Bobetta Clark-Jones, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco
Guest: George Smart

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 1 April 2026

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

1. The next EC meeting will be 6 May at 7:00 pm
2. Office internet. AT&T Fiber was brought to the Office on 27 Mar. We will be getting a new installation date scheduled.
3. 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, including initial responses to homeowners.
4. Durham development zone changes. Marie will make sure that our attorney's response is published in our next Parkwood Press.
5. Keys to the Office/Community Center. We have decided to go with Don Hills Lock & Safe to re-key the locks on the doors. Laura will keep a log to track both the issuance of keys and keypad codes.
6. Board member confidentiality/non-disclosure. This is a reminder that items discussed in the Board Meeting may be confidential and are not to be discussed outside of the Board. If Board members have concerns regarding Board actions, protocol or decisions they should be brought to the Executive Committee.
7. Admin Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

An SOP is a document that contains tasks and instructions to carry out routine operations efficiently. We will ask Laura to develop an Administration SOP. Vickie will assist with this task.

Motion to pay Don Hills Lock & Safe to re-key the locks at the Office/Community Center not to exceed \$300. This is to come from Building Maintenance GL 00505.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Finance Committee Report - G. Greene

Parkwood Association Finance Committee Meeting
Agenda – April 4/8/26.
Attendance: George Greene, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

Agenda Items:

Call to order: 7:03 pm.

1. Next meeting: May meeting will be 5/13/26 at 7 pm. Target second Wednesday of the month for future meetings.
2. Recurring Activities.
 - a. Review Report from Collections attorney. Current 3 accounts.
 - i. Committee to vote to foreclose account 70259.6. According to PPM report, they are missing 2025 and 2026 assessment. Recommend to foreclose. Motion to vote to foreclose on account 70259.6. Motion passes.
 - ii. Committee to inquire about status and costs of account 108447.03
 - iii. Motion to remove late fee and release lien of account 108447.06. Motion passes.
 - b. Committee to review invoices from attorney.
 - i. No outstanding invoices.
 - c. Review of Financial Reports.
 - i. Committee discussed financial reports to present to board.
 - ii. Review of closed 30 days previous (February) report.
 1. Overage on Management Contract Expenses (GL code 464) is the mailing of statements. Service occurred in Nov 2025, which is why the costs weren't on the budget analysis and projection. We accept overage and

- will adjust in the 2027 budget.
2. Committee to seek counsel on account 11562, which remains in distressed condition. Balance is now \$910. Committee to follow up with PPM for correspondence with homeowner.
 3. Committee to transfer account 11009 to collections attorney with balance of 1107.93. Motion to transfer account 11009 to attorney Bagwell, Holt, Smith for collection.
 4. Collections update. Approximately 30% of homeowners have not paid 2026 Assessment by end of February.
 - iii. Review of open preliminary report (March).
 1. No account actions.
 2. Approximately 14% of homes have yet to pay 2026 assessment.
 3. Transaction of note?
 3. Non-recurring activities.
 - a. Tax filing in pending.
 - b. Audit Board of Directors Status.
 - i. All Board members are in good standing
- a. Mulch: Jay Estimated mulch cost \$3475
 - i. Motion to approve Mulch purchase 120 Cubic yards of Brown Hardwood mulch for plantings for no more than \$3500. GL Code 00531. Seconded. Motion approved.
 1. Follow up with Jay about using 1-2" deep in the garden.
 2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Keep Durham Beautiful Free Tree Placement: Need placement suggestions
 - i. Trees: (2) Willow Oak, and (1) Red Bud
 1. Emerald Pond for Willow Oak
 - b. Works in Progress: Plantings Google Survey
 3. Playgrounds: In Progress
 - a. Tetherball check in. Damaged as of Sat 4/4. Wray will re-install.
 - i. Motion to purchase tetherball replacements and basketball nets for \$100 maximum GL Code 00553. Second. Motion passed.
 - ii. Mention park rules in the newsletter as an article.
 - b. Check in on driving spikes.
 - c. Cleaning: Liz has quote from local vendor, will ask to add Euclid Pond
 - i. Bill to follow up with possible contacts who have tank.
 - ii. Marie to check with Gonzalez (who painted office)
 - d. Bench Replacement: Will Investigate aluminum green bench replacement.
 - i. Motion to reimburse Wray Dean for materials only to build (3) Bench replacements and adjusting/replacing damaged metal benches for \$300 maximum. GL Code 00553. Second. Motion passed.
 - ii. Metal Benches repaired as of 4/8/26
 4. Drainage & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
 - a. Kayak Launch: Reinstalled. Steven asked for a proposal to add support brackets to make it more secure and further deter future vandalism.
 - b. Dragonfly Pond: Dead fish complaint resolved, but we have pricing to remove if repeat occurrence.
 - i. (Revisit in September for 2027) increase the waterbody contract with Dragonfly Pond to 12, monthly visits annually at a total cost of \$7,800.
 - ii. Bill to work with getting a formal bid to dredge and also discuss timing and possibly a statement to take to the city.
 - c. Stair Railing at Clermont Rd: Staining Done

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Motions to the Board: Motion to vote to foreclose on account 70259.6.

Motion to remove late fee and release lien of account 108447.06.

Motion to transfer account 11009 to attorney Bagwell, Holt, Smith for collection.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA
 PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE
 April 6, 2026: 7:00 pm (Liz Scisco, Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: April 6, 2026 @7:00pm
 Call to Order: 7:04 pm
 Adjourned: 8:34pm

Attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Brooks, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, George Greene, Liz Scisco *P&L Chair*
 Guests: Wray Dean

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Maintenance (Grounds & Plantings)

- by Rob Shoaf.
- i. Possibility of adding a rail to the bottom for stability?
- d. Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area Drainage Project
 - i. Mike and Steven made progress, expect a report by next meeting.
- e. DOT fix of ditch at Sedwick Park parking is complete.
- 5. Trail Maintenance (Steven)
 - a. 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. (Bill)
 - b. Steven to follow up with Mike about signs.
- 6. Tree Report (Bill)
 - a. Monthly Tree Report
 - i. Two fully dead pine trees on parkland threatening to fall on a large shed on 206 Mill Ct. Donald Allen to go by Wednesday. Price TBD. Arborist Selected.

Motion to approve Mulch purchase 120 Cubic yards of Brown Hardwood mulch for plantings for no more than \$3500. GL Code 00458 Landscaping . Second. Motion passes.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

We are excited to begin our planting season. We have peas planted as well as onions. We have started laying the fabric we have cut in strips between the rows.

The fabric is left over from the tubes filled with silt dredged from Lotus Pond. When the dirt was emptied we repurposed the material. It is thicker than what we would buy and still let's water through. Thanks to Parks and Lawns Committee for the donation. We will top it with pine bark chunks.

We also installed a new arbor and gate. The flower gardens continue to be cleaned up. There are flowers blooming for the spring season.

Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

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

Motion to print 50 copies of the Parkwood Press and deliver to only the residents that have responded that they want a paper copy delivered at a maximum cost of \$400 from GL 00549 Newsletters. Second. Motion passes. 1 abstention

Parkwood on Social Media Facebook

Our Facebook presence stands at 863 Followers. Our posts were viewed by 199 individual viewers and we had 404 page visits in the past 28 days. We shared several posts from our Parkwood neighbors.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 87 followers.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 884 members. There have been 12 new posts/conversations since our February Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM EST

Location: Zoom

Participants: Pete Eisenmann, Chris Classen, Marie Dean, Wray Dean, Janie Long, Mike Brooks, Kam White, Rob Shoaf

Duration: 40 minutes

Overview

- Entrance Signage: Installation pending \$1,000 DOT payment; work expected to begin late week or early next week.
- Playground Planning: 2026 priorities focused on shade solutions and equipment at Hidden Park and Sedgwick Park.
- Grant Development: Chris and Janie progressing on grant framework and templates.
- Traffic Calming: Leslie Tracy invited to attend May 2 spring flea market for community outreach.
- Maintenance Needs: Two damaged metal benches identified; repair or replacement required.
- Kayak Dock: Repair process underway with contractor coordination in progress.
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Notes

Meeting Overview

- February meeting minutes reviewed and approved with minor corrections.
- Motion to approve made by Marie and seconded by Mike; approved unanimously.

Budget Review for Sign Installation

- \$1910.81 allocated from 2025 budget and \$191.25 from 2026 budget for entrance signage and landscaping.
- Certificate of insurance received and approved.
- \$1,000 bank check to DOT pending; expected by Friday.
- 811 utility marking required prior to installation.
- Installation anticipated end of week or early next week, pending final requirements.

Trail Maintenance and Development

- Steven identified as primary contact with vendor (Silent Treatment) for lake trail maintenance.
- No significant updates from Parks and Lawns Committee.
- Follow-up needed on bridge repair estimates.

Grant Research and Development

- Chris and Janie developing grant framework and reusable templates.
- Janie is organizing the Parkland Community Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan aka The Stewart Plan content by category and asked about if the The Stewart Plan still guides current priorities given neighborhood changes
- Need to align plan recommendations with current priorities.
- The plan is exhaustive and not all of the suggestions are feasible but serves as a guideline

Playground Planning Priorities for 2026

- Hidden Park and Sedwick Park identified as focus areas.
- Shade solutions identified as top priority. Kam contributed that shade trees should be considered as an option rather than metal poles and non-natural shade coverage
- Pete to investigate school shade structure details.
- Chris mentioned that the new catalog from Game Time is out and has pergolas and shelters
- Adult exercise equipment proposed near HOA office.
- Volleyball net in need of repair – referred to Parks and Lawns

Traffic Calming – Sedgwick Road

- Leslie Tracy invited to attend May 2 spring flea market.
- Mike to draft newsletter article.

- Pete to provide contact details to Mike and messaging support.

Kayak Dock Repair

- Steven coordinating with original installer; contractor assessment pending.

Damaged Metal Benches and Bench Discussion

- Two benches damaged at Sedwick Park and north side of lake at Clermont Road
- Kam to inspect and assess repair feasibility.
- There is a bench in the office that should be put to use
- Additional benches may need to be built and placed into service

Meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting

April 21, 2026

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Update March 2026

Thanks to Olga for her work again this year for a great Easter Egg hunt and to Emily and Liz for helping out!

The Spring Flea Market is set for 2 May from 8 am - 12 pm

New Business

Investigate piles of branches piled near the Tot Lot.

Minutes Review

Motion to adjourn. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Board of Directors Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm.

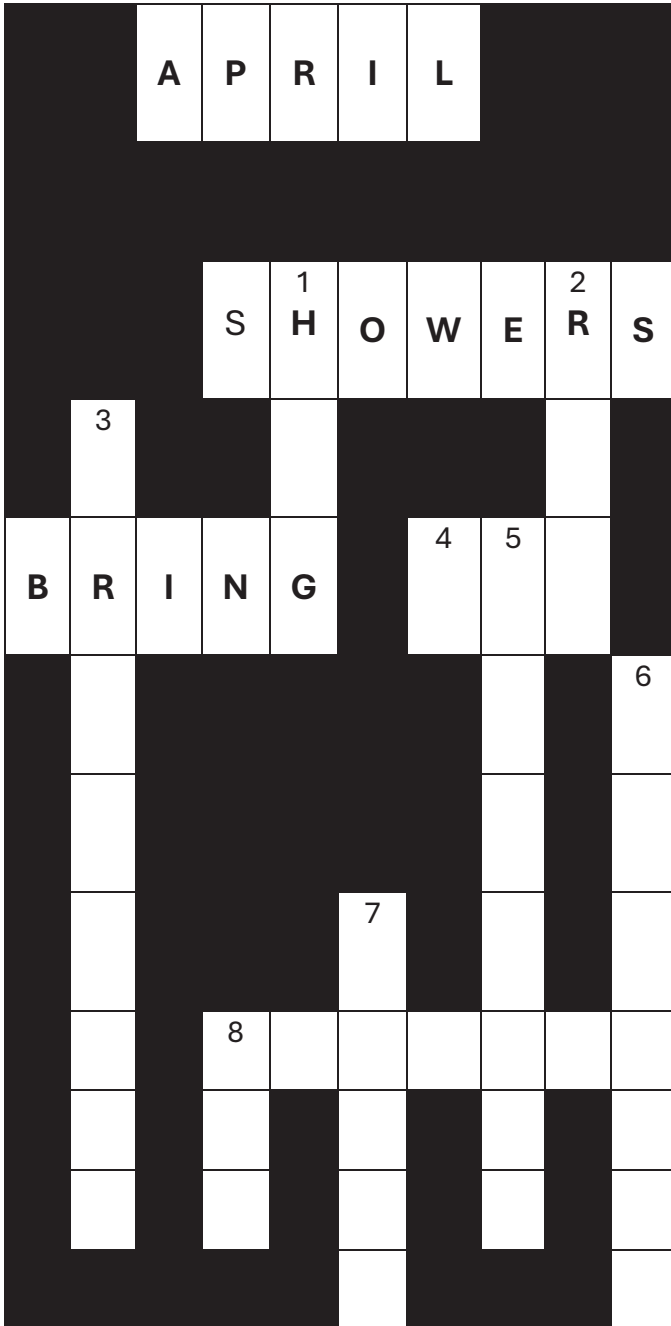
**The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of Directors
is scheduled for May 14, 2026
at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

If you would like to attend as a guest, please email the office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org no later than May 12th.

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



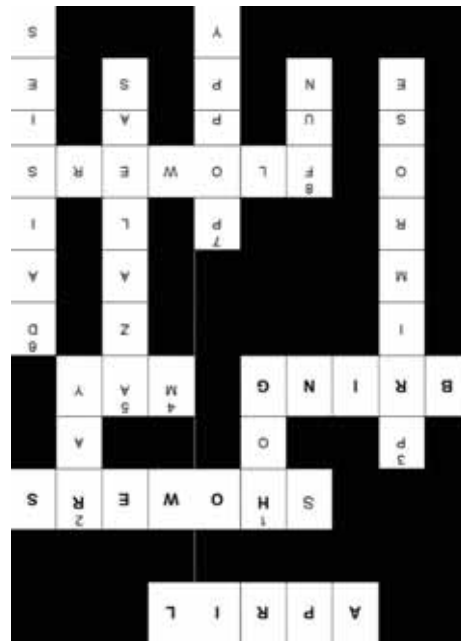
Horizontal

- 4. Month after April
- 8. Blooms that make gardens pretty

Vertical

- 1. May eat farm flowers
- 2. A ___ of sunshine helps flowers grow
- 3. It's real name is "Primura Polyantha"
- 5. Late bloomers of Rhododendron family
- 6. Short perennials great for flower beds
- 7. Bright orange flowers with black center and hairy green leaves
- 8. Gardening is ___

Puzzle Answers:



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(be sure to use your district number)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8 am - Noon Parkwood Spring Flea Market
3 10 am Community Garden Meeting	4 7 pm Parks, Lawns & Ballfield Committee	5	6	7	8	9
10 10 am Community Garden Meeting	11	12	13	14 7 pm PA Board of Directors Meeting	15 Deadline for June issue of Parkwood Press	16
17 10 am Community Garden Meeting	18	19 7 pm Parkland Planning Committee	20	21	22	23
24 10 am Community Garden Meeting 31	25	26	27	28	29	30