

JUNE 2026

Parkwood Press

The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



Movie on the Lawn
Saturday, June 27
8:30 pm

Join us at the
Parkwood Community Center,
1417 Seaton Rd. for popcorn, a family film
and Summer Fun!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on!

PARKWOOD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAYS

Volunteers are invited to help with Phase I of the new entrance sign landscape feature installation project on Saturday, June 13th at 8 am. Meet at the Community Center. This workday will focus on constructing the concrete block walls for both entrance signs.

Additional community improvement projects will also be coordinated for interested volunteers.

Whether you can contribute for an hour or the full morning, we greatly appreciate your support as we continue improving and beautifying Parkwood together.

More on Volunteer Projects

We are looking for volunteers, of all ages, 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.

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

Summer in the City/Cruel Summer

This heat means we are all craving water, and that includes your plants! I'm back with another checklist, and this one is for our greenery (in hopes it doesn't brown before the summer ends!)

Keep the Soil Efficient

- __ Replenish Mulch around plants
- __ Plant drought-resistant plants and natives that don't require as much (or any) water
- __ Install drip-irrigation where possible (i've done it myself and it's easier than you might think!)



Water Management

- __ Check all hoses for leaks/drips
- __ If you HAVE to water, watering in the darker hours helps prevent evaporation
- __ Use a broom instead of a hose to clear your porch and driveway
- __ Check to make sure toilets aren't running and faucets aren't dripping
- __ Save water from dehumidifiers to use for plants. Our family also saves stale drinking water by keeping a pitcher by the sink.

Ready to graduate to Green Master Gardener?

Rain barrels are a great way to collect water for your plants and garden. You can purchase a rain barrel from the City of Durham here: <https://www.durhamnc.gov/1062/Rain-Barrel-Sales>

If you prefer a DIY, you can usually get a clean 50 gallon barrel on craigslist or marketplace, and most hardware stores sell a spigot set. All you need after that is a spade drill bit.

Once all this is done...

Plop down in the hammock (that's where I'll be!) Enjoy your greenery and low water bill!

Keep Your Home Going!
-Miss Maintenance

Parkwood's Spring Flea Market - May 2026



photos by Vickie Wheeler

Parkwood Board

2025 - 2026

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

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<https://groups.google.com/g/parkwoodnc>

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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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Parkwood Office

Parkwood Association

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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.

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.

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Summary of Minutes from May 14, 2026 Board Meeting

Call to Order at 7:19 pm

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

Guests: Sylvia Millis, Karen Moorman, Emily Young

Motion to nominate Sylvia Milis to the Parkwood Association Board of Directors at large. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Sylvia will represent District 1.

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

Motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 6 May 2026
Marie Dean, President
Janie Long, Vice President
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary
George Greene, Treasurer

1. The next EC meeting will be 3 Jun 26 at 7:00 pm
2. Office internet. AT&T has scheduled the install for 13 May.
3. Keys to the Office/Community Center. The locks have been re-keyed and the key codes will be changed on the office door quarterly. The community center key code will be changed every 6 months.. Laura will maintain a log of all keys issued/returned and of codes given out.
4. Follow up procedure/actions for cars still parked on lawns after the letter went out. Vickie will work with Laura to create templates and send the next letters out.
5. Volunteer day. A community volunteer day is being started up again. It will be the second Saturday of the month. The first one will be on 13 Jun 26 from 8 am to noon. George is coordinating this.
6. Section of fence between 1343 Sedwick and 5606 Newhall that is falling down. This has

been passed to the Parks, Lawns and Ballfield Committee.

7. 4/16 email from Evan Scalise concerning insurance policy renewal. Laura will respond to his email that we have no changes.
8. Community Center projections. George has started a listing of projections of upcoming maintenance/improvements to the Community Center to assist in Budget planning.
9. Monthly complaints/inquiries.. Reviewed issues received during the past month.
10. Injury due to fallen limb at Sedwick Park. This was originally reported by email 11 Mar 26 and an incident report was filed with our insurance company. There has been no update.
11. Motion to pay our attorney \$540 for vendor agreement.

Motion to pay Bagwell, Holt, Smith \$540 for creating vendor agreement coming from GL 00529. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Finance Committee Report - G.Greene

Parkwood Association Finance Committee Meeting
Agenda – May 5/13/26.

Call to order at 7:03. Adjourned 7:15.

Attendance: George Greene, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

Agenda Items:

Next meeting: June meeting will be 6/10/26 at 7 pm.

1. Recurring Activities.
 - a. Review Report from Collections attorney. Current 2 accounts.
 - i. Account 70259.6 needs a foreclosure letter executed.
 - ii. Committee to inquire about status and costs of account 108447.03, awaiting payment plan.
 - b. Committee to review invoices from attorney.
 - i. No outstanding invoices.
 - c. Review of Financial Reports.
 - i. Review of closed 30 days previous (March) report.
 1. No account actions to take.
 2. Review of open preliminary report (April)

- a. No account actions.
 - b. Approximately 9% of homes have yet to pay 2026 assessment.
 - c. Transaction of note? None.
2. Non-recurring activities
- a. Access to loan statements was discussed. Committee to approach bank representative
 - b. Tax Extension has been filed.
 - c. Committee to follow-up on one delinquent account.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - G. Greene for L. Scisco

Parks, Lawns, and Ballfield Committee Meeting

Date: May 4, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:08 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendance

Present: Steven Berkowitz, Marie Dean, Chris Clasen, Rob Shoaf, George Greene (Interim Chair)
Absent: Bill Mitchell, Michael Brooks, Liz Scisco (Chair)

Maintenance (Grounds)

- Ongoing tot lot maintenance concerns were

- discussed; follow-up with RLC planned regarding mowing and plant debris at Tot Lot..
- Fence removal near Sedwick Park identified.
- Committee will survey property lines.
- Volunteer Day scheduled for June 13.
- Additional cleanup of natural debris across from the tot lot to be coordinated.

Plantings (Landscaping)

- Tree placement discussed for trees sourced from Keep Durham Beautiful (Willow Oak and Red Bud).
- Potential locations identified (Emerald Pond and Euclid Pond).
- Fall volunteer planting day is considered.
- Ongoing planting survey and Sedwick Park planting proposal under development.

Playgrounds

- Volunteer Day (June 13) to include work on driving spikes.
- Motions Passed:
 - Motion to contract Triangle Playground Care to clean all community parks for a total of \$775 assigned to GL Code 00553.
 - Motion to contract Triangle Playground Care for safety inspections of all community parks for a total of \$1,525 assigned to GL Code 00553.
 - Motion to approve Mulch purchase 100 Cubic yards of Playground Mulch for playground areas for no more than \$3200. GL Code 00553.
- Motion Tabled:
 - Repainting of Sedwick Park basketball goal.
- Bench repairs completed; additional seating options discussed.

Pond & Lake Maintenance

- Motion Passed:
 - Motion to approve Dragonfly Pond to dredge Lotus Pond for no more than \$23,880. GL Code 86-01010 Capital Reserve.
- Clermont pond culvert project discussed with the City.
- Additional pond maintenance and strategic planning items reviewed, including:
 - Kayak launch improvements
 - Stair railing safety considerations
 - Future dredging needs (Euclid and Emerald ponds)
- Long-term planning (bathymetric survey, emergency action planning)
- Committee to approach Dragonfly Pond about water body surveys and estimates of costs and




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timing.

Drainage

- Updates provided on Bahai Center/Parkwood Common Area drainage project.
- Lotus Pond culvert project discussed.
- Continued planning on scope, timeline, and cost-sharing approach.

Trail Maintenance

- Multiple trail systems reviewed for maintenance needs.
- Focus areas include footbridges, scenic deck resurfacing, and root-related trail repairs.
- Volunteer Day (June 13) to address loose blocks at Sedwick Park trail.
- Bamboo removal completed; monitoring for regrowth.
- Sign replacement needs identified.
- Motions Passed:
 - Motion to purchase replacement Parkwood Paths signs not to exceed \$300 GL-code 00589.
 - Motion to contract RLC to treat Poison Ivy on community trails not to exceed \$750 GL-code 00589.

Tree Report

- Ongoing tree removals and hazard mitigation discussed.
- 3 trees removed in April for a total of \$900.
- Arborist engaged for evaluation of high-risk trees.

New Business

Discussed potential barriers at Sedwick Park entry-way.

Motions to be Presented to the Board

- **Motion to contract Triangle Playground Care to clean all community parks for a total of \$775 assigned to GL Code 00553. Second. Motion passes unanimously.**
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- **Motion to approve Dragonfly Pond to dredge Lotus Pond for no more than \$23,880. GL Code 86-01010 Capital Reserve. Second. Motion passes with 1 opposed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

Our concentration is still cleaning weeds and leaves out of the pollinator garden and the flower beds in front of the vegetable gardens as well as the veggie garden. Chris reseeded California poppies and transplanted some into the Bee garden. We have seven private beds tended by gardeners. Our strawberry bed has given several people a chance to enjoy some sweet strawberries.

We are going to create a compost bed in the garden again because the city has changed the yard waste collection to every other week and we generate enough garden waste to warrant making our own compost.

The irrigation system is up and running. We are waiting for our large pine chips to be delivered. Next up is raising several beds with additional boards. The volunteer hours that were written in the book were 24 for April. There may have been more that didn't get noted.

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 872 Followers. Our posts were viewed by 404 individual viewers and we had 534 page visits in the past 28 days.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 93 followers.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 880 members. There have been 24 new posts/conversations since our April Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee (PPC)

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM EST

Location: Zoom

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

Duration: 81 minutes

Overview

- Entrance Signage: Modified eastern entrance design approved to preserve landscaping and reduce material requirements; volunteer installation day scheduled for June 13.
- Bench Maintenance: Four new benches installed and metal bench repairs completed; additional bench construction under consideration.
- Kayak Dock Safety: Temporary closure approved pending permanent security solution.
- Playground Improvements: Natural shade improvements prioritized at Hidden Park and Sedwick Park over new shade structures.
- Long-Term Planning: Planning task force formed to align Parkland Master Plan, survey

results, and reserve analysis into future priorities.

- Traffic Calming: Leslie Tracey confirmed for Spring Flea Market community engagement.

Notes**Meeting Minutes Approval**

- Committee reviewed March 17, 2026 meeting minutes.
- Marie moved to approve the minutes.
- Janie seconded the motion.
- Steven and Mike abstained due to absence from the prior meeting.
- Minutes approved with no objections.

Entrance Signage Project Updates

- Steven and Mike proposed modifying the eastern entrance sign design to preserve existing vegetation rather than removing landscaping.
- Revised scaled design reduces required blocks and fill dirt.
- The committee approved a modified design without requiring additional city review.
- Steven and Chris to finalize quantities and costs.
- Laura to coordinate materials ordering through Lowe's.
- George announced a volunteer workday beginning June 13 for installation.

Bench Maintenance and Improvements

- Wray reported four new benches installed: two on Old Growth Trail and two at Hidden Park.
- All damaged metal benches have been repaired and restored.
- Donald Allen benches near Sedwick Park remain in place and in good condition.
- Committee discussed building 4-6 additional benches for soccer fields and other high-use areas.
- Committee emphasized resident reporting of maintenance needs.

Kayak Dock Security and Safety

- Steven and Pete developed a securing method using 180-degree sweeps attached to dock poles.
- Steven reported poles were installed deeper due to rock bed conditions, improving security.
- Janie raised liability concerns while repairs remain incomplete.
- Existing 'Use at Your Own Risk' signage reviewed.
- Motion passed (4-3, Steven abstaining) to tem-

"Get to Know Your Neighbor" Potluck Series: Storytelling

Free Potluck Meal and Conversation

Friday, June 12 @ 5:30-7 PM

@ Parkwood UMC

5123 Revere Rd.

Durham, NC 27713

Nursery and Childcare Available

Parking available across the street from the church



This potluck storytelling series is about helping us get to know one another as neighbors through food and storytelling. Each event will have intentional conversation, food, and a theme. Come join us, invite a friend, and bring a dish! The theme for this event: "Divine Encounters."

porarily close dock access with caution tape and signage.

Playground Equipment and Shade Structures

- Pete shared school shade structure costs (~\$11,000) for reference.
- Community surveys continue to prioritize shade at Hidden Park and Sedwick Park.
- Kam proposed trimming lower oak branches and mulching under trees to improve natural shade.
- Chris agreed this approach could provide effective shade at significantly lower cost.
- The committee agreed to prioritize tree canopy improvements over new shade structures at this time.

Grant Opportunities and Limitations

- Pete brought up city mini-grant opportunities
- George noted Parkwood's 501(c)(4) status limits eligibility for many grant programs.
- Janie and Chris continue developing reusable grant templates.
- George offered support for eligible grant applications.

Long-Term Park Planning Framework

- Pete established a planning task force: Pete, Janie, George, Chris, and Kam.
- Mike to participate in trail and access discussions as needed.
- Committee discussed integrating Parkland Master Plan recommendations, survey feedback, and reserve studies into future planning.
- George identified Hidden Park as the highest replacement priority and Sedwick Park as enhancement priority.

Budget and Financial Constraints

- George highlighted dredging costs estimated at \$30,000 this year.
- Additional dredging expenses expected over the next 3-4 years.
- Committee discussed balancing reserve needs against future improvements and acquisitions.

Property Acquisition Inquiry

- Committee reviewed inquiry regarding possible purchase of a 9.74-acre property.
- Discussion focused on financial limitations and possible conservancy partnerships.
- Pete and George to talk with the resident who wanted to prepare an informational response regarding process and feasibility and provide guidance.

Traffic Calming and Community Engagement

- Leslie Tracey confirmed attendance at Spring Flea Market with Sedwick Road striping plan materials.
- Mike prepared a newsletter article encouraging resident participation.
- Traffic calming remains paused pending Unified Development Ordinance approval.
- Marie offered Parkwood Association table space for Leslie's outreach.

Hidden Park Tree Maintenance Proposal

- Kam proposed trimming lower branches on three oak trees and installing mulch islands to improve usable shade.
- Donald Allen identified as a possible contractor for affordable completion.
- Proposal to be formalized for Parks and Lawns Committee review.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Wray to coordinate chainsaw servicing with Mike.
- Laura stocked replacement tetherballs and nets at the office.

Next Meeting

- May 21, 2026 – 7:00 PM EST – Note that this is a Thursday

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Update May 2026

Attendance to the Spring Flea Market was a little lower than it has been due to the reports of expected heavy rain. But many did show up and the rain didn't so most everyone there had a good time. We had some new people selling who said they were looking forward to coming back in the fall. Thank you, as always, Mamie for all the work you put into making this event a success!

The next Events Committee meeting is 18 May at 7:30 pm.

New Business

Discussion of allotted time for guest speakers.

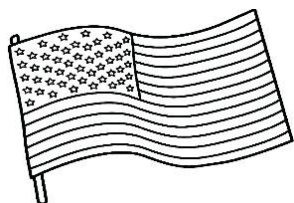
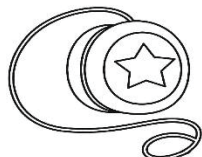
Minutes Review

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Kids' Corner

HOORAY for JUNE!
Color Me!



JUNE'S BIRTHSTONE:
June's birthstone is the Pearl



JUNE'S BIRTH FLOWERS:

June's birth flowers are the rose and the honeysuckle.



JUNE SPECIAL DATES

June 5 World Environment Day to raise environmental awareness across the globe.

June 6 National Yo-Yo Day Start spinning!

June 14 Flag Day. Raise the flag! Learn about the U.S. Flag Code:

<https://www.almanac.com/us-flag-etiquette-rules-and-guidelines>

June 16 Islamic New Year. This event signals the start of the Islamic lunar calendar year.

June 19 Juneteenth. In 1865, Union General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation aloud in Galveston, Texas, effectively liberating enslaved people in the state.

June 21 First Day of Summer. Join our Community Pool! Parkwood Swim Club:

<https://www.parkwoodswimclub.com>

June 21 Father's Day.

June 24 Midsummer Day & St. John the Baptist's Feast Day. Traditional midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting.

JUNE GARDENING TIPS:

It's time for Roses, Tomatoes, and Flowers Galore.

Making a Bouquet from your cut flowers? Make it last:

<https://www.almanac.com/how-keep-cut-flowers-fresh-and-alive-longer>

JUNE FISHING TIPS:

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Best Fishing Days:

<https://www.almanac.com/best-fishing-days>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 pm Parks, Lawns & Ballfield Committee	2	3	4	5	6
7 10 am Community Garden Meeting	8	9	10	11 7 pm PA Board of Directors Meeting	12	13 Parkwood Volunteer Workday
14 10 am Community Garden Meeting	15 Deadline for July issue of Parkwood Press	16 7 pm Parkland Planning Committee	17	18	19	20
21 10 am Community Garden Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27 8:30 pm Movie on the Lawn at Community Center
28 10 am Community Garden Meeting	29	30				