

JULY 2026

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



JULY

PARKWOOD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAYS

Thank you to all volunteers that helped with landscaping for the new entrance signs project securing and aligning blocks on Sedwick Park Trail up to the bridge; and cleaning trail signs throughout Parkwood on Saturday, June 13th.

We are looking for volunteers, of all ages, participate in future projects and 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 with folks meeting up at the Parkwood Association Office (1417 Seaton).. Typical projects include park cleanup, staffing community events, and general neighborhood improvement.

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

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

Make sure you know your **RIGHT OF WAY!**

A few reminders to keep yourselves and the other homeowners in Parkwood safe! These are the traffic laws according to Durham.

NC Pedestrian Law (Summary)

If there is NO sidewalk, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the extreme left of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction, and shall yield the right-of-way to approaching traffic.



If there is a sidewalk, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

Every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway.

The speed limit throughout Parkwood is **25 mph**. Please keep that in mind!

For our four-legged pedestrians (and owners):

Ask before allowing your dog to approach another dog or person.

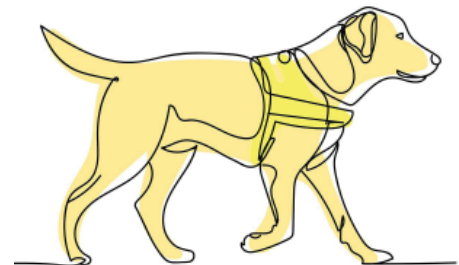
Durham County pet owners are required to keep their animals under restraint when they're away from their property.

References:

[Durham City Sheriff Office](#)

[NC General Assembly Statutes](#)

[American Humane Society](#)



Parkwood Board

2025 - 2026

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

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ParkwoodNC Google Group

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

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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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Office Hours: Wednesday 2:30 - 5:00 pm

Laura Denny, our office administrator, is available by email or phone.

Note - No Office hours on Wed. July 15th

We will not have our typically scheduled office hours on Wednesday, July 15th. Please reach out via email if you need assistance.



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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>

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- 9:15am Equip Class
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Parkside Kids and Youth
- 10:30am Worship Service
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visit parksidebc.org
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“Get to Know Your Neighbor” Storytelling Potluck

Potluck Meal and Conversation

Friday, July 31 @ 5:30-7 PM

@ Parkwood UMC

5123 Revere Rd.

Durham, NC 27713



Our guest storyteller is Dr. Milbre Burch. She will kick off our storytelling for the night, and then others can offer stories afterwards. The theme for the night is “belonging.” Milbre is a GRAMMY-nominated spoken-word recording artist, an internationally known storyteller, a published writer, poet and scholar, an accidental archivist and a produced playwright. Since 1978, she has performed and taught across the US, in Europe and Asia. She holds a PhD in Theatre and Performance Studies from the University of Missouri even though she never got over fairy tales.

Summary of Minutes from June 11, 2026 Board Meeting

Guest: Steven Berkowitz, Jacqueline Brodie

Call to Order at 7:06 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Richard Evert, Janie Long, George Greene, 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 May meeting of the Board of Directors. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean
Executive Committee Minutes 3 June 2026

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

1. The next EC meeting will be at 1 Jul at 7:00 pm
2. Office internet. AT&T service has been installed and Spectrum service has been cancelled.
3. Follow up procedure/actions for cars still parked on lawns after the letter went out. Vickie and Laura are creating letters (templates) to send follow up letters as needed.
4. Section of fence between 1343 Sedwick and 5606 Newhall that is falling down. This has been passed to the Parks, Lawns and Ballfield Committee.
5. Monthly complaints/inquiries. Reviewed 2 issues received during the past month.
 - a. May 10, email rec'd w/noise complaint about 5104 McCormick.
 - b. May 7 email received: Is this possible for Parkwood residents? You can get \$80,000 to build a tiny home under city's new \$1.75 million 'affordable' program

Responses to both issues were responded to through email by Laura.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Finance Committee Report - G.Greene

No report as the Finance Committee did not meet.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA
PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE
June 1, 2026: 7:00 pm (Liz Scisco, Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: June 1, 2026 @7:00pm
Call to Order: 7:05pm
Adjourned: 8:53pm

Attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Brooks, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, Liz Scisco

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Maintenance (Grounds)
 - a. Tree Maintenance Tabled until next meeting
 - b. RLC Followup: cleaned up natural debris from parkland across the Tot Lot.
 - c. Fence for removal at/near 5606 Newhall. Liz reviewed property lines and submitted to Marie.
2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Goodyear Circle: Rob has been watering. Evaluate health of plants at end of summer.
 - b. Plantings Google Survey: Plan to publish in July and Close in September.
3. Playgrounds:
 - a. Driving spikes scheduled for Volunteer day - June 13th
 - b. Cleaning: Follow up with Triangle Playground Care
 - c. Basketball goal maintenance:
 - i. Motion to contract Aguilar Home Solutions for repainting the entire basketball goal and post at Sedwick park for a total of \$400 assigned to GL Code 00553. Motion Approved.
 - d. Bench Replacement: Considering additional replacements
4. Pond & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
 - a. Lotus Pond: Follow up Dragonfly Pond to Dredge Lotus Pond (end of the month)
 - b. Parkwood Lake:
 - i. Kayak Launch: Reinstalled. Steven asked for a proposal to add support brackets to make it more secure and further deter future vandalism.

1. Motion to approve Tom Konsler to upgrade the kayak dock for labor cost of \$240 and material cost at no more than \$950 using GL Code- 05072. Motion approved.
 - a. **This motion is \$109.43 over yearly projected budget but is the only anticipated addition.
 - ii. Next meeting: Review Lake Dredging Cost.
5. Drainage: Projects still in progress.
6. Trail Maintenance (Steven)
 - a. Lotus Pond trail & footbridge
 - i. Possibly resurface the deck.
 - ii. 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) Wait for board review.
 - b. Sedwick Park Trail
 - i. Dam: Loose blocks at the end of path. (June 13th Volunteer Day).
 - c. Sign Replacement:
 - i. Steven to follow up with Mike about signs. Candidates for replacement to be identified. Motion to purchase replacement Parkwood Paths signs not to exceed \$800 GL-code 00589. Motion Approved.
 1. Quote is \$751.16 and includes 10 new large signs and 10 smaller horizontal signs. *Updated cost from \$300.
7. Tree Report (Bill)
 - a. 8 Trees on Old Growth Trail: \$600
 - b. A new report behind 5311 Revere road needs to be evaluated.
8. New Business:
 - a. Parking issue on circles.
 - b. Discuss barriers to Sedwick Park entryway.
 - c. Summary Motions to be presented to Board:

Motion to contract Aguilar Home Solutions for repainting the entire basketball goal and post at Sedwick park for a total of \$400 assigned to GL Code 00553. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve Tom Konsler to upgrade the kayak dock for labor cost of \$240 and material cost at no more than \$950 using GL Code- 05072. Second.

Motion to amend the motion with new GL Code - 00531. Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Tom Konsler to upgrade the kayak dock for labor cost of \$240 and material cost at no more than \$950 using GL Code 00531. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to purchase replacement Parkwood Paths signs not to exceed \$800 GL-code 00589. Second. Motion passes with 1 opposed.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

May gardening was exciting. We had lots of plants to get into the ground. Some we planted directly and some were free plants we received from the Briggs garden. We planted several varieties of peppers, from mild to hot. Several varieties of tomatoes were planted, from yellow cherry tomatoes, large German Johnsons, Nova, an orange grape tomato and others. Swiss chard, chamomile, okra, squash, Caribbean fish stew peppers, basil, bush beans, went in the ground as well. We continued weeding and watering. Sage seeds were planted in one barrel. The others have oregano, two kinds of thyme, and garlic chives. There is a barrel of mint and we have lemon balm growing too. Anise hyssop is planted in three pots and has freely seeded in one of the beds.

Cucumbers were just planted where our ready to harvest onions were. We have noticed baby bluebirds flying in and out of our bluebird box. We are getting quotes for path mulch. Our plant thief is back. Three thriving Swiss chard plants were plucked out of the ground as well as okra and other plants. Not happy about that. Our private bed gardeners are having success with their plants.

The Garden volunteers are having a kids craft day on Sunday, June 14. There may be a flyer in the minutes. At that time we are offering free flowering plants and herbs that we have plenty of. We recorded 20 volunteer hours for our public beds. Stay cool.

Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

Reminder, the deadline for the next issue of Park-

wood Press is the 15th.

Parkwood on Social Media

Facebook

Our Facebook presence stands at 874 Followers. Our posts were viewed by 288 individual viewers and we had 375 page visits in the past 28 days. We shared several posts from our Parkwood neighbors as well as a post about the Flea Market and the Food Drive for Parktown Food Hub

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 99 followers.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 877 members. There have been 13 new posts/conversations since our May Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2026 (Thursday)

Time: 7:00 PM EST – Duration 40:16

Location: Zoom

Participants: Pete Eisenmann, Chris Classen, Janie Long, Marie Dean, Wray Dean, Rob Shoaf, Sylvia Millis, Karen Moorman

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

Overview

- Previous meeting minutes approved with one correction: 'Parkwood Master Plan' replaces 'Parkland Master Plan'.
- Entrance signage landscaping project scheduled for the June volunteer workday.
- Kayak dock stabilization project remains in the final cost-estimation phase.
- The Long-Term Planning and Development Task Force has begun monthly meetings using a five-bucket framework.
- Spring Flea Market outreach with Leslie Tracy and Transportation Department staff was well attended.
- Potential acquisition of the 9.74-acre Euclid/Claremont property raised for consideration.
- New traffic calming concepts discussed, including yard signs, bollards, and speed feedback signs.

Notes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Marie moved to approve the minutes.
- Chris seconded the motion.
- Correction noted: 'Parkwood Master Plan' replaces 'Parkland Master Plan'.
- Minutes approved unanimously with correction.

Entrance Signage Landscaping Update

- Approximately 150 blocks expected for delivery before June volunteer workday.
- Pete and Steven will lead installation efforts.
- Future workdays will address landscaping, plantings, and soil placement.

Kayak Dock Stabilization Project

- Final cost estimates remain to be provided
- Update expected at June meeting.

Volunteer Workday Scheduling and Outreach

- Second Saturday volunteer workdays start on June 13th 8AM – 12PM.
- Newsletter outreach to be pursued for July at minimum.
- We should probably look into multi-pronged approach for promotion of the workday.

Grant Application Update

- Recent grant opportunity not pursued due to timeline constraints.
- Application materials retained for future use.
- Next opportunity is expected in September

Long-Term Planning and Development Task Force

- Task force meeting monthly using a five-bucket framework.
- Rolling three-to-five-year implementation plan under development.

Spring Flea Market Outreach – Leslie Tracy Visit

- Approximately 40–50 residents engaged Transportation Department staff.
- Leslie Traceuy expressed interest and willingness to participate in future community activities where appropriate
- Traffic calming and drainage concerns, especially at Newhall and Sedwick, were primary discussion topics.

Potential Acquisition of 9.74-Acre Property

- Property to be evaluated through a planning framework.
- Brownfields status should be investigated.

Traffic Calming Ideas

- Yard signs and crosswalk bollards discussed as near-term options.

Solar-Powered Speed Feedback Signs

- Marie to research approvals and vendor options.

Meeting Administration

- Agendas and Zoom links to be distributed at least 24 hours before meetings.

Next Meeting

June 16, 2026 – 7:00 PM EST

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Minutes 18 May 2026

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

Emily reported that food donation efforts for the Parktown Food Hub have been going very well.

Mamie was looking into possibly sponsoring a neighborhood shredding event through the City, but the City has stopped this program. She did find out that our neighborhood Ace Hardware provides shredding at very reasonable rates. We will be sharing this information with residents through the Parkwood Press. She also noted that the Spring Flea Market was well intended considering the heavy rain (which did not come) that was predicted. Everyone was happy and looking forward to the next one.

Liz and George suggested we have more Movies on the Lawn on the last Saturday of the month between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Upcoming Activities:

- Movies on the Lawn, monthly during the summer beginning 27 Jun @ 8:30 pm
- Fall Flea Market - 3 October 8 am - 12 pm
- Fall Festival 14 November (with a rain date of 21 November)

We invite all to join us in the planning and hosting of upcoming events as well as sharing ideas for future events.

Motion was passed in Committee to purchase 2 JBL

speakers from Costco.

Motion for the Board:

Motion to purchase 2 JBL speakers from Costco at a cost not to exceed \$650.00 coming from GL 00536. Second. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Rezoning Meeting regarding parcel on Grandale. Board Members attempted to attend but were unable to get login access.

Minutes Review

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

The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of Directors
 is scheduled for **July 9, 2026 at 7 pm via Zoom**

If you would like to attend as a guest, please email the office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org no later than July 7th.

Reminder - Clean up after your pet

- Always carry a baggie or two with you and your four-legged buddy when you head out for a walk or playtime in the park.
- It is your responsibility to clean up after your pet when you are out in our neighborhood, this includes along our roads and sidewalks as well as parks and trails.

Cleaning up after your pet includes bagging your pet's poop and taking it to your own trash bin or a trash can found at one of our public parks.



Do not put dog waste in a neighbor's trash bin or in a yard or trail.

Kids' Corner

by: Isabel Cruz Rodriguez, Author-Illustrator

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! BE PROUD! BE PATRIOTIC! SING & COLOR

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!



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