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Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

PARKWOOD ANNUAL MEETING



Tuesday Sept. 8, 2026

7:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Our Parkwood Association Annual Meeting will be on-line on September 8th via Zoom beginning at 7:00 pm.

Details on how to register for the meeting will be mailed to all Parkwood Homeowners.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Parkwood Office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

PARKWOOD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER DAYS

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. We'll gather outside of the PA Office 1417 Seaton Rd. Typical projects include park cleanup, staffing community events, and general neighborhood improvement.

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

Parkwood Fall Flea Market



Saturday, Oct 3rd
8 am-Noon
5122 Revere Road

Vendor Registration will open
Wednesday, Sept. 2nd

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



PARKWOOD Planting Survey

**Do you have ideas for how
to make Parkwood beautiful?
Take our Survey Now!**

QR Code will direct you to the online survey.
Survey will Close August 31st.



Monthly Food Drives Make a Difference

Great job, Parkwood! Food donations so far this year for the Parktown Food Hub total 870 pounds. That's the equivalent of about 725 meals! Thank you, and keep it coming!

Our food drives are the first weekend of each month at four homes around Parkwood: 5301 Pelham Rd, 5317 Newhall Rd, 1607 Euclid Rd, and 1007 Limerick Ln. You can also leave donations at the HOA building (1417 Seaton Rd) during open hours. Please mark your calendars for the next few collection dates: July 31-Aug 2, Sept 4-6, and Oct 2-4.

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

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



You can also donate online at <https://parktownfoodhub.org>. Click on the donate tab and note you are from Parkwood.

Parkwood Board

2025 - 2026

Marie Dean, President, Dist. 8

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Dist 1: Diane Wright*	Dist 5: OPEN
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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/>

Advertise in Parkwood Press

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

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



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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>

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

All are welcome!

Saturday, August 22

3-4:30 pm

**Parkwood United Methodist Church
5123 Revere Rd. Durham, NC 27713**



We will be collecting donations of school supplies for Parkwood Elementary School's Creative Learning Kit. You may bring coloring books, sketch books, drawing paper, construction paper, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, watercolor paints, paint brushes, Play-Doh, &/or sidewalk chalk.

What's Going on at Parkwood United Methodist Church

- **Grief Conversation and Friendship Group:** Mondays @ 2 PM in the fellowship hall
- **An Afternoon of Board Games:** Saturday, August 15 @ 2:30-5 PM
- **Listening Circle Fellowship and Dessert Group:** Monday, August 17 @ 6:30 PM (every third Monday)
- **Exercise Group:** 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
- **Back to School Bash and Ice Cream Social:** Saturday, August 22 @ 3-4:30 PM.
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School:** 9:30 & 9:45 AM (respectively) on Sundays
- **Worship** @ 10:30 AM on Sundays in the sanctuary
- **Just Faith and Food Group:** A dinner meal and discussion group @ Rosemary and Mike Marlowe's house on a justice issue. This time, the curriculum is on immigration, what the Bible has to say about it, and what we are to respond as Christians. Contact Pastor Adam (below) if interested.

Contact Pastor Adam Benson for more information or if you have questions on any groups or opportunities via email: adam.benson@nccumc.org.

Summary of Minutes from July 9, 2026 Board Meeting

Guests: Steven Berkowitz, Matt Kollman

Call to Order at 7:25 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Janie Long, George Greene, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 1 July 2026

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

1. The next EC meeting will be 5 Aug at 7:00 pm
2. Handling vendors & insurance, pending contracts. There still seems to be problems getting prospective vendor proof of insurance or signed waiver. Looking at ways to get compliance smoothly.
3. Section of fence between 1343 Sedwick and 5606 Newhall that is falling down. The Executive Committee has recommended that this fence be removed, maybe an upcoming volunteer effort.
4. Number of bids secured when motions are made. When possible get 3 bids for contracts or purchases.
5. HVAC Contract. Greer's Service Co, Inc. contract has been signed and extended through the end of 2026.
6. Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be held 8 Sep 26. Any Items for proposal to homeowners at the Annual Meeting need to be sent in now to be included in the first Annual Meeting mailing going out this month.
7. Meeting with Committee Chairs. The EC would like to meet with all Committee Chairs on Wednesday, 15 Jul 26 at 7:00 pm to discuss procedural items.

8. Monthly new or updated complaints/inquiries. Reviewed the following issues received during the past month.
 - a. Jun 10 visit to office, concerns about a potential re-zoning of property at 4517 Grandale Rd
 - b. Jun 28 email, parking concerns on streets in Parkwood
 - c. Jun 29 email, concerns about parking on Parkwood parkland

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Finance Committee Report - G.Greene

Finance Committee Minutes

July 7, 2026 7:00 pm

Attendance: George Greene, Felipe Rodriguez, Marie Dean.

1. Committee reviewed the May 2026 financial report. No actions necessary.
2. Committee reviewed Treasurer's executive summary.
3. Committee review collection's report. No actions necessary.
4. Committee reviewed payment plan for delinquent accounts. No actions necessary.

Adjourned 7:78 pm.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA

PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE

July 6, 2026: 7:00 pm (Liz Scisco, Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: July 6, 2026 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Adjourned: 8:37pm

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

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Maintenance (Grounds)
 - a. Tree Maintenance
 - i. Ash Borer Treatment: \$739. See approved motion below.
 - ii. Magnolia Treatment: \$1400 (2 applications) See approved motion below.
 - i. Arborist recommends cutting weeds at the base of trees and mulching:

- Discuss Mulching *Arborist wood chips (chip drop or Donald Allen?)
- b. Preventing parking on circles: Idea gathering photos, Poll the public?
 - c. RLC Followup: Tot Lot debris, mowing, and quotes requested for mulch.
 - i. Mulch quoted for continuous mulching around on bases of Magnolias for \$2800. More research and input required, plan to address at next meeting.
 - d. Fence for removal at/near 5606 Newhall: Need to review with committee, but executive committee has encouraged we take it out. They feel it is within community property.
2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Follow up on New Entry plantings, we have offer for free solar lights.
 - i. Need more soil for planters. Volunteer day - July 11th
 - b. Plantings Google Survey: Plan to publish in August and Close in September. Committee approves to publish.
 - c. Goodyear Circle: Rob has been watering. Evaluate the health of plants at the end of summer.
 3. Playgrounds:
 - a. Driving spikes scheduled for Volunteer day - ?
 - b. Cleaning: Follow up with Triangle Playground Care
 - i. Inspections only for now until water restrictions lifted.
 - c. Basketball goal maintenance: Liz follow up.
 - d. Replaced a missing tetherball and tightened up the 2 Aldo Leopold bench leg bolts. Thank you Wray!
 - e. Bench Replacement: Considering additional replacements
 4. Pond & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
 - a. Dredging operation has started.
 - b. Bathymetric Survey Proposal: Proposal attached. \$12,515 to do Emerald Pond, Euclid Pond and the northern two acres of the lake.
 - i. Recommendation is to hold off on the survey, and to do grid sampling to establish needs and timing for future budgeting.
 - c. Review Rob's Invoice for Upfitting handrail. See approved motion below.
 - i. Minutes notes: this reimbursement is approved as an exception because the expense was incurred without prior
- Committee authorization.
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) Waiting for new quote.
 - b. Sedwick Park Trail
 - i. Dam: Loose blocks at the end of path. Done.
 - c. Sign Replacement: Signs have been cleaned.
 - i. Volunteer Day: August or sooner
 7. Tree Report (Bill)
 - a. Review of Emergency trees & Discussion of trees on forest areas.
 - b. 11 ash trees for \$6000 behind 5311 Revere road. See motion below.
 8. New Business:
 - a. New items: Volleyball net
 - b. Discuss barriers to Sedwick Park entryway.
 9. Summary Motions to be presented to Board:
 - a. **Motion to approve Leaf & Limb to perform (1) Ash Borer Pesticide Treatment and (2) Magnolia Fertilizations for a total of \$2139. GL Code - 00531. Second. Motion passes. 1 abstention.**
 - b. **Motion to approve reimbursement to Rob in the amount of \$200 for payment made to contractor for repairs to association property located at Clermont Park using GL-05072 Lake and Pond Maintenance. Second. 2 opposed. Motion passes.**
 - c. **Motion to approve John Allen Tree Service to remove 11 ash trees from the common area behind 5311 Revere Road for \$6000 GL Code 05078, pending workers compensation or insurance waiver. Second. Motion passes.**
- Garden Committee - C. Classen
- The Garden is looking lush. We have tomatoes forming, peppers popping, flowers blooming, and cucumbers climbing. The cool season crops are done. There were some broccoli heads, kale, arugula, and strawberries that were harvested at the beginning of the month. Our onions were pulled and cukes planted in their place. Okra is growing as well as summer squash and zucchini. Bush beans have been planted.

Baby blue birds were noticed in the blue bird house on the pole in the front corner of the garden. This heat is stressing the plants and our gardeners. Tomato plants stop setting fruit if daytime temps consistently exceed 95 degrees or when nighttime temperatures remain above 70-75 degrees. At these high temps, the pollen becomes sterile or too sticky to properly transfer, causing the blossoms to dry up and drop off without producing fruit. If home gardeners are experiencing this, shading the plants may help cool them off. Fortunately some of our tomatoes developed fruit before this 100 degree heat and are doing well.

On June 14th the Garden offered a craft day for young families and their kids. They all had a good time painting and decorating wind chimes and sun catchers. We also gave away some extra iris and anise hyssop as well. The garden paths received about 5 yards of mulch mid June.

The weeds are flourishing in this heat and we gardeners try to keep up with getting rid of them. Watering the gardens that are not irrigated is happening during this drought. We are trying to be conscious of the water restrictions. The Beautyberry shrubs were heavily pruned back and the Buttonbush plants were trimmed. There are plants blooming for the pollinators and we see an abundance of bees buzzing from flower to flower. The volunteer hours for June were approximately 24. Stay cool.

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 884 Followers. Our posts were viewed by 324 individual viewers and we had 620 page visits in the past 28 days. We shared several posts from our Parkwood neighbors as well as posts about our movie night and Parkwood Press.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 108 followers.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 874 members. There have been 15

new posts/conversations since our May Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM EST

Location: Zoom

Participants: Pete Eisenmann, Steven Berkowitz, Chris Classen, Janie Long, Marie Dean, Wray Dean, Mike Brooks, Rob Shoaf, Diane Wright, Michael Moorman

Referenced but Not Present: Laura

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Pete presented the corrected May meeting minutes for approval.

- Pete moved to approve the corrected minutes.
- Marie seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- May meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Entrance Signage Project Update

Steven provided an update on the volunteer workday and the status of the eastern and western entrance signs.

The eastern sign is substantially complete, with only minor touch-ups remaining. Planter areas have been cleared in preparation for final work, and several volunteers contributed to the effort. Incorrect parts delivered by Lowe's were identified, and reimbursement is being pursued.

Materials for the western sign are stored with Steven and installation is planned for the upcoming Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 AM. New plantings for both signs will be deferred until September.

Once the walls and soil installation are complete, the committee intends to request release of the \$1,000 DOT deposit. Committee members expressed appreciation for the volunteer work completed and reported that the finished eastern sign looks good.

Kayak Dock Materials and Shipping Issue

Steven reported a procurement issue affecting the board-approved kayak dock stabilization project.

The Board-approved kayak dock installation has encountered a significant materials shipping issue. The project was unanimously approved by the Board, and the installer is ready to proceed once materials arrive.

An attempt was made to order the necessary materials from the Florida supplier. However, the supplier revised the shipping cost from the originally quoted amount of approximately \$200 to approximately \$2,000 due to the length of the pipes, estimated at roughly 78 to 82 inches.

Alternative shipping options are being explored, including possible LTL freight shipping, though that option may take longer. Because the revised shipping cost is substantially higher than expected, additional Board approval may be required if a lower-cost solution cannot be found.

The committee remains confident that a workable solution can be identified. Installation will proceed once the materials are secured, though the project timeline will likely extend deeper into the summer.

Five-Bucket/Category Planning Framework

Pete introduced a framework to help organize projects that come before the committee. This framework is also being used by the PPC Matrix Task Force that is working through the 2018 Parkwood Comprehensive Master Plan.

A five-category framework was introduced to help the committee organize and prioritize project ideas more efficiently.

The framework groups items into the following categories: 1. Completed items requiring maintenance; 2. High-priority valid items already in

progress; 3. Valid but lower-priority items; 4. Items requiring updated data, pricing, or cost information before action; and 5. Items that are no longer appropriate, feasible, or supported by the community.

The framework was received as a helpful tool for streamlining discussion. It allows preliminary inquiry and sorting before items are brought into full committee discussion.

The five-bucket/category framework was adopted as a working tool for the committee's ongoing project discussions.

Playground and Senior Fitness Equipment Grant Opportunity

Chris provided information that was shared about a grant opportunity from a playground equipment vendor that may help fund senior or adult exercise equipment.

The grant may offer up to \$80,000 and may include a matching-spend requirement. Committee members discussed whether someone should review the opportunity in more detail to determine eligibility, requirements, deadlines, and potential costs.

Chris Classen volunteered to review the grant requirements and report findings back to the committee. Others may assist by contacting that member directly. The email about the opportunity will be forwarded to the full committee list after the meeting.

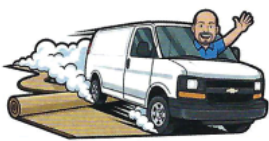
The committee will revisit the opportunity once the grant details have been reviewed.

Traffic Calming Update

Janie updated the committee on dynamic speed sign research and related traffic calming questions.

Leslie Tracey, with Durham City Transportation, confirmed that dynamic speed feedback signs are generally effective over time. Additional research, including studies from transportation-related sources, appears to support the effectiveness claims made by vendors. Pricing information has not yet been confirmed, and further comparison is needed between electric and solar-powered sign options.

The committee discussed that dynamic signs,



- Solid Hardwood Install Finish & Repair
- LVP Install & Repair
- Carpet Install & Repair

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which display a driver's speed and a warning message, are typically more effective than static speed limit signs. Police cruiser presence was also noted as a strong deterrent, though enforcement on Revere Road has been inconsistent.

Additional traffic calming ideas were discussed, including lane narrowing, road-diet approaches, bollards, portable signs, and rotating sign locations. Members also noted the need to consider right-of-way restrictions and placement limitations, especially where private property or City easements borders the roadway.

The committee agreed that questions should be compiled into a single coordinated inquiry to the city contact rather than sent individually. Questions will include pricing, electric versus solar options, portability, possible sign locations, right-of-way limitations, and the feasibility of speed cameras or photo enforcement. These questions will be sent to Janie Long.

Janie Long will continue gathering information and will report back once the city has responded.

Former Fire Station 18 – 1403 Seaton Road - Update

Pete shared the official response received regarding the community's inquiry about potential reuse of the former Fire Station 18 property at 1403 Seaton Road.

Pete read the response from Motiryo Keambi-roiro, Director of General Services, which stated that the former station is being renovated into a General Services Annex that will include staff, storage, and vehicles. The response also indicated that the property is not being considered for community reuse or disposition.

Rob noted that the response was vague and did not explain specifically how General Services intends to use the building.

Pete asked Rob to send him specific questions by email so Pete can forward them to Motiryo. The committee understood that the former firehouse is off the table for community use for the foreseeable future.

The committee discussed the vacant property at 1621 Clermont Road and whether it may have potential community use.

The property has been discussed previously, and there was interest in determining whether it could serve a recreational or community purpose. However, members noted several concerns, including whether the property is buildable, possible topographical limitations, proximity to a floodplain, and potential environmental or liability issues.

Members recalled that the property may have been offered to the HOA approximately 20 years ago but was declined due to liability concerns. There was also discussion of history suggesting the site may have been used for informal dumping of oil, barrels, or other construction materials. Because of the uncertainty around possible contamination, members expressed concern about any use involving children, playgrounds, parking, or other public activity.

The committee agreed that the property should not be advanced as a community-use project without more information. The item was placed in Bucket/Category 4, meaning it requires updated data before any action can be considered.

Pete agreed to contact the listing brokers to gather available information. The topic will be revisited at the next meeting if new data is available.

Dog Waste Disposal Stations

The committee discussed a proposal to add dedicated dog waste disposal containers along Revere Road.

The proposal was raised in response to the high number of dog walkers on Revere Road and complaints about bagged dog waste being left in residents' trash cans. Simple drop-bucket containers without bag dispensers were identified as a possible affordable option, including some designs that resemble fire hydrants.

Members noted that this topic has been discussed before and that emptying the containers might be added to the existing lawn care contract. There was also discussion about whether

Kids' Corner

It's Back to School Time!

by: Isabel Cruz Rodriguez

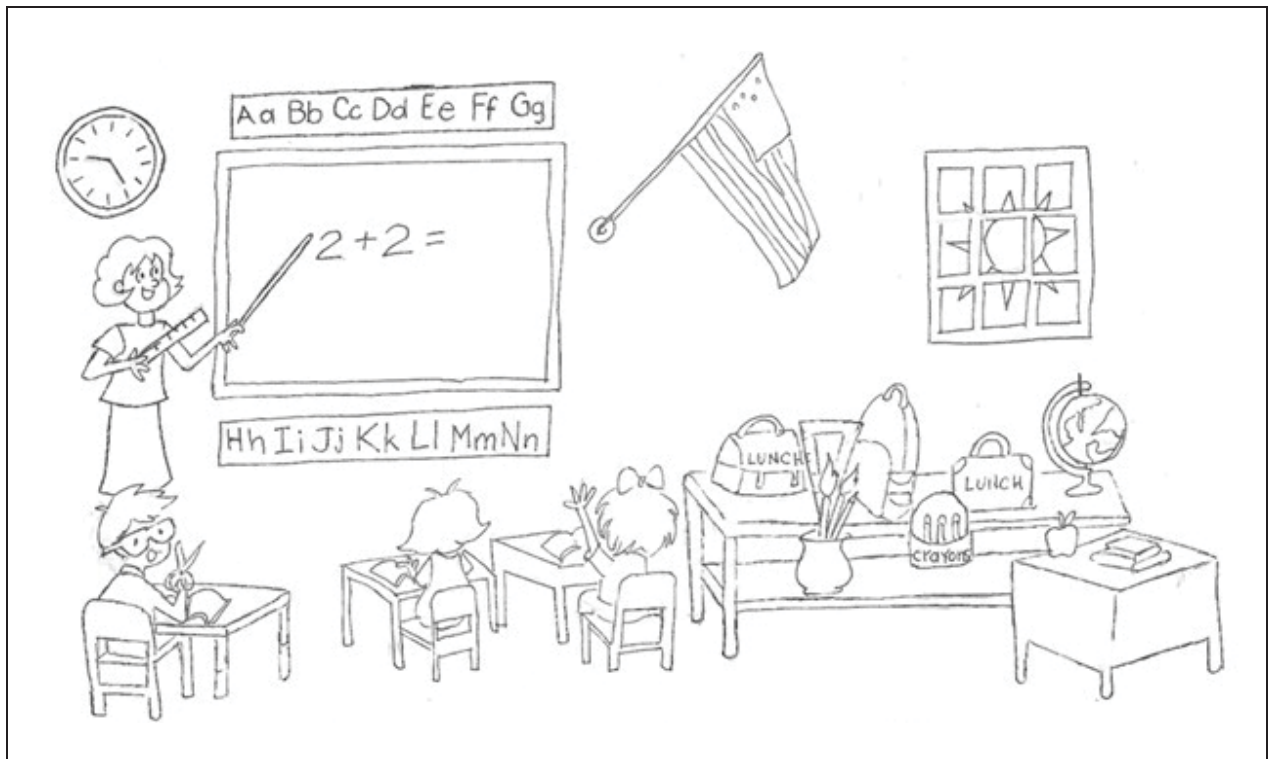
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Time to meet new teachers
Time to make new friends
Time to learn Computers and Math
The adventure never ends.

Time to study Geography
And have fun in Phys Ed
Time to start new projects
With crayons, pencils and pens.

Time to learn about our State
And what Makes Our Country Great.
Every day brings something new
School is where we celebrate!

Find the Hidden Pictures. Color. Have Fun!



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