SEPTEMBER 2026

Parkwood Press

The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter

Our Parkwood Association Annual Meeting will be online on September 8th via Zoom begining at 7 pm.

Parkwood Homeowners should have received a letter with registration instructions. Please reach out to the Parkwood Office, pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

Vendor booths will be along the edge of the mosque parking lot and in front of the building.

1. Spaces are assigned on a first come first served basis.
2. Please set up in the space you were assigned when you registered.
3. No Tables are provided.
4. No Food for Sale.
5. No Knives or weapons may be sold.
6. No pets may be sold or given away.
7. All unsold items must be removed by the vendor.
8. Deposit Required. $5 will reserve up to 2 spaces.
   a. Parkwood Residents will receive a refund of the deposit once the event is over, and your space has been cleared and cleaned.
   b. Non-Parkwood resident have a $5 non-refundable fee.

Call/leave a message at 919-544-7339 or Email eliza13442001@gmail.com or pa.office@parkwoodnc.org

Make sure you know WALKING & CYCLING SAFETY!

A few reminders to keep yourselves and the other homeowners in Parkwood safe!

Walking on Trails and Roads

Wear Bright or reflective colors when possible.
Pass others on the left. Just like out on the road, faster trail users should pass slower users on the left. Give an audible warning when passing!
If walking in a group, allow others to pass.
DO NOT LITTER! And keep to the trails if possible so that we can preserve our native plants.

WHEELS YIELD TO HEELS!!! Cyclists always yield to pedestrians. The faster you are going, the more aware you need to be.

Cycling on Trails and Roads

Take it slow when passing pedestrians, they can be unpredictable.
Sound your bell or call out loudly before you get to the other traffic "On Your Left." Don't wait to give your warning until you are right next to the walker or runner.

Most of all, remember to be friendly and considerate to your fellow Parkwood neighbors!

References:
Durham Parks & Recreation
National Park Service

Every Donation Helps! Supporting Parktown Food Hub

Participating in our monthly food drives is easy! We have donation drop off spots conveniently located at four homes around Parkwood, and also at the HOA office. Please mark your calendars for the next few collection dates: Sept 4-6, Oct 2-4, and Nov 6-8.

Here's what we do: When we shop for our own groceries we check for sales on nonperishable foods and buy some things for the Food Hub. We do that regularly, so, over time we accumulate a bag or two of food to donate. It's kind of fun to match up sales with the Food Hub needs. Setting aside a bag of food to donate has become a monthly practice for us. Maybe it will become that for you too!

Since we started these monthly food drives, Parkwood neighbors have donated 1,175 pounds of food! Thank you for your generosity!

As a reminder, the food drives are the first weekend of each month. Donations accepted at 5301 Pelham Rd, 5317 Newhall Rd, 1607 Euclid Rd, 1007 Limerick Ln, and the HOA office.

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

Parktown Food Hub

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

Parkwood Board

2025 - 2026
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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/

Parkwood Office

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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.

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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

What's Going on at Parkwood United Methodist Church

- **Grief Conversation & Friendship Group:** Mondays @ 2 PM in the fellowship hall
- **"Get to Know Your Neighbor Storytelling Potluck:** Friday, September 4 @ 5:30-7 PM
- **Listening Circle Fellowship and Dessert Group:** Monday, September 21 @ 6:30-7:30 PM (every third Monday)
- **Season of Creation Worship Service:** Tuesday, September 22 @ 6:30 PM
- **Exercise Group:** 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School:** 9:30 & 9:45 AM (respectively) on Sundays in classrooms 4 and 2
- **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.

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9:15am Equip Class
Steps to Faith
Parkside Kids and Youth

10:30am Worship Service
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Summary of Minutes from August 13, 2026 Board Meeting

Guests: Steven Berkowitz, Janet Foreman, Helena LeVesque

Call to Order at 7:21 pm

Attendance: Diane Wright, Sylvia Millis, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Classen, Richard Evert, Janie Long, George Greene, Marie Dean, Liz Scisco

Minutes from previous Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 5 August 2026
Marie Dean, President
Janie Long, Vice President
Vickie Wheeler, Secretary
George Greene, Treasurer

1. The next EC meeting will be 2 Sep at 7:00 pm
2. Follow up procedures/actions for cars still parked on lawns after the letter that went out will be finalized as soon as the Annual Meeting and prep is complete.
3. Section of fence between 1343 Sedwick and 5606 Newhall that is falling down. This will be done as a volunteer project the weekend of September 12-13.
4. Always attempt to secure 3 bids on motions being made.
5. Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting will be held 8 Sep 26. Both the first and second Annual Meeting letters have been sent out. We have 5 returning members and 4 new members. For 2027 we stand at 11 members so will have 5 slots available for at large elections. Registration has opened for the meeting and homeowners will be vetted as their requests come in.
6. Monthly new or updated complaints/inquiries. Reviewed the following issues received during the past month.
   a. Jul 10 email reporting dumping trash on Revere at the townhomes.
   b. Jul 14 email requesting guidelines on remodeling
   c. Jul 22 email requesting guidelines on remodeling and the status of the land fill dump across from the swimming pool
7. Meeting with Committee Chairs. The EC has decided to schedule the meeting with Committee Chairs as soon as possible after the start of the 2027 year. This way all new board members and/or committee chairs will be in place.
8. Liz Scisco 07/25/2026 email re. Comments About Process will be responded to.
9. PPM email to Parkwood homeowners. On Jun 29 PPM emailed a mass email to all of their clients including all Parkwood homeowners. This should have only gone out to their full service clients. As financial only clients, PPM does not manage anything except financial items for us meaning the email gave misinformation to our homeowners on the procedures they should use to resolve issues or receive information. We are working with PPM to get them to send out an email explaining the error and the correct methods Parkwood homeowners should use.
10. People parking on Parklands. People are still parking on Parkland, particularly in the circles. Vickie will contact the City of Durham for guidance and regulations that may be involved for putting up no parking signs.
11. Maintenance for the Office/Community Center. After successfully painting and making repairs to the exterior of the building, we will plan for needed interior repairs/improvements in the next year.
12. New vacuum for the Office/Community Center. An in-committee motion was made and passed: Motion to purchase a new vacuum from Costco for the Office/Community Center not to exceed $175. Vickie will make this purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Finance Committee Report - G. Greene

Parkwood Association Finance Committee Meeting Agenda – August 8/11/26.
Call to order 7:08. Adjourned 8:07.
Attendance: George Greene, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

Agenda Items:

1. Next meeting: June meeting will be Thursday

9/3/26 at 7 pm.
2. Recurring Activities.
   a. Review Report from Collections attorney. No report.
   b. Committee to review invoices from attorney.
      i. Reviewed invoice # 270407, no action needed.
   c. Review of Financial Reports.
      i. Review of closed 30 days previous (June) report.
         1. No account actions to take.
         2. March 17 transaction for doorknobs totaling $236.67 assigned to GL-Code 75-00555-00, Community Center Supplies and Equipment should be recoded to GL-Code 00505-00 Seaton Road Property Maintenance.
         3. May 15 charge for internet resource totaling $195.84 assigned to GL – Code – 75-05144, Utilities – Internet, should be recoded to GL Code 00437-00 Internet resources.
      ii. Review of open preliminary report (July). No report.
3. Non-recurring activities.
      i. Access to loan statements.
4. Review of July Preliminary report:
   a. Review up to date (8/11/26) delinquent accounts.

Committee Motions:
1. Motion to reassign March 17 transaction for doorknobs totaling $236.67 assigned to GL-Code 75-00555-00, Community Center Supplies and Equipment to GL-Code 00505-00 Seaton Road Property Maintenance. Passed.
2. Motion to reassign May 15 charge for internet resource totaling $195.84 assigned to GL – Code – 75-05144, Utilities – Internet to GL Code 00437-00 Internet resources. Passed.
3. Motion to authorize the transfer of the following delinquent homeowner accounts to the Association's collections attorney for collection and authorize the Association's administrator and officers to provide the attorney with the account records and information necessary to pursue collection in accordance with the Association's collection policies and governing documents:
   Account Nos. 11562, 10692-02, 11173-02, 11216, 11452-02, 11470-05, 11070-02, 11000-02, 11640-02, 10902, 11133, 10884, 10949, 11642, 11412, 10992-03, 11193-02, 10694, 11312, 11153, 11586, 11108, 10771, 10938-02, and 10772. Passed.

Motion Presented to Board of Directors:
Motion to authorize the transfer of the following delinquent homeowner accounts to the Association's collections attorney for collection and authorize the Association's administrator and officers to provide the attorney with the account records and information necessary to pursue collection in accordance with the Association's collection policies and governing documents:
Account Nos. 11562, 10692-02, 11173-02, 11216, 11452-02, 11470-05, 11070-02, 11000-02, 11640-02, 10902, 11133, 10884, 10949, 11642, 11412, 10992-03, 11193-02, 10694, 11312, 11153, 11586, 11108, 10771, 10938-02, and 10772.
Second. Motion passes.

Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA
PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE
August 3, 2026: 7:00 pm (Liz Scisco, Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: August 3, 2026 @7:00pm
Call to Order: 7:11pm Adjourned: 8:33pm
Attendance: Bill Mitchell, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Brooks, Rob Shoaf, Marie Dean, Chris Classen, George Greene, Liz Scisco, Matt Kollman

Business for Committee Discussion
1. Maintenance (Grounds)
   a. Tree Maintenance: Magnolia Treatment
      i. Arborist recommends
         1. Cutting weeds at the base of trees: September Volunteer Day
         2. Mulching: Mulch quoted for continuous mulching around on bases of Magnolias for $2800. More research and input required, plan to address at next meeting. *Quote for "full canopy" spread requested.
      ii. Ash Borer treatment complete 8/4.
   b. Preventing parking on circles: Idea gathering photos, Poll the public?
      i. Pick one and pitch to homeowners on a circle
         1. Haledon Circle (Tree covered), Braddock Next
         2. Price Both Split rail and posts, From 5' behind planting area all the way around back of circle.

   a. Liz requested cost from 3 vendors.
   3. Laura to work on graphic/flyer?
2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
   a. Follow up on New Entry Plantings scheduled for Fall. Chris update in September.
   b. Plantings Google Survey: Published in Parkwood Press, will have flyers posted by August meeting.
3. Playgrounds:
   a. Driving spikes scheduled for Volunteer day - ?
   b. Triangle Playground Care Cleaning: Inspections only for now until water restrictions are lifted. Inspectors were on site 7/26b
   c. Tetherball discussion (Wray)
      i. Motion to purchase (12) tetherball replacements for $300 maximum GL Code 00533. Motion passed.
      ii. How many did we purchase in April? Trying to budget.
4. Pond & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
   a. Dredging operation has been completed, see email from 7/22
      i. Steven plans to check and confirm work prior to authorizing payment.
   b. Kayak dock improvements scheduled for 8/3
5. Drainage:
   a. Dredging Followup (Sept)
6. Trail Maintenance (Steven)
   a. Lotus Pond trail & footbridge
      i. 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)
         1. Motion to approve using Leaf & Limb to advise on dealing with exposed roots on trails for $300 using GL Code 00589
   b. Sign Replacement:
      i. Volunteer Day: August
   c. Potential Trail from Newhall to Sedwick: George will lead and submit proposal.
7. Tree Report (Bill)
   a. 112/114 Lattimore Lane Sweetgum tree to be removed $2200 (approved by executive committee and board).
   b. (3) Willow Trees fell into Lake Forbay, waiting on pricing from Donald Allen.
   c. 11 ash trees behind 5311 Revere road scheduled 8/10 (or sooner if cancellation).
8. New Business:
   a. Discuss barriers to Sedwick Park entryway.
9. Summary Motions to be presented to Board:

Motion to approve up to $1500 expenditure for Parkwood's responsibility share of the Bahai Center/Parkwood Parkland Drainage Project using GL Code 00570 Drainage. Second. 1 abstention. Motion passes.

Garden Committee - C. Classen

Can you say HOT! This heat is not helping the garden. Vegetable flowers are not forming or not being pollinated. If they are, the heat won't let them grow. The cucumbers and tomatoes are the most affected. If it cools later in the summer we'll see if things change.

One thing that loves this heat and recent rain is crabgrass! We have been watering with our drip irrigation system (one small repair) and weeding, did I include weeding? The squash is coming along as well as some cabbage. We have okra growing as well as peppers. Recorded volunteer hours are 20 for the month of July. We have gardeners on vacation.

Parkwood Press & Social Media - L. Denny

Reminder, the deadline for the next issue of Parkwood Press is the15th.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
Date: July 21, 2026 Time: 7:00 PM EST
Location: Zoom
Participants: Pete Eisenmann, Steven Berkowitz, Janie Long, Marie Dean, Rob Shoaf, Michael Moorman, George Greene, Wray Dean
Overview

- June 16 meeting minutes were approved unanimously with minor corrections to Seaton Road and the meeting date.
- Committee voted unanimously to maintain the annual PPC budget at $10,000, consistent with the prior year.
- Entrance signage is substantially complete; plantings are deferred until September to maximize new growth potential. Solar lighting is also to be added by George Smart.
- Kayak dock materials have been secured, with installation scheduled for August 4-5.
- Traffic calming efforts continued, but solar

speed signs face UDO restrictions; the committee willpursue coordinated outreach to Leslie Tracey, Parkwood Elementary, and Bike Durham.
- Committee voted unanimously not to recommend purchase of 1631 Clermont Road due to environmental, financial, and use feasibility concerns.
- Volunteer workdays are being planned for August and September, with a larger September 12-13 effort anticipated.

Next Meeting August 18, 2026 - 7:00 PM EST

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Minutes 29 July 2026

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

Fall Flea Market
- Mamie updated everyone on the status of the Fall Flea Market 3 Oct.
- Advertising has begun in the Parkwood Press and registration for spaces will begin Wednesday, 2 September.

Fall Festival
- Liz presented her proposed budget for the Fall Festival this year and answered questions from the group about her plans. Her projections are based on attendance last year and expected potential growth this year. All members offered help with this project. A motion was made and passed in committee to approve the proposed expenses.
- Since this event is not until November, many of the details are not yet finalized but ideas include a food truck and/or food from the Mediterranean Grill and Grocery, games, a photo station, and lots more fun.
- Many of the items for decoration and prizes were donated last year and the goal is to try to do the same this year, but expenses were included in the budget in case we need to purchase some of these.
- A suggestion was made to add an additional Porta Jon to serve increased attendance this year.

Other items
- Vickie will compile a list of recommended locations for yard signs.
- The next Events Committee Meeting will be held 24 Aug at 7:30.

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

Motion to approve the proposed expenses for the Fall Festival not to exceed $2000. GL-00536 Community Activities. Second. Motion passes.

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New Business

Motion to approve up to $1000, for review, by association counsel, of Baha'i Parkwood Parkland Drainage project documents and the escrow account, charged to GL Code 00529, Legal General. Second. Motion Passes.

Motion to reimburse Steven Berkowitz $18.85 for landfill fees associated with Volunteer Day - August 2026, from GL - Code 00531 - Grounds Contract. Second. 1 abstention. Motion passes.

Motion to reimburse Liz Scisco $175 for equipment rental costs associated with Movie Night, June 2026, from GL - Code 00536 - Community Activities. Second. 1 abstention. Motion passes.

Motion to enter into Executive Session. Second. Motion passes.

Motion to extend the meeting until 9:30 pm.

Motion to exit Executive Session. Second. Motion passes.
Minutes Review
Motion to adjourn. Second. Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

The next meeting of the Parkwood Association Board of Directors is scheduled for September 10, 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 Sept. 8th.

Kids' Corner

Hey, Kids! Read – Color – Cut & Paste. Make it Funny!

There was an Old Grandma©

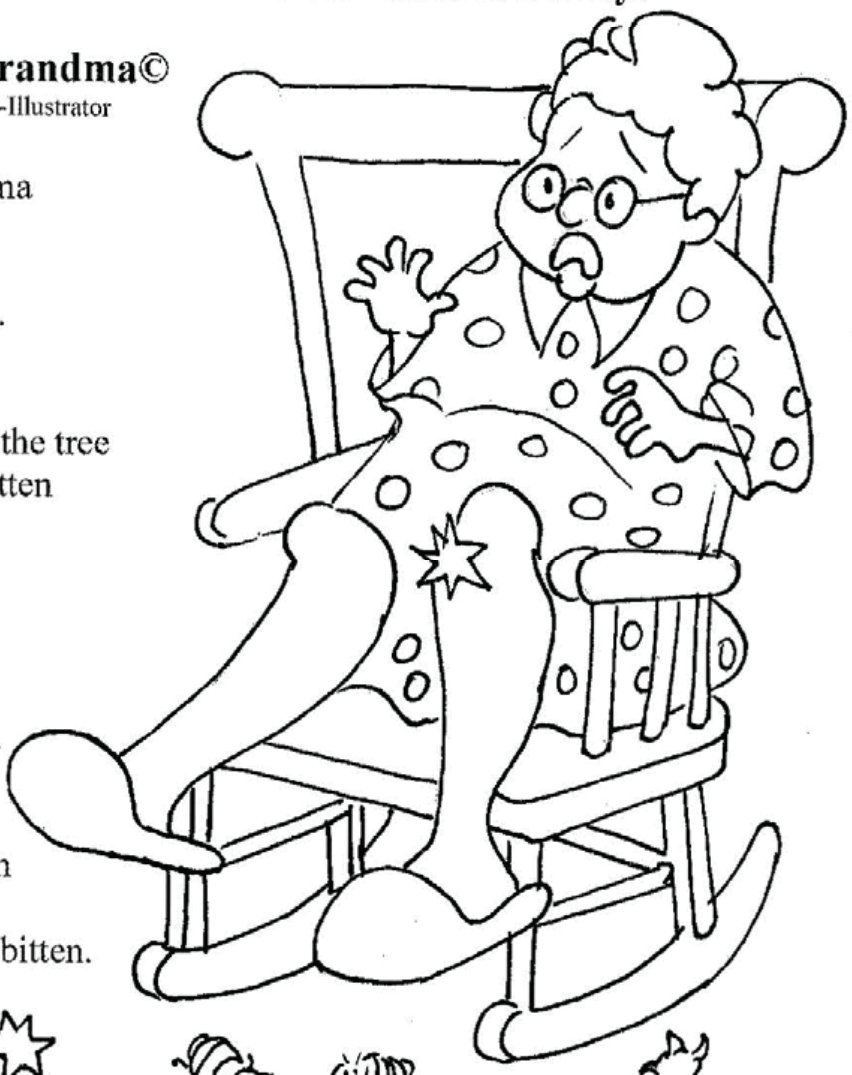
by: Isabel Cruz Rodriguez, Author-Illustrator

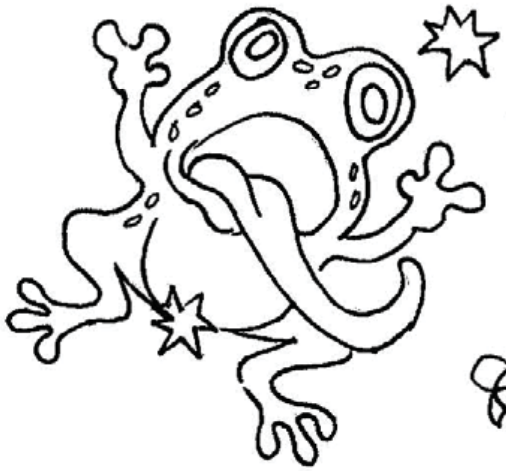
There was an old Grandma
Who lived with a toad
Who swallowed the bee
That was biting her knee.

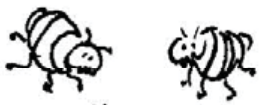
The bee on her knee
Had zoomed down from the tree
Where old Grandma's kitten
Was fleeing a flea.

The flea was so small
It hid under the toad
That swallowed the bee
On Old Grandma's knee.

The flea bit the toad
That jumped on the kitten
And now you know why
Grandma's knee got bee-bitten.







Fleas

Bees

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(be sure to use your district number)

PARKWOOD ASSOCIATION

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 7 pm Parks, Lawns & Ballfield Commi	2	3	4	5
6 10 am Community Garden Meeting	7	8 7 pm Parkwood Assoc. Annual Meeting - Zoom	9	10 7 pm PA Board of Directors Mtg.	11	12 8 am Parkwood Volunteer Day 10 am Family Fun in the Garden
13 10 am Community Garden Meeting	14	15 7 pm Parkland Planning Comm. Deadline for Parkwood Press	16	17	18	19
20 10 am Community Garden Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Community Garden Meeting	28	29	30	1	2	3