

OCTOBER 2026

Parkwood Press



The Parkwood Association Neighborhood Newsletter



October



Parkwood Fall Flea Market

Saturday, Oct 3rd

8 am-Noon

5122 Revere Road



PARKWOOD *Fall Festival*

SAVE THE DATE



Fun for the Whole Family!!!
November 14, 2026 11am-3pm

Parkwood Ballfield

5124 Revere Rd Durham NC 27713



**CALLING ALL MAKERS,
ARTISTS & CRAFT VENDORS**
Apply to Be a Vendor at the
Parkwood Fall Festival Craft Fair!



Make sure you know HOW PARKWOOD IS HELPING!

It's important to know traffic laws and guidelines, but it's also important to know that your community is dedicated to making this neighborhood safe!

Revere Rd. Traffic Calming Project

Our Parkwood Planning Committee has been hard at work researching solutions to one of our most pressing issues: The high speeds of vehicles on Revere road.



For over a year members of the committee have been researching different solutions by studying other neighborhoods with similar traffic patterns (or have existing traffic calming measures), collaborating with applicable city officials, and partnering with other community groups. The most challenging portion of this due diligence has been finding solutions that stay within Durham City's Unified Development Ordinance. There have been discussions of additional crosswalk markings and/or signs, traffic calming tables, enhanced line striping, traffic enforcement, speed cameras, and more. The process has been slow, and at times frustrating, but the committee remains determined to find solutions.

The dedicated team, led by Pete Eisenmann and Janie Long, has been taking the time to research different solutions by investigating other neighborhoods with similar traffic patterns, collaborating with government officials, and partnering with other community groups to ensure progress. The city government has reached back out to get input from the community, showing progress of almost a year of effort.

How can you help? Driving slower is always a start, but there is more... You can call Durham One Call, 919-560-1200, and mention that Parkwood is working with the city to address this dangerous traffic problem and you are wondering where they are in the process and why it's taking so long to protect our children and community members.

Thank you to our community for all your continued support and to the Parkwood Planning Committee for their continued efforts.

References: Information contributed by the Parkwood Planning Committee

Parkwood Board

2026 - 2027

Dist 1: Debra Krahling	Dist 5: Mary Garrison
Dist 1: Sylvia Millis*	Dist 5: George Greene*
Dist 2: Vickie Wheeler	Dist 6: Janet Foreman
Dist 2: Chris Classen	Dist 6: OPEN
Dist 3: Richard Evert	Dist 7: Felipe Rodriguez
Dist 3: Joshua Hankins	Dist 7: Maya Almasy*
Dist 4: Janie Long	Dist 8: Marie Dean
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/>

Parkwood Office

Parkwood Association

1417 Seaton Road

Durham, NC 27713

Phone: (919) 544-2161

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

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



Durham
ONE CALL
919.560.1200

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>



- Solid Hardwood Install Finish & Repair
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Parkwood United Methodist Church
in partnership with Church World Service and
Holy Infant Knights of Columbus presents

Oktoberfest

October 24, 2026
4:30 – 7:00 pm

Free! All are welcome!

Celebrating Our Heritage

Parkwood United Methodist Church
5123 Revere Road Durham NC 27713



Music



**Brats
&
Hot Dogs**



**Bouncy
House**



**Lawn
Games**



Holiday Crafts & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 14
9:00 am – 2:00 pm



Cake Walk at
10 am, 11 am & 12 pm



Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Candy, Other Holiday Goodies
 Hot Dogs available for lunch.

Christmas Ornaments, Christmas Wreaths, Christmas
 Decor, Gifts for Kids and Grownups. Stocking Stuffers.
 Something for Everyone!

Parkwood United Methodist Church
5123 Revere Road Durham, NC 27713

1,450 Pounds Donated and Counting!

Through September, our 2026 donations to the Parktown Food Hub total 1,450 pounds! Great work, Parkwood!

There are just three more food drives this year, so mark your calendars for Oct 2-4, Nov 6-8, and Dec 4-6, and make a plan to pitch in.

The food drives are the first weekend of each month, with donations accepted at 5301 Pelham Rd, 5317 Newhall Rd, 1607 Euclid Rd, and 1007 Limerick Ln. (And at the HOA office during open hours.)



What foods to donate? New, unopened, unexpired shelf-stable items (no glass containers). Top needs are:

Canned vegetables, beans, fruit
Canned tuna, chicken, beef stew
Mac & cheese, pasta, dry beans
Or donate funds.

It's easy to make a donation online at <https://parktownfoodhub.org/donate>. Monthly donations really help the Food Hub budget and plan. Thank you for supporting this food pantry right here in Parkwood.

Summary of Minutes from September 10, 2026 Board Meeting

Guests: Adam Benson, Janet Foreman,
Debra Krahling

Call to Order at 7:12 pm

Attendance: Sylvia Millis, Vickie Wheeler, Chris Clasen, Richard Evert, 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 August meeting of the Board of Directors.
Second. Motion passes.

Committee Roundtable

Executive Committee - M. Dean

Executive Committee Minutes 2 September 2026

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

1. The next EC meeting will be 30 Sep at 7:00 pm
2. Handling vendors & insurance, pending contracts. This process is improving.
3. 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/ prep and budget are complete.
4. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held 8 Sep 26. 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.
5. No Trespassing, no Parking after dusk signs, Signs for the Office/Community Center and the Sedwick Rd parking lot have been ordered & will be installed when they arrive.
6. Girl Scout Silver Award Project proposal. Two local Girl Scouts working on their Silver Award have proposed to build and install a Book Box at the ballfield that will contain books that children may take home and keep. Their proposal is very well thought out and we agree that the

location near the bench would be the best location. We will finalize this agreement as soon as the Annual Meeting is done.

7. Liz Scisco has recommended hiring a consultant to make recommendations on the PA Office procedures. This has been tabled until the new Board is seated.
8. Monthly new or updated complaints/inquiries. Reviewed the following issue received during the past month.
 - a. Aug 21 email from realtor requesting an encroachment agreement for a shed that "slightly encroaches" Parkwood land. Laura will respond with a standard response. The owner will need to correct the situation.
9. 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.
10. PPM email to Parkwood homeowners. PPM has sent another email to Parkwood homeowners. Continuing to follow up with them to see what can be done to correct this.
11. Maintenance for the Office/Community Center. Members of the committee have begun the process of getting quotes for new flooring for the Office/Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Finance Committee Report - G.Greene

Parkwood Association Finance Committee Meeting – September 9/3/26.

Call to order 7:00 pm. Adjourned 7:16pm.

Attendance: George Greene, Marie Dean, Felipe Rodriguez

Agenda Items:

1. Next meeting: October meeting will be Tuesday 10/6/26 at 7 pm.
2. Recurring Activities.
 - a. Review Report from Collections attorney.
 - i. Motion that the Board authorize the Association's collections attorney, Bagwell Holt Smith, P.A., to proceed with the next foreclosure step for the following delinquent accounts, as identified in the current collections status report: Account Nos. 108447.09, 108447.10, 108447.11, 108447.13, 108447.14, 108447.15, 108447.16, 108447.18,

108447.19, 108447.20, 108447.21, 108447.22, 108447.23, 108447.24, and 108447.26. Passed in Committee.

- b. Committee to review invoices from attorney.
 - i. Reviewed invoices.
- c. Review of Financial Reports.
 - i. Review of closed 30 days previous (July) report.
3. Non-recurring activities: No discussion.
4. Review of Aug Preliminary report: No report received due to early meeting date.

Motions passed to Board of Directors:

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Parks, Lawns and Ballfield - L. Scisco

PARKWOOD HOA

PARKS, LAWNS, & BALLFIELD COMMITTEE

September 1, 2026: 7:00 pm (Liz Scisco, Meeting Chair)

Meeting Time: September 1, 2026 @7:00pm

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Adjourned: 8:45pm

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

Business for Committee Discussion

1. Maintenance (Grounds)
 - a. Tree Maintenance:
 - i. Magnolia Mulching: Mulch quoted for continuous mulching and "full canopy spread" around on bases of Magnolias. See motion below.
 1. Every other year as a schedule
 2. Talk to Jay about grass maintenance under mulch.
 - ii. Ash Borer treatment complete 8/4.
 - b. Items to Review with RLC:
 - i. Brush trimming needed at Kayak Dock, below Dam spillway, and Trail leading to bridge (RLC)

- ii. Poison Ivy Treatment: Euclid Pond, Fence by Newhall and Tot Lot
 - iii. *New* Keep up with Clermont Culvert Cleanout
- c. Preventing parking on circles
 - i. Pricing for Haledon Circle will be reviewed at Oct meeting
 - ii. Addressing Entry of Sedwick Park at the same time?
 - 1. DOT: Ask about 3' Split rail fence (Steven will follow up)
 - 2. Split rail on driveway and extend as "L" to prevent falling into ditch.
 - iii. Once committee has an approved plan, we will seek feedback from residents before implementation.
- 2. Plantings (Landscaping): (Rob/Chris/Jeff)
 - a. Follow up on New Entry Plantings scheduled for Fall. October Meeting
 - b. Plantings Google Survey: Extending Survey to mid-September
- 3. Playgrounds:
 - a. Triangle Playground Care
 - i. Inspection Report received. Establishing Sub-committee with PPC to review.
 - ii. Minor items could be taken care of on volunteer day.
 - ii. Cleaning will occur after water restrictions are lifted.
- 4. Pond & Lake Maintenance: (Steven)
 - a. Dredging Followup (Sept): Not able to adequately dredge with rented equipment, but anticipate finishing in October. Payment will be withheld.
 - b. Kayak dock improvements scheduled for 8/3
- 5. Drainage: (see Dredging notes above)
- 6. Trail Maintenance (Steven)
 - a. Motion to have The Silent Treatment remove 6 bamboo stumps on the Revere to Newhall Trail, near Revere Entrance for \$275 using GL Code 00589. Motion passes.
 - b. Lotus Pond trail & footbridge 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)
 - i. Arborist Recommendation: try to cover the exposed roots with mulch. If the root isn't a trip hazard to leave them there. Steven and Bill to walk trails and figure out what to take out and what to cover.
 - 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. (4) Willow Trees fell into Lake Forbay, removed by Donald Allen
 - c. 11 ash trees behind 5311 Revere Road, Initial contractor can't do work
 - i. Bill to get updated bid, confirm Skillin cost, and send update to committee for vote by email.
 - d. Discuss contribution to remove the fallen tree from part of Parkwood property next to 1453 Clermont pending documentation.
- 8. New Business: Goodyear Circle Review for Next Meeting
- 9. September Volunteer Day Activities:
 - a. Removing the debris across from the Tot Lot
 - b. Cutting weeds at the base of magnolia trees
 - c. Trash can at Sedwick Park needing replacement
- 10. Summary Motions to be presented to Board:
 - Motion to approve RLC to install shredded natural hardwood mulch for Magnolias to extend to Full-Canopy, in a continuous band for \$3,925 using GL Code 00531. Second. Motion passes.**
 - Motion to rescind motion passed 7/9/2026 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.**
 - Motion to approve Molinas Tree Service to remove 11 ash trees from the common area behind 5311 Revere Road for \$8000 GL Code 05078, pending workers compensation or insurance waiver. Second. Motion passes.**

Garden Committee - C. Classen

The heat has slowed down our gardeners. It has been too hot to work outside. We did manage to get things done and harvest some crops. Most of the time was spent WEEDING. The crabgrass is supersized. The other weeds are keeping us busy too. Most of our volunteer hours have been spent trying to corral the weeds and the morning glory vines. I took home a cucumber and ate a few cherry tomatoes while I was there. The garden has some peppers, cherry tomatoes, basil and okra left.

We will finish cleaning up the beds and put in some cool weather crops when or if it cools down. The volunteer hours were 16+ for August.

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 901 followers. Our posts were viewed by 239 individual viewers and we had 365 page visits in the past 28 days. We shared several posts from our Parkwood neighbors as well as posts about our plantings survey and Parkwood Press.

Instagram

Our Instagram account, parkwoodnc, now has 122 followers.

ParkwoodNC Google Group

Our group has 868 members. There have been 7 new posts/conversations since our August Board of Directors meeting.

Parkland Planning Committee - P. Eisenmann

Parkland Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2026

Time: 6:57 PM – 7:38 PM

Location: Zoom

Participants: Pete Eisenmann, Janie Long, Rob Shoaf, Mike Brooks, Steven Berkowitz, Michael Moorman, Chris Classen, George Greene
Duration: Approximately 41 minutes

Overview

- July 21, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously with no corrections needed.
- Recent volunteer workday completed key maintenance tasks, including playground stakes and railroad tie disposal.
- September 12–13 volunteer workdays are planned for fence removal, main entrance ivy/debris clearing, and possible sign installation.
- Entrance signage project is nearly complete; final planting is deferred to cooler fall weather and solar light performance will be checked.
- Kayak dock installation was completed successfully, tested, and confirmed stable and functional.
- Traffic calming work continues through a planned meeting with Parkwood Elementary

Principal Dr. Perry and review of school-zone speed camera guidance.

- Michael Moorman prepared a Parkwood Traffic Region document to support broader traffic safety advocacy and partnership outreach.
- Committee discussed community amenity proposals, including a picnic table and benches near Foxcroft/Maybank and future trail improvements.
- Annual meeting is scheduled for September 8 at 7:00 PM; next PPC meeting is scheduled for September 15.

Approval of July 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Pete opened the meeting by asking whether there were corrections to the previous meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously with no corrections.

Volunteer Workday Recap

Steven reported on the recent volunteer workday, noting limited attendance but completion of important maintenance tasks.

September 12–13 Volunteer Workday Plans

George outlined planned activities for the upcoming two-day volunteer effort.

Steven noted new signs have arrived and could be installed if volunteer capacity allows; he will send George a spreadsheet of sign locations.

Fence Removal Logistics

The committee discussed tools, disposal, and neighbor notification for the September 12 fence removal.

Entrance Signage Update

Steven and Chris provided an update on the entrance sign project and remaining tasks.

Kayak Dock Installation

Steven reported that the kayak dock installation has been completed successfully.

Traffic Calming – Meeting with Parkwood Elementary Principal

Janie updated the committee on outreach to Parkwood Elementary regarding speeding and school-zone safety concerns.

Parkwood Traffic Region Document

Michael Moorman presented a new traffic safety document covering the broader Parkwood area.

Community Picnic Area and Bench Proposals

The committee discussed adding community amenities, including a picnic table and benches in Parkland areas.

Annual Meeting and Budget Presentation

Pete and Chris discussed preparations for the upcoming annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38PM

Next Meeting September 15, 2026 – 7:00 PM EST

Events Committee - V. Wheeler

Events Committee Minutes 24 August 2026

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

Fall Flea Market - 3 Oct

Mamie reports that everything is mostly done. Securing stakes for the sign to be put up at the Office/Community Center is next on the agenda.

Reservations for spaces are open and spaces are going fast. She suggested Liz get a table to provide information on the Fall Festival.

Liz will check with SDLL to see if there are ball games on the 3rd. She will also look into getting a notice in Triangle on the Cheap.

Fall Festival - 14 Nov

Liz updated progress for the Festival. She will meet with the Mediterranean Grill and Grocery to determine their level of interest in providing food..

Initial contact has been made to many of the vendors and participants from last year with follow ups to be made 1 Sep.

SDLL has confirmed participation again this year.

Other items

Food drives for the Parktown Hub are held on the first weekend of the month starting Friday morning, ending Sunday afternoon. 4 host families and the Parkwood Office provide dropoff points.

Amanda has provided a list of suggested budget friendly, ongoing events for consideration. The next Events Committee Meeting will be held 21 Sep 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.

New Business**Suggested Motion -**

Any Member in good standing of Parkwood Association, whether or not the Member is a Director of the Association, is eligible to serve on any Committee of the Association, except the Executive Committee, which is composed of the Officers of the Association. Second

Motion to table this motion. Second. Motion passes.

Minutes Review

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Second. Motion passes.

Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

**The next meeting of the
Parkwood Association Board of
Directors is scheduled for
October 8, 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 Oct. 6th.

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pa.office@parkwoodnc.org.



Four Dancing Skeletons©

by: Isabel Cruz Rodriguez, Author-Illustrator
Cut & Put Together your Dancing Skeleton!



One dancing skeleton passing thru
Heard a BOO and now there's TWO!

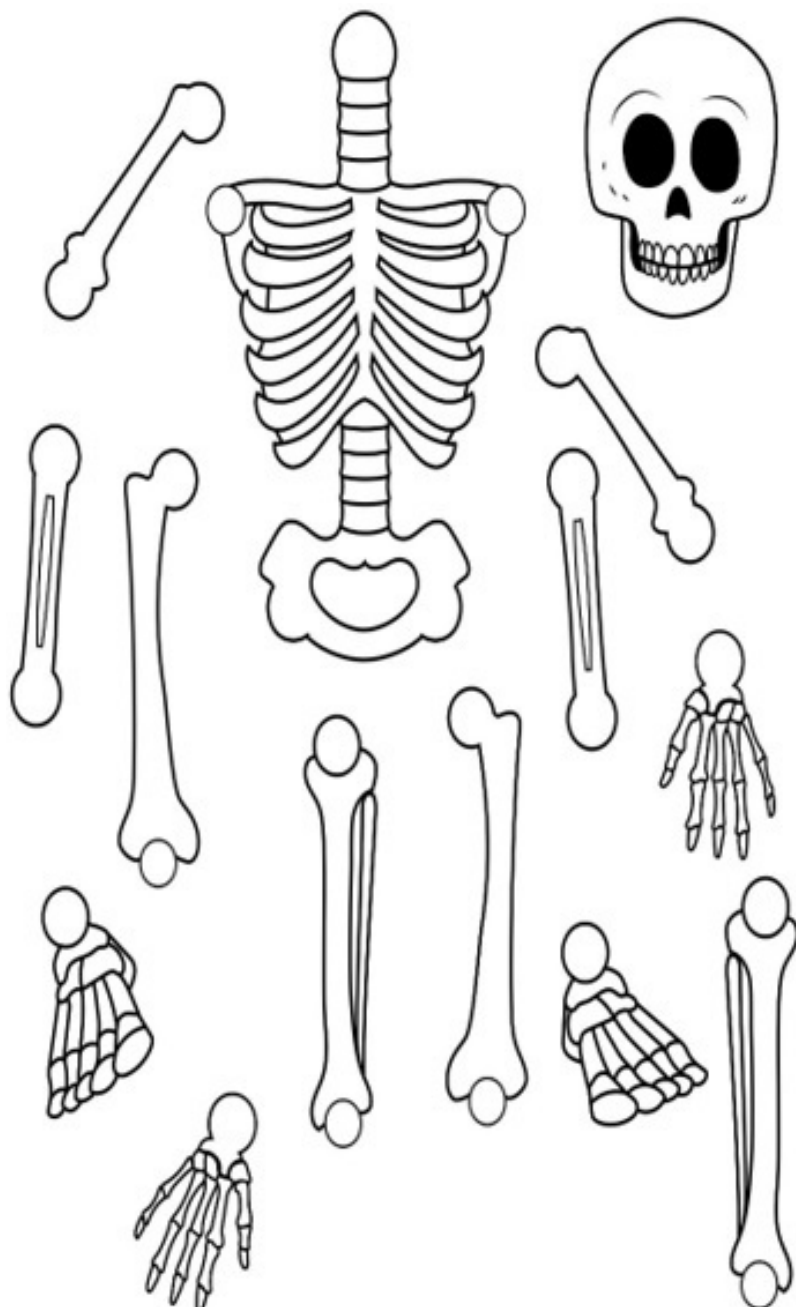
Two dancing skeletons made my flesh creep
A BOO and an E-e-e-e and...
Now there's THREE!

Three dancing skeletons passed my door
To join their friend so..
Now there's FOUR!

Four dancing skeletons, one with a mask
Where are they going? Why do you ask?

They're on their way to
Their Monster friend's Lab
Whose Halloween party garb is oh, so fab!

The Wolfman and Dracula
Just couldn't resist
To dance the Monster Mash
And the Transylvania Twist!



More Ways to Connect in Parkwood

The Parkwood Events Committee loves bringing our community together for big events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Flea Markets. These events are a great way to celebrate our neighborhood, but we've been thinking about how we can create more opportunities for neighbors to connect throughout the year. With more than 1,000 households in Parkwood, there are so many neighbors we haven't had the chance to meet yet!

We're exploring the idea of offering more regular, smaller-scale activities and gatherings at the Parkwood Community Center — opportunities to share hobbies, learn something new, meet up with neighbors, or simply spend some time together. Maybe it's a book club, game night, craft group, gardening club, coffee meetup, or something we haven't thought of yet. The goal isn't to add more events to everyone's calendar, but to create more casual opportunities for the kinds of conversations and connections that can turn neighbors into friends and help make Parkwood an even stronger community.

What would you like to see? We've created a short Parkwood Activity Survey to find out what kinds of regular activities, clubs, and gatherings our neighbors would be interested in. Whether you have a specific idea or simply want more opportunities to meet people in the neighborhood, we'd love to hear from you! Your feedback will help the Events Committee decide what activities might be a good fit for Parkwood. If you want to contact the events committee directly, please send an email to events@parkwoodnc.org.

Take the Parkwood Activity Survey by scanning the QR code to the right or clicking [this link](#).



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 9 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.

Halloween Reminder

Many of our younger Parkwood Residents will be Trick or Treating for Halloween, on Saturday October 31st.

Take extra care when driving through our neighborhood that evening. Slow down and watch for children.

If you are giving out candy this Halloween, check the path to your porch or candy station for fall or trip hazards.

Let's make this a fun and safe Halloween for our young neighbors!



Contact the Board

All Board Members: board@parkwoodnc.org
 President & Officers: executive@parkwoodnc.org
 District Reps: district1@parkwoodnc.org
(be sure to use your district number)



Parkwood Association Committees

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 Parkland Planning: possibilities@parkwoodnc.org
 Parks Lawns & Ballfield: parksandlawns@parkwoodnc.org

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OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 8 am Parkwood Fall Flea Market
4 10 am Community Garden Meeting	5	6 7 pm Parks, Lawns & Ballfield Comm.	7	8 7 pm PA Board of Directors Mtg.	9	10 9 am Parkwood Volunteer Day
11 10 am Community Garden Meeting	12	13	14	15 Deadline for Parkwood Press	16	17
18 10 am Community Garden Meeting	19	20 7 pm Parkland Planning Comm.	21	22	23	24
25 10 am Community Garden Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 