



The Parkmead Community Association (PCA) is a voluntary organization, run by volunteer board members who are passionate about engaging in and improving their community.

2021 PCA Events

Mark your calendars!

All in-person events will be dependent on county health guidelines.

August 28th: End-of-Summer Block/Pool Party

November 6: Chili Cook-off

December (date to be confirmed): Holiday Caroling

Find Us Online

Website: www.parkmead.org

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Donate Today

Voluntary annual dues (\$15) fund our events, newsletter, and website. Please consider joining today by send cash or check to PCA Treasurer at 1521 Arbutus Dr., or via PayPal or Zelle: parkmead@parkmead.org. The PayPal link is also on the PCA website.

President's Corner: Real Events!

Hello Neighbors! We hope you have all had a good summer, which is winding down already! School begins for Walnut Creek School District on Wednesday, August 11th, so be prepared for a little more traffic on Newell Ave. at school drop-off and pick-up times, which is usually around 8-8:30am, and 2-3:00pm. The PCA is excited to be planning our annual neighborhood end-of-summer party, which will be Saturday, August 28th. Additional details on exact time and location will be advertised closer to the date. Find information about neighborhood events at the PCA website, www.parkmead.org. We're thrilled to be getting back to in-person events, and will have a few more the rest of the year.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or suggestions, you can reach the PCA at parkmead@parkmead.org. Finally, if you haven't yet, we hope you'll make your voluntary \$15/household contribution to the PCA in 2021 to officially be part of the association! We can now accept payments via Zelle, in addition to PayPal, cash and check. The PCA depends on your member dues to support our events in the Parkmead neighborhood!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we hope to see you at the party on August 28th!

Josh Brann
PCA President 2021

PCA Scholarship!

Calling all high school seniors! The PCA is happy to announce that we will be offering a \$500 scholarship for outstanding community involvement for the 2021-22 school year to a worthy high school senior or 2021 high school graduate. To apply please submit a 300 word essay to parkmead@parkmead.org explaining your civic engagement, preferably within the Parkmead community, and your post-high school plans. All applicants must be residents of the Parkmead neighborhood. Please submit applications by October 31, 2021. Good luck!

Wrap-up: Fire and Emergency Preparedness Q&A with CCC Fire and WCPD

Fire season is here, and it is a good idea to be as prepared as possible. On May 18th the PCA organized a fire emergency preparedness seminar with the Contra Costa County Fire Department, Walnut Creek Police, and Walnut Creek School District. If you missed the event, the recording of the Zoom session is available on the PCA website, www.parkmead.org (look under “Events” for the link to the recording of the May 18th event). The county and city authorities shared a lot of great information about how to be prepared. For example, information was presented on things to think about in advance to ensure you are prepared to evacuate with your pet.

There were a couple of key takeaways:

- a. The Parkmead neighborhood is a low-risk neighborhood to be affected by wildfire. However, it is always best to be prepared with evacuation plans and emergency supplies.
- b. If there is a potential need to evacuate for any reason, you don’t have to wait for an official evacuation order. Leave the area if you feel it is best to do so.
- c. In case of immediate threat to life and property, the Tice Creek/Parkmead school fields are likely to be relatively safe from fire, but be mindful that that area could be used by emergency service providers as an operations base, so stay out of the way.
- d. It is important to remove dead and dry underbrush to reduce potential fuel for any fire that may come near your home.

Neighborhood Highlight: Reconstruction of the Little Library

A big thank you to the Schorkopf family for replacing the little library, at the intersection of Newell Ave. and Circle Dr.! The Schorkopf family donated the time and skills to rebuild the little library, while the PCA supplied the materials. The original little library was lovingly built and repainted by neighborhood residents over the years, but the demand for little library space was surpassing the capacity of the original little library.

The PCA would like to remind you to please only leave books in the little library that your neighbors are sure to enjoy. If you have old textbooks, specialized technical books, or other books that are not appropriate for the little library, you can donate them to the Walnut Creek Library, or to the “Friends of the Pleasant Hill Library” bookstore in Pleasant Hill (see <https://www.phlibraryfriends.org>).



Community Spotlight: Get to know your PCA Board Members

We are working to increase our community involvement by sharing Community Spotlights of our board members and community volunteers and hope it inspires you to join the fun!

“We always need more people to be involved, whether helping at an event or putting up signs. It is nice to form deeper connections with your neighbors. Sometimes we will just chat in the backyard or share a beverage while sorting out newsletters for distribution. For the last 8 or 10 years, we have had high school involvement on the Board and I think it is a great experience for them and for us.” – Kristin Lanham, current board member

Let us know if you would like to stop by a board meeting to say hello. We meet on the first Monday of the month. If you have an idea for an event or want to volunteer for your favorite annual gathering, we would appreciate your support. Reach out to Sadie Waddington Membership Chair to learn more: parkmead@parkmead.org



Richard West

Board Member, previously President
30 years in Parkmead | 16 years served

You might catch Richard hanging signs for an upcoming event or connecting with neighbors— old and new. Richard enjoys chatting with new board members with diverse experiences and hearing about their aspirations. He is a big music fan, perhaps that’s why the neighborhood Pool Party in August is his favorite community event. Many neighbors attend with their families to listen to a live band while relaxing by the pool on a sunny afternoon.



Kristin Lanham

Board Member, previously Secretary and VP
22 years in Parkmead | 12 years served

From newsletter distribution to recruiting for the neighborhood Garage Sales each June, Kristin has played a hand in just about every event the PCA has organized! Kristin loves our neighborhood and when her kids grew up she was looking for a way to stay connected and give back to our community. Being on the board allows her to have a deeper relationship with her community. Kristin’s favorite event - the Chili Cook off! She loves to cook, and maybe one day she will win first place!

Grace Lindsay

High School Liaison

15 years in Parkmead | 1 years served

Ever since she was a little girl, Grace has enjoyed going to events organized by the PCA.

“I grew up going to events that were organized by the PCA. These events were an easy way to get closer with our neighbors and create a stronger community. When Lena - our previous high school liaison - asked me to join, I was more than happy to. I wanted to help organize events that I eagerly looked forward to each year. As the youngest board member, it is very rewarding to have an equal opportunity to share my opinions and contribute to the community. Everyone on the board is so nice and has such a diverse train of thought. The Garage Sale was my favorite because as a child, my friends and I would make a huge lemonade stand in front of my house and also try to sell donuts as people were searching for good finds.”

2021 PCA Board

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Grace Lindsay (LLHS liaison)

Amy Sherman (events)

Richard West

Sadie Waddington

Amy Sherman

Event Volunteer & Neighbor

5 years in Parkmead | 1.5 years served

Amy grew up in a close knit community and it has always been important to her to connect with the people who live around her. Neighbors can be there when you need eggs or butter, help cleaning out a garage, or just company and a way to stay informed about the community. Amy is inspired to participate in the PCA so she can be that neighbor to someone else. Giving others the opportunity to connect is the most rewarding aspect about being an event volunteer. Amy feels our neighborhood is really special and with this past year, all the more important to get creative and find paths for people to meet on. Favorite event - Amy loves the Chili Cook-off, the Garage Sale, the neighborhood 4th of July Parade, the Halloween Decoration Contest (which Amy organized!), so basically everything.



Event Wrap-up: Easter Egg Hunt Winners!

Congratulations to the Mendygral family! They hunted down 48 of the registered 54 colored Easter eggs posted in the neighborhood in early April. They really earned the gift certificate to Pacific Catch! Great work!

