



Heritage Happenings

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Board Meeting
March 18 9:30 am. All
residents are welcome.

HP Board email address:
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Office Hours

Monday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Greetings HP Residents,

Now that we have already experienced ice and snow with temperatures in the teens, along with temperatures ranging into the 60's, it will be interesting to see what our March weather will be. In early February, Lynn and I returned from a cruise to the Caribbean, landing in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to a strong wind and 33 degree temperatures - what a shock! So, we wait and see what our March weather will be like. I would advise not putting away your warm coats, gloves and hats as yet.

In a continuing effort to enhance transparency, the HP Board will be taking steps to provide our residents with more updates in regard to decisions being made. HP Informational Sessions, which would be like a Town Hall Meeting, will be offered on alternate months with Board meetings. Topics would be based on residents' requests, such as HOA framework, HP finances, ARC, and budgets. Other topics would also be considered.

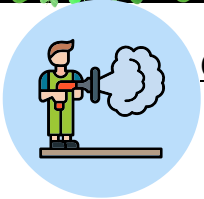
We also encourage HP residents who have questions for the Board to email or take these messages to the office prior to the Board Meeting and HP Informational Session. This would provide opportunity for productive discussions during these meetings.

While the informational sessions will be based on topics of special interest to HP residents, the bi-monthly Board meetings provide general information about activities that are taking place in our HP community. For those residents who are unable to attend either the Board Meeting or the Informational Sessions, they will be able to join the meetings on Zoom. The Board and the Communications Committee will provide details on these enhancements at the March 18 Board meeting.

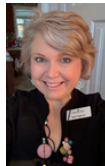
Regardless of the weather conditions, there are board games available and the HP Social committee has a number of events planned at the clubhouse in which we can all participate. Our HP library also has many novels and non-fiction books to read and enjoy at our leisure.

My hope is that every HP resident will find time to join in some of the many various opportunities that our community provides and enjoy not only participating but also the fellowship. I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

-Russ Willard



Office Corner



Hi everyone!

It is time to schedule your powerwashing with the discount price from Teacher Under Pressure! We have used this company for 2 years and have had good reviews. Below are the costs:

House Washing - \$175

Driveway - \$95 and \$45 public sidewalks

Outside Windows - \$85

Inside Gutters - \$85

Back Patio - \$50

You will have to come to the office to sign up with your name, address and phone number. If you are not living at your HP house, you can also call the office 919-466-0016. We will receive reservations March 2- April 15. The vendor referral book, kept in the clubhouse library, has been updated. If you used a company that offered excellent service and want to inform our community, you can add this information to the referral book, or to our website, www.heritagepinesnc.com, by going to the Forums section and adding a thread. Please check this area often for current references. Also, if you have any exercise resistance bands at home you are not using, please bring them to the office.



Men's Breakfast

The men's breakfast for March is Tuesday, the 10th at 9:00 am. Deadline to sign up is noon, Friday, March 6th. First time attendees, please sign up at the clubhouse office. The \$3.50 fee will be waived, and this will give the cooking crew an accurate count for the food preparation.

Bob Thompson's team will be serving the breakfast.

Questions, contact **Chuck Brown** @ 419-367-9238.

International Potluck Dinner



We all have special ethnic dishes that our families have enjoyed over the years. We invite you to look through your favorite recipes and choose one that reflects your family heritage. Please sign up to bring either a hot dish or a dessert that serves 8–10 people (we kindly ask that desserts be limited). Bring two copies of your recipe—one will be displayed with your dish, and the other will be placed in a basket. Our hope is to collect, copy and print these recipes in the future once we have enough to share with the community. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please feel free to BYOB.

Saturday, March 28, 2026

5:00 PM | Dinner served at 5:30 PM

Reservations due by March 20, 2026, Cost: \$5.00

We would also love to have a few community speakers share a brief 5–10 minute talk about their heritage. Please contact **Virginia McLamb** (919-812-4085) or **Denise Caparatta** (516-376-0554). We will only have 2-3 stories so hurry and give us a call.

Welcome Committee and Coffee Hour Collaborating

The Welcome Committee is joining with the March 6 June Colon Community Coffee Hour! We especially invite those who have moved to Heritage Pines in the past year to come enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, some breakfast treats and have the opportunity to casually visit with designated representatives of ongoing HP activities. Of course, we also encourage anyone else who simply wants to know more about what these groups do to join in. You just might find some new ways to participate, have fun and get to know new people in the community! Come by the clubhouse between 8:30 and 10:00 am on Friday, March 6. No sign-up needed. Everyone is invited.

Laura Wick and Mary Martha Pace



Bingo

Meta and Gail host Bingo on the third Friday of each month: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and November 20. Games are held in the main room of the clubhouse from 1:00–3:00 pm.

Join your friends for a fun afternoon with chances to win cash prizes! Men are always welcome to join the fun. Please bring cash (small bills only) to purchase bingo cards at \$1.00 each. Unlucky cards may be exchanged between games.

This is a free event - no refreshments are served and no sign-up is required. Just show up and play.

Fox Family Fanfare



Please plan to attend a program on Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 pm, featuring the Fox Family and their musical talents on the piano, violin, clarinet, and alto saxophone. You will be entertained with familiar favorites from the 50's through the 80's and some show tunes, including Broadway classics. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes a reception of beverages and desserts afterwards. Kindly RSVP by 5 pm on Monday, March 9th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nancy Emslie (919-360-2148), **Laura Wick** (813-352-4081) and **Susy Monroe** (412-952-4398).



Artist Of The Month

Sue Fallwell

I hope you enjoy the display of color on the walls of the clubhouse this month. Following retirement, I was welcomed into the worlds of watercolor and fabric art through talented local experts in each field. My natural love of color and patterns took on a whole new meaning as I pursued talents I didn't know I had. (Old dog, new tricks type of thing!)

Although I did take quilting classes, I found that my real interest was in playing with colors and their arrangement. The quilt displayed here is an example of that – a playful pattern with dark background fabric interplayed with colorful fabrics (randomly pulled from a paper bag of scraps).

My talent in watercolor has stalled as that of an apprentice who copies the masters – each painting is from a class enjoyed at the direction of the instructor. Nothing original, but still with talent to “pull it off”. Even the Salvador Dali replica of “Monsieur Latif” entered in a Fabulous Fakes competition!

Enjoy the show...



MARCH LIVE AND LEARN

Our March Live and Learn program will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 am. The program will be hosted by **Griswold Home Care** and will feature a three-person panel that will give you information to help you stay independent, active and confident in your home. The presentation brings together experts who remove the stress of aging at home: **Griswold Home Care** provides personalized support for aging adults and their families from companionship to daily assistance. **Surv** takes the hassle out of home projects and everyday maintenance. They will take care of your home and to-do list. **Triangle Concierge Physiotherapy** brings expert physical therapy to your home, so you can get back to doing the things you love. Join us to learn how these local partners work together to help you protect your independence, simplify your life and continue to thrive at home! Sign-up deadline is Friday, March 20, and the cost is \$2.00. Refreshments will be served.

Diane Norris and Sharon Toomey



Grounds Committee Report March

LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

REJUVENATION PRUNING. BrightView successfully contacted most of the residents who signed up for this pruning and work has commenced on the respective homesites.

CREPE MYRTLE WORK. Additionally, BrightView has begun working on its annual “shaping” of these trees – up to a height of 12’ per insurance restrictions. NOTE: this is not general pruning. To adjust the height of crepe myrtles on your property you must contact an arborist at your own expense.

LIME APPLICATION on all turf has been delayed and will occur in March. This is the HOA annual attempt to maintain our current pH levels. Our clay soil stays very acidic and many homeowners choose to apply additional lime to their turf to improve the pH.

Additionally, PINE STRAW will be installed in all HOA common areas and MULCH will be added in the clubhouse areas this month. As you add similar covers to your own beds, remember that it is nearly impossible for the ground crews to blow or rake away plant clippings after pruning without blowing or raking away some of this product. It’s an unfortunate result of tidying up in the areas and you may need to keep some extra supply on hand to supplement in your beds.

MOWING will begin later this month with at least one round of the property. In 2026, a mowing week will begin in the Muirbrook area and move toward the clubhouse. This will usually adjust your day on our weekly 4-day schedule. PLEASE become familiar with the mowing map in the office to ascertain what day you will receive your mow. Also, remember this can be altered if we have received rain. The mowing may have stopped or been amended to exclude areas of excess moisture. When mowing restarts, the crew will return to the area last mowed and follow the normal schedule,

Mowing starts as early as 8:00 am and the grass can still be quite damp. Occasionally, grass clippings will stick to exterior areas, including cars if left in driveways. Usually, these will drop as the sun warms the area and/or a breeze moves through. However, please move your car if this is of concern to you.

Per our **TURF TREATMENT** program schedule, pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicides and fertilizer are being applied to our turf as the new grass growing season begins. The next pre-emergent and fertilizer will come in April.

IRRIGATION start up will soon be necessary to support the turf in your yard. Please be sure you understand your system’s operation and that you have a RAIN SENSOR in place to avoid the unnecessary use of water which is wasteful and expensive! If you are new to your home, ask your technician to identify the depth of your installed pipes.

Enjoy the cool temps – they won’t last much longer!!

JoAnn Bacon, Chair

Social Committee Report

MARCH EVENTS: (See this newsletter's articles for more information)

- March 6 Community Coffee Hour, First Friday (DAYTIME)**
- March 14 Fox Family Musical Entertainment**
- March 25 Live & Learn (DAYTIME)**
- March 28 International Pot Luck Dinner with community speakers**

Save the Date: (More details to come for each of these events)

- April 8 Italian Catered Luncheon (DAYTIME)**
- April 10 Community Coffee Hour Second Friday (DAYTIME)**
- April 22 Live & Learn is hosted by Cambridge Village and
Wake Med will present program on Fall Prevention (DAYTIME)**
- April 24 Pool Opening party (DAYTIME)**
- May 1 Community Coffee Hour First Friday (DAYTIME)**
- May 2 152nd Kentucky Derby**
- May 13 Live & Learn will feature the Town of Cary Program Director for Seniors
and Aging (DAYTIME)**
- May 23 Bingo Bash**
- June 14 Choral Group Event 7:00 pm (Not a Social Committee Event)**

We are always looking for new ideas-and for volunteers who would like to help with or chair an event. You do not need to be a member of the Social Committee to chair an event or serve on an event committee. If you have an idea or are interested in being a chairperson, please let any member of the committee know.

Volunteers are what help make Heritage Pines such a fun and welcoming place to live!

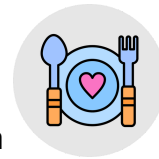
Let's hope we are nearing the end of the cold, icy weather. Please stay well and safe—milder temperatures and longer days are just around the corner. 🙏 **Denise Caparatta, Co-Chair**

Out to Lunch Bunch

Wednesday March 18 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Georgina's Restaurant and Pizzeria

3536 Davis Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560



Georgina's features wonderful Italian cooking - the proprietor hails from Sicily.

They also cater to various dietary preferences, including vegetarian, gluten-free and dairy-free options.

Please email **Wendy Cheng** (hohviolist@gmail.com) or text her at (301) 538-1253 by March 16 if you would like to attend this event.



Clubhouse Committee Report

The Clubhouse Committee met on January 15. The committee is seeking quotes for replacing the existing awning material at the swimming pool and for improvements to the wrought iron fencing surrounding the pool. A new keyfob has been installed on one of the doors that leads from the main room (ballroom) to the back patio and is **operational**. This keyfob will allow access to the clubhouse from the back patio.

The HPTechTeam continues to maintain the HP website, provide Zoom for the open board meetings, and plan for technology improvements for the clubhouse. Website content is being reviewed and updated. Office voicemail, internet service and the current Spectrum business account is under review. The motorized projector screen stopped working and will be repaired or replaced.

Doug French, Chair

Finance Committee Report



At our February 13 meeting we adopted the use of a matrix that will aid us in keeping better track on when investments are maturing; the interest rate of the maturing investment, total investment in each bank. This matrix will be a valuable tool to ensure maximum earnings and safety for our investments.

We also agreed to open a new CD account with Pinnacle Bank in the amount of \$150,000. The opening funds represent transfers from money market accounts. \$100,000 of this transaction represents a transfer from operating investments to Capital reserve investments.

Del Jones, Chair



Needle Group

Are you ready to greet Spring by resuming or learning a new skill? Do you enjoy friendly conversations and laughter? If you answered “yes “ to either or both of these questions, consider coming to the Needle Group. We meet **each Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm in the card room at the clubhouse**.

Our skill levels range from beginner to highly skilled, and help is available if you need it! Hope to see you soon.

Fran Dusterhoff

🕒 Line Dancing Beginner-Friendly Class Details



Line dancing is every Monday, except the first Monday of the month, in the clubhouse ballroom at 9:00 am.

Starting **March 9**: we happily welcome new beginners on the second, third and fourth Monday of the month.

First 30 minutes (9:00–9:30 am): Absolute beginner dances taught at a slower pace. Basic steps explained clearly and practiced together.

After 9:30 am: We gently increase the challenge by learning new steps and routines. You're always encouraged to move at your own comfort level. Come try something fun, uplifting and good for both body and mind. We'd love to dance with you! 🕺💃

Diane Zarick (instructor) and Jean Desmond



New Residents

After living in the Winston-Salem, NC area for almost 50 years, we moved to Cary to be closer to our children and grandchildren. Blaine worked as a consulting actuary in the pension and retirement area. Jeanne most recently worked as a guide at Old Salem Living History Museum. We are looking forward to being part of the Heritage Pines community.

Jeanne & Blaine Brickhouse
3107 Heritage Pines Drive



March Book Club

The Heritage Pines Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00 pm in the main room of the clubhouse. We will be discussing *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue. Please bring your copy of the book to our meeting so they can be returned to the Cary Library.

Our April book will be *Furiously Happy, A Funny Book About Horrible Things* by Jenny Lawson. As one reviewer describes it: "In this witty memoir, Lawson takes readers on a wildly entertaining journey of her personal struggles with anxiety and depression." The book will be available at the meeting.

If you like reading and discussing books, please join us! Most of our books come from library book club kits so purchasing the book is usually not required.

Leslie Bryson



New Hand and Foot Cards

An additional day and time is being added to the weekly activity list for Hand & Foot card game. This is a matching and melding card game that's a variation of canasta. It's typically played with four players in partnerships of two, but can be played with two to six players. The game's name comes from the fact that each player is dealt two sets of cards, the "hand" and the "foot".

If you are interested, join the new session on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the clubhouse ballroom. No sign-up is required. For questions, **contact Margaret England.**



TechTalk with Lila

Somebody's WATCHING Me!!

You've been there: you search for something (anything) on your phone or computer or tablet-and suddenly, you're seeing ads for that thing popping up on a whole bunch of websites, or getting emails with special deals-or text messages from people or companies you've never heard of. It's creepy, it's invasive and it's EVERYWHERE. Well, there ARE things you can do to help cut that down (by a lot) and stop a lot of the tracking you are being haunted by. Come to March TechTalk and I'll show you some simple ways to have less intrusions and more peace online. **9:00 am in the clubhouse on Thursday March 5th!**



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March Birthdays

3-Eva Germano	17-Carol Mitchell
4-Gail Kogut	17-Lynn Willard
5-Cleveland Bryant	18-Glenda Jones
5-Virginia McLamb	18-Jan Newport
6-Arvin Maniktala	21-Margie Korn
6-Frances Dusterhoff	21- Marcia Gave
6-Alan Garelick	25-Bob Aliberti
6-Meta Linde	25-Esther Cheng
7-Barbara Dowd	26-Ginny DeCellis
9-Morley Muralidhar	28-Sharon Toomey
9-Joan Elliott	28-Virginia Yawn
10-Jane Sowards	28-Sue Fallwell
12-Ginny Wagner	28- Gilberte Halfon
14-Rolf Mueller	30-Bob Emslie
15-LuElla Smith	30-Bonnie Wolfe
15-Ralph Smith	30-Tsing Lin

Thinking of You

Cynthia Finnely
Bonnie Iversen
Gretchen Neubert
Mary Lee Tatum
Denise Caparatta
Kay Lane
Margaret Fox
Ralph Smith



New Residents

Jeanne and Blaine Brickhouse-3107 Heritage Pines
Brenda O'Rourke-400 Indian Elm
Glen & Laura Harmon- 204 Indian Elm
Rob & Jackie Ashmore- 408 Indian Elm
Susan Hustace-101 Uplands Creek Drive

**Our Welcome Committee greeter for March is
Bonnie Iversen.**

March Anniversaries

6- Vladimir & Rita Kantor
11- Rolf & Dee Mueller
27- Donnie & Carol Hall
30- Lou & Ginny DeCellis



Hospitality Committee

Betty Ecklund is the March contact.
We live in a community that really cares for
one another.

Sympathy

Please keep Doug Harrell's family
in your thoughts and prayers.

Committee Meetings

ARC COMMITTEE - March 3 and 17 at 10:00 am
COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE - March 2 at 9:00 am
CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE - March 6 at 10:00 am
FINANCE COMMITTEE - March 13 at 10:00 am
GROUNDS COMMITTEE - March 9 at 9:00 am
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE - March 2 at 1:00 pm
SOCIAL COMMITTEE - March 2 at 9:30 am
WELCOME COMMITTEE - March 3 at 2:30 pm

*As a courtesy please contact the committee chair
or the office if you plan to attend a meeting.*