



# March News

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## Upcoming Events:

- Board Meeting– Sunday March 18 in the clubhouse at 3 pm
- Social Committee Meeting– Sunday March 25 at 3 pm
- Spring Fertilizer & Weed Control– will be applied during the month of March
- Annual Termite Inspection– March 26, 27, 28, & 29 (check website for exact schedule)
- 2007 Paint Schedule– the following buildings will start in April/ May: 309–315, 319–325, & 324–330 Center Pointe Drive
- Annual Bark Mulch– The installation is scheduled for later in March or early April

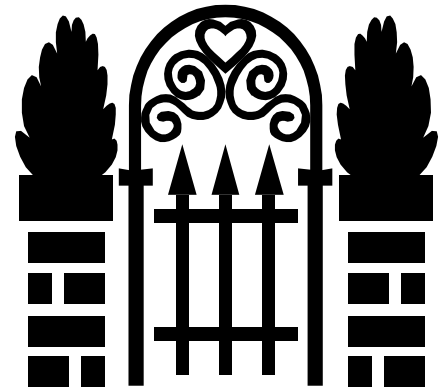
## Many Thanks From All Residents

Thanks to those who are curbing their canines. In the last P.P. Newsletter we were reminded to pick up poop from our dogs, leaving our yards clean. Some of you have respected this request, but others have failed to show this respect in the areas of Colchis Court and Center Pointe up to the back entrance. Please consider your fellow neighbors. We love Park Place and want to keep it clean and safe!

Check our new page on grandchester-meadows.com. You can also download the L/A request form. We have a new look and photos of currently decorated units in PARK PLACE. Feel

free to submit your home for possible Park Place presentation on the site! The site LOOKS amazing!  
**THANKS  
DAVID FOR  
ANOTHER  
AWESOME JOB!**

THANKS to JESSE and GWEN JAMES for donating a decadent floral (roses) print sofa and chair to add to our “PARK PLACE cottage” theme. The committee is in the process of “glaming” up the cottage. Our Park Place cottage is available to rent for parties and any event you desire.



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What a joy it is to see committees gearing up. The L/A committee is geared up and running full force.

## Sunshine Committee

**The Sunshine Committee** had an organizational meeting and decided on our name and purpose. Our purpose will be twofold:

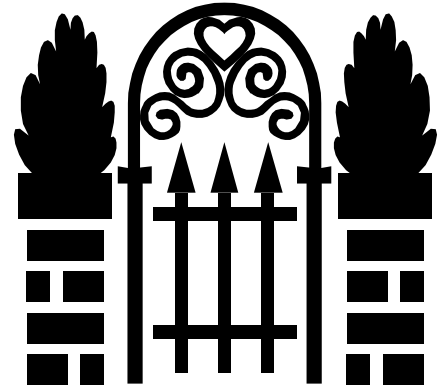
- We will welcome new residents to Park Place.
- To send a card to the resident or his family when a resident has a serious health problem/illness or there is a death in the family.

## Sunshine Committee (continued)

A “welcoming” information packet is being developed that will contain such things as:

- 1) Park Place directory
- 2) A copy of recent newsletter
- 3) A list of Board members names
- 4) A list of PPHOA Committees and their chairperson
- 5) How to reserve the Club House
- 6) A copy of the Pool Rules.

This information packet and “goodies” (cookies/cake) will be given to them as our way of welcoming them to Park Place.



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Since our committee has only four members, we will need cooperation from everyone regarding information when a card needs to be sent to someone. The ideal situation would be to have one person for every two or three buildings. That way the person could monitor their buildings and let the committee know when something is needed. This would also help with the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The Board of Directors is working on a new Roster to distribute to all residents to assist in knowing our neighbors. If you would be willing to join the Sunshine committee or have any suggestions, please contact any member of the committee: Jean Desmond, Kay Reusch, Betsy Mebane, or Judy Brown, chairperson (919) 468-8160; [jjbfromnc@aol.com](mailto:jjbfromnc@aol.com). Thanks for your help!

## Other Committee News

**The Social Committee** will be holding an organizational meeting at the Club House on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in having regular social events for our neighborhood, please come to the meeting. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please call Kay Reusch, 319-5257.

**The Landscape & Architectural Committee** : Helen Doyle, William Champagne, Gwen James, Christine Hamaker, Ellen Moore, Charlie Seay, Barbara Pilkington, Christine Gambacorta, and Jennifer Wollan.

Helen Doyle, leader of the Landscaping committee, joined William Champagne to evaluate the Park Place landscaping requirements.

Our expertise and Park Place pride evaluations have exciting new ideas for spring planting. We will be meeting with the landscaper, and then presenting them to David Robbins

for the budget and subsequently to board members for consideration. We may offer options for plantings in selected units. If you have a special request e-mail me at [CHAMPAGNETaste6@aol.com](mailto:CHAMPAGNETaste6@aol.com) and we will process the request upon your filling out the L/A request form to submit to the board.

All home owners are reminded that

they are required to submit an architectural/ landscape change request form whenever planning to alter the exterior of the town house. Owners should only begin an exterior project after receiving the written approval from the Board of Directors.

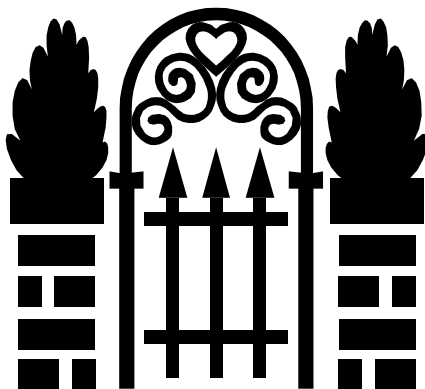
Finally; owners who have altered the exterior of the town house and/or the landscaping are required to properly maintain the improvement. The HOA can remove the improvement if an owner fails to provide proper maintenance.

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meeting at the  
Clubhouse on Sunday  
March 25th at 3 pm.*

# More from Will Champagne...

## Food Favorite in the Neighborhood and Other Things

If New York style pizza is your desire I hear from My "New York natives" that it has to be the best pizza they have had since New York. Salvio's is located in the Parkway Pointe Shopping Center and personal pizza is perfect for one! Can we ask for anything more!?



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Also, now if we are thinking "Thai", I have had the best in Miami, but I must say that Tangerine Cafe in the Food Lion shopping center has put a new spin on Thai and I will tell you why. Not only is it Thai, the owner grew up India, really takes it to an even higher level in my opinion, being a lover of Thai and tofu, and the preparation is perfection!

Serendipity - My personal favorite is the garden pita with tahini dressing, turkey can be added. If fresh and lite is on your mind this quaint café in downtown Cary will leave you highly satisfied with a super friendly staff! Now, to spring forward, keep your eye on the menu for summer. Their gazpacho cold garden soup is mouth watering delicious!

## Architectural Finds

If you fancy wrought iron, I have

discovered "The Last Unicorn" in Chapel Hill which has 5 acres of vintage wrought iron. For your home, it adds an architectural feature. Check out the site at [www.thelastunicorn.com](http://www.thelastunicorn.com).

Cirque Du Soleil is coming to Raleigh, NC at the RBC Center

If magic is what you are missing... on April 1 and 2, 2007, I highly suggest Delirium, the traveling cirque du Soleil French Circus. The lead

singer is a personal friend of mine from Cirque "La Nouba" Orlando Florida. Her voice and the performers will truly be a magical and hair raising experience. So, go take a road trip to Charlotte and have the time of your life! [www.cirquedusoleil.com](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com) (check the web for March dates).

## Spring Forward at Campbell's Nursery

My recent visit To Campbell's location on 2804 Campbell Road, Raleigh, 27606, phone 854-9892, has again left me in awe! I found a new shipment of Faux cast concrete planters that range for \$24-\$34 and would look great on our porches at Park Place. They have various shrubs that would be a perfect fit. My personal favorite is the pencil holly! Leggy and elegant and shows like a model! Ask for the

specialist, Lana, to guide you! Have fun!

## One More Thing

"The Language of Flowers" Sending flowers to someone can have many different meanings. Flowers can convey feelings of love, friendship, congratulations, sympathy or they can simply be a nice way to let someone know that you are thinking of them. In the Middle Ages, sending flowers became a way for a courting couple to communicate. This secret language survived until the Victorian era, when many of the original meanings changed. Here are some modern meanings of flowers: Baby's Breath - innocence; Calla Lily - majesty and beauty; Chrysanthemum - wealth and abundance; Daffodil - regard; Honey-suckle - generosity; Hydrangea - understanding; Iris - warmth and affection; Ivy - eternal faithfulness; Lilac - new love; Magnolia - perseverance; Orange Blossom - purity; Rosemary - remembrance; Sweet Pea - pleasure; Tulip - passion.

*RALEIGH NC was just voted number ONE in the nation by Forbes (Friday Feb 16) for JOBS.*