

# HARRISON PLACE NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM HOA PRESIDENT

I hope you are planning to attend our annual Harrison Place Homeowners Association meeting on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will highlight what's happened in our community in the past year, share upcoming events/activities and go over some of the improved processes we have in place. This will be a great opportunity to meet our property management team from Grandchester Meadows. For the Zoom meeting information or a proxy if you're unable to attend, see our [Harrison Place website home page](#).

Thank you to Michael Klett and Shuyen Ho for serving on the Harrison Place Board for the past 3 years. Their terms are ending so we will be voting on 2 board positions at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Homeowners meeting. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please use [this form](#).

Our Harrison Place community is a wonderful place to live because of YOU! I would especially like to thank the committee chairs, the committee members, and other volunteers who help make Harrison Place an enjoyable and engaging place to call home. Your effort and contributions are recognized and appreciated. THANK YOU!

If you would like to communicate with the HPOA board, please e-mail [harrisonplace-bod@grandchestermeadows.com](mailto:harrisonplace-bod@grandchestermeadows.com).

Looking forward to having an amazing year. Happy Spring!

Victoria Thio - Harrison Place Board President

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### NEW HARRISON PLACE NEIGHBORS FACEBOOK PAGE

*Sarah Yaw*

A Facebook page for Harrison Place Neighbors is now available. We would love for anyone in the neighborhood with a Facebook Account to join the group. We hope it will be used as a way to easily connect with other neighbors, share neighborhood news, ask for recommendations, host get togethers, and overall provide an easy way to keep in touch with each other.

To ensure everyone's privacy, the group is set to private so that only those who join will be able to see posts. Everyone can easily join the group by requesting to join or being invited by another group member. The group can be found by searching "Harrison Place Neighbors" on Facebook. Invites can also be sent via Facebook or email.

Here is a link to the page as well:

**Harrison Place Neighbors**

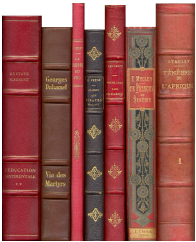
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## BOOK CLUB: NEXT EVENTS

Our Harrison Place Book Club meets at a different person's house on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM to discuss a book chosen by the host. The Book Club is open to all and is a great way to meet people in the neighborhood. We read a variety of books including novels, historical fiction, as well as some non-fiction.



Our next meeting is on April 12th - we'll be discussing the psychological thriller, "*The Last Thing He Told Me*" by Laura Dave, and at our May 10th meeting we'll focus on warmhearted, "*The Reading List*" by Sara Adams.

If you're interested in joining us contact Helen at [helenpapageo@gmail.com](mailto:helenpapageo@gmail.com). You're welcome to come even if you haven't read the book!

## HARRISON PLACE POLLINATORS ARE COMING OUT – Don't Fret

*John Tramontin*

You may have noticed in your yard or a neighbor's yard, many mounds of dirt, small clay looking mounds. I thought we were being invaded by something, and should we be concerned?

To ease my mind, I reached out to our resident Master Gardener Kristin Klett, a member of our Landscape Committee, to see if she could explain what this might be. Kristin replied "I am so glad you asked and would be thrilled if our neighborhood newsletter could mention the mounds! They are solitary, ground-nesting bees and they are GOOD! I know their mounds look scary. They freaked me out the first time I saw them, too! Most of the bee species are ground-nesters (more than 70%), and because they are solitary, they are not aggressive. These native bees are important pollinators for our ecosystem. I have watched their nests emerge over the last several Springs in Harrison Place. I think we have an exceptional population in some neighbors' yards! This year, though - they emerged early, the nests will go away with the next heavy rain - some will come back, but bees will not need them much longer. They are getting some free aeration services from Mother Nature. :) "

Here are a couple of links to articles that provide additional information:

<https://pdic.ces.ncsu.edu/2022/03/its-the-season-for-busy-ground-nesting-bees/>

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/bees-in-turf-1>

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBORS:

Mindy, Dustin and 2 year old Cedar Markwardt are newest neighbors at 201 Livingstone Drive.

Here is a short note from Mindy:

We moved from southeast Florida, looking to escape the hustle and bustle and the heat. We love to hike and travel. Looking forward to meeting everyone! Thank you for the warm welcome!

Here is a picture of us in Banner Elk last fall.



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## HPOA SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 2023 - Pat Berryman

The Social committee welcomes two new members, Lisa Adams and Kaleo Bullard. We look forward to seeing everyone at one or more of our social events scheduled for 2023.

The committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the neighborhood at 5PM on Saturday, March 25th. We will meet in the parking lot in the recreation space, and the egg hunt will take place in the natural and grassy areas around the pool. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, snacks, and drinks. Kids of all ages are welcome. We will have a designated area for the little ones. **There will be treats and prizes.** Grandchildren are welcome! Looking forward to seeing everyone there. **Don't forget your basket!**

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE - Rachel Hunt

The landscape committee is preparing to install spring/summer annuals and perennials at the front entrance and down at the pool once the last threat of frost has passed.

We've invested in two more self watering planters this year to spruce up the tropical plant vibes by the pool water. Special thanks to Herman Thio for spreading Preen (a weed pre-emergent) on our tennis courts this past month. This should help prevent and significantly reduce any weeds from sprouting in our tennis court tile over the summer.

## POOL AND TENNIS COMMITTEE - Larry Wu

The Pool will open on May 13. There will be a few repairs needed, but see no barriers to opening on time.

## HPOA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (HPNW) - Herman Thio

We recorded no incidents through the Holiday season. Thank you to all homeowners for being cautious and alert. Let's keep our neighborhood safe in the 2023 year!

**REMINDER:** Let your next-door neighbors and HPNW block captain know when you are planning to be out of town. **HPNW Block Captains:**

Livingstone East - John Tramontin  
Tasman - Sande Gilda  
Canberra - Linda Buchan  
Stanley - Susan Phillips  
Livingstone West - Marcia Dettloff

## 2023 SOCIAL EVENTS - HPOA

**Saturday, March 25 at 5pm**  
Easter Egg Hunt at the Pool parking lot

**Saturday, June 10**  
Pool Social - Brats and Beer

**Saturday, July 8**  
Pool Social - Ice Cream Truck

**Saturday, August 12**  
Pool Social - Taco & Cocktails

**Saturday, September 9**  
Pool Social - Potluck & Cocktails

**Saturday, October 14**  
Fall Adult Social - Food and Drinks

**Tuesday, October 31**  
Halloween Family Event

**TBD**  
Christmas Cookies

## TOWN OF CARY EVENTS

<https://www.carync.gov/recreation-enjoyment/events>

**April 22nd 11AM - 5PM**  
CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL  
119 Ambassador Loop

**May 6th @ 10AM-2PM**  
CARY DOG DAZE AND PET EXPO  
120 Wilkinson Ave

**May 7th 12-4PM**  
HerbFest - 119 Ambassador Loop