



Horse Tales

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President's News

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

The biggest news of the day is, of course, our upcoming Annual Owners' Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, November 7 at South Hill Country Club. You should have received your packet of information from CMP about the meeting. We have one Director's position to fill this year. Anyone interested in running for a position on the Board needed to submit a Nomination Form to CMP no later than October 25. We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Board has elected to take a more active role in inspecting our Community. In the past, CMP has done one annual inspection for us. The Board felt that we know and understand our rules and specifications better than anyone. Beginning next year, each Board member will focus on a section of the Community. These inspections will be done at the Board member's convenience – thus, we will no longer have one specific inspection day. We will continue to follow up with items noted on the inspection reports via our monthly walk-arounds.

CONTRACT WITH CMP

We are pleased to report that the Board has entered into a new 5-year contract with CMP – beginning January 1, 2020. CMP has offered this contract with no increase in the management

fee from what we are currently paying for the 5-year term. CMP recognizes the amount of work that Steeplechase volunteers perform, which, of course, eases the workload of CMP employees. When you interact with one of these incredible volunteers, you might want to say THANK YOU. Their work is saving money for all of us.

Additionally, I'd like to recognize the amazing support we are getting from our Manager, Melissa Ruff, and Assistant Manager, Tammy Mersing. I chose the word "amazing" deliberately. THANK YOU Melissa and Tammy.

MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS

The Board has begun working on the budget for 2020. As I am writing this we expect that we will not increase the monthly assessment for next year. As I stated above, this is due in large part to the efforts and contributions from our volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS

I've asked a number of times – and I will repeat – If you can offer some time, you too could make a difference. Do you have any interest in a Board position? Do you have any interest in the work being done by our Committees? We REALLY need more help on the EPC. EPC volunteers interact with residents who have questions, or concerns and help them find answers and solutions. We could also use more volunteers for the Hotline. We rotate coverage each week – so, each volunteer is on duty for one week.

Think about it. If nothing else – let me suggest ... You know those little signs that the lawn maintenance people post at the mailboxes in advance of a lawn treatment ... Well, they don't come back and take them away after the treatment is done. If you see one hanging around long after the treatment date, please throw it away. They really get unsightly after a while.

Whatever you can do – our mission remains: Let's make Steeplechase the best we can make it. Let the word go forth to prospective buyers – this is one GREAT Community. (OK, so I borrowed a little of that from Jack Kennedy!!)

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Marilyn Dabkowski

The Farmers Market will return next year. It will be located in the parking lot of the Baldwin Community United Methodist Church. Already 11 vendors have signed up to participate. It will be held every Monday from the beginning of June to the end of August. The time is 4 to 7.

All of the old playground equipment has been removed from Frank Park. New equipment has been ordered and it will be installed by our public works employees.

The Shade Tree Commission is creating a master plan for 10 years of tree improvement. It will be posted for review before planting season.

The Cook Book Club at the Library was featured briefly on the Rachael Ray Show on October 14th.

Roseanne Vamos, a realtor who has sold many homes in Steeplechase, was presented with a Community Service Award for her many charitable activities.

Landscape**Tom Striegel**

It seems that fall is coming quicker this year with the cooler weather we have been experiencing the last week or so. This has been an exciting year for rain. Which when it rained it rained buckets for a short period causing a great amount of flooding: everywhere. From what the National Weather Service tells us in Pittsburgh we have had 38.3 inches of rain so far this year. From what I understand that would be equivalent to over 3 feet of snow over winter.

This has been a busy year for us with the landscaping. We have basically completed the Lantern Hill project after waiting a couple of years for the property to be turned over to Steeplechase. We will have some touch up to do next spring after we find out which plants and shrubs did not make it through the winter. We also brought in over 50 tons of topsoil and mulch and touched up all the bare grass areas on the common area of Lantern Hill. The new grass seems to be growing nicely. We still have the bend on the right hand side of Lantern Hill to repair the bare grass areas which will be done in the spring.

We have also done a great deal of replacing dead, dying and ugly plants in the community over the summer.

I believe one thing that stood out this summer are the beautiful Hibiscus plants we have been planting all over the community. We are on the fourth bloom on some of the plants

Reminder: You are responsible for the flower beds, tree circles and other private areas throughout your own property, please keep them free of weeds.

See you in the spring.

Internet**Dave Alison****Steeplechase Website**

The Steeplechase website is: www.steeplechasecsa.com. It provides useful information for all residents in our community and to the general public. To access the section that is exclusively for those living in Steeplechase, select the RESIDENT tab, then enter the User Name: myhome and Password: HorseTails (both are case sensitive.)

Information on our website includes a current copy of our Steeplechase Community Service Association *Rules, Regulations, Policies and Specifications*; back issues of our newsletters; and minutes from recent Board of Directors meetings. A printable copy of the new Alteration Request form can be found under “Rules & Regulations”.

As website administrator, I am currently working on a total redesign of the website. My goal is to bring the graphic design of our site up to current internet standards for both desktop computers and mobile devices, make it more visually attractive, and easier to navigate. As the website administrator, I am always looking for suggestions for improvements and additions to our site. Send any ideas or suggestions to me at davealison33@gmail.com.

Welcome

Roseann Brown



We have 5 new residents in our Steeplechase Community, let's give a very warm welcome to them. They are:

- Nicholas Kublack, 2 Hennig Drive,
- Kathleen Lorenzi, 31 Hennig Drive
- Myra B. Cinnamon, 59 Hennig Drive
- Kevin & Darlene Turkall, 1034 Duncan Lane.
- Edward A. Polly, 3008 Duncan Lane

All of us at Steeplechase wish you much happiness in your new homes!

Steeplechase News and Activities



NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

Olive Garden, Village Square

Friday, November 15, 2019 at 11:30 AM

Order from the menu with separate checks.

For reservations, call your hostess,

Marilyn Dabkowski at 412-881-0387

By November 12, 2019

“CHRISTMAS” DECEMBER LUNCH BUNCH LUNCHEON

To be held at South Hills Country Club during their

Christmas Luncheon Buffet at 11:30 AM

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Cost: \$24.95 plus tax

(We will have our own tables.)

For reservations, call your hostesses,

Marlene Koenig at 412-884-6925 or

Marsha Hinsch at 412-885-4809

Steeplechase Board Meetings

Annual Owners Meeting

South Hills Country Club

Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Refreshments will be served following the meeting

We will be collecting non perishable food items for local food pantries. Gently used reusable bags are always welcome with the donation.

Bunco

There will be no Bunco in November or December

Bunco will be held at the Clubhouse
(Weyman Road Fire Department)

beginning at 1PM on the following Tuesday

January 14, 2020

Cost is \$5.00 per person to play. Please bring your own snacks.

Drinks will be available.

For questions or additional information

Call Marlene Koenig,

412-884-6925 for details.

Game Day

Come join us for Game Day at the Clubhouse (Weyman Road Fire Department),
from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Snacks and beverages will be available.

When you attend Game Day, we ask you to donate \$1.00 to be used to purchase snacks.

Following are the scheduled play dates:

November 14, 2019

January 9, 2020

January 23, 2020

**If you have any questions,
call Bobbie Aiello at 412-915-4489**



Game Day Christmas Party

(Open to all, even if you haven't made it to game day)

Jingle Bells, Bingo and Friends

Thursday, December 5, 2018

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Atria's — Bill Green Shopping Center, Pleasant Hills
Cost: \$27 per person — Includes: Appetizers, Choice of
Entrée,

Beverage, Dessert, Tax and Tip.

Alcoholic beverages at your cost.

BINGO for Lottery Tickets after lunch
and Door Prizes!



Come and celebrate the holiday with us. Bring a relative or friend!

Please RSVP to Bobbie Aiello at 412-915-4489 by December 1st .

You can leave a message stating that you plan to attend
and your choice of entrée from the selection below.

- **Honey Orange Glazed Salmon:** Pacific Salmon brushed with orange glaze, topped with sesame seeds and served with quinoa and garlic roasted broccoli
- **Chicken Roma:** Pan seared chicken with melted mozzarella, tomatoes, and a balsamic drizzle served over imported pasta with tomato basil sauce
- **Bourbon Maple Glazed Pot Roast:** Tender beef braised, and slowly cooked served with smashed redskins in a vegetable gravy
- **Grilled Steak Salad:** Angus tenderloin over mixed greens with tomatoes, egg, crisp onion straws, cheddar jack cheese and peppercorn ranch

Please make your \$27 payment (cash or check payable to Bobbie) prior to party day.

Send payment to:

Bobbie Aiello, 600 Madison Avenue Apt #2109, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

Obituaries

Patricia Reardon, 83
Paddock Lane



Steeplechase Communications and Social Media

Steeplechase Hotline

The Steeplechase Hotline is staffed by resident volunteers. You can call the hotline 24/7 and leave your message. The hotline volunteer will return your call within 24 hours.

To access the Steeplechase Hotline, call the Community Management Professionals (CMP) main number **412-279-9280**, and when prompted to enter your party's extension, you will enter **142**.

You will be greeted by a recorded message asking you to leave your name, address, phone number, and a brief message.

The hotline instructions can also be found on the Steeplechase website, www.steeplechasecsa.com under "Notices".

Naturally, if you have any kind of emergency, you should call CMP at **412-279-9280**.

Environmental Protection Committee

Have a question? Call the SC Hotline or your representative listed below.

Street		EPC Representative
Caste Drive Lantern Hill Ext. Parkside Lane Steeplechase Court	5301 thru 5314 5508 thru 5540	Bill & Betty Long: 412-881-6841 or w.blong1@verizon.net
Duncan Lane		Tom Striegel: 412-884-7740
Lantern Hill Ext	5228 thru 5506	Patty Barcic: 412-613-0599
Paddock Lane Belmont Lane		John Paravati: 412-596-0535
Hennig Drive Lantern Hill Drive	5215 thru 5226	Call the SC Hotline at 412-279-9280 Ext 142
Caste Drive Lantern Hill Drive	5281 thru 5293 5200 thru 5211	Call the SC Hotline at 412-279-9280 Ext 142

Steeplechase Website

Steeplechase Community Service Association (CSA)

www.steeplechasecsa.com

WEBSITE LOGIN: **myhome**

PASSWORD: **HorseTails**

Steeplechase on Facebook

The Steeplechase Facebook page can be found by searching for Steeplechase Pgh

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/657615811085486> and then “Like” the page.

Steeplechase Email Alerts

We send E-Mail Alerts to remind residents of upcoming events and to pass along important information that can't wait for the next Newsletter.

You can sign up to receive EMail alerts by sending an email to:

SteeplechaseCommittees@outlook.com and note “EMail alert” in the subject line.

Steeplechase Newsletter

Please pass on this information to any residents you know who are not receiving the newsletter.

You can sign up for the newsletter by sending an email to:

SteeplechaseCommittees@outlook.com and note “Newsletter” in the subject line.

If a resident does not have access to a computer or smartphone they can call the Hotline or Valerie Wolfe (270-871-8458) and ask to receive a printed copy.

Helping Hands

The following is a list of Steeplechase residents who have volunteered to be “Helping Hands”. If you need help with something like... running an errand, feeding a pet, collecting the mail, grocery shopping, etc., then call a “Helping Hand.” We all have had times when small chores are just overwhelming.

Thanks to all of the volunteers!

If you would like to add your name to the list of “Helping Hands”, please contact **Judi Lewis at 412-885-7170 or judilewis7799@hotmail.com.**

If you need help, please call us.



Victoria Baker 45 Hennig 412-956-4500

Marilyn Beckstrom 1059 Duncan 412-881-1199

Mary Rose Chasler 111 Steeplechase Ct 716-679-5141

Cathy McGinley 1015 Duncan 412-884-3629

Michaele Fisher 4037 Belmont 412-819-0131

Diane Burkhart Kunkel 1033 Duncan 412-882-5384

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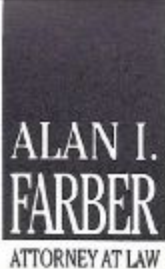
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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
Nov. 7th	7:00	AOM - South Hills Country Club
Nov. 14th	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse
Nov. 15th	11:30	Lunch Bunch - Olive Garden
Dec. 5th	Noon	Game Day Christmas - Atria's
Dec. 18th	11:30	Lunch Bunch - South Hills Country Club
January 9th	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse
January 14th	1:00	Bunco - Clubhouse
January 23rd	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse