



# Horse Tales

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## President's News

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

And, now, we're almost to Fall again. Where does the time go?

I'd like to chat a little about the Steeplechase Board. I feel blessed to be working with these four professional, talented and dedicated board members. As a Board, we have committed ourselves to strive to make Steeplechase the best we possibly can.

At the Annual Meeting last November, I spoke to you about this theme of making Steeplechase the best we can. I believe you heard that message.

Board members have stepped up to volunteer for all kinds of tasks – looking to ensure that things are accomplished and done to the standards we have set for ourselves. New volunteers have stepped up to focus on specific areas – I have acknowledged them in prior Newsletters.

With the whole Community pulling the cart in the same direction, we are limited only by our collective imaginations. If you have some time to offer, consider volunteering. What are your special talents? If you don't have a lot of time, consider volunteering for the Hotline. Hotline volunteers are asked to cover Hotline calls for a week. We currently have ten volunteers – so, each person is "on duty" once every ten weeks.

Even if you are not able to volunteer, you can help us in other ways. Our rules apply to all of us. Please read them. Apply them. We really don't like the idea of fining our residents – or even sending reminder letters. Areas that seem to cause the most churn are: putting trash out early; leaving trash cans out for extended periods; not attending to barking dogs; not picking up after dogs. None of these things are difficult – we can all do our share.

You can also help us by attending to “maintenance” letters. In our efforts to keep Steeplechase attractive and inviting to potential buyers, we continue to monitor the Community regularly. If you receive such a letter, and need any assistance – like, for example, an extension on the completion date – simply call the Hotline and talk to us about it.

The Steeplechase Board has made the commitment – will you help us be the best we can be?

### Awnings

The Board reviewed our specifications on approved awning colors. Over the years, materials and colors for decks have been greatly improved. In keeping with that, the Board has approved Alteration Requests for decks made with these products. We wanted our Awning Specifications to keep up with those changes. The Board has approved new awning colors - the list of approved colors is shown on page 14. You will also receive a separate copy by mail so that you can add it to your records.

### Best of Everything, Dear Friend

I want to take one moment to say THANK YOU to my very dear friend, Bobbie Aiello. I don't remember exactly when she and I met – all I knew at the time was that “Bobbie” lived next door to Carol Kessler and I met Bobbie for the first time in Carol's driveway. I had no idea that day that a wonderful friendship had just begun.

Shortly after that meeting in Carol's driveway, I asked Bobbie if she would take control of the Social Committee for a “few months.” At that time, the Social Committee was in total disarray and had to be restarted with less than a handful of volunteers. Bobbie said she would do that until she had to go back to teaching in the fall. I don't remember what year that was – I'm sure it was at least 15 years ago. Bobbie's accomplishments over the years speak for themselves – on the Social Committee as well as all the other committees she has served and finally, her commitment to working with the Board as the Board Assistant.

As you know, Bobbie and her Mom, Jenny, are moving to Providence Point in October. While I'm not personally saying good-bye to Bobbie, Steeplechase is saying “Good-bye” to one of our most loyal and devoted volunteers.

Bobbie/Jenny – We wish you the best of everything.

## Committee Reports

### Community Relations

**Marilyn Dabkowski**

Whitehall is building a new salt storage shed. It will be on the property of the Public Works Department. This will have the capacity to hold a year's worth of salt. By getting a year supply at once, there will be no problem of running out of salt in a severe weather situation.

The new executive director of Economic Development South is Joey-Linn Ulrich. Bethel Park has approved rezoning at Cool Springs. This will enable the construction of a gas station and a convenience store. Residents are strongly opposed and determined to get the ruling reversed. Although located in Bethel Park, this can affect near-by Whitehall residents.

Residents of the Baldwin Manor Association are very concerned about dangerous conditions in Baldwin Manor Park. A larger pipe for storm water is causing raging water and erosion when we have those very heavy rainfalls.

### Landscape

**Tom Striegel**

Enjoy the photos of the beautiful Hibiscus in the neighborhood before they are gone.



**Welcome**

**Roseann Brown**



We have 3 new residents in our Steeplechase Community, let's give a very warm welcome to them. They are:

- James & Jennie Petrick, 208 Parkside Lane
- Joshua & Jeannine Carver, 1019 Duncan Lane
- David Spinneweber, 127 Steeplechase Court

We all at Steeplechase wish you much happiness in your new homes!

**Newsletter**

**Betty Long**

We are currently making changes to the newsletter in appearance and content. If you have news or activities coming up, let us know and we will include it in the newsletter.

Send us any suggestions you have to improve our newsletter. Email Betty Long at [w.blong1@verizon.net](mailto:w.blong1@verizon.net)

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

The Steeplechase website is: [www.steeplechasecsa.com](http://www.steeplechasecsa.com). It provides information on our community to the general public. The website also has a separate section that is only accessible by members of our community. To access this section select the RESIDENT tab, enter the User Name: myhome and Password: HorseTails (both are case sensitive.)

If you haven't recently visited your community website, take a few minutes to access it and look around to see what you find. You may be surprised to see all the information that it has. Information includes a printable copy of the Alteration Request form; current copies of our Steeplechase Community Service Association charter, by-laws, covenants, rules and regulations; minutes of Board of Directors meetings; and financial reports.

As website administrator, Dave Alison is currently working on a total redesign of the website. His 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 new website administrator, Dave is looking for suggestions for improvements and additions to our site. Send any ideas or suggestions to [davealison33@gmail.com](mailto:davealison33@gmail.com).

**Steeplechase News and Activities****September Lunch Bunch**

Sept. 10th at 11:30

Trolley Stop Inn

Rt 88, 6247 Library Rd

**October Lunch Bunch**

Oct. 18th at 11:30

Mitchell's at Galleria

1500 Washington Rd



**Annual Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, September 7, 2018**  
**8:00 AM until 2:00 PM!**

For those new to Steeplechase, we get quite a crowd of shoppers, so don't hesitate to invite friends to come and sell with you. Everyone is welcome to set up the sale in your own driveway, garage and yard.

Please keep sale items and tables off the street.

**Remember that all of Whitehall's parking laws apply on the day of the sale.**

**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:

**September 12 and 26**

**October 8 and 22**

**If you have any questions,  
call Bobbie Aiello at 412-882-9452**

**Bunco**

Bunco will be held at the Clubhouse (Weyman Road Fire Department) beginning at 1PM on the following Tuesday's

:

**September 17**

**October 15**

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

Drinks will be available.

**Call Marlene Koenig,  
412-884-6925 for details.**

## Steeplechase Board Meetings

**SC Board Meeting**  
September 23, 2019  
Beginning at 6:30 PM  
at the Clubhouse

**Annual Owners Meeting**  
November 7, 2019  
Beginning at 7 PM  
SHCC  
As in past years, we will be collecting  
items (food and/or toiletries) for the  
area Food Banks.

## Obituaries

Harry Emmett Nieman, 82  
Duncan Lane



## **Ohio Christmas**

**November 19-20, 2019**



**Single \$410**

**Double \$345**

**Triple \$325**

### **Trip includes:**

Depart Steeplechase( residents only) St. Germaine Church or Providence Point (residents only)

One night stay at Berlin Encore Hotel and Suites

Amish Back Roads Tour

Walnut Creek Brooms

Walnut Creek Cheese for lunch on own, but Ice Cream dessert is included

Hans Tasting Room for Holiday Sangria

World's Largest Cuckoo Clock in Sugarcreek

Visit Tis Season Christmas Shop, Antique and Craft Mall

Heini's Cheese and Kauffman Country Bakery

Lamp and Light Candle for candle carving demo and a small holiday candle is included for all

### **Meals:**

Buffet Dinner on first night

Breakfast at hotel on second day

Buffet lunch on second day

### **Shows**

Christmas in the Country in Walnut Creek

Ohio Star Theatre for performance of A Christmas Ship and Free time following the show to enjoy the shops at Dutch Valley



Hello Steeplechase Residents,

As most of you know, I am preparing to move to Providence Point in Scott Township. This will happen in mid-October.

It has been my pleasure for 17 years to serve on many committees at Steeplechase and most especially to chair the Social Committee. I hope my efforts provided you opportunities to socialize and meet the wonderful neighbors in Steeplechase. I want to send a big thanks to all the men and ladies who helped me with countless projects! I will see you all at future activities.

The program of bus trips that has been developed since 2004 has been the most fun activity for me personally. I am going to continue to do the bus trips after I move and will be doing all my emails from a new address: **BobbieTrips@hotmail.com**

Since the trips will no longer be part of Steeplechase directly we are going to call them Bus Adventures with Bobbie. If you want to participate and receive information about the trips, the only way to do so is by joining my email alert list at my new email address. The trips won't be highlighted in the Horse Tales Newsletter or sent out by Steeplechase Mail after January 1, 2020.

If you wish to continue receiving information on the trips via my email alert list please send an email to me at that address: [BobbieTrips@hotmail.com](mailto:BobbieTrips@hotmail.com) with the following information: (even if you think I know it)

Your Name

Address

email address

Home Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

There will be some additional changes moving forward. There will be several pickups for the trips. We will maintain the pick-up in Steeplechase, but **only** for Steeplechase residents. The folks that used to drive in to Steeplechase will be able to park in the church parking lot at St. Germaine's Church in Bethel Park (7003 Baptist Road) ... I'll send more info about church parking later on. Lastly I will be picked up at Providence Point with any residents from there who have signed up for the trips.

My address and phone numbers will remain the same until the move .... you can see them below. So if you have questions or checks for current trips, just keep doing what you've been doing since 2004 when we started all this.

**Bobbie Aiello**  
**1067 Duncan Lane**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15236**  
**h:412-882-9452**  
**c:412-915-4489**

It remains true that our trips fill fast and I would expect that to continue as new people become aware of the trips. It is always best to get in early. If you need anything for the remaining trips in 2019.... just give me a call.

We are already planning ahead for 2020. In March we are going to Bradenton/Sarasota Florida which of course will include some time at Pirate Spring Training and in April, we are going to Lancaster for a production of Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater.

Thanks,  
Bobbie

## 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](http://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 5301 thru 5314 Lantern Hill Ext. 5508 thru 5540 Parkside Lane Steeplechase Court	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 5281 thru 5293 Lantern Hill Drive 5200 thru 5211	Call the SC Hotline at 412-279-9280 Ext 142

### **Steeplechase Website**

Steeplechase Community Service Association (CSA)

[www.steeplechasecsa.com](http://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 E-Mail alerts by sending an e-mail to:

[SteeplechaseCommittees@outlook.com](mailto:SteeplechaseCommittees@outlook.com) and note “E-Mail 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Steeplechase Board of Directors

- President.....Judi Lewis
- Vice President.....Jim Cibrone
- Secretary.....Randy Wolfe
- Treasurer.....Scott Hinsch
- Director.....Tom Striegel

### Committees

- Community Relations .....Marilyn Dabkowski
- Decorations.....Jim Cibrone
- Environmental Protection.....
- Executive.....Judi Lewis
- Internet.....Dave Alison
- Investment/Finance..... Don Fox

- Landscape.....Tom Striegel
- Newsletter.....Betty Long
- Social.....Marsha Hinsch

### Management Office

### Community Management Professionals (CMP)

200 Commerce Drive, Suite 206

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**Website address:** [www@cmpmgt.com](http://www@cmpmgt.com)

Melissa Ruff, Extension 210

Tammy Mersing, Extension 200

## Sunbrella Awning Colors

4620 - Beige

4633 - Linen

4660 - Crest Birch

4668 - Aspen

4671 - Fern

4672 - Heather Beige

4776 - Chocolate Chip Fancy

4777 - Grey Beige Chip Fancy

4817 - Westfield Mushroom

4854 - Coastal Herbal

4880 - Moreland Taupe

4923 - Black Forest Fancy

4932 - Forest Green/Beige/Natural  
Fancy

4945 - Taupe Tailored Bar

4946 - Black/Taupe Fancy

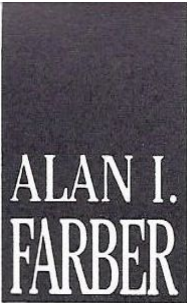
4954 - Heather Beige Classic

4955 - Fern Classic

4959 - Fern/Heather Beige Classic

### **Sunsetter Brand**

1814 - Taupe



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
Sept 7	8 - 2	SC Garage Sale
Sept 10th	11:30	Lunch Bunch, Trolley Stop Inn
Sept. 12th	1-4:30	Game Day, Clubhouse
Sept. 17th	1:00	Bunco, Clubhouse
Sept. 23rd	6:30	SC Board Meeting, Clubhouse
Sept. 26th	1 - 4:30	Game Day, Clubhouse
Oct. 8th	1 - 4:30	Game Day, Clubhouse
Oct. 15th	1:00	Bunco, Clubhouse
Oct. 18th	11:30	Lunch Bunch, Mitchell's
Oct. 22nd	1 - 4:30	Game Day, Clubhouse
Nov. 7th	7:00	South Hills Country Club