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President's News

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone ... and Happy New Year

Time to roll up our sleeves and tackle 2020!!

As I have said many times, if we all just pull in the same direction, we are limited only by our own imaginations. I'd like to challenge everyone to make a New Year's Resolution ... Come up with one thing (it can even be a little thing) ... one thing that you can do for all the rest of us – your contribution to the “wagon pull.”

Some things we really need are: More volunteers to staff the Hotline; more volunteers on the Environmental Protection Committee. But, little things can make a big difference as well – like, picking up trash if you see some that has been blown around; picking up those little lawn service notices after the service date – you know, the ones that are placed at the mailboxes.

Finally, we can all just take care of ourselves:

- Read the rules. The rules apply to all of us. If you need a special accommodation (like using a parking pad for a specific period; or a need to place your trash out early), please call us. We are happy to work with you so that you can avoid being fined for a rule violation.
- Send in that Alteration Request: Please remember you must submit an alteration request for any and all work done on the outside of your residence. The word “alteration” is a bit

confusing. The rule applies even if you are not actually “altering” something – for example, painting the same color; replacing a storm door with exactly the same kind of door. If you’re confused, call your EPC Representative or the Steeplechase Hotline.

Contract with Comcast

If you attended the Annual Owners’ Meeting in November, we announced our intention to sign an Exclusive Marketing Agreement with Comcast. That Agreement has now been signed and becomes effective January 15, 2020, and will remain in effect for 10-years with automatic 2-year renewals thereafter unless either party gives notice of a desire to cancel.

First, no fears!! The Agreement does not affect your individual right to choose whatever provider you wish for TV, Internet and Voice services.

The Association’s responsibility under the contract is to permit Comcast – exclusively – to market their products in Steeplechase. For example, Comcast will provide us with marketing information that we will include in our Welcome Packets for new residents; Comcast will sponsor social activities in an effort to entice more residents to switch to Comcast. All of these things will be at the expense of Comcast.

In exchange for the exclusive marketing rights, Comcast will pay us an up-front lump sum equal to \$100/unit – or \$34,800. We will receive this payment during the first quarter of 2020. On an ongoing basis, we will receive quarterly “revenue sharing” payments which will be based on the number of units using Comcast for TV, Internet, and/or Voice.

The compensation arrangement is slightly different from the one we discussed at the Owners’ Meeting. Initially, we were going to opt for a higher up-front lump sum with no revenue sharing. After we looked into it further, however, we determined that the revenue sharing has the potential of providing a nice steady income stream.

For this first year, the Board has decided to allocate these funds (i.e. both the lump sum payment and any revenue sharing payments) to the Operating Budget – you will see the lump sum payment listed as “Comcast Commission” in Account #47850 on the 2020 Budget you received recently. The Board has asked the Finance Committee to provide an investment recommendation. There is no mention of the Revenue Sharing payments because Comcast has not yet told us what these will be.

Allocation

In addition to adding the Comcast payment to the Operating Fund, and with the help and advice from the Finance Committee, the Board approved a change to the allocation of monthly assessments between the Operating Fund and the Repair and Replacement Fund. In the past, we have allocated 20% of the monthly assessments to the R&R Fund – 80% to Operating. As you all know, the Finance Committee has done an outstanding job of investing the R&R funds. That Fund has grown so significantly that we decided to allocate only 10% to R&R and 90% to Operating for 2020.

The Board and the Finance Committee will review the impact of these decisions at the end of the year and assess how to proceed going forward.

We're all looking forward to a new year. Do your part to help us make Steeplechase the best that it can be! The benefits flow to all of us.

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Marilyn Dabkowski

News from Whitehall Council Meeting

Residents are advised to turn on a light before leaving home if they will not return before dark. It is better not to enter a dark house. Also a lighted house deters illegal activity.

The Recreation board is recommending no inflatables be allowed in borough parks. This is due to possible liability.

Public works crews have removed the military banners for the winter.

The November 20th council meeting was adjourned in honor of Father Haney. Father Haney was the beloved retired pastor of St. Gabriel Church. He passed away recently.

In the 2020 borough budget, there will be an increase in the earned income tax rate. The real estate tax rate will not change.

At the December 4th meeting, Mayor Nowalk read resolution #984 for the 75th Anniversary of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Parish. He also read the resolution after Mass the day of the Celebration.

Internet**Dave Alison**

Steeplechase Website



Steeplechase Has a New Website

The new Steeplechase website is now available online for everyone, and a **password is no longer required**. Log on at www.steeplechasecsa.com and see all of the changes. There are new and improved graphics, and navigation is much easier.

The new website is designed to provide useful information for all residents in our community and to the general public. Click on the “About Us” tab to see what is going on in our community. And don’t miss the link on the bottom of that page to back issues of our Horse Tales newsletter.

If you are considering making changes to the exterior of your home, a printable copy of the new Alteration Request form can be found under “Forms” tab. The “Documents” tab has the current Steeplechase Community Service Association *Rules, Regulations, Policies and Specifications*, including specifications for all outside improvements.

As the website administrator, I am always looking for suggestions for future enhancements and additions to our site. Send any ideas or suggestions to me at davealison33@gmail.com .

Welcome

Roseann Brown



As we usher in the New Year, we welcome our new neighbors to our Steeplechase community.

- Edward Polly 3008 Duncan Lane
- Pavel Yakovlev 1039 Duncan Lane
- Barbara Amone & Carol McClelland, 1067 Duncan Lane
- Stephen & Kathleen Strotmeyer, 113 Paddock Lane

We wish you happiness, good health and well being in your new home.

Steeplechase News and Activities



JANUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Calabria's

4107 Library Rd. (Rt. 88)

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM

Order from the menu with separate checks.

For reservations, call your hostess,

Ruth DeWitt at 412-881-1247

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Thee Olde Place Inn
1209 Streets Run Rd

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 11:30 am

For reservations, call your hostess,
Mary Jo Goldstrohm at 412-409-2725

If you need to cancel after making reservations, please let your hostess know

Bunco

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

January 14, 2020

February 18, 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:

January 9 and 23

February 13 and 27

**Call Marsha Hinsch,
412-913-7193 for details**

Steeplechase Board Meetings

Dates for 2020 Board Meetings:

January 20

March 16

May 18

July 20

September 21

Board meetings are held at the Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. and all residents are welcome to attend.

Obituaries

Mille Sehn
Parkside Lane

Joan Striegel
Duncan 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 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

There is no longer a login or password to access the website.

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

Steeplechase Board of Directors

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- Vice President.....Jim Cibrone
- Secretary.....Randy Wolfe
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- Director.....Tom Striegel

Committees

- Community RelationsMarilyn Dabkowski
- Decorations.....Jim Cibrone
- Environmental Protection
- Executive.....Judi Lewis
- Internet.....Dave Alison
- Investment/Finance..... Don Fox
- Landscape.....Tom Striegel

- Newsletter.....Betty Long
- Social.....Marsha Hirsch
- Welcome Committee.....Roseann Brown

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Community Management Professionals (CMP)

200 Commerce Drive, Suite 206
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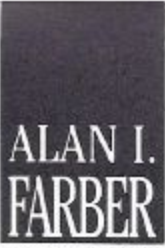
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412-897-2764 or dkujawa@me.com

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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
January 9th	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse
January 14th	1:00	Bunco - Clubhouse
January 20th	6:30	Board Meeting - Clubhouse
January 22nd	11:30	Lunch Bunch - Calabria's
January 23rd	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse
February 12th	11:30	Lunch Bunch - Thee Olde Place Inn
February 13th	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse
February 18th	1:00	Bunco - Clubhouse
February 27th	1:00	Game Day - Clubhouse