

Horse Tales

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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Hello Everyone

In lieu of the Annual Homeowners' Meeting, the Board met on Monday, November 16 to approve the Budget for next year and to start making plans for 2021. You will receive a copy of the approved Budget before the end of the year. A copy will also be placed on the Steeplechase website.

The Board welcomed Jim Cibrone and Scott Hinsch back to the Board. Board officers will remain the same.

Homeowner mail-in voting results:

The **Minutes** from the 2019 AOM were unanimously approved. A copy of these Minutes will be posted on the Steeplechase website.

Homeowners voted for a review of the **2020 Financials**:

26	Audit
63	Review
4	Other
11	No review

Looking ahead to 2021:

- **Lampposts:** Jim Cibrone is working with McGervey Electric to identify possible sites for additional lampposts in the Community. Obviously, access to electrical hookup is the key.
- **Repaving:** Tom Striegel is currently soliciting bids to repave the Access Drive in the rear of the homes at 5200 to 5210 Lantern Hill; and all of Paddock Lane.

- **Exterior Paint Chart:** Valerie Wolfe has been working with Sherwin Williams to update our Exterior Paint Color Chart. Much of the work has been done; however, before we mail the revised chart to all Homeowners, we still need to look at colors for rear entrances. In the meantime, you can find the revised chart on the Steeplechase website.
- **Reserve Study:** Every 3-5 years, the Board contracts with an independent engineering company to prepare a study of the Community – matching the current to long-term needs for maintenance/repair projects to the amount we have in our Reserve Fund. It has been 4 years since the last study. The Board will have a study done in 2021.
- **Volunteers:** Please consider volunteering some of your time to help us keep Steeplechase the wonderful place it is. Look at the Committees – does any one of them intrigue you? Only YOU can bring your ideas forward. Talk with some of the current Committee Chairs and their volunteers to get an understanding of how much time is involved. How about volunteering to staff the Hotline? We rotate the volunteers, so you would have one week of duty about once every two months. Or, just let us know when you have an idea or you see something that you think needs our attention. Working together, we can make Steeplechase the best it can be.

May you all have a safe and happy holiday season.



OH THAT WIND!!!

Sunday night wind in Steeplechase = Havoc!! Sunday, November 15 was particularly troublesome. Monday, November 16 woke up to trash strewn all around the neighborhood.

Please, please, please ensure that your trash is secured when you place it outside. This is especially important for items pertaining to your recycle bin.

We all chip in to have a crew come in and clean up.

Please do your part.

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Marilyn Dabkowski

Our Council members meet in person. They met in the large Community room where there is plenty of room for social distancing. No spectators were permitted.

There is no increase in taxes planned for 2021.

The fire department is getting a new truck (a pumper). It should arrive by the first of the year.

There is no way to save the present swimming pool. There will be no swimming in a Whitehall pool in 2021. Plans are being drawn up for the new pool facilities. Hopefully the new facilities will be ready for the 2022 season.

MRTSA is getting 4 new ambulances. They are also getting new automatic, mechanical stretchers. These stretchers cost \$40,000 each. They will prevent injuries to our EMTs from lifting patients with the old ones.

Social Committee

Marsha Hinsch

Since Covid-19 is going to be with us for a good while yet, the Social Committee has decided to cancel the following activities for the rest of the year. This includes the Christmas Party, Bunco, Game Day and Lunch Bunch. Hopefully, these activities can resume in 2021.

Updated New Website

<http://www.steeplechasecsa.com/>

The Steeplechase website has recently been updated. In the Documents section, the Steeplechase Community Service Association *Rules, Regulations, Policies and Specifications* has been updated and revised. You no longer need to look through the entire document to find what you are looking for. Now can just “click” on the subject you want, and go directly to that section.

For example, if you select “Exterior Paint Colors”, you will be taken directly to the section that lists all the exterior color specifications for shingles, siding, doors and trim colors for your specific building. And don’t forget, 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 the “Forms” tab.

These updates were made at the request of one of our neighbors. As always, I am looking for suggestions for future enhancements and additions to our site. Send any ideas or suggestions to me at davealison33@gmail.com .

Steeplechase News and Activities

Steeplechase Exterior Specifications

Recently, the SC board updated the paint and exterior specifications document for Steeplechase. The majority of the colors stayed the same but a few had to be updated to reflect discontinued colors. Jake Anderson, the representative from Sherwin Williams, was gracious enough to spend two full days in the community helping us to select colors as close as possible to the original.

We will mail a copy of the new specifications to all homeowners at a later date. We had a few situations, mostly involving siding and/or shingles, where no information was available. We will update these items as Alteration Requests are approved and we obtain specifics on the products used.

When you submit an alteration request, please include complete information on the products you are using - including the brand, color and a sample.

Thank you to Jake Anderson for all of his help and thank you to the residents who provided information.



Autumn is upon us, and I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers and Novembers! As we welcome in this wonderful season, let us welcome our new residents to our Steeplechase Community. They are:

Marina Rezk - 5536 Lantern Hill Extension

Leslie Ferris - 23 Hennig Drive

Kelly Heagy - 38 Hennig Drive

Paul Bildstein - 101 Steeplechase Court

Patrick Crawford - 5293 Caste Drive

Marlene Caponi - 9 Hennig Drive

We hope you find much happiness in your new home.

Roseann Brown

Obituaries

Marcy Rodaitis, LHE, August 30, 2020

Elaine Wiethorn, former resident, September 5, 2020

Carol Kelly, Belmont, October 12, 2020

Tom Selep, Duncan, October 16, 2020

Donald Rampolla, former resident, October 16, 2020

Alan Provolt, Duncan, October 21, 2020

Harry "Frank" Deitz, former resident, October 22, 2020

Elizabeth Gillot, Duncan, October 24, 2020

Sandra "Junie" Wilson, Hennig, October 31, 2020



Fall in Steeplechase



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 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 412-818-0233 or 7799judilewis@gmail.com**

If you need help, please call us.



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Newsletter.....Betty Long
Social.....Marsha Hinsch
Welcome.....Roseann Brown

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