



# Horse Tales

*Working together to be the best we can be!*

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## PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Hello Everyone ... and Happy New Year

Before I started with my President's letter, I took a look at what I wrote last January and found that what I said then is so important it bears repeating

...

*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, 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.*

Truth – We weren't exactly overwhelmed with responses to that plea... so, that's why I decided to repeat it. Our current group of volunteers are fabulous .... Without them Steeplechase would not be the Community that we know today. Many of our volunteers work on a "Committee" of one because no one has stepped up. If one of those volunteers were to resign or move, we would have no choice but to lose the service they are currently providing.

Won't you give it some thought? If you have questions about what might be involved, you can call the Committee Chair, or the Steeplechase Hotline, or any Board member. You are welcome to call me (412-818-0233).

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

As you might expect, the Board will not be holding open meetings. If the virus situation improves to the point that we can all feel comfortable, we will, of course, reopen the meetings.

The Board's meetings are scheduled for every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday – with the first meeting scheduled for January 18. If you have any items which you would like to have added to the Board's agenda, please let me know.

## **WHEN YOU NEED US**

Just a reminder .... Steeplechase volunteers are ready to help you when you have questions or suggestions. You can call your EPC Representative, the Steeplechase Hotline, any Board Member, or Tammy at CMP.

We ask only that you choose ONLY ONE of the above. If the person you speak with does not know the answer to your question, he/she will know where to find the answer and will get back to you. Problems come up when you decide to call more than one person ... things on our end get very confusing and it will only delay our getting back to you.

Judi Lewis

## Committee Reports

### Community Relations

Marilyn Dabkowski

Whitehall borough council members rotate the office of president. They serve a term of one year. This year the president is Robert McKown.

There will be no tax increase for 2021.

Council members are investigating the cost of removing the old pool and preparing the land. They want to be ready to act when the funds are available and the plans for the new pool are finalized. The new pool should be ready for 2022.

The new salt building is in use this year. The increased capacity means salt is available and public works does not have to wait for deliveries during storms. The old facilities are being renovated and will be used for storage.

### Social Committee

Marsha Hinsch

Hello Steeplechase. We are hoping to get our social activities up and running soon, 2020 has definitely put the brakes on a lot of activities. We have some great ideas for our 2nd annual picnic and can't wait to share!

This Christmas gave us a new tradition, the photos of your decorations, inside and out, and cute Christmas pictures of your pets posted on Facebook. It really helped make the season merrier, and will be an annual event. Thank you for making it a success. All the prizes were delivered and I hope we had a big winner.

I am hoping by the next newsletter I will be able to give you dates for Game Day, Picnic Day and other activities. Thank you.



**Updated New Website**

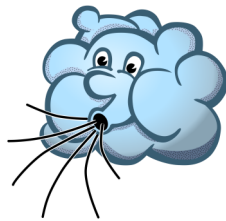
**<http://www.steeplechasecsa.com/>**

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 you 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](mailto:davealison33@gmail.com) .

**Steeplechase News and Activities**



**Recycle Receptacles**

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, there are occasions when it is windy on trash night and we wake up to trash strewn around the neighborhood. A call was made to Whitehall to clarify what can be used as a recycle container. The only container available from Whitehall is the current small blue one but it is acceptable to use a container with a lid as long as it is clearly labeled “Recycle”.

# Welcome

It's a new year, and new beginnings for us all, but especially for our new neighbors. We would like to welcome to our Steeplechase Community:

William Cline, 212 Parkside Lane  
Matthew Cecala 5 Hennig Drive  
Marco Giuntini 13 Hennig Drive  
James and Heather Buehler 202 Parkside Lane

We hope our new neighbors will enjoy good health and much happiness in their new homes.

Roseann Brown

## *Obituaries*

Robert Jendrzewski, Duncan Lane, December 12, 2020

Alexander Viecili, Belmont Lane, December 16, 2020

Charlotte Hinsch (Scott Hinsch's mother), Duncan Lane

December 19, 2020

Rita Davis, former resident, December 24, 2020



## 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 <a href="mailto:w.blong1@verizon.net">w.blong1@verizon.net</a>
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.



Victoria Baker 45 Hennig 412-956-4500  
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Social.....Marsha Hinsch  
Welcome.....Roseann Brown

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