



# Horse Tales

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S NEWS** **Judi Lewis**

Hello Everyone

Here we are ... climbing our way out of Covid and moving forward. We have a lot to talk about ... so, let's get started.

### **Board Meetings**

With the easing of the Covid restrictions, the Board has decided to resume with our regular open meetings beginning with the meeting scheduled for July 19. As we did before, we will meet in the meeting room at the Whitehall Fire Company on Weyman Road, beginning at 6:30.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and have something you would like the Board to consider, please let me know.

We are also making arrangements to hold our **Annual Owners' Meeting** at the South Hills Country Club on Thursday, November 11.

### **Steeplechase Landscaping**

If you live here, you know Tom Striegel. You know how dedicated he is to ensuring that Steeplechase puts its best landscaping foot forward every year – every season.

Tom has asked me to reach out to the Community to see if anyone would be interested in taking over some of the work. We do have a wonderful group who volunteer to do tasks for Tom ... this appeal is different. Tom would like someone who has the time and interest to learn the “Manager’s” job – to work closely with him as he takes us through the seasons – working with him as he works with our contractors.

If you are that person, please contact Tom to discuss – 412-901-7261.

## **Steeplechase Library**

Steeplechase Library???? ... you ask! YES! We're so excited.

One day my phone rang ... Alfie Chico calling. She wanted to tell me about her idea to set up a Steeplechase Library where people can donate books and, of course, borrow books. And ... as if that wasn't good enough, Alfie said she will take charge of this project. WOW! COOL!

By the time this Newsletter gets to you, we will probably be further along – but, as I'm writing, we are trying to find an Outdoor Library Box. (As an aside, if we have any cabinet makers in the Hood ... Well, just sayin...).

We plan to mount the Box in the cul de sac at the bottom of Duncan.

At the July Board meeting, the Board will adopt a Library Committee Charter so that we can allocate funds to the Committee for projects going forward. (I happen to know that Alfie has a LOT of fun ideas.)

If you have any interest in joining the Library Committee, please contact Alfie.

## **Decorating Committee**

I just want to take a minute to say a special THANK YOU to the group of volunteers who answered the call to help with putting up flags for Memorial Day. Not only did a GROUP volunteer; but, there they were ... meeting at the corner of Caste and Duncan in the POURING rain. The “flag bearers” got their flags and their assignments and we all got our flags – rain notwithstanding.

Steeplechase people are the BEST.

## **Caution**

We did have a very unfortunate event ... one of our residents was struck by a car while out walking. Fortunately, the resident was not seriously injured; however, a misstep can happen so quickly. We have so many walkers – Drivers need to be diligent and drive slowly. Please do your part. A more serious accident has the potential of changing people's lives forever.

## Steeplechase Website

Just another reminder ... If you haven't done so, I encourage you to spend some time looking over our website (Steeplechasecsa.com).

When Dave Allison volunteered to take responsibility for the website, he had visions. The old website was a great first attempt and served us well for years; however, we had no one, until Dave, who was willing and able to take advantage of technology advances. Dave totally redesigned the site, and he is relentless with ensuring it is kept up to date.

I've had calls from new residents, real estate agents, prospective buyers praising the site and the information that is available there. So, again, if you haven't already done so, you might want to get acquainted with the site.

## Committee Reports

### Landscape

Tom Striegel

There is something about caring for plants, grass and gardens that makes me feel more human, I learned this from my father who loved to plant, grow and care for flowers and vegetables. I love to see the beautiful spring blooms on Hennig; I love to tend to the grass and the plants and to make them thrive. I love to see the maturation of summer as the grass starts to get a little browner; summer flowers thrive on the newfound heat of the sun, although, I get a little more nervous around this time worrying about when the next rain will come.

There has been a lot of activity for the Landscape Committee this spring. We have a new Landscape contractor. We paved the governor's drive on Lantern Hill and Paddock Lane. Later this spring or early summer we will seal all the common drives and parking pads in the community. The new trees and grass we planted at the park entrance at the bend on Lantern Hill Extension are growing well.

The main island has been planted with spring and summer flowers, making this a beautiful entrance to our community. We have expanded the large flowering hibiscus to other locations in the community, especially around the mailboxes. We will also replace plants that did not make it through the winter (especially on Lantern Hill Extension). I, and the community wish to see these plants survive and thrive. That leads me to a request. When you see new plants, take a few minutes to give them a drink of water, they will thank you.

Steeplechase looks the best this year that I have ever seen.

Happy summer.....

**Social**

Betty Long

The Social Committee is working very hard to revive some of the social activities that were curtailed by Covid. As you read through the newsletter, you will see the activities that are upcoming such as the Lunch Bunch, the Annual Picnic and the Garage Sale. If anyone is interested in Game Day or Bunco, please call Betty Long (412-881-6841) or Sandy Gimiliano (412-885-4207)

**Save the date: December 10, 2021 for the Annual Christmas Party**

**Website**

Dave Alison

[www.steeplechasecsa.com](http://www.steeplechasecsa.com)

The Steeplechase website has a wealth of information for current and prospective homeowners. The “FAQ” tab has answers to many of the *Frequently Asked Questions* we receive, including what to do when buying or selling a home in Steeplechase, and questions about parking specialty vehicles on the community streets.

And don't miss the link on the bottom of the “About Us” tab where you can find back issues of our Horse Tales newsletter.

If you are considering making changes to the exterior of your home, a printable copy of the Alteration Request form can be found under the “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](mailto:davealison33@gmail.com).



We have four new residents to our Steeplechase Community. We wish a warm welcome to:

Chad Farrington, 14 Hennig Drive

Sharon Vietmeier, 29 Hennig Drive

Gary & Diane Goedert, 3035 Duncan Lane

Jacquelyn Kuehner, 47 Hennig Drive

We are delighted to have you as our new neighbors and we hope you have many happy and healthy years in your new home.

## **Steeplechase News and Activities.**

### **Steeplechase Community Library**

The Steeplechase Community Library will have its grand opening Sunday, August 1 at 7 PM. You'll be able to take a book after the winners of our first game—Find Bella in the Neighborhood.

Who's Bella?, you may ask. Bella is our mascot, a tiny colorful book worm. Find her in a common area, perhaps sunning on a stone. If you find her bring her to the grand opening and you will be the first or second person to take a book.

The Steeplechase Community Library will be open every day. You can take a book or leave a book. There will also be a clipboard for messages, comments or a poem. We're hoping to become a hub for book lovers and a way to connect with our neighbors.



## **Monthly Lunch Bunch Returns!**

One of the gatherings that has been missed for the last year is the monthly lunch bunch get togethers. We here at Steeplechase always enjoy eating and talking!

The Social Committee would like to establish a list of individuals who are willing to host a lunch bunch. For those who have never done so, it is easy. Just pick a date and a restaurant, make reservations, then a few days prior to the date, re-confirm the count with the restaurant. Two phone calls—it is that simple! Be sure to confirm with the restaurant that we can order from the menu and have separate checks.

By having a ready made list of volunteers, we can contact people as needed in the event that no one has already signed up to host for a particular month.

If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Joan Stover, Lunch Bunch Coordinator, at 412-819-0778 (H) or 412-417-1327 (cell).

We sincerely hope you will consider helping us to maintain this fun activity.

### **July Lunch Bunch**

Walnut Grill  
Cool Springs  
Baptist Rd.  
Wednesday, July 14, 2021  
11:30 am  
RSVP Marilyn Dabkowski  
by July 7th

### **August Lunch Bunch**

Carbonara's  
250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd.  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021  
11:30 am  
RSVP Betty Long  
by August 6th  
412-881-6841

## **Steeplechase Board Meetings**

Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Whitehall Fire Dept., Weyman Rd

Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Whitehall Fire Dept., Weyman Rd

SC Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:00 pm, South Hills Country Club

## The Steeplechase Annual Picnic is Back

It is time to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new friends.



When: August 28th, 2021

Where: Belmont Lane

Time: 4:00 till 8:00

Cost: Free to Steeplechase Residents, \$30 for guests.

Please make checks payable to Steeplechase CSA

Food will be provided by Remo's Catering

Menu will be BBQ chicken, hamburgers, Ball Park franks, corn on the cob, baked beans, pasta salad and fruit salad.

Dessert will be brownies by Cibrone's Bakery

Soft drinks and water will be provided. If you want to enjoy an alcoholic beverage, please feel free to bring them.

In order for the social committee to adequately plan for tents, tables, chairs and food, we are requesting that you make your reservations **ASAP**.

**Absolutely no reservations will be taken after August 14th.**

To make your reservation Call Sandy Gimiliano at 412-885-4207

Text: 412-965-3847

Email: [jsg1946@icloud.com](mailto:jsg1946@icloud.com)




 The logo for the Community Yard Sale features the word "COMMUNITY" in white capital letters on a red rectangular background. Below it, the words "YARD SALE" are written in white capital letters on a series of red and blue hanging tags that resemble price tags.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 (8:00AM until 2:00 PM)

Start to gather together all those items you no longer want or need to sell at the BIG Steeplechase garage sale. Remember “one person’s junk is another person’s treasure.”

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 off the street and remember that all of Whitehall’s parking laws apply.

This year in lieu of the hot dog sale we will have 3 food trucks:

- Knock About Coffee Truck: featuring various coffees, teas, and assorted baked goods.
- Benvenuti’s Pizza Factory: breakfast pizza, assorted regular pizzas, Stromboli, calzones, knots and soft drinks and water.
- Greater’s Ice Cream: assorted flavors





## 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](http://www.steeplechasecsa.com)

No login or password is needed 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](mailto: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](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 412-818-0233 or 7799judilewis@gmail.com**

## If you need help, please call us.



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 Diane Burkhart Kunkel 1033 Duncan 412-882-5384

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

### Management Office

#### Community Management Professionals (CMP)

200 Commerce Drive, Suite 206  
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**Phone:** 412-279-9280

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
July 14, 2021	11:30	Lunch Bunch Walnut Grill at Cool Springs
July 19, 2021	6:30	Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept. on Weyman Rd
August 11, 2021	11:30	Lunch Bunch Carbonara's
August 28, 2021	4—8	Steeplechase Picnic Belmont Lane
Sept. 11, 2021	8am—2pm	Steeplechase Garage Sale
Sept. 20, 2021	6:30	Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept. on Weyman Rd
November 11, 2021	7:00	Annual Meeting South Hills Country Club