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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Hello Everyone

And, the days are getting longer – YES!!!!

Just to get my annual spring reminder out of the way – please remember that you must submit an Alteration Request before starting any work on the outside of your home. You might want to take a minute to review the rule about Alterations – you can find it on the Steeplechase Web site along with the Alteration Request form. If you have any questions, you can call your EPC representative, the Steeplechase Hotline or Tammy at CMP.

Plans for 2021

The Board met on Monday, February 22, to review our plans for this year. Late last year, I gave you a list of projects that were being discussed. I'm pleased to tell you that all of these projects are on track...

Lampposts: Jim Cibrone, working with McGervey Electric, has identified three locations where additional lampposts will be added:

Corner of Lantern Hill Ext and Parkside
Parkside
Lantern Hill Ext on the left side of Whitehall Park area.

A fourth location is being considered, but, plans are not yet finalized.

Repaving: Tom Striegel presented two bids for the repaving work on the Access Drive in the rear of the homes at 5200 – 5210 Lantern Hill; and all of Paddock Lane. The Board awarded the contract to Topcoat Sealing, Inc. This work is on scheduled to be done in May.

Exterior Paint Chart: Valerie Wolfe has done a fabulous job of updating our Paint Chart with Sherwin Williams colors. As the chart is being finalized, it will continue to be updated on the Steeplechase website. Ultimately, a new copy will be mailed to all residents.

Reserve Study: The Board will contract 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

The Board has also identified two additional projects for this year ...

Lantern Hill Extension: One area that continues to be an eye sore is the area along Lantern Hill Extension that abuts the land dedicated to become a Whitehall Park. This area is in need of cleaning and sprucing. For some reason, people seem to think it's a trash dump. Since Whitehall has no immediate plans to start work on the Park, the Board has awarded a contract to Green Leaf Landscape and LawnCare, Inc. to establish a 20-foot-deep mowable grass area along the road and plant six Red Sunset Maple trees.

Detention Pond: As you know, Dan Caste deeded the detention pond area to Steeplechase after he had the area inspected in accordance with Pennsylvania law. With the help of Melissa Ruff, we obtained all the paperwork from that inspection. We will now be required to have an inspection done annually; and an inspection will be done this year.

And, finally, the Steeplechase Annual Inspection

As you know, last year we divided the Community among Board members, to inspect. This approach worked extremely well, and we will do so again this year. Obviously, the Board members are very familiar with our rules and our expectations for how the Community is maintained. Each Inspector will do inspections at his/her convenience – but, we're hoping all inspections will be done before the end of June.

We will continue to do follow-up inspections each month.

If you receive a letter, please don't ignore it. If you dispute what you are being asked to do, or if you find that you are not able to complete the maintenance work within the time specified, please let us know. If you just ignore the letter, it will ultimately lead to fines. No one wants that to happen.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns. We will be happy to work with you to get these problems resolved.

Judi Lewis

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Marilyn Dabkowski

A big thank you to the road crews who have kept our roads clear during the multiple snow events this year.

Landscape

Tom Striegel

Did I just see a Daffodil? What, there's another and there's a Crocus. Oh, what a wonderful *dream* that was.

We all know it is much too cold and snowy for spring flowers, especially with what I am looking at right now. The yard is piled with snow, the driveway is covered with ice. But I still like to dream of what is coming. We are halfway through February, and last spring we started to cut grass in March, the earliest ever in our history. Maybe there is something to global warming.

There is change coming, however. We put the landscape contract out for bids and the winning bidder was another contractor we have used in the community for several years. **We will have a new landscape Contractor.** That will take some getting used to especially until they learn all the different cutting techniques in the community such as where to use the big mowers, what has to be cut by hand mowers etc. Care that has to be taken when we have an excess of rain and some of the rear yards are quite wet. We have gone over many of the situations they will encounter but, we will still have to have lots of patience until they get it right.

We will also be doing the regular repair and replacement that occurs when we have had extreme heat like we had last year.

One thing I want to comment on is that I have been very impressed how Lantern

Hill Extension just keeps improving every year. Grass is starting to grow better, the flowers that have been planted in front of the houses are absolutely beautiful and certainly makes the community look very good. Thank you.

Is anyone willing to volunteer to help do another fun project planting bulbs next fall? Email me tomstrie@aol.com.

Website

Dave Alison

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.

Steeplechase News and Activities

LifeSpan Senior Services at Bethel Park

A Steeplechase resident made us aware of the “Grab ‘n’ Go Lunch” program at the Bethel Park LifeSpan Center, 5151 Park Ave., Bethel Park, PA 15102. You do not need to be a resident of Bethel Park to sign up with them if you are age 60 or over.

They ask for a \$7.50 donation for the Lunch program, which provides 5 frozen entrees, 5 fruits, 5 desserts and 5 milks. Your order needs to be placed on Monday, before noon, and picked up on Wednesday between 11:00-noon. They will bring your order to your car.

If you are interested, you can call Gary at LifeSpan, 412-831-7111, and sign up with them. Then, you will be eligible for the lunch program any week you wish.



We are very happy to welcome to the Steeplechase Community our new neighbors.

Michael & Jacqueline Boyle, 5206 Lantern Hill Drive.

Wilhelmina Speicher, 1012 Duncan Lane

Anthony P. Rowsick, 102 Paddock Lane

We hope you are happy and healthy in your new home.

Welcome!

Roseann Brown

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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