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PRESIDENT'S NEWS Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

As I'm writing, we are in full production mode for the Community picnic. What a FABULOUS turn-out. Right now we have over 140 people planning to be there. Fingers crossed for nice weather.

I thought it might be a good idea to give you an update on the projects that we had planned for this year.

Lampposts: When I wrote to you earlier this year, the plan was to add three (possibly four) additional lampposts. As with so many things this year, trying to find a contractor who has the help to bid on new projects is (to say the least) a challenge. Our frustration led to an idea – What about a solar lamppost? If solar works, we won't be so limited on possible locations. As things stand now, we hope to install one solar lamppost in the cul-de-sac on Steeplechase Court this fall. We will evaluate its effectiveness through the winter and decide if this is the way to go.

Repaving: Check!! Work completed on the Access Drive in the rear of the homes at 5200 – 5210 Lantern Hill and all of Paddock Lane. We also completed crack filling and sealing on other asphalt in the Community

Exterior Paint Chart: Check!! New Chart is on the website.

Reserve Study: Project on course for completion this fall. Have received quote from engineering firm.

Lantern Hill Extension: Check!! Green Leaf Landscaping cleaned the area and installed a 20-foot mowable grass area and planted six trees.

Detention Pond: Check!! Inspection completed by Gales Engineering & Land Surveyors. Report states: “The stormwater features appear to be in good condition and no maintenance necessary.” We are required to have this inspection done annually.

Steeplechase Annual Inspection: Check!! The Community was divided among Board members. Inspections were completed and letters sent. Monthly follow-up inspections continue. Thank you to Homeowners for your cooperation in having required maintenance work completed.

We were able to hold our first open Board Meeting in July. It was very nice to see some residents. We’re also very grateful to the Whitehall Fire Company for allowing us to use their meeting room.

And, one last thing ... I work with the most amazing people – on the Board and on our Committees. I could write a book on the things these people contribute to Steeplechase. Having said that – this is a very large and vibrant Community. It takes a lot of work! If everyone helped just a little ... well, just imagine. The Board and Committees will continue to tackle the big projects – can you help us with the pesky little things? Can you pick up after your dog? Can you remove the little mailbox signs after a lawn treatment? If you see something askew, can you fix it – or call the Hotline?

We’re working so hard to make Steeplechase the best it can be – and that takes all of us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Picnic.

Judi Lewis

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Marilyn Dabkowski

Whitehall swimming pool update: The removal of the old pool is complete and the new pool will be constructed and will open in 2023.

During Whitehall Community week-end, Meghan Schiller was named “person of the year”. Ms. Schiller is a KDKA television news anchor, grew up in Whitehall and attended St. Gabriel School. She is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University where she studied vocal performance. Meghan has a beautiful voice and sang “God Bless America” the day she received the honor.

Internet

Dave Alison

www.steeplechasecsa.com

A “Calendar of Events” has recently been added to our website. When you go to www.steeplechasecsa.com, check the bottom of the Home page to find out about all of the activities that are happening in our community.

In addition, the link on the bottom of the “About Us” tab is where you can find back issues of our Horse Tales newsletter.

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 .

Library

Alfie Chico



About 50 Steeplepeople were on hand for the opening of the community library on lower Duncan. Sangria and bottled water kept the group well hydrated. Snacks included cheese and crackers, pretzels and dip and fruit. The ribbon was cut by Judi Lewis. The removal of the tarp was performed by Scott Hinsch and Alfie Chico revealing the library filled with great books.

Since no one found the Bella bookworm stones, the people chosen to use the library first was the oldest and the youngest. I won't say who the oldest was only that he doesn't look his age.

People stayed about an hour and half, it was lovely visiting with neighbors. Other board members present were Randy Wolfe and Scott Hinsch.

For those who were unable to attend here are some things to remember about our library.

1. It's open 24 hours a day and every day of the week.
2. You can take a book without leaving a book.
3. There's a black journal with a pen kept in the library to communicate upcoming events, or if you are looking for a specific book or author or to leave a comment.
4. There are book marks in the library if you would like to comment on a specific book.

Some current books available are : The Splendid and the Vile by Eric Larson, a non fiction about the Churchills and WWII in England and The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah a novel taking place during the dust bowl in Texas.



Steeplechase News and Activities



Last year we had a tremendous response to our request to help those who are food insecure and in need.

Once gain, we are prevailing upon the generosity of the community. We will be collecting donations on:

Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3, 2021

8am to 2pm

Carol Kessler's driveway (1069 Duncan Lane).

Nonperishable food items (be sure to check the expiration dates), toiletries, paper products, cash and grocery store gift cards are all needed.

Plans are being made to have a coffee truck each morning. Anyone who donates to the food drive will receive a voucher for a free cup of coffee.



Martini Tasting Party

James Bond prefers his martini shaken not stirred and he likes a traditional martini, but have you ever wanted to try a chocolate-tini or an appletini? How about a lemoncello, dirty martini or a cosmopolitan? Come to the Steeplechase martini tasting party and see what our resident mixologist, Bill Long, has planned to tempt your palate. Of course, Betty will have taste-tempting treats to accompany the martinis.

When: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Where: 1024 Duncan (Long's Pub)

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00 per person

(make checks payable to Steeplechase CSA)

Space is limited, we can only accommodate 40 people

(remember, you must be 21 to attend)

RSVP Betty by October 11, 2021

412-881-6841



Monthly Lunch Bunch Returns!

We here at Steeplechase always enjoy eating and talking!

If you would like to host a Lunch Bunch, 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.



September Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Harry's Pizza

4133 Washington, Rd

McMurray

RSVP Valerie Wolfe

By Sept. 12th

270-871-8458

October Lunch Bunch

Thursday October 7, 2021

Castle Tavern South

6347 Library Rd/Rt. 88

Just past Trolley Stop

RSVP Sandy Gimiliano

By October 5th

412-885-4207

Steeplechase Board Meetings

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm (revised date)

Whitehall Fire Dept., Weyman Rd

SC Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 2021 7:00 pm

South Hills Country Club

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, September 11th 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.
- Graeter’s Ice Cream: assorted flavors



Obituaries

John “Jack” Krieger—former resident, June 28, 2021

Eric C Haag—former resident, July 6, 2021

Marlene Koenig—Duncan Lane, July 23, 2021

John Brandtner—Duncan Lane, August 9, 2021



WELCOME

We have 4 new residents in our community, they are:

Anthony & Alexius Macklin 5474 Lantern Hill Ext.

Charles Prosser 1049 Duncan Lane

Danielle Farris 115 Paddock Lane

Richard & Sandy Gibson 4013 Belmont Lane

A very warm welcome to you, and we hope you enjoy your new home
in the Steeplechase Community!

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

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 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
 Marilyn Beckstrom 1059 Duncan 412-881-1199
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 Cathy McGinley 1015 Duncan 412-884-3629
 Michael Fisher 4037 Belmont 412-819-0131
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 Welcome.....Roseann Brown

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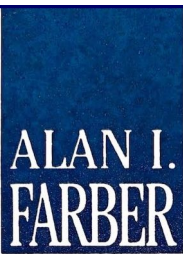
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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
September 11, 2021	8 am—2 pm	Steeplechase Garage Sale
September 13, 2021	6:30 pm	Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept. on Weyman Rd
September 14, 2021	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Harry's Pizza, 4133 Washington Rd
September 20 & 21, 2021		Bus trip to Kinzua Bridge & PA Grand Caanyon
October 2 & 3, 2021	8 am—2 pm	Food Drive Corner of Duncan and Caste
October 11, 2021	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Castle Tavern South, 6347 Library Rd/RT. 88
October 16, 2021	7:00 pm	Martini Tasting Long's, 1024 Duncan Lane
November 11, 2021	7:00	Annual Meeting South Hills Country Club
December 10, 2021	5:30 pm	Christmas Party Salvatore's, 5001 Curry Rd