



# Horse Tales

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## **PRESIDENT'S NEWS**

**Judi Lewis**

Hello Everyone

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

From the Board's perspective, nothing is more important at this moment than Tom Striegel's announcement that he is retiring from the Board and his other Steeplechase projects effective January 1, 2022. (See article on page 3).

As I'm sure all of you know, Tom has made tremendous contributions to us as a Board member, Landscape Committee Chair, Finance Committee member, and EPC Representative for all residents on Duncan Lane. We are looking for people to help us fill these voids.

### **Board Position**

Tom was reelected to a 3-year term in November. His replacement would serve that term and would be up for reelection in November, 2024. The Board meets every other month on the third Monday beginning in January.

Please consider this carefully. If you have an interest, please send me an email ([7799judilewis@gmail.com](mailto:7799judilewis@gmail.com)), and tell me about yourself – your background and experience and why you would like to join the Steeplechase Board.

### **Landscaping**

We all know what a tremendous job Tom has done in this area. The beautiful, well-maintained common areas are not an accident. Tom toured the Community virtually daily to make sure things were as they should be. When he found a problem, more often than not, he just took care of it.

We don't know how we're going to replace this kind of commitment. If you have thoughts or suggestions, or are interested in either joining or chairing the Landscape Committee, please let me know.

## **Finance**

The Finance Committee manages the investments of our Repair and Replacement Fund with Ameritrade. Don Fox chairs the Committee. We are looking for someone with a strong Financial background. If you have an interest, please send me an email with your background, experience and reasons for wanting to help us in this very important role.

## **EPC Representative**

We have needed help on the EPC Committee for some time. With Tom's retirement, we have only enough volunteers to cover one-third of the Community. Volunteers for this Committee are a contact for residents who have questions or who need help. Don't let that scare you. EPC representatives are not expected to know how to answer every question or resolve every problem. EPC representatives will know who to call to get the needed information/help. Your function is to relieve the Homeowner of this stress and get the information they need.

**As of January 1, 2022, all residents on Duncan will have to call the Hotline for assistance.**

## **Community Relations Committee**

Marilyn Dabkowski is also retiring from her position on the Community Relations Committee effective January 1, 2022. Marilyn has been a very active volunteer for many years. She has attended Whitehall Council meetings faithfully and assumed the Chair for the Committee in 2020. Marilyn – Thank You for your time, efforts and contributions to Steeplechase.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Chuck Chasler, Steeplechase Court, has volunteered to Chair the Community Relations Committee. We all look forward to working with you, Chuck.

## **Need For Volunteers**

We have reached out many times for volunteers – with very little response. The current staff of volunteers cannot handle everything. We truly need help. Without our volunteers, we will either have to pay outside contractors for help, or we will have to do without some of the services we've become accustomed to.

Please give these requests some serious attention. If you'd like additional information, you can email me ([7799judilewis@gmail.com](mailto:7799judilewis@gmail.com)), or you can call me 412-818-0233.

## Gary, our Mail Carrier

We have also lost our very thoughtful and kind mail carrier, Gary. He too decided to retire at the end of 2021. The Board approved a \$100 gift for Gary which I presented to him just before Christmas.

He was very appreciative and said he will miss everyone.

In early December, 2021, Tom Striegel submitted the following letter to the Steeplechase Board ...

It has been my privilege to serve Steeplechase for 14 years. In 2010, I joined the Finance Committee. I have also been involved with the Landscape Committee for around 14 years, and became the head of the Committee around 7 years ago. Then, the most exciting part, was about 6 years ago when I joined the Executive Board.

We can be very proud of our community, Steeplechase's finances are in good order and the many islands, flower beds and tree plantings throughout the community make Steeplechase an inviting place to live and to welcome visitors.

Now it is time for me to step back. It is time for "*me to smell the roses*" not to plant them! Now I go with the wish that Steeplechase will continue to be the delightful place to live and that brought us here in the first place. I wish the best for the wonderful and caring Executive Board that Steeplechase is very fortunate to have. It was great to be part of it.

Sincerely,  
Tom Striegel

Tom – All of us THANK YOU for all that you have contributed. You can honestly say that you are retiring and leaving us better than you found us.

May you have many years of happy and healthy "smelling of the roses."

## Committee Reports

### Internet

Dave Alison

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

A “Calendar of Events” was added to our website. When you go to [www.steeplechasecsa.com](http://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 [davealison@gmail.com](mailto:davealison@gmail.com).

### Library

Alfie Chico

The SC Library is located at the cul de sac on Lower Duncan.

It is open 24 hours a day every day of the week.

You can take a book without leaving a book.

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.

There are book marks in the library if you would like to comment on a specific book.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

### **STEEPLECHASE MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

On January 7, 2022, David Sylvester announced the merger of F. David Sylvester & Associates, Inc. and Community Management Professionals, LLC, forming a new firm, Community Management Advisors, Inc. (CMA).

Steeplechase has been managed by Community Management Professionals (previously Community Management Specialists) since the early 1980s. In 2017, Dave Sylvester purchased CMP and the two firms have worked together basically as one company.

Mr. Sylvester announced “Although our name has changed to reflect the merger, the same dedicated staff remains to continue to serve our clients and customers to the best of our abilities.”

Effective immediately, the phone number has changed to **412-269-7800**. All extension numbers will remain the same. To reach the Steeplechase Hotline, call this new number and extension 142#. Tammy Mersing’s extension remains 200#.



Carol Ann Wolicki 5517 Lantern Hill Extension  
James & Deborah Bevan 1047 Duncan Lane  
Sai Mattam 103 Paddock Lane  
Mark & Elizabeth Ketterer 105 Paddock Lane

We all look forward to meeting you and we hope you have many years of happiness in your new home!

### Obituaries

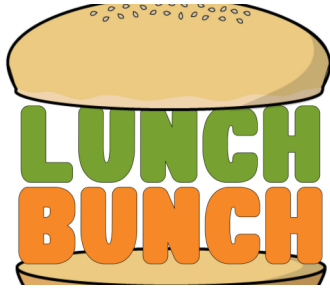
John Held, former resident, November 12, 2021

Patricia Tydeman, former resident, November 19, 2021

Richard Nobs, former resident, December 15, 2021

Marty Laska, former resident, December 22, 2021





**February Lunch Bunch**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**

**11:30 am**

Gianna Via's

5301 Grove Rd. (Caste Village)RSVP

Sandy Gimiliano

By February 12, 2022

412-885-4207

**Steeplechase Board Meetings**

All meetings will be held at the Whitehall Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the Annual Owner's Meeting which will be held at the South Hills Country Club at 7:00 p.m.

January 17, 2022

Board Meeting

March 21, 2022

Board Meeting

May 16, 2022

Board Meeting

July 18, 2022

Board Meeting

September 19, 2022

Board Meeting

November—TBD

Annual Owners' Meeting



**Passport to Pittsburgh and Steeplechase present:  
One Night Only ! With the Temps and The Tops  
Thursday April 14th, 2021 4:30 - 10 pm  
\$175 per person**

Tour includes: Roundtrip Transportation by luxury shuttle, Dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe, Main floor Orchestra level Concert Ticket and Driver Gratuity

**4:30pm** - Pick up in **Steeplechase** - Locations to TBD

**5:00 - 6:45pm**- Dinner at **The Hard Rock Cafe** in Station Square. Dinner includes a choice of entree ( Legendary Steak Burger, Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Mac and Cheese with Grilled Chicken, Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad or Chicken Tenders) sides, dessert , non alcoholic beverage , tax , and gratuity. ( Cash bar will be available)

**7:00pm** - Check in at **Heinz Hall**. Photo ID , Vaccination Card and mask are required at this time.

**7:30 pm**- One Night Only ! with The Temps and The Tops performed in beautiful Heinz Hall. It's going to be a "Double Header" evening filled with the iconic Motown, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Grammy Lifetime Achievement music of *The Temptations and The Four Tops* performing all their greatest hits.

**10:30 pm**- Return to Steeplechase depending on length of concert and traffic.

**Only 25 tickets!** Your payment secures your reservation.

Questions: Kim Adley 412-298-0409

Checks are made payable to Passport to Pittsburgh and can be given to Betty Long





## 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 Advisors (CMA) main number **412-269-7800**, 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 CMA at **412-269-7800**.

### 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	Call the SC Hotline at 412-269-7800 Ext 142#
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 412-269-7800 Ext 142#
Caste Drive 5281 thru 5293 Lantern Hill Drive 5200 thru 5211	Call the SC Hotline at 412-269-7800 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.



Victoria Baker 45 Hennig 412-956-4500  
 Marilyn Beckstrom 1059 Duncan 412-881-1199  
 Mary Rose Chasler 111 Steeplechase Ct 716-679-5141  
 Cathy McGinley 1015 Duncan 412-884-3629  
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 Social.....Betty Long  
 Welcome.....Roseann Brown

### Management Office

#### Community Management Advisors (CMA)

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 Moon Township, PA 15108

**Phone:** 412-269-7800

**Fax:** 412-269-7780

Tammy Mersing, Extension 200#

#### Website address:

[www@cmamgt.com](http://www@cmamgt.com)

### Steeplechase Sponsors

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If interested, please contact:  
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412-897-2764 or [dkujawa@me.com](mailto:dkujawa@me.com)

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
January 17, 2022	6:30 p.m.	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Department
February 14, 2022	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch Gianna Via's (Caste Village)
March 21, 2022	6:30 p.m.	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Department
April 14, 2022	4:30 pm— 10:30 pm	SC Bus Trip The Temptations & The Four Tops