

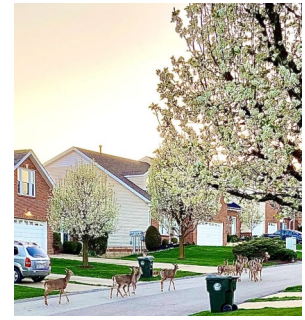


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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

I'm always excited to write my spring letter. I know – I say this every year ... but, truth is I just love spring. Steeplechase turns into such a beautiful place.

This is the time I always remind folks that our rules require that you submit an Alteration Request and get approval before doing any work on the outside of your residence. So, I guess I'm reminding you again; but, quite honestly, the cooperation from the Community on this has been phenomenal. THANK YOU for that. If you have any questions, you can always call the Steeplechase Hotline and someone will help you.

Plans for 2023

The Board met on Monday, March 20. We discussed some projects for this year.

Finance Committee: The Board approved an amendment to the Finance Committee charter which added Operating Fund oversight to its responsibilities. The Board also approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to set up a “reserve” fund within the Operating Fund. The Finance Committee will make recommendations for the investment of funds going into this reserve based on the amount of cash on hand and the expected timing of upcoming expenses. While our Operating account does earn a minimal interest, we saw this as an opportunity to increase those earnings. We are so thankful having this dedicated group of volunteers sharing their expertise with the Community.

Lampposts: Some residents on Steeplechase Court continue to request additional lighting. As reported last year, the problem is the expense of trying to tie into an electrical source. The experiment using solar lights simply did not work out. I guess we just don't get enough sun to make solar lights effective. Anyway, one resident thinks he may have found a way to access an electrical source without having to dig under the street. If there is a way, the Board will certainly consider it.

Repaving: As I reported last year, Randy Wolfe volunteered to manage the asphalt work which was previously managed by Tom Striegel. This year, the Board approved an Asphalt Committee, which Randy will Chair. Randy will work with our asphalt contractor and Mr. Dave Sylvester from CMA to inspect the asphalt which was not replaced last year and report to the Board the status of the remaining service drives. This report will be updated annually and will project asphalt repair/replacement for the next 20 years. We feel this approach will give the Finance Committee a great tool for anticipating when we will need funds from the Repair and Replacement Fund and guide them in their investment decisions. In the past, we have used outside Engineering Consulting Firms for this information. The problem with that approach – well, first, we had to pay for it, but, more importantly, the report was done every 4-5 years. No one was here to see what was going on every year. Having this Committee on site and updating ever year will give us so much more information. Again, we are so blessed having people who are willing to share their expertise with the Community.

Landscaping: John Paravati has done a fantastic job managing the Landscaping work. Check his article for information on the grass cutting contract.

Annual Inspection: As we have done the last couple of years, Board members will do the annual inspection. Special THANK YOU to Linda Alison for volunteering to help with this project. 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.

And, finally, we need everyone to accept responsibility for their own things.

PLEASE help us manage the following issues:

TRASH: Please secure your trash – especially recyclables. I don't know why the weather gods choose Sunday nights for wind storms ... what I do know is that trash ends up all over the place. Once again, we had to hire a crew to come in and pick up trash. There goes money that could be used for something a lot more fun than trash. If trash is scattered, couldn't you pick it up? Do we really have to pay someone to come in and do that for us?

DOGS: Personally, I think we are very lucky that we live in a Community that permits dogs. I love mine and would not be living here if they weren't allowed to be with me.

Dogs, however, require attention and work. With the number of them that we have in Steeplechase, we each need to be looking after our own.

PLEASE pick up after your dog. I could go on about how disgusting it is to walk by (or worse in) dog poop...But, you know that already.

In addition, when dogs urinate on our shrubs, it damages the shrubs – and, ultimately kills them. We're proud of our landscaping, and we dedicate a significant amount of our Operating account to maintain and improve it. That money is wasted when our plantings are damaged/killed from dogs' markings.

PARKING: Please ask family and friends who park on our streets, to be careful they are not parked on the grass. As I said, we dedicate a significant amount of our Operating Account to maintain our appearance. We believe this work enhances the value of all of our investments. Having to spend money to repair careless damage is money we should not have to spend.

It takes all of us to be the best we can be. Thank you all for your help and understanding.

Judi Lewis

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Chuck Chasler

The new Whitehall Borough street signs are up and they look great. If there are any issues with your sign contact Eric Harris, director of public works at 412-884-0505 x 311 or email at eharris@whitehallboro.org.

For updates on the swimming pool and pool passes access the Borough web site and check under recreation. The Borough face book page contains additional information. According to the facebook page, the anticipated completion date is June 1; but the date for opening day could be extended.

Internet

Dave Alison

Steeplechase Website

www.steeplechasecsa.com

Have you looked at our NEW website? There have been many changes since the first of the year, and more are on the way. Access to the website is free and open to everyone. No password is required. Just log into www.steeplechasecsa.com from your home computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

The Calendar of Upcoming Events on the home page is an easy way to check on what is happening in our community. And, under the Forms tab, you can find a printable copy of the Alteration Request Form, if you plan to do any work on the outside of your home.

The FAQ section of our website provides answers to many common questions, including those about vehicle parking policies, architectural requirements, landscaping and property maintenance, and buying or selling a home in Steeplechase.

The Documents section has a complete listing of the By-laws, Covenants, Policies, Rules and Regulations that make Steeplechase a desirable place to live. The website also has contact information for our Board of Directors, and financial statements.

As always, send any ideas or suggestions to me at davealison33@gmail.com .

Landscape

John Paravati

Due to Green Leaf having a labor shortage, we will be switching the landscaping company to Peak. They will be taking over the grass cutting and all the other landscaping duties. I will continue working with Green Leaf on some of our smaller projects. Please be patient as we make this transition.

Library—Steeplechase United Book Club

Alfie Chico

The Steeplechase Library welcomed Spring with a constant exchange of books. Since most of our books are current and in great shape, I am now donating them to the Whitehall Public Library. They have an ongoing book sale by the fireplace.

The Steeplechase Booksbook club met on March 31st with a wonderful discussion of memorable women in books. Many of the women were historical, one being a Russian Sniper, Eleanor Roosevelt and the women who worked on the Atomic Bomb during WWII. Fictional characters also discussed were a female chemist and an autistic woman, working as a maid in a luxury boutique hotel who becomes enmeshed in a murder.

Brandon reminded us that March is National Women's History Month, established March 9th, 1980 by President Jimmy Carter. He proclaimed: "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well. ". What a grand proclamation!

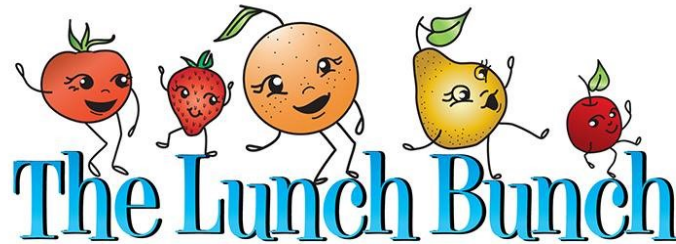
Brandon gave us a handout of overlooked women of history. If interested, see Alfie or Brandon. The books can be found at the Whitehall Public Library or they can obtain them for you.

The next Steeplechase Books discussion will be **May 26** at 1023 Duncan. We will be discussing books we've re-read or have read multiple times and why we feel compelled to do so. First timers are always welcome.

Obituaries

Lois Sites, Belmont Lane, April 7, 2023

STEEPLECHASE NEWS & ACTIVITIES



May Lunch Bunch
Friday, May 19, 2023
 11:00 am
 Harry's Pizza
 4133 Washington Rd
 McMurray, PA 15317
 RSVP: Carol Kessler
 412-207-9003
 By Tuesday, May 16, 2023

June Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
 11:30 am
 Bella's
 91 Fort Couch Rd
 Pittsburgh, PA 15241
 RSVP: Tom Striegel
 412-884-7740
 By Friday, June 16, 2023

Steeplechase Board Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Whitehall Fire Department on Weyman Rd. at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the Annual Owners' Meeting which will be held at GV Social Hall, 5311 McAnnulty Rd.

May 15, 2023

Board Meeting

July 17, 2023

Board Meeting

September 18, 2023

Board Meeting

November 9, 2023

Annual Owners' Meeting

The Steeplechase Annual

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Once again, it is time to get together with old friends and meet new friends.

When: Saturday June 24, 2023

Where: Belmont Lane

Time: 4:00 till 8:00

Cost: Free to Steeplechase Residents

\$30 for guests. Children under 10 are free.

Please make checks payable to Steeplechase Social Committee

Food will be provided by Salvatore's Catering

Menu will be BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sweet and hot sausage, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, linguini and fresh 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.

There will be a 50/50 raffle.

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 June 14th.

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

Email: jsg1946@icloud.com

All messages will receive a return response





STEEPLECHASE SOCIAL COMMITTEE HOAGIE/PEPPERONI ROLL SALE ORDER FORM

Give yourself a treat and don't cook on **May 21st**. Support the Steeplechase Social Committee activities by ordering a hoagie or pepperoni roll.

Hoagies and pepperoni rolls will be prepared by Cibrone's Bakery. Please fill out the order form below and mail/drop off to Linda Alison or call and place your order by phone. Hoagies (12 Inch) will come with meat and cheese on the bun; lettuce, tomato, onions and dressing in a separate bag.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

	NO. ORDERED		AMOUNT PAID
ITALIAN HOAGIE	\$8.00 X _____	=	_____
TURKEY HOAGIE	\$9.00 X _____	=	_____
ROAST BEEF HOAGIE	\$9.00 X _____	=	_____
PEPPERONI ROLL	\$4.00 X _____	=	_____

Please place your order with Linda Alison, 1029 Duncan Lane or 412-559-7745. Make checks payable to **Steeplechase Social Committee**.

Orders and payment must be received no later than May 14, 2023

Pick up date is Sunday, May 21, 2023 at the **Alison's, 1029 Duncan Lane from 11 am - 2 pm**



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 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
Duncan Lane	Scott Hirsch: 412-260-1146
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

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

Steeplechase publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, Horse Tales, that is distributed to each household by mail. It contains committee information and current happenings. 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.

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
 Jacie Eber 206 Parkside 412-841-9318
 Melanie Finnegan 3037 Duncan Lane 412-965-2096
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A TOAST TO THE RAT PACK



Saturday, May 20, 2023, 10:30 am-6 pm \$140 pp Enjoy a multi-course lunch at the Kaufman Tavern in Zelenople followed by a Rat Pack performance plus Marilyn Monroe at the historic Strand Theater. There is a sweet stop too at Baldingers Candy.

BILLY PORTER: THE BLACK MONA LISA



Sunday, May 28, 2023, 4:30-10 pm-\$245 pp Pre-concert multi-course dinner at the delicious McCormick and Schmick. An experience not to be missed.

STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER



Tuesday, June 7, 2023, 9:30 am-4 pm \$135 pp We are going back to visit Triple B Farm for their popular strawberry season. Enjoy a visit with Mrs. B, wagon ride and time to shop. Then off to lunch at Rockwell's Red Lion and a strawberry treat crawl to several charming boutiques in Historic Downtown Elizabeth Pa. Fun Fun Fun!

AMISH GOODNESS AND GOODIES



Friday, June 9, 2023, 8 am-5:30 pm, \$160 pp Spend the day with the Old Order Amish of New Wilmington, Pa. Collect homemade goodies along the way and enjoy a home-style lunch.

TEA AND TIFFANY TOUR



Sunday, June 11, 2023, 12:30-5 pm \$125 pp Visit the "Folk Art Installation" in the Mexican War Streets neighborhood, enjoy high tea at the Fabled Table, then view three of the largest and very rare draped stained glass windows at Calvary Methodist Church. What a day!

ALL ABOARD TRAIN TOUR



Saturday, June 24, 2023, 7:30 am-6:30 pm \$135 pp. Departs from Bethel Community Center. Enjoy a boxed lunch and three-hour historic train ride aboard in your first class seating on the historic Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad. After our relaxing train ride, we will visit the Drake Well Museum and first oil well in America. Hank's Frozen Custard on the way home!

To schedule your tour or for group rate information, contact Kim Adley at **412-298-0409** or visit us online: passporttopittsburgh.com.

All tours depart from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 418 Maxwell Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa 15236 (unless otherwise specified.)

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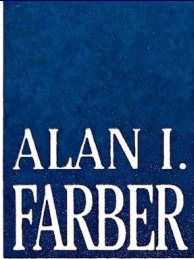
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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
May 15, 2023	6:30 pm	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept Weyman Rd
May 19, 2023	11:00 am	Lunch Bunch Harry's Pizza, McMurray
May 21, 2023	11:00 am—2:00pm	Pick up hoagies Linda Alison 1029 Duncan Lane
June 20, 2023	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Bella's, Fort Couch Rd
June 24, 2023	4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Picnic Belmont Lane
July 17, 2023	6:30 pm	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept Weyman Rd
July 27, 2023	6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Ice Cream Social Corner of Caste & Duncan
September 9, 2023	8:00 am—2:00 pm	Garage sale
September 18, 2023	6:30 pm	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept Weyman Rd
October 7 & 8, 2023	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Food Drive Corner of Caste & Duncan
November 9, 2023	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Annual Homeowners' Meeting GV Social Hall
December 9, 2023	6:00 pm-10:00 pm	Christmas Party GV Social Hall