



# Horse Tales

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

**July/August 2023**

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## **PRESIDENT'S NEWS**

**Judi Lewis**

Hello Everyone, I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the summer.

A few things to report:

### **Steeplechase Board**

At the end of April, Scott Hinsch advised us that he needed to resign from the Board. Scott is working full-time and then some and found he needed to eliminate a few commitments from his schedule. Scott will continue to function on the EPC and as a Hotline volunteer. He also agreed to help us out this year with our annual inspection. Scott is such a logical and practical thinker ... the Board will miss him. Scott has made so many contributions to the Community which we deeply appreciate.

The Board decided to fill Scott's position. We looked to two people who had previously expressed an interest in serving on the Board – and, luckily, one was still very much interested. We are happy to welcome Jeannine Carver to the Board. Jeannine is also a busy busy lady; but, somehow, she fits it all in. Jeannine was approved by the Board at the beginning of our meeting in May and sat with us for her first Board meeting. We are looking forward to having Jeannine with us for the long-term. Since Scott's term is up this coming November, Jeannine will be running for a new 3-year term at that time.

At the advice of our legal counsel, the Board adopted new procedures for the conduct of Board Meetings. While the procedures impose a more structured approach, we believe this will help us address Steeplechase business in a more organized manner. A copy of the new procedures is included with this Newsletter. Please notice that, if you have an issue you wish to have the Board address, you need to advise us in advance of the meeting.

## **Landscaping**

As you know, in April, we became aware that our Landscaper from last year was unable to meet the requirements of our contract due to a labor shortage.

April is the month we normally begin the season – e.g. preparing the islands, mulching, etc. We were really in a predicament.

We reached out to Peak Landscaping. We have used Peak in the past. They know us, we know them. Of course, here it is April and Peak was not expecting to take on a client as large as Steeplechase. After discussions and meetings, Peak agreed to accept the contract – warning us, however, that the first few months were going to be “rough.” Peak had to scramble to get a work crew and equipment assigned to us.

We’ve had some rough spots, but our grass is being cut, our islands have been mulched and weeded. Yes, we’ve received complaints that things are not working as smoothly as last year. John Paravati and Peak are working together as hard as they can to get us through this season. We ask for your patience.

## **Asphalt**

Randy Wolfe met with our asphalt contractor and Mr. Dave Sylvester from CMA. The group inspected all of the asphalt in Steeplechase and is now working on a report which will be presented to the Board and the Finance Committee. As I mentioned in April, we are so excited about having this team. Having them coupled with the Finance Committee will give us exactly the planning tool we need to prepare for future major expenses from our Reserve and Replacement Fund.

## **Annual Inspection**

We’re hoping to have the inspection completed by the end of June. As I write, we’re making progress.

## **Annual Picnic**

Most likely, by the time you receive this Newsletter, the picnic will have happened. But, as I sit here today, I’m excited and looking forward to it. Special THANK YOU to Betty Long and her Social Committee for all the work putting this event together.

It takes all of us to be the best we can be.

Judi Lewis

## Committee Reports

### Community Relations

Chuck Chasler

The final archery report from Suburban Wildlife Management Solutions can now be viewed on the Deer Management Tab on the Borough website. The TENTATIVE completion for the swimming pool improvement project is July 6, 2023. Pool pass sales have been suspended. Full refunds will be issued to all pass holders. Please note that this date is tentative. According to information on the Borough website: "Check out the Borough Website for some good news on pool pass pricing for Whitehall residents." Stay tuned to the Borough website for the latest information.

### Internet

Dave Alison

#### Steeplechase Website

[www.steeplechasecsa.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:davealison33@gmail.com) .

**Landscape**

John Paravati

True Green will be treating the mulch beds throughout the summer. For their own safety, please keep your dogs out of the mulch.

**Library—Steeplechase United Book Club**

Alfie Chico

Steeplechase Books will be celebrating our one year anniversary, Friday, July 28 at 10:30 am. We will be discussing books from other lands and cultures.

If you haven't attended but would like to give it a try, we meet at my house 1023 Duncan Lane.

Anyone wanting to donate magazines, they're greatly accepted.



2 happy library patrons

Jim and Heather Buehler's grandchildren, Rooney 4 1/2 and Nora 1 1/2



Courtesy of Myra Kinnamon



Welcome summer and welcome to our new residents. They are:

Matthew Wieseckel, 5226 Lantern Hill Drive

Bronson & Kayli Kunzler, 2012 Duncan Lane

Judy Haye, 5534 Lantern Hill Extension

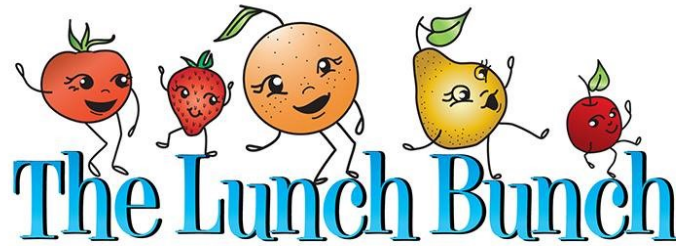
## **OBITUARIES**

Jennie Petrick, Parkside Lane, April 21, 2023

Larry Kirchner, Parkside Lane, June 13, 2023



# STEEPLECHASE NEWS & ACTIVITIES



## **July Lunch Bunch**

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

11:30 am

Primanti's

1539 Washington Road

Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

RSVP: Joan Stover

412-819-0778

By Friday, July 21, 2023

## **August Lunch Bunch**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

11:30 am

Bravo's at Galleria

1500 Washington Road

Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

RSVP: Sandy Gimiliano

412-885-4207

By Friday, August 11, 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.

July 17, 2023

Board Meeting

September 18, 2023

Board Meeting

November 9, 2023

Annual Owners' Meeting



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

I scream. You scream. We all scream for Bruster's ice cream.

What a relaxing way to spend a summer evening enjoying some yummy  
Bruster's

ice cream and homemade cookies with friends and neighbors.

**WHEN: Wednesday, July 27, 2023**

**TIME: 6PM - 8PM**

**WHERE: Driveway at 1069 Duncan Lane (also known as Carol's Corner)**

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**COST: \$3.50 for 2 scoops**

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# Community Garage



# SALE



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



Saturday, September 9, 2023 (8:00AM until 2:00 PM)



Start to gather 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 their own driveway, garage and yard. Please keep sale items off the street and remember that all of Whitehall’s parking laws apply.



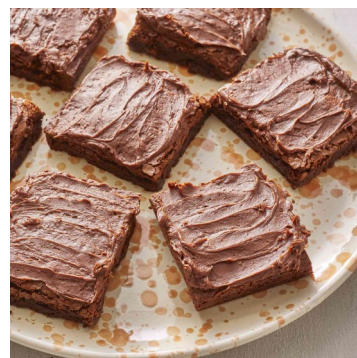
Again this year, we will be selling Cibrone’s pepperoni rolls and brownies and will have one food truck:



- Benvenuti’s Pizza Factory: assorted pizzas, Stromboli, calzones, knots, soft drinks and water.



- M Cibrone’s & Sons Bakery: pepperoni rolls and brownies





## 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
Duncan Lane	Scott Hinsch: 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](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**

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](mailto: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  
 Fay Sideris 5305 Caste 724-207-3137

### Steeplechase Board of Directors

President.....Judi Lewis  
 Vice President.....Jim Cibrone  
 Secretary.....Randy Wolfe  
 Treasurer.....Jeannine Carver  
 Director.....John Paravati

### Committees

Asphalt.....Randy Wolfe  
 Community Relations.....Chuck Chasler  
 Decorations.....Jim Cibrone  
 Environmental Protection  
 Executive.....Judi Lewis  
 Internet.....Dave Alison  
 Investment/Finance.....Don Fox  
 Landscape.....John Paravati  
 Library.....Alfie Chico  
 Newsletter.....Betty Long  
 Social.....Betty Long  
 Welcome.....Roseann Brown

### Management Office

#### Community Management Advisors (CMA)

200 Commerce Drive, Suite 206  
 Moon Township, PA 15108

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Tammy Mersing, Extension 200#

Email: [tammy@cmamgt.com](mailto:tammy@cmamgt.com)

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### MANSION AND CASTLE TOUR



**Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$145 pp** Admission to the Hoyt Fine Arts Center, private meditation and meet and greet with artist Dorit Brauer, Hoyt Mansion Tour, multi-course lunch at Olde Stonewall Castle.

### BABUSHKAS, HARDHATS & RIVERS!



**Friday, August 4, 2023, 9-3:30 p.m., \$160 pp** Passport to Pittsburgh is excited to partner with the Rivers of Steel, a non-profit located in Homestead that strives to showcase the artistry and innovation of southwestern Pennsylvania's industrial and cultural heritage.

### SHAKER WOODS FESTIVAL!



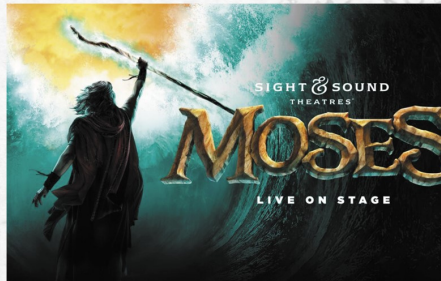
**Sunday, August 13, 2023, 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m. \$75 pp** Arrive at The Shaker Woods Festival where guests will enjoy the preferred bus parking lot and prepaid admission for easy entrance. Enjoy your free time to explore the festival.

### WOMEN OF BROADWAY CRUISE



**Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m., \$110 pp** Spend a fun afternoon having lunch and cruisin' the three rivers. See some of Pittsburgh's 446 bridges up-close-and-personal while listening to your favorite tunes from "The Women of Broadway."

### MOSES & MORE OVERNIGHT TOUR



**Tuesday, August 22-Wednesday, 23, 2023** Overnight travel to Lancaster, PA for the "Moses and More" tour and experience museums, theaters, a meal at an Amish Home and a farmer's market. Join in for an amazingly fun trip!

### ALL ABOARD TRAIN TOUR



**Wednesday, Sept.13, 2023, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$110 pp** Spend a fun afternoon having lunch and cruisin' the three rivers. See some of Pittsburgh's 446 bridges up-close-and-personal while listening to your favorite crooner: Old Blue Eyes—Frank Sinatra!

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

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

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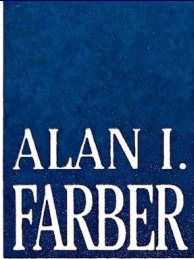
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
July 17, 2023	6:30 pm	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept Weyman Rd
July 25, 2023	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Primanti's Mt. Lebanon
July 27, 2023	6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Ice Cream Social Corner of Caste & Duncan
July 28, 2023	10:30 am	SC Book Club 1023 Duncan Lane
August 15, 2023	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Bravo's Galleria
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