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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

Can you believe we're heading into fall already.

Board Meetings

CMA asked the Board if we could start our regular Board meetings at **6:00 PM** rather than 6:30 PM. The Board agreed to this change beginning with the September meeting. Meetings will still be held in the meeting room of the Whitehall Fire Company on Weyman Road.

Landscaping

John Paravati has resigned from the Landscape Committee. We thank John for all the work, time and effort he contributed. If you have any questions or concerns about Landscaping, please call Tammy Mersing at 412-269-7800, ext. 200#.

Selling your unit?

When you sell a unit in a planned community in Pennsylvania, the State law requires the Management Company to complete a "Resale Packet." This packet is given to the buyer and is paid for by the seller. One of the required items is a list of any items which need to be resolved on the particular unit. In effect, the Resale Packet states: "Corrective action not taken to resolve any/all of the following items will become the responsibility (and expense) of the new owner (buyer)." In order to provide this information, CMA requests that we do an inspection of the property and report any items requiring maintenance.

We're happy to welcome Mr. Bob Barron into our group of volunteers. Bob has volunteered to help us manage this process. At the July Board meeting, Bob suggested that, when these inspections need to be done, he, along with another Steeplechase inspector, will try to arrange a time when the Homeowner can join them for the inspection.

If you are planning to sell your unit, you can schedule an inspection by calling Tammy at CMA 412-269-7800 ext. 200#. We would appreciate as much advance notice as possible.

Annual Inspection

The Annual Inspection has been completed. THANK YOU to all of our inspectors and a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the residents who received letters and addressed any issues. If you received a letter and feel an error was made, or if you need more time to complete the requested work, please let us know. We are happy to work with you to resolve any problems.

Awning Specifications

The Board approved a change to the Awning Specification. We've had several residents who had difficulty finding an approved awning fabric. One supplier told us they are having a hard time getting certain fabrics. So, effective immediately, the Board will consider fabric choices beyond those listed; however, colors will still have to be similar to the approved list. Be sure to send a color sample of the fabric you wish to use with your Alteration Request.

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

Judi Lewis

Committee Reports

Asphalt

Randy Wolfe

A survey has been performed on Steeplechase Community’s blacktop areas to determine maintenance/repair needs. Needs have been prioritized and repairs will be scheduled accordingly.

Activities for this year will include sealing, crack filling, and curb repairs. No re-surfacing will be performed this year. Maintenance is expected to begin in October and completion should not require more than a few days. Notification will be given to residents when a firm schedule is established.

Community Relations

Chuck Chasler

Surf is up at the Whitehall pool. Admission is free to Whitehall residents so enjoy it for the remainder of the summer.

Steeplechase's own Phil Lahr has been named person of the year for Whitehall Borough. For over a half century Phil has served us as a member of the Whitehall Fire Company and on the Borough Council. Phil's many years of selfless service are reflected in every aspect of our outstanding community. Phil- Job well done and thank you.

Internet

Dave Alison

Steeplechase Website

www.steeplechasecsa.com

ANNOUNCING THE NEW ELECTRONIC Alteration Request Form

Many of you have been asking for this and it is finally here. The **Alteration Request Form** is now available to be completed online and can be submitted electronically for approval. The new form can be found on our website at www.steeplechasecsa.com under the *Documents* tab, then choose *Forms* and select **Alteration Request** under *On-Line Forms*.

The new on-line form provides space for all of the information required by the old paper AR Form but you can just type it in from your laptop, smart phone or other device. If necessary, you can attach a contractor’s proposal, a product brochure, construction drawings or any other electronic documents. Two things to remember when submitting the e-form:

1. Keep a copy of your request for your records.
2. By submitting the form, you agree to not begin any work on the outside of your home before your request has been approved by the Board.

As always, access to our 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. Our website has this valuable information about our community:

The Calendar of Upcoming Events is on the home page. It is an easy way check on what is happening in our community.

The FAQ section 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.


Contact information for our Board of Directors and financial statements can also be found.

As the site administrator, I am always looking for new ideas or suggestions to improve the website. Send them to me at davealison33@gmail.com.

Library—Steeplechase United Book Club

Alfie Chico

Our Steeplechase Library remains filled with great books. If you haven't tried it, grab a book or two.

The Steeplechase  Books Book Club met on July 28th with 12 members present. Our theme was books dealing with different cultures. Book selections were mainly Indian and Chinese picks.

Brandon was able to share stories of Orthodox Jews from Squirrel Hill and how they relate to the community.

Our next club date will be Friday, September 29, 2023 at 10:00 am at Alfie's (1023 Duncan Lane). The theme will be reading and discussing a book someone else has picked for you. Feel free to come and just listen to the discussion.



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

Jeffrey Krose, 1017 Duncan Lane
Bing Hu & Lei Bai, 5530 Lantern Hill Extension
Kathryn Russo, 3024 Duncan Lane
Jennifer DiPasquale, 1056 Duncan Lane

We hope you will be very happy in your new home.
Welcome to Steeplechase!

OBITUARIES

Jean Zora, former resident, July 12, 2023

John Bozak, former resident, July 16, 2023

Patricia DiMarco, Lantern Hill Ext., July 24, 2023



STEEPLECHASE NEWS & ACTIVITIES



September Lunch Bunch

Thursday, September 14, 2023

11:30 am

Atria's Pleasant Hills
10 Old Clairton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

RSVP: Carol Wolicki
508-561-8457

By noon Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023

October Lunch Bunch

Thursday, October 12, 2023

11:30 am

All American Bistro
Pine Ridge Commons
1580 McLaughlin Run Rd
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

RSVP: Valerie Wolfe

270-871-8458

By Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023

Steeplechase Board Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Whitehall Fire Department on Weyman Rd. at **6:00 p.m.** with the exception of the Annual Owners' Meeting which will be held at GV Social Hall, 5311 McAnnulty Rd.

September 18, 2023

Board Meeting

November 9, 2023

Annual Owners' Meeting





It's that time of the year when we are again prevailing upon the generosity of the Steeplechase community to help those who are food insecure and in need.

Because there are needs beyond boxed and canned foods such as milk, eggs, cheese etc. the organizations to which we contribute are asking for more cash and or grocery gift cards and less non-perishable items. That way the food banks can assess and provide what their needs are.

This year we will accept non-perishable food items, but cash and grocery gift cards are encouraged. **Next year we are planning to ask for cash and grocery gift cards only.**

Donations will be collected on:

Saturday October 7 and Sunday October 8, 2023

9am to 2pm

Carol Kessler's driveway (1069 Duncan Ln)

Please be sure to check the expiration dates on the items you're donating. Each year we have to dispose of many items with expired dates.





Community Garage



SALE



ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



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



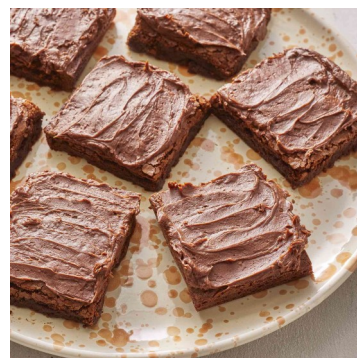
Start to gather all those items you no longer want or need to sell at the BIG Steeplechase garage sale. Remember “one person’s junk is another person’s treasure.”



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 M Cibrone’s & Sons Bakery’s pepperoni rolls and brownies and Benvenuti’s Pizza Factory’s breakfast pizzas and assorted pizzas, Stromboli, calzones, knots, soft drinks and water.



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 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

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.



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

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 Welcome.....Roseann Brown

Management Office

Community Management Advisors (CMA)

200 Commerce Drive, Suite 206
 Moon Township, PA 15108

Phone: 412-269-7800

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Tammy Mersing, Extension 200#

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www@cmamgt.com



Wed. September 13th - Summer Showboat Cruise with Frank Sinatra- 11 am-3 pm - \$110 pp - It's the final summer "Lunch and Showboat "cruise on the Gateway Clipper with **Bo Wagner's Tribute to Frank Sinatra**: "Let's be Frank". Enjoy a great lunch buffet, and entertainment all while cruising Pittsburgh's three rivers.

Sunday, September 17th - 9 to 5: The Musical - 10:30 am- 6:30 pm \$145pp- It's a Sunday Funday as we return to **The Strand Theater** in Zelienople for the **Hit musical 9 to 5** with music and lyrics by **Dolly Parton**. Our pre-theater homestyle lunch is at **Brown's Country Kitchen** and yes, we will be stopping at **Baldingers** for Candy and Mazza Wine Tasting on our way home.

Wed. Oct. 4th - PNC Broadway Series "Moulin Rouge: The Musical "- 4:30 pm - 10:30 pm -\$265pp- OO LA LA! Enjoy Incredible seats for an amazing evening performance of this Tony Award Winning Musical that takes you into the heart of Paris. Our pre-theater dinner is at **McCormick and Schmick** with a choice of Filet Mignon or Crab cakes!! **only 15 seats left!**

Friday, October 6th - Amish Goodness and Goodies Tour 8 am - 5:30 pm \$160 pp - Enjoy a day exploring the simple ways of the **Old Order Amish** in New Wilmington, Pa. With our step-on guide, Susan Houghelman, we will travel the back roads and collect homemade Amish goodies along the way. Enjoy a bountiful homestyle lunch and a fun stop at the **Apple Castle**. Such a wonderful day!

Sunday, October 15- Autumn In the Laurel Highlands - 8:00 am -6:30 pm -\$70 pp - Spend the morning visiting the inspiring **Flight 93 National Memorial** in Shanksville, Pa. From there we are off to "**Autumn-fest**" at **Seven Springs Mountain Resort** for lunch (on your own), crafts and entertainment. We will be stopping by the **Country Pie Shoppe** in Donegal for a sweet treat on the way home. It will be peak fall foliage time and promises to be a memorable day in the mountains of western PA.

Tuesday/ Wednesday, October 23 and 24.- Wild and Wonderful Autumn Adventure- \$445 DO / \$495 SO - Overnight !!

Enjoy this overnight escape to Wild and Wonderful **Stonewall Resort** in Roanoke West Virginia. Our adventures include lunch in historic Weston, West Virginia, a guided tour of the National Historic Landmark **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum**, a visit to **The Museum of American Glass**, Lunch, and wine tasting **Lambert's Vintage Winery**, a **dinner cruise on Lake Stonewall** and all the amenities of this gorgeous resort during the peak of the Autumn Season. 10 spots left!

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

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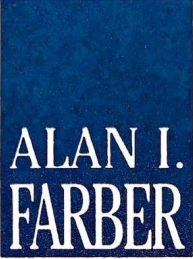
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DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
September 9, 2023	8:00 am—2:00 pm	Garage sale
September 14, 2023	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Atria’s Pleasant Hills
September 18, 2023	6:00 pm	SC Board Meeting Whitehall Fire Dept Weyman Rd
September 29, 2023	10:00 am	SC Book Club Alfie’s—1023 Duncan Lane
October 7 & 8, 2023	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Food Drive Corner of Caste & Duncan
October 12, 2023	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch All American Bistro McLaughlin Run Rd
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