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PRESIDENT'S NEWS Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

The year of Lantern Flies and Grubs. More about that below. First ...

2024

The Board has approved the budget for next year. We are happy to announce there will be no increase in the monthly assessments. Special THANK YOU to our Finance Committee, chaired by Don Fox, for its excellent work on keeping our funds invested wisely.

Muntins

At the September Board meeting, the Board voted to eliminate the requirement that muntins be in every window. If you enjoy your muntins, leave them in if you don't like them, take them out. Choice is yours.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a revised Decorations Policy reflecting this change.

Grubs

The latest as I write ... I am told that the rain and cooler weather have been blessings for getting our grub problem under control. Mark, the TruGreen representative, has been here many times applying product which will kill the grubs. He has walked the entire Community several times checking for signs. He tells me that the product must be watered to be effective – thus, the blessing of rain. Mark is working with Peak Landscaping to coordinate the job of repair. After Peak cuts the grass, Mark will once again canvas the Community and make a determination about reseeding. If we're expected to have more warm weather, Mark may decide to reseed now – otherwise, he will reseed in the spring.

Lantern Flies

Mark, from TruGreen, is also our representative for trying to deal with the Lantern Flies. Once again, Mark walked the Community a few months ago and sprayed all the trees on common ground where the flies were living. This application, however, accomplished little in the long run. According to Mark, the product gets washed off when it rains and the flies just keep coming in.

The Board considered another TruGreen application which would have targeted the eggs. According to Mark, this might be a little help, but would probably not be enough to be noticed next year. So, rather than spend the money on the application, the Board approved removing the Tree of Heaven trees which seem to be the flies favorites. These trees are located on common ground, in the area where Lantern Hill Drive meets Lantern Hill Extension. The flies have done a lot of damage to the trees anyway and they likely would die. The removal will take place in a few weeks.

According to Mark, the flies are moving west. He does, however, expect we will have one more year of infestation.

We appreciate everyone's patience and help with these two issues. This has not been an easy year for any of us – but, like always, it takes all of us to be the best we can be.

Do you have a little extra time? We can always use additional volunteers to help us monitor the Steeplechase Hotline. Volunteers check for Hotline messages and return any calls. We commit that calls will be returned within 24 hours. The volunteers rotate every week. This is something you can do from your home and would help us to continue providing this service to residents. If you have an interest, please email me at 7799judilewis@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Owners' Meeting.

Judi Lewis

STEEPLECHASE NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Annual Homeowners' Meeting Thursday, November 9, 2023, 6:00 PM

GV Social Hall 5311 McAnulty Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

As a member of the Steeplechase Community Services Association, you are invited to attend the Annual Homeowners' Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM, at GV Social Hall. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting is completed.

This year, Homeowners will vote:

- For candidates running to fill two open seats on the Board
- Select financial services to be performed on 2023 financial records

Recently, you received a packet of information regarding these items.

If you are not able to attend the meeting on November 9th, you can vote by using the proxy ballots that were included with the mailing.

Please be sure to review the instructions for making your vote.

If you have any questions, you can call your EPC Representative, the Steeplechase Hotline, a Board Member or Tammy Mersing at CMA.

Please be sure to vote.

Committee Reports

Asphalt Randy Wolfe

The sealing, crack filling, and curb repairs were completed in October. Thanks to all the residents who were inconvenienced during this process.

Community Relations

Chuck Chasler

For the past two years I have served as the Steeplechase community's eyes and ears at the Whitehall Borough Council meetings. Overall, I have been impressed with the professionalism, dedication and civility demonstrated by our elected officials. They seem to work well together as a team in the best interest of the Borough.

Elections are on Tuesday, November 7th and there are three seats open on our Borough council. As a voter I look at the past accomplishments of a candidate along with their past record of service to the community. I also look closely at their ability to work collaboratively, without hidden or personal agendas. Simply, do they "play well with others."

In a democracy, we get the leadership we deserve. Our community deserves the best. Let's vote accordingly. See you at the polls.

Internet Dave Alison

Steeplechase Website and Facebook Page

<u>www.steeplechasecsa.com</u> facebook.com/groups/Steeplechase Pgh/

The Steeplechase website has the answers to many questions about living in our planned community. The <u>Documents</u> 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.

The <u>FAQ section</u> 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. There is a printable copy and a new electronically fillable copy of the <u>Alteration Request Form</u>, which is required if you are thinking of making any work to the exterior of your home.

Steeplechase also hosts a private <u>Facebook Group</u>, *Steeplechase Pgh*, that provides a friendly place for residents to exchange ideas and comment on issues that affect our community. Recent posts include information on how to deal with the Spotted Lanternfly infestation and local roadwork in the Whitehall area that could affect Steeplechase residents.

Access to the Steeplechase 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 continues to evolve and change and we are always looking for suggestions for future enhancements and additions to our site. Send any ideas or suggestions to me at dayealison33@gmail.com.

Library—Steeplechase United Book Club

Alfie Chico

Steeplechase so Books met on September 29th and discussed books that other people had selected for them. Fried Green Tomatoes was selected for one of the members. She read it and enjoyed it. Almost all our group had read it or had seen the movie.

Another member of the group did not have a book recommended to her. Getting out of her car at the Giant Eagle she spied a woman reading in her car. She tapped the window of the car and asked the woman what she was reading. When the woman told her, she got the book and read it. She said she enjoyed the book and that it was a book she most likely would not have read.

Brandon read a book suggested by a friend called The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier. It's the story of a bullying situation in a private boy's school which turns ugly and deadly.

Our book club talks about so many intriguing books that my list of what I want to read keeps growing.

Our next book club will be on Friday, November 17 due to Thanksgiving. We'll be discussing books about friends and families.

WHITEHALL BOROUGH REFUSE/RECYCLING CHANGES 2024-2028

Automated Recycling

Next year, the Borough will move to automated recycling.

Residents will begin the year utilizing their current Recycle Bins.

Blue 65-gallon Recycle Bins will be distributed to Residents in early Spring.

THERE IS ONLY ONE SIZE. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL SIZES.

Residents must use Borough-issued Recycle Bins for collection.

GLASS recycling is back beginning in 2024.

Storage Regulations

In preparation for automated collection for refuse & recycling, Borough Council amended storage regulations of trash and recycling containers as follows:

104.4.5.6. With the exception of pickup days when the containers are placed for collection, garbage, rubbish and recycling containers shall be properly stored behind the front face of the building and shall be screened from view from the street. Borough-issued refuse and recycling containers may be placed against the building for storage as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer if physical conditions, including irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot size or shape or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions to the property makes it impossible to meet location and screening requirements.

NOTE: Proper placement in the front of the property is determined by the Code Enforcement Officer based on his determination if conditions of the property create difficulty meeting the location and screen requirements. Please call Marc Zeoli at 412-884-0505 ext. 328 to discuss your individual lot.

Refuse Collection

All trash must be BAGGED and placed INSIDE the green toter for removal. NO ITEMS PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE TOTER WILL BE COLLECTED. Note: A 96-gallon toter holds the equivalent of 5 trash bags.

Use of Additional Trash Toter

The collection of the first trash toter is included in the Borough's contract.

The annually adjusted fee that Waste Management charges is for the <u>collection</u> of an additional toter (NOT THE TOTER ITSELF). This fee is paid directly to Waste Management, not the Borough - the Borough makes no money on this transaction.

If Residents use an <u>additional</u> trash toter, you will be charged by Waste Management an annually adjusted fee for the collection of the second toter.

2024 - \$110.00

2025 - \$117.70

2026 - \$125.94

2027 - \$134.76

2028 - \$144.19

Drivers will not be permitted to pick up additional toters that do not have accounts and will "flag" houses with unregistered toters with information on how to set up an account with Waste Management directly.

If you would like an additional toter, please contact the Borough Administration Offices at 412 -884-0505 Ext. 320.

Bulk Item Pick-Up

Residents may place up to two (2) bulk items at the curb **ONCE A MONTH.** The Borough's designated Bulk Item Collection week is the **3RD WEEK OF THE MONTH.**

Medical Exemptions

Medical exemptions from using a toter (refuse or recycling) are permitted. For information on this process, please contact Borough Administration Offices at 412-884-0505 and Staff will assist you.

If you currently have a medical exemption from using a Trash toter, that will apply to the new Recycling toter as well. **There is no need to reapply.** We ask that Residents with existing medical exemptions, call the Borough Administration Offices to confirm they still reside in the Borough at the address on file.

Residents that wish to establish **Private Backyard Collection** may do so by directly contracting with Waste Management for a fee. The Borough is not involved in the billing for these services. 1-866-258-1708.



November Lunch Bunch

Thursday, November 16, 2023

11:30 am

Loose Moose Saloon 5185 Brownsville Road

RSVP: Mary Beth Sotak

412-668-2789

By Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023

STEEPLECHASE CHRISTMAS PARTY

New Menu—New Venue

Live Entertainment by DJ/Singer Matt Tichon

When: Saturday, December 9, 2023

Where: GV Social Hall, 5311 McAnulty Rd

Time: 6PM Hors d'oeuvres, 7PM Dinner

Cost: \$30 per person for Steeplechase Residents

\$40 for guests



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MENU

Wedding Soup & Café Salad

Appetizers: Chicken Teriyaki Skewers and assorted meat and cheese platter

Entrees: (Select One)

Chicken Marsala

English Style Cod

Filet

Parmesan Risotto, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Butter and Dessert Includes all soft drinks, coffee and iced tea

Cash bar available

RSVP: Linda Alison, 1029 Duncan Lane, 412-881-7616

By Monday, December 4, 2023

Please indicate your choice of entrée when making reservations.

Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received

Please make checks to Steeplehase CSA

No late reservations will be accepted





STEEPLECHASE SOCIAL COMMITTEE HOAGIE/PEPPERONI ROLL SALE NOVEMBER 18, 2023 ORDER FORM

Hoagies and pepperoni rolls will be prepared by Cibrone's Bakery. Please fill out the order form below and mail/drop off to Sandy or call and place your order by phone. Hoagies 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	\$9.00X —	=	
ROAST BEEF HOAGIE	\$9.00 X	=	
PEPPERONI ROLL	\$4.00 X	=	

Please place your order with Sandy Gimiliano, 105 Steeplechase Court or 412-885-4207. Make checks payable to **CSA**.

Orders and payment must be received no later than November 16, 2023

Pick up date is Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the **Long's, 1024 Duncan Lane from** 11 am - 2 pm



Fall is such a wonderful time of year and the perfect time to welcome our new neighbors to Steeplechase.

Kenneth & Dorothy Kovak, 5513 Lantern Hill Extension

Alfred & Constance Watterson, 5312 Caste Drive

We hope you have many happy years in your new home.

Welcome to Steeplechase!



OBITUARIES

George Keiser, Jr., Hennig Drive
September 30, 2023
Rudy Filek, Parkside Lane
October 12, 2023
Barbara Waterkotte, Hennig Drive
October 23, 2023

The Steeplechase Social Committee would like to thank all of the residents who took the time to contribute to the Food Drive. As you can see by the thank you notes, the organizations we donated to were very appreciative and will make good use of the donations.



October 11, 2023 Dear Steeplechase Community Member We are so very grateful for your generosity. The St Winifred Food Bank serves many churches throughout the South Hills with two distributions per week. During difficult times the demand grows larger. It takes many of us to band together to provide the resources to meet the need. The Steeplechase community continues to be an important part of this effort. The \$700 dollars in gift cards will feed multiple clients with nutritious food and also everyday items such as toilet paper, paper towels, soap and other necessities. When the more fortunate reach out to help the less fortunate the whole community benefits. Our prayers are with each and everyone of you. Sincerely. M. Sandua





Blessed Trinity Catholic Parish

3198 Schieck St. Pittsburgh, PA 15227 Email: blessedtrinity@blessedtrinitypgh.net

Phone: 412-884-7744

October 20, 2023

Steeplechase Community C/O Mrs. Betty Long 1024 Duncan Ln Pittsburgh PA 15236

October 19, 2023

Dear Betty and Members of the Steeplechase Community,

Thank you for the generous donation to Blessed Trinity Parish of the various gift cards. The donation of \$725.00 in gift cards will be put to good use the parish for helping those in the community who are in need throughout the winter months. Your valuable support and generosity is much appreciated. It is acknowledged that the Blessed Trinity Parish did not provide any goods or services in full or partial consideration for the above contribution

Sincerely yours, A Stor puch Rev. Stephen A. Kresak



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 Respresentative
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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Asphalt......Randy Wolfe

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the "Happy Holiday" Tea Tour to The Johnston House in Mars, Pa. You will have
time to visit their beautiful gift shop followed by a private high tea and a sweet
stop at Soergels Farm Market tool it's going to be a festive day to remember!

OGLEBAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOUR



Wednesday December 6, 2023 | 1-10 p.m. | \$145 pp Tour includes roundtrip transportation by luxury motorcoach, Hilliop Shops and Gardens, Oglebay Historic Mansion Tour, Wilson Lodge Holiday dinner buffet, docent-guided tour of the Festival of Lights.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" TOUR



Monday, December 11, 2023 | 18 a.m.-6 p.m. | \$140 pp
Tour includes roundtrip luxury motor cooch transportation with guide.
Admission and self-guided tour of the Jimmy Stewart Museum.
Docent-led driving tour of Jimmy's hometown. Sit down lunch in at Benjamin's Restaurant. Christmas Tree Farm tour and holiday treats.

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

AN AMISH CHRISTMAS GRAB BAG TOUR



Friday, December 15, 2023 | 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | \$ 179 pp Enjoy a festive day in Ohio Amish Country collecting homemode goodles to fill your Christmas stocking. This four includes multiple shapping stops and a delicious family-style lunch. You will depart with a bag full of goodles and memories to cherish.

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

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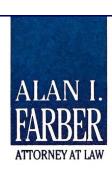


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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
November 9, 2023	6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Annual Homeowners' Meeting
		GV Social Hall
November 16, 2023	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch
		Loose Moose
November 17, 2023	10:00 am	SC Book Club
		Alfie's—1023 Duncan Lane
November 18, 2023	1100 am—2:00 pm	Hoagie Sale
		Long's—1024 Duncan Lane
December 9, 2023	6:00 pm-10:00 pm	Christmas Party
		GV Social Hall