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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

The Board had a 3-hour marathon work session on March 18 and it was very productive. Just an aside ... The members of the Steeplechase Board are very bright, successful and dedicated people. It has truly been my honor to have worked with these people over the years. If you see one of them out and about – maybe take a minute to say THANK YOU.

Anyway back to business

Meeting Dates

We've had some problems with holding our meetings in the evening. Tammy Mersing has graciously offered to give us her Saturday; and the Board has agreed to change our regularly-scheduled meetings from Monday evenings to Saturday mornings. Please mark your calendar with the new dates for the May, July, September meetings:

Meeting at the Fire Hall on Weyman at 9:30 a.m.:

May 18

July 20

September 14

Projects

Lampposts

This project has truly been a learning experience for all of us. I mean – how many of us know the specifications and intricacies of lampposts!! Since the last Newsletter, we have been talking to contractors and suppliers. We’ve been collecting bids – then we go back and talk to contractors and suppliers. As of right now, we have our latest sheet of specifications out for bid. We are hopeful that we will be able to replace and/or update all of the lampposts in the Community this year. We’re still thinking we will use the lamp head style that is currently on the post at the intersection of LHE and Lantern Hill.

Reserve Study

As I reported last time, Mr. Dave Sylvester, the CEO of our Management Company, CMA, is working with us to update our Reserve Study. We have put this project on hold until after we get settled on the lamppost project.

Landscaping

John Paravati has identified several landscaped areas that need a facelift. Currently, specifications for those areas have been put out for bid.

Communications

The Board was given a report on the first meeting held to discuss reducing our copy/mailling costs by taking better advantage of electronic communications. You will hear much more about this as the year moves along. Currently, CMA is planning an upgrade to their Portal software. Once that upgrade is finished, we will send out information on how you can use the Portal.

As you know, Dave Allison and his committee have done (and continue doing) a fabulous job maintaining our website. Truly, virtually all the information you need is there. Take the time to get acquainted with it. The site is quite user friendly.

We’re hoping that, over the next few years, we can save over \$10,000/year in copy/mailling costs.

Amendments to our Legal Documents

The first draft of amendments to our Declaration and By-Laws has been completed. These will be sent to our Attorney for input and then mailed to all Homeowners. Amendments to these documents require a “yes” vote from 67% of all Homeowners. I will provide more specific information regarding these proposals after they have been finalized by our Attorney. In a nutshell the amendments focus on how we vote and would permit mail in ballots rather than proxies.

One last reminder: PLEASE don't forget to send an Alteration Request form in before doing ANY work on the outside of your residence.

Enjoy Spring in the Hood.

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Chuck Chasler

" When the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government". So says Thomas Jefferson. To stay abreast of Whitehall Borough activities, I would recommend that you attend the Borough council meetings held on every other Wednesday evening at the Borough Municipal Complex beginning at 7PM. The next meeting is on April 3rd. If you can't make the meetings you can view them on YouTube at: " Unofficial Whitehall Borough Council" by Beth Lynn Eicher and "Unofficial, Unredacted, Whitehall Borough Council Meetings" by Jane Casciato. Minutes of Board meetings are also on the Borough website. You can obtain the date and time of Borough committee meetings by calling 412-884-0505 ext. 1.

EMERGENCY CALLS: For police emergencies in Whitehall Borough call 412-884-1100. Call 911 for fire and medical emergencies.

The fund drive for our volunteer Fire Company begins in April. They are asking for a \$70.00 per household contribution. A small price to pay for the great service they provide.

Internet

Dave Alison

www.steeplechasecsa.com
facebook.com/groups/SteeplechasePgh/

Have you looked at the Steeplechase website recently?

There have been some recent additions to our webpage, www.steeplechasecsa.com that will be of interest to all homeowners in the Steeplechase community.

FIRST, we have added *The History of Steeplechase* by Judi Lewis. This chronicles the development of our community from its inception in the 1940s up to today. You can find it under the main Documents tab, then under the Documents sub-tab.


SECOND, the Accountant's Review of the *2022 Steeplechase Financial Report* has been added. This report can be found under Documents>Financials>Prior Years>Audits and Reviews>2022 Financial Review.

ADDITIONALLY, the website is routinely updated with the most currently available Steeplechase monthly financial statements, minutes from the Board of Directors meetings, updated changes to our Rules, Regulations and Administrative Policies, and the current Exterior specifications.

AND you can always find the **Alteration Request (AR) Form** under the Documents tab. You can fill it out on line and submit it electronically or just print and mail it to CMA.

Library

Alfie Chico

Hello members of Steeplechase  Books. We're sorry for the unexpected hiatus of our schedule but we're ready and excited to resume our meetings. Our next club date will be Friday, April 26th, 10:30 AM at Alfie's. As we discussed at our last meeting, our theme will be resolutions or fresh and new ideas inspired by this beautiful and early spring.

The Steeplechase Library continues to have its loyal patrons selecting gently used almost current books. Thank you to all who donate. Whitehall Library is always happy to see me with my bags of books. Thanks to all the people who donate their books. Please feel free to come to our meetings if you haven't come and see what it's all about.

Social Committee

Betty Long

The Social Committee would like to thank our neighbors who took the time and effort to fill out the survey we posted. We read them all and are taking into consideration all of the suggestions that were made.

We were able to finalize a few activities for the upcoming year to mark on your calendars. These are events that a majority of the people seem to like.

- Annual Picnic, June 22, 2024
- Garage Sale, September 7, 2024
- Food Drive, October 5 & 6, 2024
- Annual Homeowner's Meeting, November 7, 2024
- Christmas Party, December 7, 2024

There will be two hoagie sales, dates to be announced, and we may add a food truck at the Ice Cream Social.

We are discussing other possibilities for social activities for the year. Stay tuned!

STEEPLECHASE NEWS & ACTIVITIES



April Lunch Bunch

April 12, 2024

11:30 am

All American Bistro
1580 McLaughlin Rd
Upper St. Clair, PA

RSVP: Adelaide Goertler
412-561-5568
By Monday, April 8th

May Lunch Bunch

May 17, 2024

11:00 am

Harry's Pizza
4133 Washington Rd.
McMurray, PA 15317

RSVP: Carol Kessler
412-207-9003
By Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Steeplechase Board Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Whitehall Fire Department on Weyman Rd. at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of the Annual Owners' Meeting which will be held at GV Social Hall, 5311 McAnnulty Rd.

May 18, 2024

Board Meeting

July 20, 2024

Board Meeting

September 14, 2024

Board Meeting

November 7, 2024

Annual Owners' Meeting



Spring is such an amazing time of year, we welcome new colors in our gardens and enjoy new adventures with friends. It is the perfect time to welcome our new neighbors to Steeplechase

They are:

Nicholas Niespodzianski, 6 Hennig Drive
Janet O'Brien, 50 Hennig Drive
Janet McClure, 5410 Lantern Hill Ext.
John Kevin & Linda Lordon, 214 Parkside Lane
Shuang Gao 218 Parkside Lane and
Brett Dadig 3002 Duncan Lane

We hope you enjoy your new home, and make many new friends in Steeplechase.
Welcome!

OBITUARIES

Earl Hochendoner, Paddock Lane, February 16, 2024

Audrey Bruce, former resident, February 25, 2024

Elieen Bradford Livingston, former resident, March 1, 2024



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
April 12, 2024	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch All American Bistro
April 26, 2024	10:30 am	Steeplechase Book Club Alfie's, 1023 Duncan Lane
May 17, 2024	11:00 am	Lunch Bunch Harry's Pizza
May 18, 2024	9:30 am	Board Meeting Fire Dept., Weyman Rd
June 22, 2024	4:00 pm	Steeplechase Picnic Belmont Lane
July 20, 2024	9:30 am	Board Meeting Fire Dept., Weyman Rd.
September 7, 2024	8:00 am	Garage Sale
September 14, 2024	9:30 am	Board Meeting Fire Dept., Weyman Rd.
October 5 & 6, 2024	10:00 am— 2:00 pm	Food Drive Corner of Duncan & Caste
November 7, 2024	6:00 pm	Annual Owners' Meeting GV Social Hall
December 7, 2024	6:00 pm	Christmas Party GV Social Hall