



Horse Tales

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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

As I write ... Spring is here!!! I know I say this every year – so, I'll say it again – This is my absolute favorite time of year. Can't wait for the trees to start budding.

The Board met on March 8. This was our planning meeting for 2025. Let me summarize the projects on our agenda:

By-Laws: A draft amended revision of our By-Laws has been submitted to our attorney for legal review. The revision will specifically permit Homeowners to vote on Board issues using our ballot boxes. A few Homeowners challenged use of ballot boxes for collecting votes. With the number of votes cast in this manner, it was clear to us that many Homeowners appreciated this option. Once we get the document back from legal review, we will set the matter for a vote by all Homeowners. The By-Laws can be amended by a majority of Homeowners at a meeting called for that purpose.

Rules: In the January **Horse Tales**, we asked for your input in considering revisions to our rules. We received only two responses. There is still time. Please give us your thoughts – Are the rules fine the way they are? Does any rule(s) need to be amended? Does any rule(s) need to be deleted? Please send your suggestions to 7799judilewis@gmail.com.

Contractors: Both the Landscaping and the Snow Removal Contracts will be prepared and sent out for bid. We hope to have the new contracts awarded by September.

Other Contractors: SIGH!! Then there's the lamp post that doesn't light. It would take the rest of this Newsletter to tell you about working with Duquesne Light. Special **THANK YOU to John Paravati and Mike Quallich from M&J Electric** who have done everything Duquesne Light has asked us to do so that they can connect the post to the electric source. Yet, the light remains out.

The same is true for the Verizon box at the corner of Duncan and Caste. Twice Verizon has sent “inspectors” to look at the damaged box. Twice they have told us – the box needs to be removed – it is no longer needed. Several times we’ve been told they’ve issued a “work order” to have the work done. We’ve had the same luck as we’ve had with the lamp post.

Asphalt: Randy Wolfe and his team will inspect all of the asphalt in the Community soon. We will follow their direction on what, if any, asphalt work needs to be done this year. We do plan to add parking lines to the parking pads in order to maximize their use.

Communications

We are continuing to study ways to reduce our postage/ mailing costs by utilizing email and our web site. We also plan to work with CMA to better utilize their portal system. In addition, we will be deleting the Steeplechase email account and utilizing CMA’s email notifications. We have combined the email addresses from CMA and Steeplechase so, if you have been receiving emails from either one (or both) you don’t need to do anything. If you haven’t been receiving any of the emails, please send your email address to Tammy Mersing at tammy@cmamgt.com.

One last reminder: PLEASE don’t forget to send in an Alteration Request form before doing ANY work on the outside of your residence. Tammy Mersing does a fantastic job at getting responses back quickly.

Enjoy Spring in the Hood.

Judi Lewis

Committee Reports

Community Relations

Chuck Chasler

Good news for those of us who use Hennig Drive. Hennig has made the top five worst roads list in the Borough and will be repaired this year. Whitehall Borough has budgeted \$500,000.00 for road repair this year and with today's prices this does not go far. I'm sure we all will appreciate this much needed upgrade.

Landscape

John Paravati

The Landscape Projects for 2025 are well underway, the parking pad on upper Lantern Hill Ext. has been completed with a well overdue upgrade. All the shrubs were replaced and three flowering Red-Bud trees were added to beautify the bed.

The next phase for the Fountain Bed is being completed, which will include an irrigation system and beautiful flowers that will match our Main Island. In addition, there will be various shrubs replaced throughout the community from the result of a harsh winter. I will continue to upgrade various mulch beds and keep our Steeplechase Community beautiful for all residents to enjoy.



Deer Issues

We've become aware of significant damage to yards caused by deer. We've inspected some yards on lower Duncan to make sure we did not have a grub problem - and, we do not. Since the problem is not related to services that we contract for, the damage is the responsibility of the Homeowner. We suggest you contact a local garden center for suggestions of various Deer Repellents.

Social Committee

Betty Long

The biggest thing the committee is working on at this time is the Annual Steeplechase Picnic which is on June 7th. Additional activity dates are September 6th, garage sale, October 4th & 5th, Food Drive, November, Hoagie Sale (date TBA) and December 6th, Christmas Party.

Stay tuned for additional activities that are being planned.

Don't forget to check out all of the ads at the end of the newsletter. You will find a variety of services being provided by local people. Support our advertisers!

The Steeplechase Annual

Picnic



When: Saturday June 7, 2025

Where: Belmont Lane

Time: 4:30 till 8:30

Cost: Free to Steeplechase Residents

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

Please make checks payable to Steeplechase CSA

Food will be provided by Salvatore's Catering
Menu will be chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans,
macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, orzo salad 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 May 31st.

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

Email: jsg1946@icloud.com

All messages will receive a confirmation



Volunteer Opportunity

“Helping Hands” Spring Clean-Up Events

We’re looking to gauge neighborhood volunteer interest in holding two “Helping Hands” events to assist our elderly and/or physically challenged neighbors with spring clean-up! These events will focus on helping with the cleanup of front flower and mulch beds and may include tasks like weeding, planting, mulching etc.

Event Dates:

April – TBD

May – TBD

Goal: We aim to gather 20-25 volunteers for each event to make a meaningful difference in our community.

If you love gardening and would like to help coordinate or participate in one or both of these events, please reach out to a board member or contact Tammy at CMA.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

LUNCH BUNCH

April Lunch Bunch

Friday, April 4, 2025

Gianna Via’s

5301 Grove Rd.

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

RSVP: Joan Stover

412-417-1327

By Wednesday, April 2, 2025

May Lunch Bunch

Friday, May 23, 2025

Primanti’s

1539 Washington Rd.

Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

RSVP: Carol Kessler

412-207-9003

By Wednesday, May 21, 2025

2025 Steeplechase Board Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Whitehall Fire Department on Weyman Rd. on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. except the AOM which will be held at GV Social Hall at 6:00 pm.

May 10

July 12

September 13

November 6, 2025 Annual Homeowners’ Meeting

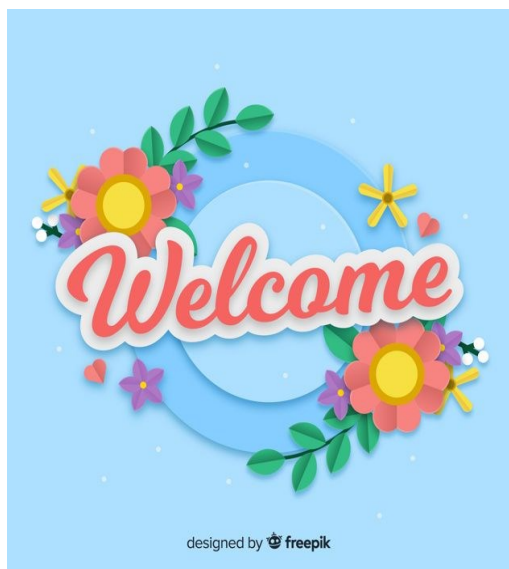
Obituaries

Barbara Stoker, October 8, 2024, former resident

George Roeschenthaler, February 2, 2025, Hennig Lane

Maryann Capo, March 5, 2025, former resident

Donald Dabkowski, March 15, 2025, Parkside Lane



Happy Spring!

As we anticipate the coming of spring, we are delighted to welcome to our Steeplechase Community our newest neighbors.

John & Cynthia Pokora
5448 Lantern Hill Ext.

Jote Jinfessa
5212 Lantern Hill Drive

We hope you will enjoy your new home, and make many friends in the Steeplechase Community.

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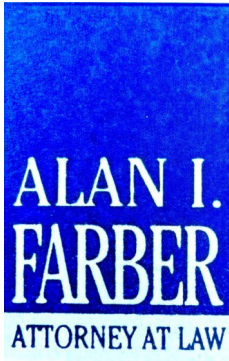



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
April 4, 2025	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Gianna Via's
May 10, 2025	9:30 am	Board Meeting Weyman Rd. Fire Dept
May 23, 2025	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Primanti's
May 30, 2025	10:30 am	Book Club 1023 Duncan Lane Topic: TBA
June 7, 2025	4:30 pm—8:30 pm	Steeplechase Picnic
July 12, 2025	9:30 am	Board Meeting Weyman Rd. Fire Dept
September 6, 2025	8:00 am—2:00pm	Annual Garage Sale
September 13, 2025	9:30 am	Board Meeting Weyman Rd. Fire Dept
October 4 & 5, 2025	11:00 am—2:00 pm	Annual Food Drive Corner Caste and Duncan
November 6, 2025	6:00 pm	Annual Homeowners' Meeting GV Social Hall
December 6, 2025	6:00 pm	Steeplechase Christmas Party GV Social Hall

