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PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Judi Lewis

Hello Everyone

Before updating projects, we would like to say a special **THANK YOU** to Roseann Brown. For years, Roseann has quietly and efficiently managed our Welcome Committee. Roseann is now moving on to other projects. Roseann, thank you for your contributions to the Community and best of luck with your new projects.

The Board approved the appointment of Beth Wysocki as the new Chair of the Welcome Committee. Beth, we look forward to working with you.

The Board met on May 10. A few new items – a few updates on old business.

Rentals: We've been advised by Whitehall's Code Enforcement Officer that rental units in Steeplechase must comply with Whitehall's "Residential Rental Unit Occupancy" requirements (Chapter 124). If you are now the owner of a rental unit, or if you plan to rent your unit in the future, you need to review the requirements of Chapter 124.

In part, the Code:

Requires the owner to obtain a license from Whitehall;

Permits the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the premises prior to renting and re-inspect one time in every 24-month period;

Limits the number of Occupants allowed;

Requires the owner to complete a "Residential Rental Unit Occupancy Inspection Form" and a "Property Registration Form."

The Code provides for monetary penalties for non-compliance.

The Code Enforcement Officer has requested that we provide a list of the units that are currently occupied by someone (other than the owner, owner's spouse, children or parent(s)). If this applies to you, you might want to contact Whitehall.

Lately, we have had some very bad experiences with some tenants. Some of you may recall that several years ago, we attempted to amend our legal documents to prohibit rentals in the

Community. Such an amendment requires the support of 67% of our Homeowners. Because of the disruptions to neighbors of certain tenants, we are being encouraged to try again. **It would be extremely helpful if you would let me know how you feel about such a proposal. Please send comments to 7799judilewis@gmail.com.**

Annual Inspection: Board members are ready to begin the annual inspection. Each Inspector will do inspections at his/her convenience. We will continue to do follow-up inspections each month.

If you receive a letter, please don't ignore it. If you dispute what you are being asked to do, or if you find that you are not able to complete the maintenance work within the time specified, please let us know. If you just ignore the letter, it will ultimately lead to fines. No one wants that to happen.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns. We will be happy to work with you to get these problems resolved.

Asphalt: Randy Wolfe, along with our asphalt contractor inspected all the asphalt in the Community. We have issued requests for bid for some sealing work to be done this year. At this time, we are preparing to complete the five remaining service drives (i.e. repave) next year. Once completed, all of our major asphalt work will be done.

Bird Feeders: We've had some complaints from residents concerning the location of bird feeders. If we could just post a sign "For Birds Only" we would have no problem. But, alas, bird seed tends to attract other critters. If your bird feeder is on your deck, or close to your home, the "other critters" also invade your neighbors. Please consider moving the feeder to a location that will keep the unwanted critters out of your and your neighbor's lawn.

No-Parking Signs: We plan to replace the current "No Parking" signs. The current ones have been bent and damaged.

Parking Striping: We plan to stripe the parking pads on Paddock to encourage parkers to occupy one spot only. The parking on Paddock is very limited – we need to maximize the space.

By-Laws: The By-Laws are being finalized as we speak. The Board will schedule a meeting for a vote by Homeowners.

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

Looking forward to seeing you at the Picnic.

Committee Reports

Landscape

John Paravati

As June approaches, the Main Island in Steeplechase will be planted with flowers. Once the new irrigation system is installed at the fountain bed at the top of Hennig, additional flowers will be planted to enhance the community's beauty. This planting plan will beautify the Main Island and the fountain bed area as part of a broader beautification initiative. In addition, the area behind units 1 thru 9 on Hennig Drive where the tree stumps were removed will be getting a facelift with the planting of Forsythia. Planting Forsythia will be a fantastic way to enhance the area where tree stumps were previously removed. The hillside along the driveway at 5226 Lantern Hill Dr. will be getting extended with mulch to improve the look of the landscaping and suppress weeds. Finally, the small dead Pansy Redbud Tree on Caste Dr. will be getting replaced. I am planning to have these projects completed by September.

Decorations

Jeannine Carver

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with the flags for Memorial Day!!! Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

Fourth of July is right around the corner, and we will need to do it all over again 😊

Flags will be placed around the neighborhood on Wednesday July 2nd and taken down Monday July 7th. Please email me at jandjcarver@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Internet

Jeannine Carver

REMINDER – Landscaping Questions Form

A fillable form has been created for your convenience and resides on the Landscape Committee page on the Steeplechase website. This form is sent directly to PEAK Landscaping and the Landscape Committee. If you have questions or concerns, please utilize the form.

Photographs Please

We are looking to update the photos on the website. Please submit your Steeplechase photos for consideration to our Facebook page.

Library

Alfie Chico

The next meeting is Friday, July 25, 2025. Please contact Alfie at 412-295-0044 if you need additional information.

Social

Betty Long

The social committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Ice Cream Social on July 24th. Along with Bruster's Ice Cream, we have a food truck, Hibachi Lou's, coming.

Before the Ice Cream Social there will be a hoagie sale on July 13th. The form can be found in this newsletter. Call Betty Long at 412-881-6841 to place your order.

Looking ahead, we are working on the garage sale in September, the Food Drive in October, the Homeowners' meeting in November and the Christmas Party in December.

STEEPLECHASE NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



June Lunch Bunch

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Bella's

91 Fort Couch Rd

Pittsburgh, PA 15241

RSVP: Maryann Ruffing

412-882-9274

By Tuesday, June 10, 2025

July Lunch Bunch

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Fresh Fork Cafe

5812 Library Rd

Bethel Park, PA 15102

RSVP: Valerie Wolfe

270-871-8458

By Tuesday, July 8, 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.

July 12

September 13

November 6, 2025 Annual Homeowners' Meeting

STEEPLECHASE SOCIAL COMMITTEE
HOAGIE/PEPPERONI ROLL SALE
ORDER FORM

Give yourself a treat and don't cook on **July 13, 2025**. Support the Steeplechase Social Committee activities by ordering a hoagie or pepperoni roll.

Hoagies and pepperoni rolls will be prepared by Cibrone's Bakery. Please fill out the order form below and mail/drop off to Betty Long or call and place your order by phone. Hoagies (12 Inch) 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
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TURKEY HOAGIE	\$10.00 X _____	= _____
ROAST BEEF HOAGIE	\$10.00 X _____	= _____
PEPPERONI ROLL	\$5.00 X _____	= _____

Please place your order with Betty Long, 1024 Duncan Lane or

412-881-6841. Make checks payable to **Steeplechase CSA**.

Orders and payment must be received no later than July 10, 2025

Pick up date is Sunday, July 13, 2025 at the **Long's, 1024 Duncan Lane from 11 am - 1:00 pm**

Food Truck & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 24, 2025

5:00 pm—8:00pm

Corner of Duncan & Caste

Hibachi Lou

&

Brusters's Ice Cream

This is a great opportunity to socialize with neighbors. A tent and tables and chairs will be available.



Welcome to the neighborhood

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

Ravindra & Menaka Mudiyanselage
5285 Caste Dr

Patrick & Suzanne Devine
3008 Duncan Lane

Melissa Dong & Aaron Kircher
5242 Lantern Hill Ext.

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

Obituaries

Pam Johns, former resident, March 10, 2025

Phil Lahr, former resident, April 10, 2025

Jerry Teitz, former resident, May 23, 2025



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT & LOCATION
June 7, 2025	4:30 pm—8:30 pm	Steeplechase Picnic
June 12, 2025	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Bella's
July 10, 2025	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch Fresh Fork Cafe
July 12, 2025	9:30 am	Board Meeting Weyman Rd. Fire Dept
July 13, 2025	10:00 am—12:30 am	Hoagie Sale 1024 Duncan Lane
July 24, 2025	5:00 pm—8:00 pm	Food Truck & Ice Cream Social Duncan Lane & Caste
July 25, 2025	10:30 am	Book Club 1023 Duncan Lane
September 6, 2025	8:00 am—2:00 pm	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