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Mark Your Calendar

- ⇒ January 31, Deadline to Volunteer for Nominating Committee for SHOA Board; email Terry Endress at steeplechase@mail.com if interested.
- ⇒ March 1 Deadline for Dues Payment
- ⇒ May 14, 6:30 p.m., Lehner Center, Annual SHOA Meeting and Board Election; Email Terry Endress at steeplechase@mail.com if interested in serving on the 2019-2020 Board.
- ⇒ May 16-18, 9am-3pm, Garage Sale

2019 - 2020 Dues

Annual dues for 2019 will be \$50 per household based on the budget in this newsletter and are payable by March 1, 2019. Mail to:

Steeplechase Homeowners Association
PO BOX 110
Munroe Falls, OH 44262.

Last year dues were paid by 149 1/2 of 151 neighbors. This year we hope to have on-time payments from 100% of our neighbors. Your help in meeting this goal would be greatly appreciated.

Remember, your dues must be current to vote on neighborhood issues or run for office on the Steeplechase Homeowners Association Board.

NOTE: Invoices will not be mailed this year to keep our costs at a minimum. This information will also be posted on our website: www.thesteeplechasehoa.com and emailed to members for whom we have an email address. Contact Mike O'Donnell, SHOA Treasurer, 330-687-6713 / dedachu@yahoo.com, or any Board member with questions.

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Budget

Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 Budget	Comments
Annual Meeting			\$ 54	\$ 95	\$ 100	2018 plus 3.5% inflation
Bank Service Charges	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 20	\$ 26	\$ -	Changed to PNC no service charges
Christmas/Luminaries	\$ 714	\$ 697	\$ 736	\$ 609	\$ 650	4 year average
Garage Sale Expense	\$ 19	\$ 68	\$ 51		\$ 60	4 year average
Insurance	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,047	\$ 1,376	2018 included prepay from 2017
Landscaping	\$ 596			\$ 533	\$ 500	Same as 2018
Legal Fees	\$ 9,813	\$ 4,058	\$ 12,900	\$ 337	\$ 500	Legal consultation
Miscellaneous			\$ 25	\$ 101	\$ 500	Misc items
Mowing	\$ 403	\$ 820		\$ 261	\$ 400	2018 low due to partial year of mowing
New Neighbor/ Be-reavement	\$ 38	\$ 107	\$ 172	\$ 235	\$ 200	2 year average
Office Supplies	\$ 291	\$ 209	\$ 74	\$ 72	\$ 169	4 year average
Postage and Delivery	\$ 103	\$ 94	\$ 349	\$ 261	\$ 261	Same as 2018
Taxes - Property	\$ 70	\$ 33	\$ 69	\$ 68	\$ 68	Same as 2018
Website		\$ 273	\$ 242	\$ 120	\$ 159	4 year average
Block Party		\$ 97	\$ 113	\$ 1,766	\$ 1,000	2019 reduced per board Mtg 10/29/18
Repairs	\$ 23		\$ 240	\$ 655	\$ 230	4 year average (light repair at front in 2018)
Tax Preperation	\$ 250		\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 250	run rate plus inflation
Quickbooks			\$ 214	\$ 257	\$ -	No longer needed
Storm Water/Sewer	\$ 64	\$ 108	\$ 144	\$ 36	\$ 100	2018 - low due to credit balance from prev admin
Printing	\$ 121		\$ 189	\$ 957	\$ 957	Same as 2018
Grand Total	\$ 13,597	\$ 7,656	\$ 17,146	\$ 7,661	\$ 7,478	

Cash Balance 1/1/2018	\$ 4,078
Cash Balance 1/1/2019	\$ 13,498
Proj Cash Balance 1/1/2020 @90% participation	\$ 12,860

Volunteers Needed for 2019-2020 Nominating Committee

Our Steeplechase Homeowners Association Bylaws provide for a Nominating Committee to be appointed annually. Our bylaws read as follows:

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed annually by the Board of Trustees to solicit and compile nominees from the members for the positions on the Board of Trustees, to prepare a ballot with such nominees, to distribute and collect such ballots, count and tabulate such ballots after the election.

This is a critical committee and neighbors are needed to participate on it. We would like to have the committee in place by the end of January 2019. Please contact Terry Endress at Steeplechase@mail.com / 330-571-3730 or any Board member if you are willing to serve, have any questions, or need more information.

Remember, what makes The Steeplechase a special place is YOU!

New SHOA Board

The SHOA Board is currently looking for members interested in running for the 2019-2020 Board, which consists of 7 members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) at-large Trustees. Each serves a one-year term. For more information see the Regulations and Bylaws on our website: www.thesteepchasehoa.com

Our Homeowners Association and its Board are very important to our neighborhood and to how our neighborhood is viewed in Northeastern Ohio. This can greatly affect our happiness and home values. We need you to step forward and volunteer for the Board, or if asked, consider being on the ballot for the 2019-2020 year.

Please contact Terry Endress 330-571-3730 / terryendress@gmail.com or any Board member to volunteer or if you have any questions.

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Disclosure to Real Estate Agents

Neighbors: Your Board of Trustees will soon be sending an informational letter to local real estate offices. It will make them aware that we have the Steeplechase Homeowners Association in place and that our mailing address is: PO Box 110, Munroe Falls, OH 44262.

Please be aware that our treasurer provides information to inquiries, with your approval. Currently our Treasurer is Mike O'Donnell, 330-687-6713 / debachu@yahoo.com, and the type of information provided is as follows:

- Each home owner is a member of the Association.
- We have Regulations and Bylaws.
- Our annual dues for 2019 are \$50.
- Dues run from January 1 to December 31st.
- Dues must be paid in full to be able to vote on Association matters or run for The Steeplechase Board.
- At this time there are no outstanding issues with the Steeplechase Homeowners Association that would affect annual dues.
- We will include a copy of our homeowners flyer that appears on our Website: www.thesteepchasehoa.com.

PLEASE BE AWARE

When listing your home for sale it would be prudent to make your realtor aware of these facts, whether or not this information is requested by your particular real estate agent.

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2018 Ladies Tea

The Ladies Tea Committee, pictured left to right: *Samira Strata, Kelly Kanoza, and Melissa Baldrige* held the event at Melissa's lovely home. Their planning and hard work transformed a cold December day into a fun afternoon with games, hot drinks, delicious food, and warm camaraderie among the women of The Steeplechase.



Marty Wiles



L-R: Karen Ripple, Marybeth Reed, Beth Stuber, Lyn Mattingly, Maryann Kostich



L-R: Carolyn Davis, Kelly Kanoza, Tricia Ingrassia



Melissa Baldrige



Back row, L-R: Marybeth Reed, Karen Dunn, Melissa Baldrige, Beth Stuber, Marty Wiles, Tricia Ingrassia, MaryAnn Kostich

Middle row, L-R: Elizabeth Volk, Samira Strata, Lynn Mattingly, Kelly Kanoza, Evelyn Taylor, Debbie O'Donnell, Karen Ripple

Front: Denise Zitzmann, and selfie-photo-taker Carolyn Davis

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Santa Visits The Steeplechase

“Santa’s view from atop the fire engine is priceless as he gets to see the faces of children and adults who stop for just a moment out of their busy day to smile, wave, and wish all a Merry Christmas.” Lee Chafin, Chief Munroe Falls Fire Dept.



Neighbor Samira Strata takes a selfie with her sister Suhair Kahook and nephew Tawfeek Kahook as they await Santa’s arrival.



Neighbor Rod Strata with sister-in-law Suhair Kahook and nephew Tawfeek Kahook enjoy the Strata’s fire pit as they watch for Santa.

SHOA President Terry En-dress and wife Gail En-dress with their grandsons Jonathan, Joey and Jacob



Allison Kanoza gives Santa a special gift with a little help from a Munroe Falls fireman.



Kelcey and Nate Lucardi with their son Noah pose for a picture with Santa and his two helpers.

Devil Strip Tree Removal

Neighbors on Bechers Jump and Sandown Lane used Mike Sorboro 330-801-2816 to cut down their devil strip trees. GP Tree Service has also been used 330-699-9964.

2019 Steeplechase Garage Sale

Neighbors: This year's sale is scheduled for 3 days in May: Thursday, May 16, through Saturday, May 18, from 9am-3pm every day.

THANK YOU to Sharon DeBlois, Committee Chair, and Bonnie Baker, for taking on this task for our neighborhood for 2019! It has become a fun event for The Steeplechase neighbors and nearby communities dating back to 1988, when Tanya Serafin held her first sale. In 1992 the neighborhood joined in for the first organized event.

Special Edition of The Insider

Be sure to check out the January edition where four neighborhood families are highlighted: The Shannon's, Byrne's, newlyweds Jeff and Peggy Rossi, and the Teodosio family.

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