

Steeplechase Home Owners Association 2021 Spring Newsletter



President's Message

The last twelve months have been pretty strange with the COVID-19 lockdowns. Beth and I got our vaccines and we were able to spend Easter with our children and grandchild. We hope your lives are getting back to normal.

We did not have a lot of Steeplechase activities, but I would like to thank a few people for their help. Thanks to Susan Rizzo for the Easter sing-along and the Christmas Eve bell ring. Thanks for Feda Suleiman and Dianne Sumego for the Graduation parade. Thanks to Tina Merlitti and Peggy Rossi for organizing the

Halloween parade. Thanks to Terry Endress for trimming the shrubs on the islands and getting the milk jugs for the luminaries. And finally I thank the SHOA Board for their help with the flags, luminaries, and general homeowners' association work.

We hope to restore a couple activities this year. We plan to have an annual meeting May 19th, Garage sale May 13 to 15, and we hope we can have a Block Party in the fall.

Look around and we all see signs of spring: grass greening, trees budding, flowers blooming, and kids playing outside. I ask that everyone to please stop at stop signs, slow down a little, and watch out for the children. I hope you can all get out to see our beautiful neighborhood and please take the extra minute to say hello to your neighbors.

Sincerely, Neil Stuber, SHOA President



Save the Date:

Garage Sale: May 13-15, 2021, ,

Annual Meeting: May 19, 2021, 6:30 -7:30 pm, Outside the front of 215 Cheltenham Ln

Block Party, Fall (TBD)

(If you have an idea for an event please contact one of the Board members to share your idea)

SHOA Board Members (Stay tuned for the updates after the election)

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Neighborhood Updates



Neighbor Spotlight



The Cunningham Family- Jeff, Kalee, Lincoln, and Frankie

The Cunningham Family moved into the Steeplechase neighborhood in the Spring of 2020 and are currently just shy of their one year anniversary They had been casually house hunting for a few months, but when they saw this house on Belmont, it was a done deal for their family! The idea that they would be able to grow into this house and neighborhood was exactly what

they had been praying for.

Jeff and Kaylee have been married for 7 years and have two children, Lincoln (5) and Frankie (2) and our giant goldendoodle Cooper. They are both originally from the Canton area, but Jeff's job relocated the family. Jeff works for DF Supply as the sales manager and Kaylee works part time from home for a small business doing SEO work on Amazon, along with being a full time stay at home mom. Our two kids love being outside playing and making new neighborhood friends. We have so thoroughly enjoyed learning this area and finding all sorts of new places to hike and play. The Cunningham family intends for Steeplechase to be their home and look forward to getting to

Neighborhood Facebook

Recently we have seen growing interest in the use of our neighborhood Facebook account. Our Facebook page is a great place to keep up to date on neighborhood events and pictures from past events, it is not the place however to air grievances about your neighbors. Please keep in mind the code of conduct when you want to post on The Steeplechase Facebook account: Be kind, insulting, or bullying other members will get you banned from the group. Be civil, we are all neighbors, and want to remain that way. If you have serious concerns bring it up with an HOA member, Facebook is NOT the place for complaining about barking dogs or snow blowers. The Facebook page is not run by the HOA but a kind neighbor. Please make his job easy and keep it friendly.

Please Welcome Our New Neighbors

The Baniya Family on Aintree, The Cunningham Family on Belmont Park The Hurayt Family on Buttevant, The O'Donnell Family on Belmont Park

Our apologies if we have missed a new neighbor. Please contact Peggy Rossi at <u>peggy.manning@gmail.com</u> to let us know of any neighbors we have missed. We also enjoy profiling our neighbors, so whether you are new, a lifelong or somewhere in between resident please feel free to send a short write

up and picture to Dianne Sumego at <u>dsumegod1@gmail.com</u>.







SHOA Board Activity Updates



Treasurer's Report

The SHOA is in good financial standings. General funds were used for replacement of flags and purchased 1512 candles. Events supported by the SHOA included the Senior celebration, Halloween Costume Parade and the Christmas Luminaire display.

The Fiscal year runs from June—June.	Revenue:	\$ 5,700.00
	Expenditures:	\$ 3,166.30
	Checking Account:	\$ 21,407.27

The full Treasure's report is posted at http://www.thesteeplechasehoa.com/homeowners.html

Due to COVID-19 an audit was not performed in 2020. An audit was completed on April 21, 2021 for the 2019 and 2020 years. The audit committee consisted of Rod Strata, Treasurer, David DiCola, Trustee and Dianne Sumego, Vice President. The records were determined to be in sound condition.

2021 Membership Dues

Neighbors, the SHOA voted to keep dues at \$50 this year. Please remember your dues for 2021 were due March 1. We are still a way from 100% payment. If you forgot, we would appreciate if you could please pay ASAP. If you have been impacted by COVID-19, please reach out to Neil Stuber or Rod Strata to see how the SHOA can assist you. Should you have any questions please contact Rod Strata, Treasurer at 330.389.0764 or Rodney.strata@gmail.com

SHOA 2021-2022 Elections

All SHOA members in good standing (current and past dues paid in full), are eligible to vote for the Board of Trustees. You can choose to vote in person at the Annual meeting, by proxy, or fill out the ballot and return it prior to the meeting. Please take the time to complete your ballot or attend our meeting. Please remember there is only one vote per household. Ballots will be distributed on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2021

spring has Arrived!





SHOA 2020 Neighborhood Events



The past year has been challenging and unusual year as we worked our way through the COVID-19 Pandemic as it changed all of our lives. Unfortunately, this meant the SHOA was unable to host our Annual Meeting, Tea Party, Annual Picnic and Cookie Exchange. However, the Steeplechase neighborhood is filled with creative neighbors who offered up suggestions for some new events, to compliment those we were sill able to do all while social distancing. The events are summarized in the below paragraphs.

Easter Sing-Along - Neighbors gathers at the corner of Steeplechase Lane and St Leger Street to sing versus of Amazing Grace to celebrate the Easter holiday. This event was also held in 2021 and has become an annual event starting in 2020. Special thanks to Susan Rizzo for organizing these events.



Flags - This Due to the great feedback receive on displaying flags throughout our neighborhood in 2019, the SHOA Board decided to make this a tradition each year. Our flag display

is a tribute and to pay respect to our country and those that have served or are currently serving our country. Thank you for all your positive feedback . Flags lined our streets for Memorial, Independence, and Labor Day .

Senior Parade - It was unfortunate that our seniors graduating from high school and college were unable to walk across the stage in 2020 due to the pandemic. A special thank you to Feda Suleiman for bringing this idea to the board and Dianne Sumego and Lisa Davis for helping to coordinate. We had 7 graduates who participated in the parade. Gift bags were given to each senior in addition to their photos taken. Photography was provide by 2 Steeplechase neighbors, Denise Zitzmann and Andrea Hallgren. They volunteered their time to take pictures of our graduates and their families.

Halloween Parade; The Halloween Costume Parade took place on Saturday, October 31. Our neighborhood children dressed in their favorite costumes as the walked down St. Leger. 53 children participated and each received a treat bag, The Costume Parade was followed by the City of Munroe Falls Trick or Treat. Special thanks goes to Tina Merliti and Peggy Rossi for organizing the event.

Christmas Eve Bell Ring - Special thanks again to Susan Rizzo for gathering neighbors together for a special event on Christmas Eve for a Bell Ring to celebrate the Holiday

Christmas Luminaries - Our Steeplechase neighborhood has been placing luminaires out for 26 years and what a beautiful site. Visitors come to tour our neighborhood each year. Thank you to all our neighbors for helping with this event.

Do You have Ideas for Future Events - We want to Hear them

The SHOA is always looking for ways to connect our neighbors. If you have an idea please contact one of the Board Members. We are hoping we can meet in person soon.



The Steeplechase Neighbors our PROUD of our Graduates

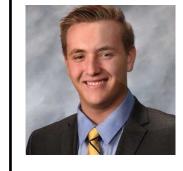
We Wish You all the Best!



Name: Nicole Alexis DeBlois (Niki) College: University of Pittsburgh Major: Doctorate in Physical Therapy Next Step: Job Searching in the Denver Area







High School: Archbishop Hoban College: The Ohio State University

Name: Joey Osmun

Major: Biology/Pre-Med





Name: Nathaniel Miner

College: Fortis College

Major: HVAC

Next Step: Job Searching





Name: Hamza Taha

College: Kent State University

Major: Finance/Data Analytics

Next Step: Job Searching





Name: Jenna Taha High School: St. Vincent-St. Mary College: Kent State University Major: Undetermined



Name: Brandon Gorrell

High School: Stow-Munroe Falls

College: University of Akron



Name: Adam Folk

High School: Stow-Munroe Falls

College: Otterbein University

Major: Sport Administration









Steeplechase Reminders



Neighborly Landscaping

Spring has sprung, with the recent exception of Mother Natures cruel joke, and with it comes the sights and sounds of outdoor activity as we put another Steeplechase winter behind us. As the season takes us away from snow shovels and sidewalk salt, we pivot toward grass clippings and leaf blowers.

Of course, we all have to ensure our grass is cut and our lawns are properly maintained. However, by observing a few neighborly tips, we can ensure everyone can enjoy the very best that outdoor life has to offer during the summer months:

- Please compost or mulch your grass rather than blowing it out into the street. Grass clippings, leaves and twigs are inherently damaging to storm sewers quite to the point where clogs and flooding can occur.
- -If you edge your sidewalk or have your lawn aeriated, please ensure that dirt and grass are swept off the sidewalks. Your neighbors (and their dogs) will appreciate the chance to walk on clean sidewalks.
- Please do your best to prune trees and shrubs so they don't encroach on your neighbor's yard.
- Be careful when spraying weeds, so as to avoid damaging your neighbor's plants or grass.
- Try to avoid firing up the lawn mower too early in the morning or too late in the evening. Weekend sleepins and cocktail parties go over better with the sounds of birds chirping and children playing rather than noisy lawn equipment.

The Steeplechase development is one of the most aesthetically pleasing neighborhoods in the area. With a little bit of attention to detail, we can keep it that way and ensure our residents get the most enjoyment out of the warmer months at the same time.

Information to Share....

If you have any information or news stories about our neighbors including, new neighbors, births, deaths, news on your family etc. please contract Dianne Sumego at 330,604.5543 or dsumego1@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you contributors to the newsletter, SHOA Board and Karen Merlitti