

SOUTH SIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting
10/12/10

At this important meeting, we will be voting on proposed changes to the bylaws. Please be sure to see the full text on our website:

www.southsideslopes.org. In addition, we will be electing board members for the Association. This year, 6 board positions are up for election to a two year term. Voting rights are extended to all members in good standing, (who have paid their dues for 2010). Anyone interested in running for a board position is asked to contact board governance committee chair, Don Ware at don.ware@southsideslopes.org

Brad Palmisiano

Current SSSNA Board Officers:

Brad Palmisiano – President
Misi Bielich – Vice President
Pavel Yakovlev – Treasurer
Paul Lorincy – Secretary

Board Members:

Denise Burkhart
Denise Phillip
Peter Kreuthmeier
Brian Oswald
Aaron Sukenik
Fr. Donald Ware
Mark Zalenchak

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Trek X
10/10/10



This year will be our tenth anniversary of the signature event for the South Side Slopes, which we hope to make even more special than it has been already. The annual tour of the wonderful public staircases that course throughout our neighborhood will have an expanded staging area this year thanks to the efforts on the reclamation of South Side Park. There will be vendors and exhibits extending from the staging area, at the parking lot at the corner of 21st and Josephine, into the park beneath the Mission St Bridge. One of the exhibits that we are asking for neighborhood support in will be a photography display showing the staircases that we all know and love. If you have some pictures that you wish to share, or have the artistic itch to get out there and show us what you got, it would be a great addition. You can either show up with your photos the day of the event in the staging area, or email what you would like displayed to me at oswaldbj@upmc.edu and I will have it printed out for you. Thank you so much for your support.

Brian Oswald

Thank You Deloitte!

What a difference a day makes!

In just one day, 450 volunteers from Deloitte spent a combined total of nearly 2,700 hours scrupulously enhancing and revitalizing the South Side Slopes and Flats. The day was spent planting more than a dozen flats of flowers on Carson Street, and three new community gardens totaling more than 3,600 square feet, scraping and repainting more than a half mile of railings along the steps of the Slopes, painting over hundreds of square feet of graffiti, and assessing nearly 3,000 homes and lots on the Slopes.

For the local non-profits in the area including City Theatre, WYEP, Goodwill and South Side LDC, volunteers cleaned, organized and prepared mural boards for distribution. Not only did these incredibly hard-working folks strive to beautify the area, they also enhanced the community spirit by holding a Senior Carnival at the Allentown Senior Center for more than 50 residents.

Judy Dyda

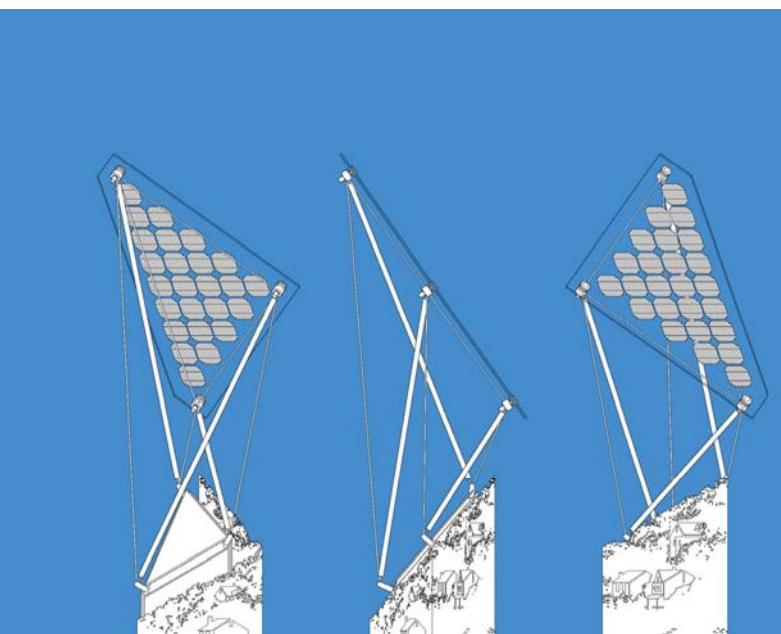




London, Paris, Venice, South Side Slopes

Monastery/Brosville Wins Awards 3 and 4: Internationally, and here in Pennsylvania, folks continue to take notice of our neighborhood improvement at the corner of Monastery and Brosville Streets. In June, SEGD recognized the project with a Jury Award at a ceremony in Washington D.C., together with projects from around the world. Read all about it on their website: www.segd.org In September, AIA Pennsylvania recognized this with an Award for Architectural Excellence, Citation of Merit, at a ceremony in the rotunda of the state capital in Harrisburg. Further information will be on their website shortly: www.aiapa.org

Other awards include an Award of Excellence in Architectural Detail from AIA Pittsburgh in 2009, and a Townie Award for Public Space Improvements from the Pennsylvania Downtown Center in 2009. On the horizon, an international publisher will be featuring the project in a forthcoming book to be distributed in Europe, Asia, and North America. We're also looking forward to the fall planting season this year, to replace the tree that was damaged during last winter's "Snowmageddon."



Pylon to be Completed for StepTrek:

Our solar-powered 'welcome to the neighborhood' sign is *finally* scheduled to be installed at the corner of 18th and Josephine Streets. The cor-ten steel "wrapper" will oxidize naturally over time, probably taking a month or so for the initial weathering to even-out. Overhead, the solar panel will charge batteries inside the pylon by day, that in turn will power the LED lighting overnight. Full-brightness over the long winter nights was our worst-case criterion, so fingers crossed, time will tell.

Peter Kreuthmeier

Trek X

10/10/10

Rudberg Law Offices, LLC is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor for the 10th StepTrek in the South Side Slopes. We welcome you back for our 10th StepTrek. The theme this year is a celebration of you our Trekkers and volunteers! How amazing that our 10th Trek falls on 10.10.10! Once again, there are new routes and some old favorites. The Trek tee has Trekkers walking the StepTrek route through South Side Park, cleverly created by Featured Artist Leroy Pettis.

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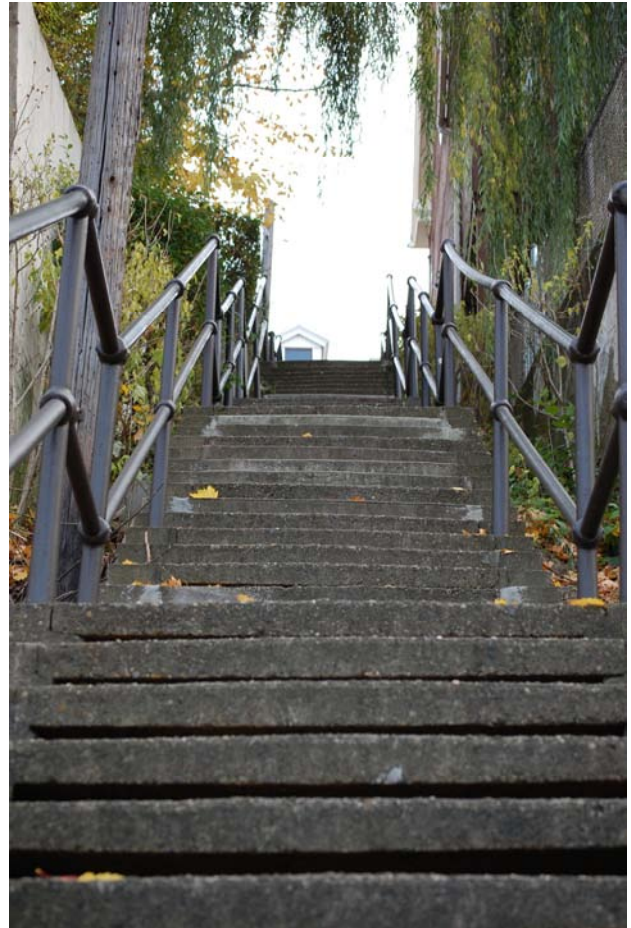
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Where: UPMC Parking Lot at 21st & Josephine Streets for Registration

When: Noon to 4pm, the registration area is open after 11am

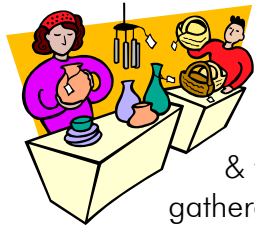
How Much: Preregistration is \$12 for the first person & \$10 for each additional registration (see dates). Children under 12 are free with an adult. You can also register on site \$15 per person.

How: You can register in advance through www.StepTrek.org on Active.com, by mail, or at a meeting.

The theme for this year's Trek is to celebrate our rich 10 year event history and our faithful Trekkers of all ages. We could not continue to improve the neighborhood without your help. We ask that if you have any photos of the South Side Slopes, you bring a copy to share with all of our visitors. They could be old or new, Trek or not.

It takes many volunteers year-round to make this event such a success. We welcome your help at the StepTrek. You will receive a StepTrek tee shirt, refreshments, and book of maps as a thank you for your time. Please contact us at 412-488-0486 to volunteer.

The Marketplace:



This year, there is more for you to do...We are here to Trek again thanks to you, our faithful Trekkers & volunteers. StepTrek has gathered thousands of you over the years. The "Marketplace" at the registration area was a success last year, so we are adding on. Local artisans will have their wares for you to see and purchase. We are also taking a trip back in time to celebrate each Trek. We will have fun facts, photos and memorabilia for you to look at from each Trek. We are asking that if you have great photos of the Slopes, bring them to share with all of us. We will have an area to show them off. There will be so much to do and see that we are branching out to include our beloved South Side Park entrance on 21st Street for these activities to spill over into.

A Way for You to Donate...

The very first StepTrek donated a portion of the funds raised to several local charities. This year we have 2 ways to help other non-profit charities. As last year, we will be collecting for the Brashear Association any extra fruits and vegetables from your garden or any non-perishable food items that you bring to donate. It was very helpful for our neighbors in need. Also, the Pet Trek which begins at 1pm (new) allows you to donate minimum \$5 cash to a local "no kill" animal shelter and receive a gift for your pet. Pets are always welcome to walk for free, the donation is optional. Diamond in the Ruff at 155 S. 18th is a proud sponsor of Pet Trek.

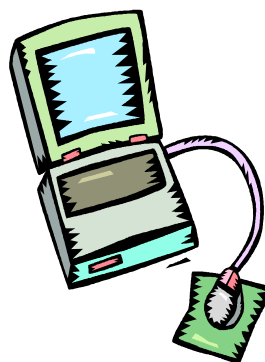
"Steppin' Up" Friends:



For years, many of you have been faithful Trekkers and have come back to enjoy the Slopes on a comfortable fall afternoon. This year we wanted to offer you another level of participation. We are inviting you to be a "Steppin' Up" Friend of the South Side Slopes. For a minimum donation of \$50 you will receive two standard StepTrek registrations as well as special recognition in the StepTrek book of maps.

This is a first for us, requested by Trekkers as a special way to support the event and neighborhood. The process is simple: Please complete and send the registration form(s) as usual. Denote on the memo line of your check "Steppin' Up" donation. Mail them to SSSNA/StepTrek 2010, PO Box 4248, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Unfortunately, this cannot be done through an Active.com registration. Your donation is tax deductible as SSSNA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please email Bev by 3pm September 30th to make the printing deadline for the books, and then mail your registration and check separately. Questions, please call or email Bev at 412-488-0486 or Bev.Boggio@SouthSideSlopes.org.

Need More Details?



Be sure to go to the SSSNA website at www.StepTrek.org and get more detailed information, including our FAQs (frequently asked questions). We cannot wait to see you for "Trek X" on 10.10.10.

Thank You!

Bev Boggio

General Meetings

June:

Brad Palmisiano, Board President, chaired the meeting with 16 neighbors in attendance. Topic No. 1 was finalizing our to-do list in preparation for the Friday, June 11th Slopes cleanup by employees of Deloitte, (see page 2 for full details). We are overwhelmed by their help to keep our neighborhood clean and green. Bravo Deloitte, and many thanks!

Peter Kreuthmeier, Board member, updated us on a recent Washington D.C. meeting of the Society for Environmental Graphic Design. At this meeting our Monastery/Brosville garden cor-ten sculpture was again recognized with a design award, (see Page 3 for full details).

Brad told the meeting that 18th Street and the Monastery/Brosville Garden will receive trees during the fall planting season from the city.

Jenn Jeffers from the Brashear Association spoke about the Brashear sponsored Christmas Toy Drive in July. Brashear Association is a United Way Organization, reaching out to help the needy with a wide array of services in our immediate South Hills. One effort of Brashear is to give toys to needy children at Christmas – and the need is great especially today. The July Christmas Toy Drive was also sponsored by local businesses: Joseph Beth Bookstore, who donated a percentage of their sales on June 12th, and Double Wide Grill, who hosted a Toy Drive event on July 14th.

July, Summer Celebration:

We lost count when attendance topped 100 for our annual summer picnic at Games n' At. Neighbors enjoyed good food, good neighbor vibes, and free games for the evening. Thanks to all who brought dishes to share, and to Grillmeister and Board member Mark Zalenchak.



August: (our traditional no-meeting month)

September:

Misi Bielich, vice president, chaired the meeting, and welcomed John Radcliffe from DPW, as well as two new neighbors. Judy Dyda updated us on trail repair work in South Side Park. Cleanups continue on Saturdays until the Step Trek event. Bev Boggio updated us on Trek X. She thanked some of our major sponsors, including Rudberg Law Offices, STORExpress, UPMC, and Copies at Carson. Vitamin Water is donating 35 cases of refreshment for the event. Johno Prascak is donating a beautiful print for our raffle. DPW will continue to clean and weed along the Steps. Step Trek is a major undertaking each year for our Association. We thank Bev for all of her hard work in coordinating it.

Fr. Don Ware presented proposed changes to the Bylaws at this meeting. The two main areas are in membership and the number of general meetings in a year. We want to open membership to everyone who lives in the Slopes. We also want to have five general meetings each year. See our website for the proposed changes: www.southsideslopes.org We will vote on these at our October 12th meeting.

Fr. Don Ware, C.P.

Volunteer Opportunities

Gardeners

Tree Tenders

Clean-Up Volunteers

No experience necessary!

Additional information is on our website

Please contact us by:

Phone: 412-488-0486

Email: info@southsideslopes.org

Web: www.southsideslopes.org

Upcoming Events

Trek X

October 10, 2010

Noon – 4:00pm

UPMC Mercy South Side Parking Lot

Josephine and 21st Streets

SSSNA Annual Meeting

October 12, 2010

7:00pm

St. Paul of the Cross Monastery

Retreat Center

148 Monastery Avenue

Ongoing Events

Gardening

Cleanups

See website for details

Please Join for 2010

With your donations, we are able to keep neighbors informed and connected.

SSSNA Membership is \$5 and runs from January 2010 to December 2010.

Thank you for joining us!

SSSNA Membership

Please mail \$5 to:

South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 4248

Pittsburgh, PA 15203

or bring to our next meeting

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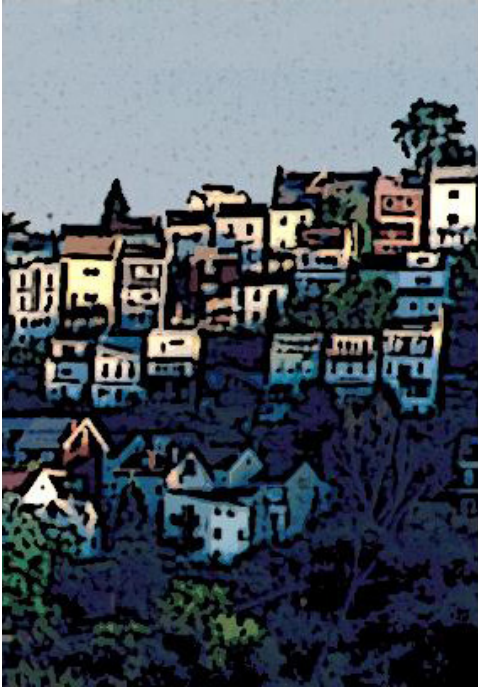
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