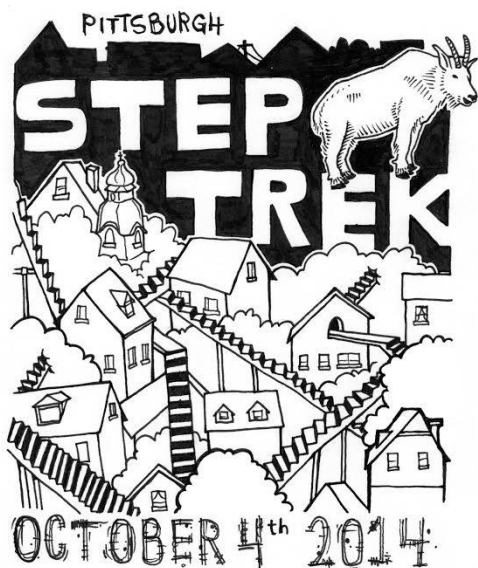


14th Annual StepTrek a Success Despite Chilly Weather



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On Saturday October 4, 2014 the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association hosted our 14th annual Pittsburgh StepTrek. The weather finally caught up to us this year as we had wind, rain, and hail to go along with the downright chilly temperatures.

Despite this set back we still welcomed 662 paid attendees to scramble all over our beautiful hillside community. We were primed to have an even more well attended event if the weather would have cooperated with over 500 tickets sold in advance, but none the less we still had 162 people join us with day of ticket purchases in the elements.



As part of the preparations for this year's StepTrek we were able to re-establish our relationship with a new cast in the Department of Public Works as we sent 15 requests for repairs to different stairways and railings. They exceeded all of our expectations in addressing each and every repair requested to make sure that our Trek was safe this year.

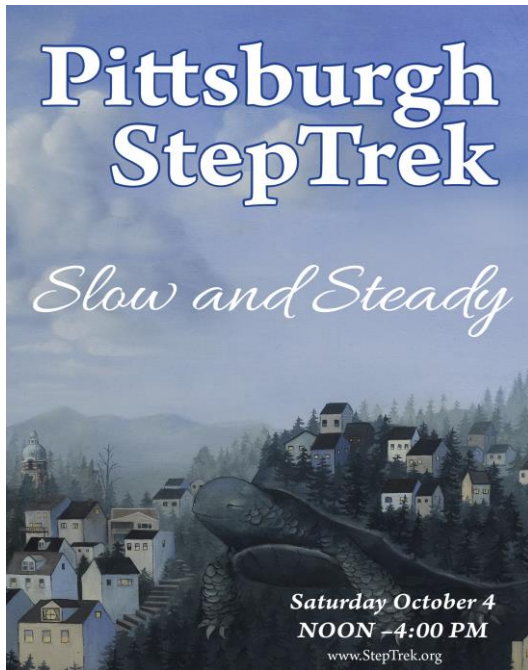


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Thanks to some excellent fundraising efforts by the StepTrek Committee we were able to make this year's event as financially successful as the previous few years and in the end we were able to raise nearly \$9,000 for our organization. This money will help the SSSNA to expand its efforts to make the Slopes a much more clean, green, and safe neighborhood for all of us to enjoy.



Adam Jette feasts on a Bar-B-Cone from S. Side BBQ



Artwork by Hannah Clark

We look forward to growing our successes from this year to make the 2015 Pittsburgh StepTrek and even more successful and better attended event. Save the date for the first Saturday of October every year for StepTrek, and next year this will be on Saturday October 3, 2015. If you would like to join the StepTrek Committee please email me at brian.oswald@southsideslopes.org

Brian Oswald
StepTrek Chair

Help Support the SSSNA



Please help to Support the SSSNA and its mission of *neighbors working together to make the Slopes a more livable, beautiful, and safe community*. Donations are accepted through our website www.southsideslopes.org on the PayPal link on the right side) or you can mail a check to "SSSNA, PO Box 4248, Pittsburgh, PA 15203." You can also access our website via the QR code above.

Slopes Christmas Party



The annual South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association will be on Tuesday, December 9th at 7PM at St Paul's Monastery Retreat Center.

Dinner will be provided, but feel free to bring a dessert or appetizer. Hope to see you there!

Knoxville Incline - Update & Request for Information



Drive up Brosville Street, and you will notice a transformation at the border of the South Side Slopes and Allentown. The new Knoxville Incline Overlook Park is almost finished. You can now enjoy a gravel trail connection to the Welsh Way stairs from Brosville Street, as well as take a rest on a bench in the natural wildflower meadow. In

addition, the old Fritz Street Bridge has been painted, and the jersey barriers have been replaced with natural stone boulders sourced from Hazelwood's Almono construction site.



This project has been made possible by a grant and support from the GTECH Strategies ReClaim South program. It was worked on by many neighborhood volunteers, the City of Pittsburgh DPW, and volunteers from Carnegie Mellon University and the Adult Probation Center of Allegheny County.

The finishing touches included painting the bridge yellow, and plantings. An educational sign will highlight the history of the incline that ran on this site from 1890 to 1960. To support these efforts visit:
<http://fund.gtechstrategies.com>



If you have any pictures or stories of the old incline in use, please share them with us for possible inclusion on the historic sign. You can email photos or stories to carajette@southsideslopes.org, bring them to a meeting or event, or mail them to: PO Box 4248, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Any physical photos will be scanned and then returned.

Thank you for your help in sharing the story of our neighborhood

Arlington Art Work Shop Sparks Creativity



The Arlington Art Work Shop is a media based initiative that uses media and art to educate, engage and inspire children of all ages. This project is supported in part by the Spark Fund for Early Learning at The Sprout Fund. Spark is a program of The Sprout Fund that supports projects in the greater Pittsburgh region that help children develop hands-on skills and digital literacies by expanding their capacity "to do" as well as "to know".

The Arlington Art Work Shop held a 4-week Media Art Project, Stop Animation: Goldilocks and the Three Bears. During this 4-week event, children learned how to use camera equipment, sculpt with clay, draw, create and collaborate. The workshop included 20 children of various ages (3-13) as well as 11 parent participants.

Held at The Arlington Recreation Center at 2201 Salisbury St. Children were able to participate in Recreation Center activities, enjoy the Free Lunch and Snack Program made available to all children during the summer months and participate in The Arlington Art Work Shop, at no cost. Additional project plans are to start up a regular Seasonal newsletter, created and run by the children of the Recreation Center and the surrounding community.



We look forward to creating a new project next summer to continue the Summer Learning that was started this summer!

<http://arlingtonartworkshop.blogspot.com/>

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Welcome New Board Members

Welcome to Kristin Raup and Candice Gonzalez – our new South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association Board Members.

For the past few years, Kristin has been a very active member of the Association – present at clean-ups, StepTrek and many committee meetings always offering new insight. She just recently purchased her second home on the South Side Slopes.

Candice is a South Side native who lived in California and Italy before deciding to return to her hometown. You may have seen her at the South Side Chamber of Commerce where she is Executive Director.

We also wish to thank Molly McClelland and Maggie Buck for their years of service on the Board.

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East Warrington Avenue – Open for Business!

The Hilltop Alliance (HA) and the Allentown CDC recently announced a \$1.5 million investment in Allentown over the next six years through the Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP), and annual commitments from partners PNC Bank, Dollar Bank, and UPMC Health Plan.

A large component of the NPP program is the revitalization of East Warrington Avenue, the neighborhood's main business corridor. Home to local favorites like Alla Famiglia, and neighborhood staples like Amsler's Pharmacy and Michelle's Diner, there is a new life on East Warrington Avenue – Sweet Peaches Catering Company and the Hardware Store are both new, exciting businesses that have opened shop in Allentown.

To help fuel the district's momentum, in late October the Hilltop Alliance hired a Business District Manager for East Warrington Avenue. Siena Kane, who works primarily out of the Hardware Store, links prospective businesses to property owners with available space; provides support to new, viable businesses through available grant funding; addresses immediate needs in the district; and promotes East Warrington as a business district destination for patrons and businesses alike.

For more information on grant programming available for new businesses on East Warrington Avenue, or to contact Siena Kane, Allentown Business District Manager, please call 412-712-3306

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Call for Submissions

As residents of the Slopes, we know that our best kept secrets are the incredible people we call our own. We'd like to share the stories of our neighbors in our newsletter and are asking for submissions for the next publication.

Know someone on your block whose story needs to be shared? Contact Molly McClelland at mmcclelland2414@gmail.com.

The People in Our Neighborhood: Kristin Raup

Although Kristin is a new board member, she has already been active on the Step Trek and Outreach committees of the SSSNA. She is a member of the steering committee and plot holder/gardener at the Bandi Schaum Community Garden.

Kristin is a donor experience manager at The Pittsburgh Foundation, tasked with creating and implementing donor support and services for fund holders of the Foundation.

A Slopes resident for more than 13 years, Kristin loves the neighborhood so much, she and her boyfriend/partner, Max, bought and moved into their second Slopes home on Mission Street earlier this year. They considered moving to other neighborhoods in the city, but they kept getting pulled back to the Slopes. Kristin said, "all the great neighbors and friends here, along with the strong community spirit, were big factors in our decision to stay put and buy in the Slopes again."

She enjoys spending time gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends. She and Max live with their crazy dog, Leo, and two kitties.

Putting the Garden to Bed at Bandi Schaum



From the usual beefsteak tomatoes to super spicy ghost peppers to beautiful zinnias and sunflowers, Bandi Schaum Community Garden was full of edible, beautiful things all summer long. As the days grow shorter, the growing season at Bandi Schaum winds down after its third successful year.



Created in 2012, the garden was established through the collaboration of Grow Pittsburgh, the City of Pittsburgh, South Side Community

Council, and the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association and their recognition of a need for community garden space. Each year has seen significant improvements and additions to the garden. The first year saw more than 70 plots created for the first year's planting. In 2013, more plots were added (more than 80 are now available), a large shed was assembled, a pavilion was built accommodating three sizable barrels for rainwater collection, and water faucets were installed by the City. This summer, work continued, focusing on several additions such as new picnic tables and children's play houses and garden areas. Work also began on creation of a composting system.





Bandi Schaum Community Garden is located off Mission Street, across from the PWSA pumping station. If you would like to sign up for a plot for the 2015 season, please visit bandischaum.org.



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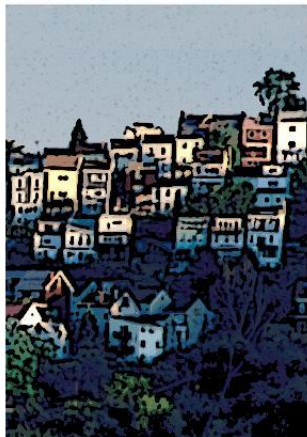
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