

President's Message

Happy New Year Fellow Slopes Residents!

As we reflect on 2014 — all the accomplishments and good times we enjoyed last year — we also look ahead to new projects and improvements for the South Side Slopes in 2015.

Our successes of 2014 include having held one of our most successful StepTrek events ever, despite the hail and damaging winds! We look forward to this year's event — you provided us with great feedback and suggestions, we'll try to make it even better!

Speaking of steps.....we are excited to work with the City of Pittsburgh in 2015 on much needed step maintenance and repair. Thanks in large part to a generous \$100,000 grant the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association (SSSNA) received, we will combine resources with the City to fix cracked and broken steps, and replace and paint railings.

Last summer, work in South Side Park included blazing new trails, clearing invasive weeds and vines, and cleaning up hundreds of bags of trash. It has made a big impact on the usability of the park. This year promises to be another great one.

Take a look the *Highlights of 2014* article on pp. 4-5 for more news from our committees and how you can join the fun!



Thanks neighbor,

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"Neighbors working together to make the Slopes a more livable, beautiful, and safe community."



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A GEM IN THE SLOPES

Tucked in a row of residential houses on Pius Street, UUBU6 has been winning over a loyal legion of patrons, serving up tasty soups, salads, sandwiches, and entrees at reasonable prices. It has become a local hot spot, and the warm, welcoming full bar is impressive.

Before it was UUBU6, the Workingmen's Beneficial Union No. 6 Lodge (WBU No. 6) was founded in 1919 at this location by German immigrants, and used as a social club. The name UUBU6 was based on the lodge name, altering it by doubling the U's instead of a W. It is pronounced "ooh boo six."

Support this Slopes business!

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Get Involved: Committees of SSSNA

At the January 13 General Meeting, attendees were asked to give the SSSNA board committees feedback and ideas for 2015. If you weren't able to attend the last meeting, we still need your input. Please read the following info and questions and contact us with ideas and/or to get involved. Your perspective, energy, and suggestions will help grow gardens, organize events, clean-up streets, and promote our neighborhood!

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

As you might expect, the Beautification Committee addresses issues relative to making the Slopes a more beautiful place to live. Our several permanent gardens are planned, planted, maintained, and funded through the committee's effort. QUESTION: "What are you willing to do to make your neighborhood a more beautiful place?" Share you ideas with the Beautification Committee — email Dawn at: dawn.lorincy@southsideslopes.org.



Volunteers maintaining the garden at Greeley and Josephine Streets.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee concentrates on increasing neighbor involvement and active participation in SSSNA activities. We produce this newsletter, the website, and social media. We also host the summer picnic and holiday party. In 2014, we sponsored a watch party at the November Dirty Dozen bicycle race as it passed

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Committees continued

through the Slopes. QUESTION: “What can we do to get more residents involved with SSSNA in 2015?” To answer this question and/or get connected with the Outreach Committee, contact Cara at: cara.jette@southsideslopes.org.

STEP TREK COMMITTEE

The StepTrek Committee is responsible for the planning of the South Side Slopes showcase event of the year. StepTrek is the annual celebration of our hillside network of public stairways. If you have interest in helping plan and organize this event, we welcome your participation. QUESTION: “How can we increase awareness about the StepTrek event in Pittsburgh and nationally?” Contact Brian at brian.oswald@southsideslopes.org.

SOUTH SIDE PARK COMMITTEE

South Side Park (beginning at Josephine & 21st Streets) has seen a lot of renewed activity in the past couple years. The addition of Bandi Schaum Community Garden three years ago has spurred on a renewed interest in the space. There is ongoing trail improvement, litter clean-up, and removal of invasive weeds; there is more work to be done! QUESTION: “What improvement would you like to see in South Side Park?” Email jamie.earl@southsideslopes.org to get involved.



Walking the beautiful trails in South Side Park.

ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

This Committee works with numerous people and organizations to improve housing on the Slopes by eliminating derelict properties, maintaining existing homes, and fostering home ownership. Committee members also attend hearings and meetings to promote responsible development and to act as a unified voice of the neighborhood. QUESTION: “What is the number one city service you have concerns about?” To join their efforts or ask a question, please contact Brad at brad.palmisiano@southsideslopes.org.

TRASH SUBCOMMITTEE (part of the Zoning & Planning Committee)

For close to three years, dedicated members of the SSSNA have come together to discuss how to address problems with improperly stored trash in our neighborhood. Through education efforts, and collaboration with city services, the Trash Subcommittee has led a campaign of awareness to focus on proper trash storage to curb litter problems, as well as make our neighborhood look its best. QUESTION: “How can we better address public health and public safety issues that accompany illegal trash storage?” Email us at trash@southsideslopes.org.

A Year in The Slopes: Highlights of 2014

This past year was full of many accomplishments and tremendous progress in the South Side Slopes. We have shared just a few of the highlights below:

JANUARY: We welcomed Bruce Kraus as President of City Council and Bill Peduto as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh.

FEBRUARY: First SSSNA general meeting of the year.

MARCH: The first of several neighborhood clean-ups was held in March.

APRIL: We held a special “Meet the Candidates” night so the Slopes residents could meet and ask questions of our state representatives. At the Earth Day event in South Side Park, SSSNA collaborated with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and planted the Western Conservancy gardens for the season.

MAY: A happy hour was held at Acacia and funds were raised for South Side Park signage.

JUNE: South Side Slopes received a grant for \$100K for steps repair and maintenance.

JULY: The annual SSSNA summer picnic was enjoyed by all who attended on July 8. Additionally, major progress on improvements to South Side Park continued with our grant.

AUGUST: Trail work at Knoxville Incline Overlook Park and Emerald Trail Corps wrapped up for the summer.

SEPTEMBER: Hosted the Pro-Walk Pro-Bike Conference for a walking tour of the South Side Slopes. We used a grant to install plantings at the 18th Street Bend garden.

OCTOBER: The 13th annual StepTrek was held on October 4. This year’s honorary chair was County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.



Left to right: SSSNA Board Member, Brad Palmisiano, Mayor Bill Peduto, and SSSNA President Brian Oswald | January 2014



Earth Day Clean-Up in South Side Park | April 2014



Good food, great neighbors at the summer picnic | July 2014

Highlights of 2014



Volunteers painting the Knoxville Incline Overlook Park bridge | August 2014



The Pro-Walk Pro-Bike Conference walks through the Slopes | September 2014



Dirty Dozen Bicycle Race on Eleanor Street | November 2014

NOVEMBER: First annual Dirty Dozen bicycle race viewing party was held on Eleanor Street.

DECEMBER: The annual Christmas party occurred on December 9, and a successful fundraising effort for signage at the Knoxville Incline Overlook Park was achieved.

We're sure 2015 holds a lot of fun and excitement for the Slopes....won't you join us? Visit southsideslopes.org for more information, or attend a general meeting this year!

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 you for submissions for an upcoming publication.

Know a Slopes resident whose story needs to be shared? Contact us at newsletter@southsideslopes.org.

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: southsideslopes.org (click on the PayPal link).

To donate with a check, please make it out to SSSNA, and mail it to: SSSNA, P.O. Box 4248, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

Access our website with your smartphone using the QR code below.



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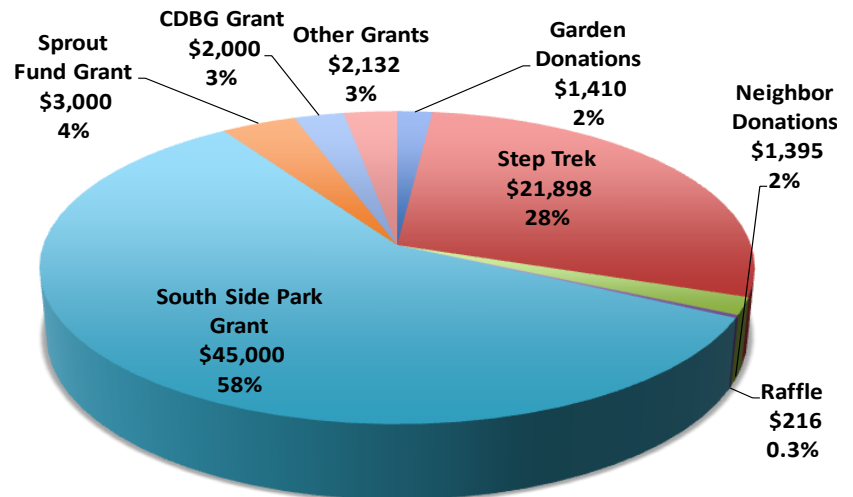
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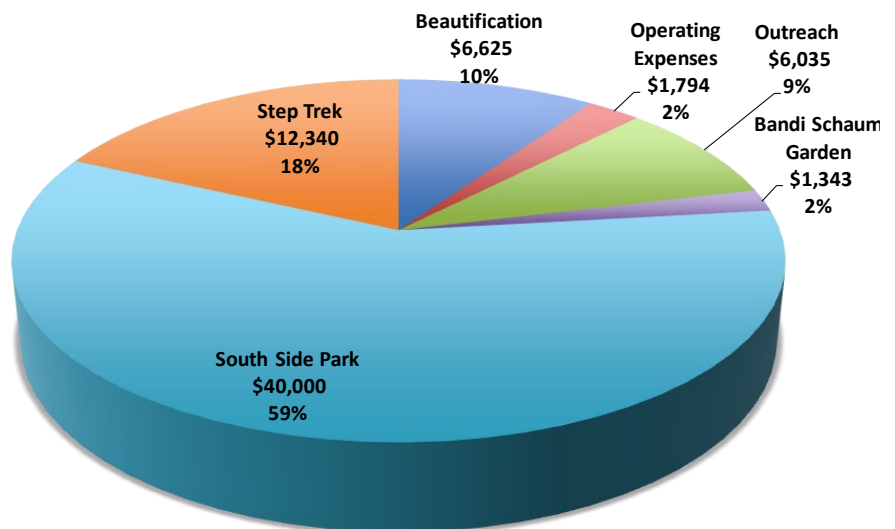
Financial Information for 2014

Each year, the SSSNA shares the previous year's income and expenses. The graphs below show how money was raised for the organization (income), and where and it was spent (expense) in 2014.

2014 SSSNA Income by Source (Total=\$77,051)



2014 SSSNA Expense by Source (Total=\$68,137)



Calling all (Snow) Angels

Although we'd like to think winter is nearly over, this IS Pittsburgh, so we have to be prepared for a bit more unpredictable, wintery weather. Snow covered sidewalks can be hazardous for everyone. The Snow Angels initiative in Allegheny County matches neighbors with neighbors to shovel the walks of those who are unable to do so on their own.

You may either register as a Snow Angels volunteer OR request a Snow Angels volunteer to shovel your walk/driveway.

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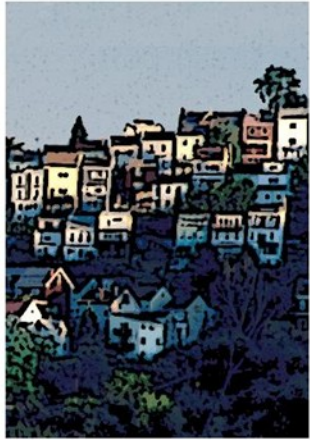
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2015

Tuesday, March 3 – General Meeting

Tuesday, May 12 – General Meeting

Tuesday, July 14 – Summer Picnic [Quarry Field, Saber Way]

Saturday, October 3 – StepTrek [21st Street, Entrance to South Side Park]

Tuesday, October 13 - General Meeting & Elections

Tuesday, December 8 – Holiday Party

All general meetings are held at the St Paul of the Cross Monastery Retreat Center at 7PM. The address is: 148 Monastery Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Parking is available.

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