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Slopes News

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*Next Meeting is
September 9th!*



StepTrek in one month!

This is it everyone! StepTrek 2008 is coming up quickly. In addition to the Sponsors listed in the last Newsletter, we also have The Healey Company, Coldwell Banker Real Estate, and Maiello, Brungo & Maiello as sponsors. In addition, we are listed for registration through a link on our website www.StepTrek.org to www.Active.com. You may also register by printing an application from our website or use the brochure that was mailed in the August newsletter. You receive a StepTrek commemorative tee shirt, book of maps and free raffle ticket. The fees are a different this year. Registration for the first person is \$12, then \$10 each additional person if postmarked by September 29th. After that date through October 5th registration is \$15 per person. As usual, children under 12 are free with a registered adult.

Dates to remember...

Meeting Schedule 2008!

September 9th

October 5th noon-4pm StepTrek!

***October 7th (not the 2nd Tuesday)**

Annual meeting and 10th Anniversary

***November 18th (not the 2nd Tuesday)**

**December 16th – Christmas Party in
Dining Room**

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Above is the Johno Prascak art “Sunrise in the Slopes” which will be featured on this year’s Trek tee! StepTrek is also recognized as a Pittsburgh 250 & Fit event. The Trek is the day after the City’s 250th celebration in Point State Park.

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imagine what you can do here.™

Board of Directors!

The 2008 Board Members are...

Joe Balaban	1999-present
Misi Bielich	2006-present
Beverly Boggio	1998-2008
Joe Ciccola	2002-present
Peter Kreuthmeier	2007-present
Paul Lorincy	2005-present
Brad Palmisiano	2004-present
Matt Schaefer	2006-present
Janice Serra	2000-present
Peggy Sullivan	2008
Donald Ware	2005-present

Each can be reached at their email address firstname.lastname@SouthSideSlopes.org or through the website.

Elections to the Board of Directors will take place at the October 7th Annual meeting. Those Board members whose terms are finished and are up for election this October are Joe Balaban, Misi Bielich, Bev Boggio, Paul Lorincy, Brad Palmisiano, and Peggy Sullivan. Peggy is serving the completion of Claudia's term. Bev has served the SSSNA Board for 10 years, is the final active "founding" Board Member, and will not seek another term.

If you are interested in a Board position, please contact Brad or any Board member for details. SSSNA is celebrating 10 years of serving the Slopes Neighborhood and community of Pittsburgh this October!

Committees 2008!

The following are the 2008 SSSNA Committees and their chairpersons:

Beautification	Joe Ciccola
Cleanups & Safety	Paul Lorincy
Elm Street	Fr. Don Ware
Finance & Development	Joe Balaban
Housing & Zoning	Brad Palmisiano
Outreach	Misi Bielich
StepTrek	Bev Boggio

Grant Funding Update:

Josephine Street Improvements:

Thanks to a generous grant from our State Representative Harry Readshaw for \$15,000 and another grant from State Senator Jay Costa for \$15,000, SSSNA will be making streetscape improvements to Josephine Street to address safety and beauty concerns. There are many issues that need to be tackled, so we will do what we can with the money allotted and continue to pursue additional monies until our vision for this important South Side corridor is realized.

The area next to the sidewalk between 23rd and 24th Street is terribly overgrown and neglected such that passage through on the sidewalk is limited.



We have some ideas in the works to install a permanent landscaping solution for this area. Also, our wonderful brick sidewalk promenade and the maple trees

that line Josephine could use some sprucing up.

Further, because the underpasses tend to collect garbage and become overgrown and unsightly, in order to showcase entry into our neighborhood, we hope to turn these neglected gateways into a complimentary part of the streetscape. We may need to institute an Adopt-A-Trestle program.

We also see 21st Street and Josephine Street as an important intersection to be highlighted, as 21st Street leads right into our 64 acre South Side Park. That is a whole other project which SSSNA is currently undertaking to bring OUR PARK back to a great amenity for residents.

Lastly, because there is no sidewalk along Josephine Street from the 2400 block down to the 2600 block, this creates a hazardous situation for pedestrians who are forced out into the heavily traveled street. SSSNA will begin petitioning the City for a new sidewalk there. We will keep you updated.

We are excited about the work ahead of us, and if you are interested in being a part of any of these projects please contact Janice Serra at 412-381-5855. There are many ways you can get involved with the Slopes organization no matter what your age or abilities - we can use your help!

SSSNA has already accomplished many projects along Josephine:

- SSSNA worked with several partners to install new sidewalks and safety lighting under each railway trestle that are the entry point to the South Side Slopes
- SSSNA and Public Works partnered to reveal the brick sidewalk which was

buried under ages of collected dirt and weeds

- SSSNA and The Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission partnered to install 54 Tartarian maple trees (unfortunately eight of these have been run over or died)
- SSSNA partnered with Western Pa. Conservancy and the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation to create and maintain Community gardens at Barry and Josephine; Greeley and Josephine; 18th and Josephine

Janice Serra/Joe Balaban

****The above mentioned projects are not a part of Elm Street. These are outside the Elm Street District of the Slopes.**



Elm Street Committee...

The next Elm Street Committee meeting is scheduled for September 3rd. The minutes will be reported in the October Newsletter. A public unveiling ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, September 25th at 7:00pm for the Monastery & Brosville Streets Garden. Please join us. We will also be mailing information to the Slopes neighbors which will have more details. Many of the Elm Street projects have been completed and several are underway.

Committee Reports:



Step Trek Committee...

Join us for StepTrek 2008 on Sunday, October 5th from noon to 4:00pm. Honorary Chairperson is Councilman Bruce Kraus!

We would like to take the time to announce our StepTrek 2008 Sponsors...

Presenting Sponsor: Michael Baker Corporation

Publication Sponsor: Rudberg Law

Volunteer Sponsor: Copies @ Carson

Course Sponsor: UPMC South Side Hospital

Anniversary Sponsors: Klavon Design Associates (*new*), Loyson + Kreuthmeier (*new*), Silk & Stewart Development Group (*new*), SSLDC, United American Savings Bank, The Healey Company, Coldwell Banker, and Maiello, Brungo & Maiello (*new*).

Sponsors: Carlson McGinley, Games N'At, Phillips Heating and AC, Ripley and Sons, and South Side Works.

In Kind Sponsors: Take Notice Graphics Custom Printed Graphics, and the South Pittsburgh Reporter.

The theme is "Step Trek – 8, SSSNA – 10, Pittsburgh – 250, view from the Slopes – timeless!" celebrating years of positive change and progress in our beautiful Slopes neighborhood.

More Trek News...

Everyone is excited and work is happening. We have put in hundreds of volunteer hours of work thus far! Bob Kripp, our Trek graphic designer, is hard at work completing the brochure. Kay Comini is seeking raffle giveaways and there is much more to do. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Joe Ciccola at 412-780-1253. He is our volunteer coordinator.

On August 23rd Joan Burke, Peggy Sullivan, Joe Balaban & Bev Boggio worked 24 volunteer hours at the Diabetes Fair at the Convention Center as part of Pittsburgh 250 & Fit. Some photos...



Above Joe & below Bev with a pal...



Johno Prascak is also donating his "Colors of Carson Street" Pittsburgh 250 print for the Trek raffle.



If you are interested in a copy, "the South Side Local Development Company has commissioned *Colors of Carson Street* from local artist, Johno Prascak, to coincide with the Pittsburgh 250 celebrations. The piece is a vivid interpretation of cyclists through the East Carson Street historic district with the cityscape rising in the background. All proceeds from the sale of *Colors of Carson Street* will benefit the programs of South Side Local Development Company. 27" x 30" signed and numbered prints are available for just \$50 and make great gifts; 8" x 10" prints are also available for \$15. Prints may also be purchased via telephone at 412-481-0651 x. 10, by visiting the SSLDC offices at 2000 East Carson Street between 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Online purchases can be made at www.southsidepgh.com/store."

For more details, call Bev at 412-488-0486. Or contact us in writing: PO Box 4248, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 or Visit us on the web: www.StepTrek.org www.SouthSideSlopes.org Or email us at info@SouthSideSlopes.org Thanks!

Membership News... ***Please Pay 2008 Dues Now***

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

SSSNA Membership is \$5 for the 12 months that run from January 1st to December 31st. Thank you, so very much, for your support! As always, we welcome any additional donations. Please mail in your membership dues or bring them to the meeting.

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● **SSSNA Membership 2008**

● Please mail \$5 to:

● SSSNA P.O.Box 4248, Pgh., PA 15203

● *Or bring it to the next meeting*

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If we don't have your email address, (you'll know as this newsletter will be attached to an email on 9/3) please email Bev at SSSNAPgh@aol.com so that you can receive our updates. Or if you know someone who would be interested, have them contact SSSNA. The internet is a great way to get the word out.

Cleanups:

There will be cleanups planned for 9/27 & 10/4 to get ready for StepTrek.



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*Meeting Tuesday,
September 9th*

Guest Speakers:

Lisa Ceoffe – Pittsburgh
Urban Forest,
Tiffani Emig, Curator –
Rivers of Steel Heritage
Area,
& URA Representative –
Housing Programs

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