

Slopes News

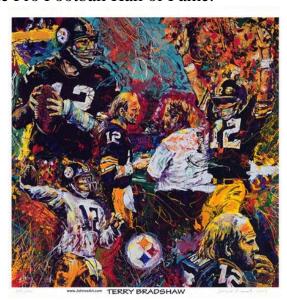
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Christmas Party 12/11...

IT'S PARTY TIME! We're excited to have our Annual Holiday Party at St. Paul's Retreat on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm. This is a fun time to relax and chat with neighbors, sing Christmas music and enjoy a great buffet of food. We have an open door policy so you need not be a member and we encourage you to bring family and friends. SSSNA will provide a selection of food and beverages, but if you would like to contribute, feel free to bring whatever you want...drinks, desserts, appetizers. If you'd like to help set up or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Janice Serra at jserra@southsideslopes.org or (412)381-5855. We look forward to celebrating with you!!

Johno Prascak is donating a print to be raffled at the meeting. It is the Terry Bradshaw print which is also hanging in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



Meeting Schedule 2007! December 11th – Dining Room

Meeting Schedule 2008!

January 8th *February 5th March 11th *April 1st May 13th June 10th

July 8th - Picnic in Dining Room August – no meeting September 9th *October 7th November 11th December 16th – Christmas Party in Dining Room

* denotes not a second Tuesday

What you missed 11/13!

President Brad Palmisiano asked for updates from the Committee Chairpersons and audience. He then facilitated a work session where several committees met in break out sessions. These committee discussions are the foundation of the SSSNA committee plans for 2008. One plan of the Board for 2008 is to have each Committee Chairperson to write monthly update article for this newsletter.

www.SouthSideSlopes.org

Check out the most recent updates to our website! Exciting information and frequent updates are there to see. Our site had many hits leading up to the StepTrek. We are getting new members each day.

Board of Directors!

The 2008 Board Members are

Joe Balaban	1999-present
Misi Bielich	2006-present
Beverly Boggio	1998-present
Joe Ciccola	2002-present

Peter Kreuthmeier

2007 2002-present Claudia Hart 2005-present Paul Lorincy 2004-present **Brad Palmisiano** Matt Schaefer 2006-present 2000-present Janice Serra 2005-present Donald Ware

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

Committees 2007!

The following are the 2007 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

Committee Reports: Beautification Committee

Joe Ciccola shares that the plan is to continue to research new areas for gardens, recommending perennial gardens as the main thrust going into '08 and beyond. Ideas for '08 were the corner of Mission and Barry on the East and in the West the German Square area as brought to our attention by Betty Kripp. We will continue to maintain Gardens: Barry, Greeley, and Monastery and when doable utilize the city (community service workers) for volunteer work. Lastly, work effectively with the Elm Street Program

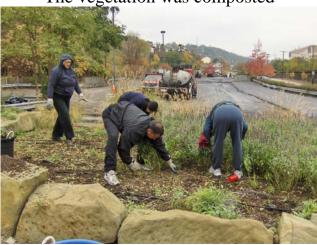
and partner with them to maintain and grow the Beautification and Landscape of the Slopes.

Most recently on Saturday, November 10th at 9am, we pulled out the two WPC gardens along Josephine Street at Barry & Greeley Streets. We also had volunteers weed the new Monastery & Brosville Garden. See the photos below...

Volunteers made quick work of it.



The vegetation was composted





Tall weeds were pulled by hand.



We had ~17 working on that cold morning. We got 3 gardens done. Strong work, volunteers! Looks great now & ready for winter. Thanks, Joan, Mrs. Hart, Vera, Joe, Matt, Bev and countless others!

Elm Street Committee

There was no Elm Street meeting in November due to scheduling conflicts. Judy Dyda updates the committee with

the following:

DPW placed our new (and gorgeous) trash cans at the bottom of the South 18th steps, at the intersection of Pius and S. 18th, at the entrance to We Quarry Field. have three in the



Slopes and there are more along Carson.



South 18 Streetscape – RPF has been completed and will go out to three elm street design firms to have a unified plan for

enhancements to the streetscape. The intersection at 18th, Mission, and Pius Streets has been identified as the intersection "heart" of the Slopes.

Public Steps – The engineering RFP – it will go out by the end of the week. Multiple sets of steps will be examined and cost for repairs will be determined, including the large stairway at 18th Street.

If we don't have your email address, (vou'll know as this newsletter will be attached to an email on 12/7) please email Bev at SSSNAPgh@aol.com so that you can receive our updates.

StepTrek 2007

Here are some photos. If you have any photos from StepTrek, we would love to have them. We were short a few of our usual photographers this year.



Below is Johno's Art Studio



More Trek Photos...



Water Stations had a new look with flags, signs, and new matching tents.



Brad Palmisiano with Mayor & Mrs. Luke Ravenstahl.



Good Brother Earl



So many great photos!



Membership News... Please Pay 2008 Dues Now

Everyone's membership is due January 1st! 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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Or email us at info@SouthSideSlopes.org
Thanks!

We are already planning StepTrek 2008 for next Fall!

Recycle Electronics 11/14!

SSSNA had a truck full of electronics for recycling the event for Outdated Electronics Collection and Disposal on Wednesday, November 14th. It took 2 trips to get it all there. Below is a photo of some of what was saved from the land fill. What could be reused will be and what is no longer useful will be disposed of properly and safely. We even had a Commodore 64! Thanks to all who cleaned out their electronic devices and dead batteries! The Slopes neighborhood is green in more than one way! Thanks!



More recycling...

Did you know that the Downtown YMCA recycles tennis shoes? They do, take yours. http://ymcaofpittsburgh.org

City trial for curbside recycling

As we were reminded at the November meeting, the City is currently doing a trial for curbside pick up until December 28th. The Slopes has one more recycle day to take advantage of this, Thursday, December 20th. Please put out your usual recycle materials as well as corrugated cardboard in 3 foot bundles. Also, put out junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phone books and paperboard in blue bags on the curb. If this trial is successful, then perhaps we can have this service all of the time. These are the same things that can be recycled in the Strip or at Construction Junction. How nice not to drive it there!

Thank You Sponsors!

STORE XPRESS.

Thank you, StoreXpress!

SSSNA moved all its archives, Trek supplies, possessions, equipment & tools to 200 South 22nd Street at StoreXpress, who donated space to SSSNA at its building. The facility storage spaces are clean, large and accommodating. We recommend them!



Rudberg Law Offices, LLC

The safety green volunteer shirts donated by Rudberg Law Offices are a big hit! Volunteers are given a shirt for helping with any clean up or garden weeding. We have them available at our clean up, weeding, and planting events. They were also the Publication Sponsor for StepTrek 2007!

Please help the food pantry at Brashear 12/11.

The food pantry at the Brashear Association is in need of nonperishable items as demand is high and supplies are low. SSSNA is asking that you **bring a donation with you to the Christmas Party December 11**th. If you do not have time to shop, donations will also be accepted. We will take the donations to Brashear for you.

If you didn't pick up your StepTrek shirt, we will have them at the December 11th meeting. We will also have SSSNA tee shirts \$8 each or 2 for \$15 in S, M, L, XL.



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Please join us for the SSSNA Christmas Party Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm at the St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Retreat Center, 148 Monastery.

See inside for details!

Thank you to our Sponsors...

