

Sights from the Slopes

Enjoy a selection of photos from social media posts that remind us of the beauty and uniqueness of the Slopes. If you would like to submit a photo for publication consideration, either email us at newsletter@southsideslopes.org, or include the hashtag #southsideslopes when you post to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.



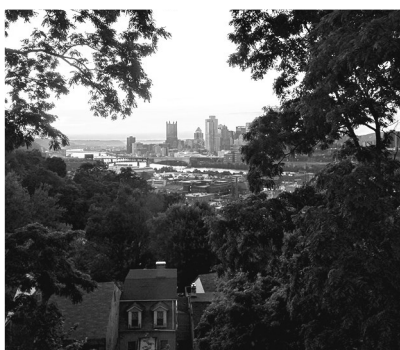
From Facebook: "Looking down Sterling St." @warren walsack.



From Instagram: "City Steps Sirsansana" @lynnrescigno.



From Instagram: "Staircase. Pots. Birds." @sherrieflick.



From Instagram: "View from my Airbnb" @sctty2htty

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

SOUTH SIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Bike Lane Proposed for 18th Street

Getting to the southern neighborhoods by bicycle involves tackling some very challenging topography and S. 18th St. is a popular bike route to reach those communities. At the May meeting of the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association (SSSNA), Kristin Saunders, a transportation planner from the City of Pittsburgh who focuses on bike

and pedestrian issues, presented a proposal to create a bike lane on S. 18th St.

The proposal maps a climbing lane (going uphill) from Josephine St. to Monastery Ave. To accommodate a bike lane on the street, parking patterns would change to allow parking on one side of the street, travel lanes would be narrowed to 10 ft. and stripped to one parking lane. This will slow traffic and encourage vehicles to park fully on the street and not on sidewalks.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Kristin Saunders, transportation planner, Department of City Planning, City of Pittsburgh at 412-393-0150 or email kristin.saunders@pittsburghpa.gov.



Above: Proposed map of new bike lane on S. 18th St.



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Gotta GoatFest!

You are invited to welcome our newest neighbors to the Slopes as nine goats and their miniature donkey sidekick take residency in South Side Park! They will be living and working (working = eating) for six weeks this summer, chewing their way through acres of vines and weeds to help clean up the park.

GoatFest is happening on **Saturday, July 8 from noon til 4 p.m. in South Side Park.** Visit “GOATFEST in South Side Park” on Facebook for info.



Neighbors are Better Than Fences

Buying your first home is supposed to be one of the most exciting experiences of your life, but for me, it was one of the most frustrating. I bought my house in the South Side Slopes a few years ago and for months, I regretted it.

But, wait.....the Slopes are awesome, right?! Great views, unique houses, and it IS South Side, so why would I regret it?



I regretted it because I felt like a total outsider in my new community. Through a few neighborhood whispers, I discovered I was parking wrong, working on my house wrong, entertaining wrong, etc. Subsequently, I've learned there are several unwritten “rules” about living on a particular street or block in the Slopes. Who knew? Well, I do now, but it took a friendly “hello” one day to turn my regret to pride in my new neighborhood.

I remember the day things turned around. A couple living several houses away were walking past as I was returning home. They decided to take a different approach; they stopped by, introduced themselves and invited me over for dinner. Later, they introduced me to their friends in the Slopes and that was when I starting feeling like a part of the community. Because they took a chance and introduced themselves, I think of them as my “first” neighbors. Since then I've connected with many more great people!

So, I urge you to remember that moving from a familiar place to a new neighborhood isn't easy. Buying a house isn't easy. Making new friends isn't easy. But you and me—we ARE the neighborhood. Let's be a welcoming one! I challenge you to reach out to a new Sloper. Make a friend. Be a good neighbor.

Written by Liz Heidenreich, a (now happy) Slopes resident and SSSNA board member.

Tis the Season for....Paving the Streets



Department of Public Works workers paving our streets. (Photo credit: City of Pittsburgh website, Dept. of Public Works)

Warmer weather is here, and with it come the paving crews! South Side Slopes and its neighboring streets are on the list. Here are the paving projects happening in Council District 3 this summer (Slopes streets are in **bold**):

Amanda Ave: Arlington to Bausman	Arlington Ave: Brownsville to Knox
Atwood St: 5th Ave to Forbes	Beltzhoover Ave: Warrington to Bailey
Bingham St: 10th to Bedford Square	Carnival Way: Millbridge to Dead End
Eureka St: Renwick to Beltzhoover	Flack St: Topeka to Spring
Haberman St: Kathleen to Bailey	Hodge St :Bates to Dead End
Holt St: Sterling to Barry	Industry St: Beltzhoover Ave to Amanda St
Kambach St: Haberman to Brick Segment	Lillian St: Beltzhoover Ave to Walter St , Knox to Arlington
Mackey St: Hodge to Dead End	Mary Ann St: S. 11th St to S. 12th St
Mary St: S. 17th St to S. 18th St	Meyran Ave: Forbes to Fresco
Millbridge St: E Warrington Ave to McLain St	Niagara St: Craft to Blvd of the Allies
Oakland Ave 5 th to Dawson	Primrose St: Sterling St to Eleanor St
Proctor Way: Beltzhoover to Amanda	Rinne St: Spring St to Una Way
Sarah St :19th to 20th	Sierra St: Primrose to Eleanor
Southside Riverfront Park Access Rd: S. 18th to Dead End	Sterling St: Mission to Dead End
Wiese St: Cobb to Flack	Winton St: Craighead to Estella

For more information about the summer paving schedule and the full project list, visit: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/StreetPavingSchedule>.

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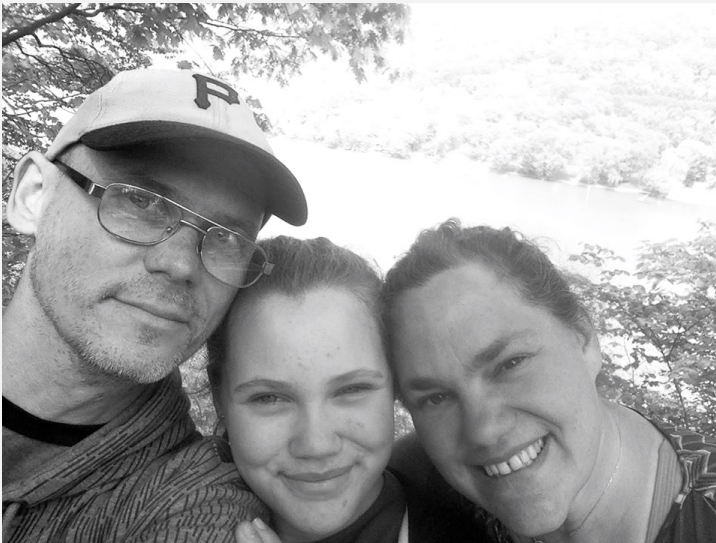
Saturday, October 7

21st and Josephine Streets—11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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See you on the
steps!

THE BIRCH CENTER



Slopes residents David, daughter Ella and Melissa Sokulski, owners of The Birch Center for Acupuncture.

Slopes residents, state-licensed acupuncturists, and husband and wife team David and Melissa Sokulski have been treating patients for conditions ranging from high blood pressure to depression in their East Carson Street health center, The Birch Center, since 2005. Time-tested for thousands of years, acupuncture is known around the world for its safety and effectiveness. Not only can treatment help balance the body's energy, allowing one to heal from pain and illness, but acupuncture can also be used to help prevent disease and optimize health and vitality.

David and Melissa treat people from all walks of life and all ages, including professional athletes, dancers, and musicians. They bring a wealth of knowledge to their clients and are also experts in wild edibles, leading walks throughout the city.

Melissa recently won a grant from the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council for writing, and she writes The Birch Center blog as well as monthly newsletters which help people lead healthy lives. David treats people at the office most weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and can answer any questions or to schedule an appointment.

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PITTSBURGH PUZZLER

Everyone loves a puzzle, right? Here's a Slopes-centric word search that hides **ten words**—all related to articles in this issue and/or the neighborhood. The words are in all orders, horizontal, vertical, diagonal, backwards.....it's sorta hard—good luck!

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Solution on p. 8

The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association (SSSNA)

invites you to join your neighbors for a

PICNIC @BANDI SCHAUM

TUESDAY, JULY 11

6:30 P.M. @ Bandi Schaum Community Garden

Entire community is welcome!

Please bring an appetizer, dessert and/or drink. Burgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided.

(Bandi Schaum Community Garden—off Mission St, walk up lane to garden)

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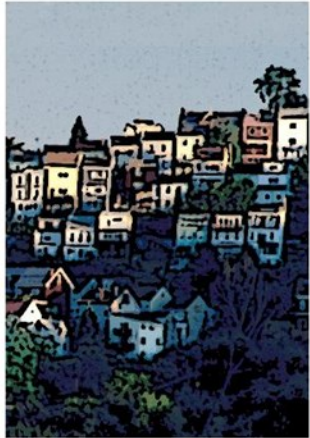
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2017

Saturday, July 8 — GoatFest (South Side Park—Noon to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, July 9—Cobden St. Park Work Day (Cobden St Park—Noon to 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, July 11— SSSNA Summer Picnic (Bandi Schaum Community Garden—6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, October 7 — StepTrek (21st & Josephine Sts.—11 a.m.-4 p.m.)

To stay informed of all upcoming events, please sign up to receive our eblast:

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Pittsburgh Puzzler Solution (from p. 6)

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