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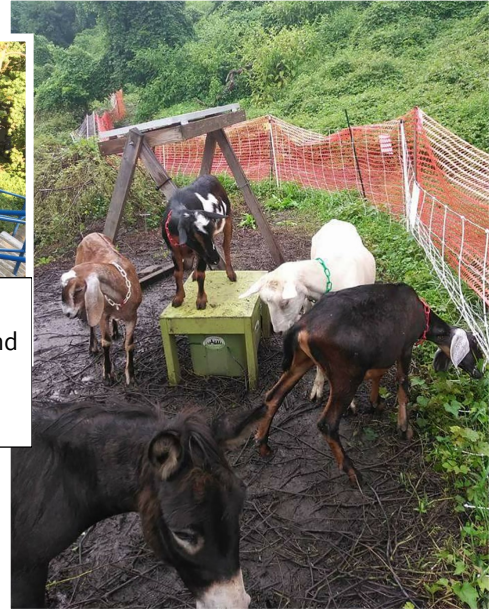
Enjoy a selection of photos from social media posts that remind us of the beauty and uniqueness of the Slopes. If you would like to submit a photo for publication consideration, either email us at newsletter@southsideslopes.org, or include the hashtag #southsideslopes when you post to Facebook, Instagram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



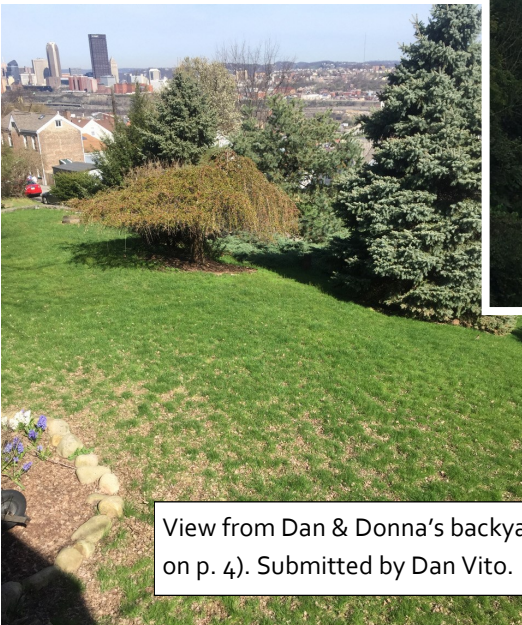
Cobden St. parklet's new garden and picnic area (see p. 4). Submitted by K.R.



A dedicated volunteer making sure the steps are cleaned up and tip-top for StepTrek on Oct. 7. Submitted by K.R.



From Facebook: "Goats (and donkey)" South Side Park, July 2017 @southsideparkpgh



View from Dan & Donna's backyard (see Fireborn article on p. 4). Submitted by Dan Vito.



View of Greeley St. from Mission St. Bridge. Submitted by R. Maxwell.

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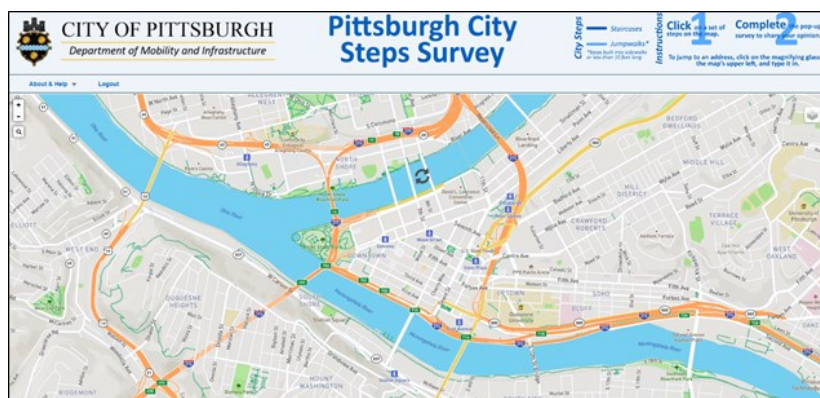
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Pittsburgh's City Steps: Tell the City What You Think

With over 700 staircases, Pittsburgh has the most public steps of any city in America. The City is working to improve these steps and you can help by answering a few quick questions using the interactive map: <http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/Pittsburgh-Citywide-Steps-Assessment.html>.

This feedback, along with other analysis, will help the City determine which steps should be prioritized for improvement. The survey map will be open for a limited time, so don't miss your chance to tell the City what you think!

Keep up to date with the City Steps Plan on our website under the "City Steps" tab: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/dcp-mobility.html>



SOUTH WATCH: Residents and City work together to better neighborhood

The September 13th meeting of South Watch marked the 6-month anniversary of the program where city officials and residents sit together to discuss community issues/problems and work toward solutions. Their mission is to “work to improve the quality of life on the South Side by bringing people and institutions together to identify code violations, advocate for their remediation and monitor the outcomes.” The mission was adapted from Oak Watch, its sister organization in Oakland.

The significant trash violations throughout the Slopes and Flats were chosen as the main focus of South Watch but this does not exclude other pertinent issues. Visual inspection of the community makes it evident that illegal trash storage practices can cause the neighborhood to be perceived as an unsafe place to live in or visit. This concern is also reflected in the 2016 South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association survey. The impact of uncontrolled trash can be significant — a breeding ground for rats, lower property values, a higher crime rate and more.

To address this issue, the South Watch committee developed procedures that South Side Slopes and Flats volunteers employ to educate residents about violations through notices before a 311 report is filed. They are:

Refuse is to be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening and no later than 5 a.m. on Thursday morning. (Article II, 2.01b) There are some areas in the slopes where trash pick up is on Friday morning.

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24 Hour Emergency Service

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Refuse shall be stored until collection in durable, water-tight containers having a close fitting lid up to 35 gallons. (Article II, 2.01a1)

Owner/landlord should have a sufficient number/capacity of containers on the premises to prevent overflow of materials. (Article II, 2.01a3)

Waste shall not be accumulated on any abutting sidewalk, street or vacant ground. (Article II, 2.01a3)

These notices are delivered for two successive weeks and if no improvement is found, a 311 report is turned in from South Watch. At that time, those properties with violations can be monitored, whether improved with additional education from Environmental Services or with the issuance of a citation. Over the past six months, a number of properties have been remediated and others are continuing to be monitored at various stages in this process.

South Watch meetings are attended by representatives from several city and state departments and Duquesne University officials — the public is welcome to attend. The meetings have allowed opportunity for cooperation among those in attendance. For example, representatives from Duquesne University are working more closely with Environmental Services representatives to educate students about their community responsibilities. Meeting participants are encouraged to talk each other and listen in a collaborative, constructive way. —
Written by B. Kripp.

South Watch meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Brashear Association (2005 Sarah St. Meeting times alternate, so please check <http://www.southsidecommunitycouncil.org> (Events) for meeting times and details.

Cobden Street Repairs Park and Creates Community

Most summer nights find a game of four-on-four basketball at Cobden Street Basketball Park, which is also the site of frequent neighborhood potlucks. The park lacked the infrastructure to properly accommodate such events, so the Cobden Street Block Watch applied for a Love Your [Resilient] Block grant from the city to give this beloved neighborhood park some much needed upgrades. Love Your Resilient Block is a partnership between the City of Pittsburgh, Cities of Service, and People's Natural Gas to revitalize Pittsburgh - block by block. For this project, the Cobden Street Block Watch partnered



Many members of the community, young and old, came together in July to create the beautiful plantings and picnic areas for all to enjoy at the Cobden Street parklet.

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FIREBORN STUDIOS



Owning a business on the South Side Flats, and living on the Slopes is a great solution to many of the problems that most people face around work/home/commute issues. Dan Vito and Donna Hetrick have the advantage of living in the “country” and working in the “city”, plus they have a five-minute drive to work, or a ten-minute walk.

Dan and Donna have owned Fireborn Studios since 1980. In 1993, when their son, Noah, was born they were living in the studio apartment above the gallery. By the time Noah was four, the gallery was expanding and Noah needed more space to play and grow in.

While walking up the slopes for exercise, they discovered what appeared to be a vacant lot for sale. It turned out to be a half-acre lot AND a house. They thought, “perfect!” and jumped on it.

Their slopes house has a great view, cool breezes and a spacious back yard (see the view from their backyard on p. 1). On the Flats, they have a studio for making pottery and teaching classes, a gallery for

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with the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association, that served as a fiscal conduit for the LYB grant.

Twenty residents of Cobden Street and the surrounding area dedicated their Sunday afternoon on July 9 to a variety of park improvements, including the installation of a mulch picnic area, featuring two tables hand-crafted by neighborhood resident Karl Norman. Overgrown vines were cleared off the park fence while the basketball backboards were repainted and nets replaced. Jamie Earl, Cobden Street Block Watch co-captain, built and installed a dog waste station. Others planted low-grow shrubs on the hillside to replace grass and decrease park maintenance.



The Cobden Street Block Watch's hard work paid off with a newly spruced up picnic area and garden.

Even those who weren't involved in the park project noticed the improvements, with one poster on Facebook commenting "Thanks to all that cleaned up Cobden Street park. Good job!" If you're interested in knowing about future Cobden Park projects or community events, follow the park on Facebook (Cobden Street Block Watch) or Instagram (@CobdenPark). — *Written by Jess Benham*

Cobden Street Block Watch is a neighborhood organization in Arlington and the South Side Slopes that promotes community, caring for your neighbors, environmental sustainability, social justice, and safety.

selling their work, a one-bedroom apartment for late nights or snowy days. The convenience of being able to walk to numerous great restaurants for lunch or dinner is an added bonus.

They love what they do and love the spaces they have, especially their proximity to each other. The commute can't be beat!

Consider taking a class or buying beautiful pottery pieces at their Sarah Street studio and gallery.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday: Noon-4 p.m.

Morning Classes: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Evening Classes: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.



Fireborn Studios and Gallery

2338 Sarah Street | Pittsburgh, PA 15203 | 412.488.6835 | www.fireborn.com



Saturday, October 7

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

21st and Josephine Streets

Learn more and buy tickets:

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Tuesday, December 12

UUBU 6 (new location!)

178 Pius St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203

More details to follow.

MITTENS & MINGLE 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 6-11 p.m.

Clear Story Studio (1931 Sidney St., 15203)

The South Side Chamber of Commerce invites you to their holiday fundraiser to benefit the South Side Welcome Center and raises funds for holiday toys and meals for The Brashear Association's community initiatives.

Get tickets: www.southsidechamber.org.

PITTSBURGH PUZZLER: Streets of the Slopes

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Brashear Celebrates 100 with a Centennial Gala on October 19

This year the Brashear Association celebrates 100 years of service to families in South Pittsburgh. A Centennial Gala will be held Thursday, October 19 at the Heinz History Center. The fundraising event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$150. Join Brashear to celebrate its 100th birthday!

To purchase tickets and learn more, please visit: <https://brashearcentennial.eventbrite.com>.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Thursday, October 19

Time: Reception at 5:30 p.m. | Dinner at 7:30 p.m. | Presentation at 8 p.m.

Location: Heinz History Center (1212 Smallman St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222)

Visit the Brashear Association's website: www.brashearassociation.org.



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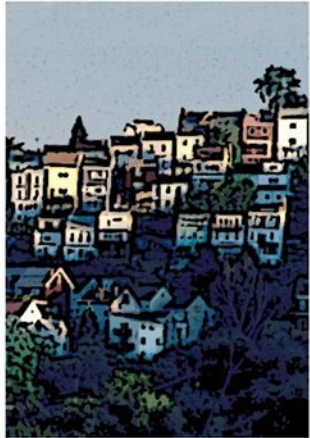
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2017

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

Tuesday, Oct. 10 — General Meeting (Kaufmann House, 2201 Salisbury St., 15210—7p.m.)

Thursday, Oct 19 — Brashear's Centennial Celebration (Heinz History Center—5:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, Dec. 12 — Holiday Party (UUBU 6, 178 Pius St—7p.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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