

# SOUTH SIDE SLOPES QUARTERLY

Winter 2018

## Sights from the Slopes...2018



Volunteers picking up trash and representing the Slopes in the city-wide Garbage Olympics Sept. 22.



Above right: Slopes resident, Olive the Dachshund, attends GoatFest 2018 and evaluates the goats' progress.



Above left: Hundreds of cyclists biked up 13 of Pittsburgh's steepest hills, including Barry-Holt-Eleanor Streets in the Slopes on Nov. 24 for the 2018 Dirty Dozen Bike Race. (See p. 4 for more info and photos.)



Fall leaves on the Mission St. bridge — new curbs and a coat of paint are slated for late this year and early next by the City of Pittsburgh's Public Works department. (Photo by @melrose55 on Instagram)



Volunteers from the neighborhood clearing overgrowth blocking the steps on Mission at Barry Street.

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

**SOUTH SIDE SLOPES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

[www.southsideslopes.org](http://www.southsideslopes.org)

# Oliver Bath House Open for the Season



In September, the Oliver Bath **House** opened for the 2018-2019 season. The indoor aquatics facility is open during the fall, winter and spring seasons for aquatic recreation. You can sign-up for water aerobics class or learn-to-swim less as well as enjoy a scheduled swim sessions including adult swims, family swims and health and fitness swims. Check their website for full schedule and swim times.

Season passes purchased during the summer for admission to Citiparks outdoor pools will be honored at the Oliver Bath House. You may also buy pool tags at the Oliver Bath House pool during regular operating hours.

*Note: Any child under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult (16 years or older) in the pool.*

## **Oliver Bath House**

**38 S. 10th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203**

**412-488-8380**

<http://pittsburghpa.gov/citiparks/oliver-bath-house>

## **2019 General Meeting Schedule**

Every year, the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association holds six public meetings open to the community (two of which are parties!).

- ♦ **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center**
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center**
- ♦ **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center**
- ♦ **Tuesday, July 9, 2019 Picnic at Bandi Schaum Community Garden**
- ♦ **Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center\***
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 10, 2019 Holiday Party (location TBD)**

All meetings start @ 6:30 p.m.

\*St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center is located at 148 Monastery St. (parking available)

Questions? [info@southsideslopes.org](mailto:info@southsideslopes.org)



## **WE NEED YOU! ....to lend a hand, help a neighbor, pick up litter, report a problem.**

Whether you pick up litter on your way to the bus stop, trim back overgrowth on a set of public steps, call 311 to report garbage dumping or help a neighbor paint their fence, being part of a city community like the South Side Slopes requires us to all pitch in when we can. If you'd like to find out how to team up with other neighbors who volunteer throughout the year, attend our general meetings, (see dates above), or connect with us at [info@southsideslopes.org](mailto:info@southsideslopes.org) or 412-376-7373.



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## Cyclists Get a Bit of Slopes Hospitality

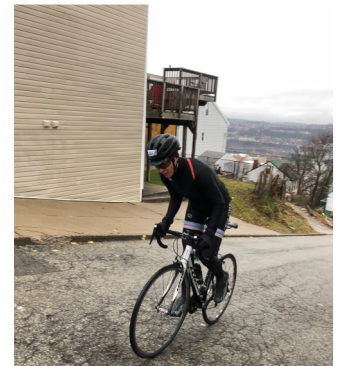
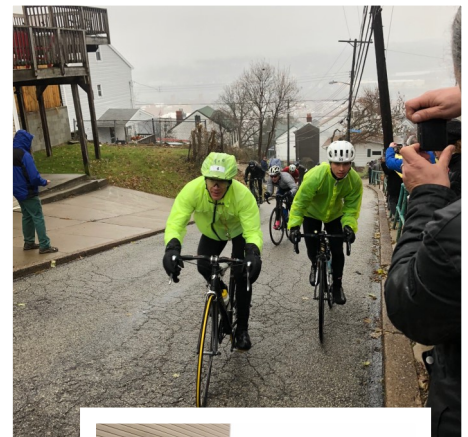


For the past several years, the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association (SSSNA) has hosted a coffee/hot cocoa stop for the Dirty Dozen bike race participants in the 2400 block of Cobden St. The annual race takes cyclists up 13 of the steepest hills in Pittsburgh and nearby suburbs.

During this year's race, held on Nov. 24, the second of two South Side Slopes hills were included in the course (first one is on Welsh Way on the east side of the Slopes) went up Barry St, continuing up Holt St., then a final climb to the top of Eleanor St. before racers took a break, had a cup of joe and recharged before they made their way to Hazelwood and the last hill.

Says one cyclist, "We love the SSSNA. You are generous, welcoming and you give all riders a huge boost when we need it most. Thank you so much for your hospitality!"

To see more about the race's history and most recent results, visit:  
[www.dannychew.com/dd.html](http://www.dannychew.com/dd.html).



## More sights from the Slopes: Summer 2018

Looking back at Summer 2018, the SSSNA's annual Summer Picnic held on July 10 at Bandi Schaum Community Garden was a hot and sticky evening, but full of fun and fellowship. At the picnic, City of Pittsburgh Council President and Councilman for District 3 Bruce Kraus presented the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association with a proclamation from the City to recognize its 20 years of service to the Slopes community.



### Eat Good Food, Laugh with Friends and Celebrate the Season

All Slopes residents and friends are invited to the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association's annual holiday party on Tuesday, December 11 at UUBU 6 (178 Pius St.). Festivities start at 6:30 p.m.

All food will be provided and there will be a cash bar.

We'll be collecting toys for The Brashear Association's annual toy drive. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child 12 or under — we'll deliver it to Brashear!

We hope to see you on Tuesday!



### Love the Slopes? Like to write? Get in touch!

Do you have ideas for stories about the Slopes and/or the people who live here and like to write

(although writing is not a requirement—we'd still like to hear your ideas!)?

We want to highlight our quirky, fun community, so share what you know by writing an article in a future newsletter! Sorry, there's no pay to write articles, but your neighbors will appreciate it! Email us at: [newsletter@southsideslopes.org](mailto:newsletter@southsideslopes.org).



# Celebrating StepTrek 2018

This year's StepTrek annual event had warm, beautiful weather (until the two downpours — it's Pittsburgh, ya know! Thanks to everyone who trekked, volunteered and sponsored this year's trek. There was more than \$13,000 raised to be used for making improvements in the Slopes—to make it a more livable, beautiful and safe community! Mark your calendars for next year's StepTrek on October 5, 2019. Visit [StepTrek.org](http://StepTrek.org) for more info!



# Want to Learn More About Police Work?

## Sign Up for the Citizen's Police Academy

The Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant.

- Participants receive three hours of training, one evening a week for 15 weeks.
- Participants are taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearms, police accountability and many other subjects.

Participants learn about the processing of crimes, how police canines are used and are exposed to a variety of the specialty police units. If you're interested in participating in an upcoming Academy, sign up today by visiting <http://pittsburghpa.gov/police/community-policing/index.html> or by calling Sgt. Eric Kroll at 412-412-323-7869 x209 or via email: [eric.kroll@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:eric.kroll@pittsburghpa.gov).



Snow covered sidewalks can be hazardous for everyone. Pittsburgh Snow Angels is a program that helps minimize the hardships of winter by pairing volunteers with elderly or disabled residents to assist with snow removal.

### REQUEST A SNOW ANGEL

To receive assistance from a Pittsburgh Snow Angel volunteer, residents must have a physical disability or be age 60 or older. In addition, residents must lack alternative snow removal resources and reside within the City of Pittsburgh. As soon as a volunteer is identified, someone from the Snow Angels program will contact you. Services offered by this program are dependent on volunteer availability.

### VOLUNTEER AS A SNOW ANGEL

To volunteer to assist a neighbor with snow removal, contact Pittsburgh Snow Angels to be paired with a nearby neighbor in need. You will be contacted when you've been matched.

To get request or volunteer as a Snow Angel, please call 412-255-4773 or visit: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels/index.html>.

*You're invited.....*



## HOLIDAY PARTY

Join the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association at its annual holiday party!

**Tuesday, December 11**  
**Starts at 6:30 p.m.**

**UUBU 6 (178 Pius St.)**

Food will be provided, and there will be a cash bar. We will be collecting toys for The Brashear Association's annual toy drive. Bring a new unwrapped gift or toy for children up to age 12 to the party.



# It's Never Too Early to Think About Gardening, Right?



Winter has just started to take hold, but if you're already dreaming about the longer days and a new crop of vegetables and flowers you want to grow, get a jump on it and apply for a garden plot at Bandi Schaum Community Garden! You can sign up online and, for a nominal rental fee, have your very own little rectangle of dirt to make some gardening magic.

If you've been thinking about trying out the gardening thing, or maybe you want to expand your backyard vegetable growing, reserve a plot today.

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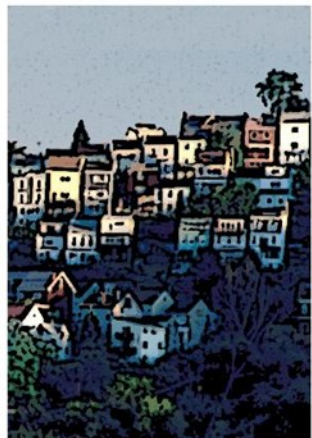
Donations are accepted through our website: [southsideslopes.org](http://southsideslopes.org) (click on the PayPal link).

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 to the right.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** — SSSNA General Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul's Retreat Center\*)
- **Tuesday, March 12, 2019** — SSSNA General Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul's Retreat Center\*)

To stay informed of all upcoming events, please sign up to receive our eblast:  
**[www.southsideslopes.org/contact](http://www.southsideslopes.org/contact)**

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