

# SOUTH SIDE SLOPES QUARTERLY

Spring 2019

## Sights from the Slopes.....

On Dec. 11, 2018, more than 70 neighbors and friends came together at UUBU 6 on Pius St. to celebrate the season. Here are just a few snaps from the fun-filled winter evening.



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

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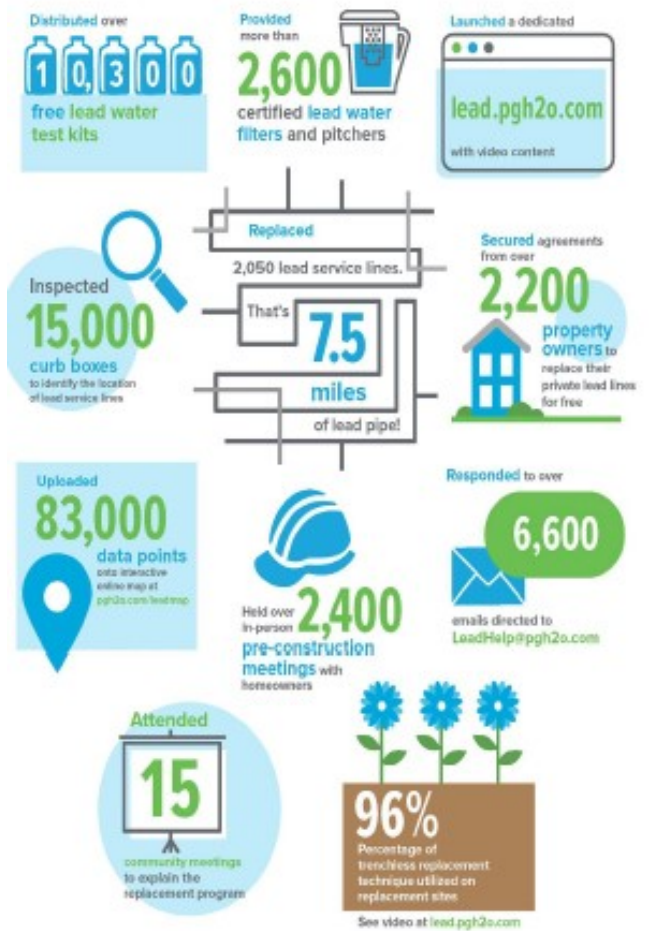
# PWSA's Lead Line Replacement Program

Under an order from the Pennsylvania Department of Environment, PWSA was required to replace 1,500 public lead lines from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018. They replaced approximately 2,050 public lead lines and 1,300 private lines.

Through a \$49 million in funding from PENNVEST, PWSA will replace at least 3,400 lead service lines in 2019. They are reaching residents of neighborhoods — which includes the South Side Slopes — where they plan to replace lead lines this year to explain the project and urge homeowners to have their private lead lines replaced. PWSA plans to replace all the lead service lines in the system by 2026.

To see replacement locations and other important information, visit [lead.pgh2o.com](http://lead.pgh2o.com). To speak to PWSA representatives in-person, please attend the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association's March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery (148 Monastery Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15203).

## 2018 BY THE NUMBERS...



## Reimagining the E. Carson Street



Although we are residents of the Slopes, one of our main business districts is the East Carson St. corridor. The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) has spearheaded a redevelopment initiative that will create a new business district plan for East Carson Street.

The goal of the plan is to imagine new ways to support neighborhood residents and visitors to the area. The plan engaged a variety of stakeholders, including residents, local business owners, employees of local businesses, and visitors to the neighborhood.

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In late January, two public meetings were held so that the plan could be considered as the next phase of the plan begins. Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting on March 4 at 6 p.m. at the South Side Market House. Help the community continue to work on the plan. Join forces with South Side business owners, residents, property owners, students — and everyone else who wants to make a commitment to work together for a better East Carson Street.

The meeting will focus on three task forces groups that will focus on the following areas:

- Economic Vitality
- Marketing and Promotion
- Public Aesthetics

Work with a task force group to create actionable next steps and attainable assignments and goals.

## MEETING DETAILS:

Monday, March 4, 2019 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

south Side Market House

If you have questions about the study or task force, please contact Josette Fitzgibbons at 412.255.6686 or [jfitzgibbons@ura.org](mailto:jfitzgibbons@ura.org).

- To learn more about the East Carson Street Plan and upcoming meetings, please visit the South Side Chamber of Commerce website: <https://www.southsidechamber.org/east-carson-street>



# MEET THE CANDIDATES

*On May 21, Pennsylvania residents will go to the polls to vote in the 2019 primary elections. For those of us living in the South Side Slopes, we have several choices to make, including a vote for City Council – District 3, District Attorney and County Council At-Large and District Attorney. These races have at least one opponent running against the current*

*The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association has invited candidates to attend a “Meet the Candidates” night at the March 12 general meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center (148 Monastery Avenue, 15203) – we invite you to join us to hear from your*

## City Council – District 3

The primary race for the seat of City Council District 3 has four candidates running for a four-year term. The district is comprised of the following neighborhoods: Allentown, Arlington, Arlington Heights, Beltzhoover, Central Oakland, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, Oakcliffe, South Oakland, South Side Flats, South Side Slopes and St. Clair. Candidates running for the City Council – District 3 seat are as follows:



### AMY SCHREMPF

South Side resident Amy Schrempp graduated cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2001 and is a practicing attorney working in Municipal Law for almost 20 years.

Amy cites an unmanageable, piecemeal permit parking program, continued parking and traffic issues, illegal dumpsites, storm sewers that back up, lack of police presence, poor treatment of our communities by visitors, litter, graffiti and overgrown vegetation as areas where we have a great opportunity to change and improve. She thinks that good neighbors build great neighborhoods and

cooperation between leadership and constituents is a necessity. [Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/AmySchremppPGHDIST3>]

## City to Distribute More Blue Recycling Bins

According to the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works, it has asked for support from City Council to receive a \$350,000 grant from the state Department of Environmental Protection for the purchase of 13,000 residential curbside recycling containers.

Once approved, the funding will allow the purchase of blue bins that will be distributed to residents over the next two years.

Distribution plans for the new bins and sign-up procedures have not yet been finalized.



## 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).

# CANDIDATES 2019

## BRUCE KRAUS

Incumbent City Council President Bruce A. Kraus, is running for reelection after serving on City Council for two terms, the first in 2008 and the second in 2012. He was elected president of Pittsburgh City Council in 2014.

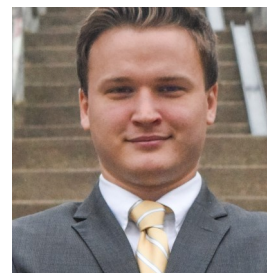
As a Councilman, Bruce has sponsored a diverse selection of legislation over the years. He has focused on improving night life throughout the district and Pittsburgh through improved public safety and transportation. He collaborated with Public Works to reopen the South Side Market House senior program center, assisted in securing support for the renovation of the Carson St. branch of the Carnegie Library and is helping with current renovation efforts to the Knoxville branch of the Carnegie Library, and is working to make improvements in waste management and recycling. (Learn more: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/council/kraus>)



## CHRIS KUMANCHIK

Born and raised in Pittsburgh by his single mother as part of a working class, union household, Chris Kumanchik is a pro-gun moderate Democrat who currently lives in central Oakland. He wants to help the Pittsburghers, saying “if you have issues within the City of Pittsburgh, I want to know about them. I promise I will do whatever I can and utilize the resources necessary to help you.”

Chris is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and works as the director of administration for the Pennsylvania College Access Program, an organization that assists individuals completing applications for college, business and technical schools. In 2018, He became an Elected Constable for Pittsburgh's 4th Ward, which includes Oakland and the South Side. [Learn more: <http://www.chriskumanchik.com>]



## KEN WOLFE

Hailing from the Allentown neighborhood, Ken Wolfe has served with numerous civic and nonprofit organizations to help people, beautify the community and keep neighborhoods safe and thriving. Ken says that “making connections and working together on the issues that affect us all is why I want to be the City Councilman.”

Ken wants to keep our city government accountable so they maintain our streets and city property, improve community access to services, reform the tax system, ensure effective policing, encourage the highest levels of economic stability in our business districts, bring additional resources and amenities to make our district a thriving community among other ideas and plans. [Learn more: <http://district3pgh.com>]



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# Growing up on the Hill

*We asked people on a Facebook group page (South Side then and now) to share his/her memories of growing up in the Slopes. Here's a fun sampling:*

"I first lived on McCord Street. We pretty much stuck to our street. Played all the games Pittsburgh kids played. No one traveled our street in the winter, it was THAT BAD. One tried and almost went over the cliff down to the street below (Josephine Street)." — **Ellen Proskey Matthews**

"At the top of 19th Street the firemen used to open a fire hydrant so we could get wet and cool off during the hot summer months." — **Matthew Nolan**

"Growing up in the South Side in the 60s was more like living in a small town in a large city. Everyone seemed to know everyone. Neighbors always watched out for each other and helped each other. We did most of our shopping locally. With local shopping, bowling alleys, and theaters, you had very little reason to leave the South Side." — **Christine Geo**

"I'm originally from St. Paul Street (Billy Buck Hill). I remember playing in the woods behind my house and building "tree shacks." We also used to sneak into the woods behind St. Paul Monastery and would sled ride down the hills in the winter." — **Chris Korbelic**

"The fireworks at the Fort on the 4th of July in the 50s and 60s are my favorite memory. Many years since they did that." — **Ellen Carlin**

"I grew up on St. Leo Street, which was called the brickyard because our backyard was made of red bricks. It was a common yard, 8 row houses, 4 on each side shared the yard. There were tons of kids to play with on the block. It was right below Billy Buck Hill and we played on those hills, sled riding, riding bikes around the circle that makes up the brickyard. We also went over to Quarry Field to ice skate, play football or swing in the playground." — **Roberta Kozel**

"I grew up on Josephine Street, right across from the Basin. The South Side Sooners practiced there, when we were young watching practice was one of our highlights of the day. We also watched companies like Heinz or Clark playing baseball there. They all loved us sitting on the sidelines cheering them on. Each company would bring boxes and boxes of goodies for all of the neighborhood children." — **Connie Marie Mauro**

"Growing up in the 40s and 50s there were no "slopes," we called them "hills." I lived on Magdalene Street, which was on Bill Buck Hill. We played games, roller skated, walked all over the South Side, rode bikes, swam at the pools on 22nd street and 10th street. 4th of July was always spent at Quarry Field where they had races all day. I think the winners got a dime. In the evening, I remember music and dancing there. Also, St Michaels had a decent sized carousel on their property, which was open during their carnivals." — **Bonnie Rogan**

"I grew up on Sumner Street, above Mission Street, in the 80s and 90s. I remember sitting in the middle of our street watching fireworks every summer, eating sunflower seeds we stole from the neighbor's garden. So many great memories I have from that neighborhood!" — **Ashley Miller-Bertram**

"I grew up on Baldauf Street on Billy Buck Hill. We had a boardwalk in front of our house instead of a sidewalk. No matter where you would go, there were steps everywhere. I remember the "ice ball" mad who came around every night in his station wagon and would sell the ice balls for a dime." — **Betty Meskunas Cetnarowski**

"I lived on Mission and Leticoe in the 70s and 80s. On 4th of July everyone would gather at the Mission St bridges with the whole family. People brought chairs, blankets, snacks, sparkers, those snap things, and "snakes." It was so much fun!" — **Dana Benton**

"I remember watching fireworks from the school ruins on Eleanor St. I remember playing in saltboxes and sledding down a hill about the middle of Burham Street. I remember running all over South Side and Mt. Oliver, going to libraries, a record shop, and a favorite Pizza shop. On Saturday night there was a bus that picked up up from a parking lot in Mt. Oliver and took us out to a rollerskating rink." — **Lorraine Simoneau**

## MEET THE CANDIDATES!

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center  
148 Monastery Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Everyone is welcome at the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association's "Meet the Candidate Night" to learn more about who's running in the May primary election. The moderated event will feature candidates vying for City Council's District 3 Democrat seat: Amy Schrempf, Ken Wolfe, Chris Kumanchik and incumbent Bruce Kraus.

Candidates from other races also will be in attendance.

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(click on the PayPal link).

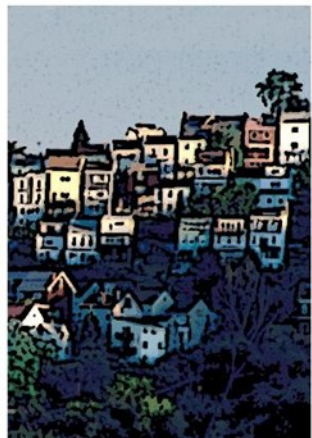
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, March 4** — E. Carson St. Strategy Meeting at 6 p.m. (South Side Market House, Bedford Sq.)
- **Tuesday, March 12** — SSSNA General Community Meeting — Meet the Candidates at 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul's Retreat Center\*)
- **Saturday, April 6** — South Side Spring Social at 6 p.m. (La Palapa, 2224 E. Carson St.)
- **Tuesday, May 14** — 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)**

\*St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center is located at 148 Monastery Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15203

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