

SOUTH SIDE SLOPES QUARTERLY

Summer 2019

Sights from the Slopes.....

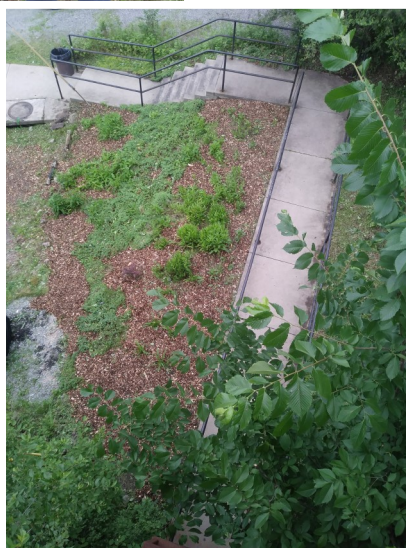


On left: Two young deer spotted in scaling the hillside (and using the city steps?) near the corner of Barry and Mission Streets.



Above: A group picked up trash and cleared weeds and overgrowth at the bottom of the 10th St. steps and bridge. On right: After the cleanup at the corner of 10th & Freyburg Streets.

Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. for about an hour to help cleanup the neighborhood! You can email us info@southsideslopes.org or check the South Side Slopes Facebook page for the next location. (weather permitting)



Above: On Saturday, June 29 all along 18th Street from Diamond in the Ruff on Mary Street up the hill to Arlington Avenue, neighbors, artist and friends will be holding the first annual 18th Street YArt Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arts, crafts and yard sale treasures galore!

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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

Fresh Fridays on the Hilltop are back



Don't miss the Hilltop Alliance's monthly free fresh produce distributions in Allentown on the second Friday of every month. Stop by the former Saint John Vianney Parish parking lot (823 Climax Street, 15210), starting at 3:30pm, to collect your selection of fresh foods. Each event will continue as long as supplies last.

Eligible households are those with household income at or below 150 percent of the poverty level in the 15203, 15210, 15211 and Carrick residents in 15227 zip codes.

The following conditions also qualify a household for

Fresh Fridays: Receiving unemployment compensation, food stamps, cash assistance or medical assistance, SSI or Social Security Disability. Those experiencing a crisis situation are always welcome. Produce to People and food pantry users are also welcome.

If you are not sure if you are eligible for Fresh Fridays, please stop by on the day of the event or call 412-586-5807 x9. For questions on the day of the event, you can 412-586-5807 x3.

Please bring proof of zip code residency such as a rent receipt, utility bill receipt, mortgage payment receipt, valid state ID or a valid driver's license, as well as your own boxes/bags/carts or other way to transport your items. Distributions will continue on the second Friday of each month through November, rain or shine.

This event is made possible by PNC, Dollar Bank, UPMC Health Plan, PA Department of Economic Development, Birmingham Foundation, The Brashear Association and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

FRESH FRIDAYS

When: Fridays, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Where: Saint John Vianney Parish parking lot (823 Climax Street, 15210)



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SAVE THE DATE!



This year's StepTrek event is set for

Saturday, October 5

Noon to 4 p.m.

21st & Josephine Streets

www.steptrek.org

Let's start a conversation...

As a long-time resident of the South Side Slopes, I am really excited about the changes I see happening in our neighborhood! Now may be the perfect time for you to take advantage of these positive changes and consider selling your home. I would love the opportunity to chat with you. Please let me know if you would like a free Market Analysis



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East Carson Street is our business district, too (and it needs you!)



You may have noticed the new traffic patterns, fencing and orange cones throughout much of the East Carson Street business district. This is part of a more than year-long improvement project undertaken by the City of Pittsburgh and PennDOT. The project includes installation of new lighting, planting of trees, addition of pedestrian safety features and, finally, a resurfacing of the street.

Business along the usually busy business district has been greatly impacted by the construction. With parking as a regular challenge in the area, the current situation has made it even more frustrating. But, the businesses along Carson Street rely on neighbors like us to support them, and they need us now more than ever.



What can you do to help? Make the extra effort to frequent the businesses through this difficult time. Walk the city steps to visit your favorite Carson St. shop, restaurant or bar. Or, walk a couple extra blocks from your parking spot so we can all do our part to help our neighbors in the Flats. They need us!

Get involved: Join a SSSNA committee

A lot of what the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association does to improve the neighborhood starts with the members one of the following committees. Consider teaming up with us today!

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE seeks volunteers to help plant, weed and tend the gardens and walkways. We need your ideas and your energy! ***Your time commitment: Warm-weather cleanup & planting days as you are available.*** Email **Dawn Lorincy** at Dawn.Lorincy@SouthSideSlopes.org for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE focuses on increasing involvement as well as engaging active participation in SSSNA activities. ***Your time commitment: Quarterly planning meetings plus event attendance.*** Contact **Blake McLaren** at Blake.Mclaren@SouthSideSlopes.org.

STEPTREK COMMITTEE plan the South Side Slopes annual fundraising event of the year, StepTrek. The Committee coordinates event advertising and marketing, the walking routes, resident open houses along routes, sidewalk sales, tours of churches, food and entertainment. ***Your time commitment: 3-4 monthly meetings prior to event and event attendance.*** Join by contacting **Brian Oswald** at Brian.Oswald@SouthSideSlopes.org.

ZONING & CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE works with the private sector and other interested parties to improve the housing stock on the Slopes by eliminating derelict properties, maintaining existing homes and fostering home ownership. ***Your time commitment: On-demand meetings re: zoning requests and/or attendance at zoning hearings as your schedule permits.*** Contact **Brad Palmisiano** for info at Brad.Palmisiano@SouthSideSlopes.org.

It's farmers market season—buy those fresh veggies now

The South Side Farmers Market runs every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. through November 26 in the parking lot at 18th and East Carson Street.

Vendors at the South Side farmers market sell a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, seedlings, meats, eggs, baked goods, and honey among other things. To view the full list of vendors participating in this market, visit: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/events/southside-market>.

What is the Fresh Access Program?

Fresh Access is a program of Just Harvest that equips farmers markets to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits, formerly known as food stamps, as well as credit and debit cards. In 2006, Food Stamps were converted from paper coupons to debit-style Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), meaning new technological barriers restricted farmers' ability to continue accepting benefits for their products. Fresh Access launched in 2013 and now operates at 10 markets in and around Pittsburgh, including the South Side Farmer's Market.

Shoppers wishing to pay with SNAP EBT, credit or debit cards at the farmers market should look for the Just Harvest booth. There, they can swipe their card to convert their balance into Fresh Access tokens in the dollar amount of their choosing. This service is free to all and the tokens work like market cash - they never expire and are redeemable at all markets with participating vendors.

This year, shoppers using SNAP EBT are also eligible to receive benefits through the Food Bucks program. For every \$5 they spend, they'll receive an extra \$2 for fresh fruits and veggies.



FOOD STAMPS GROW GARDENS!



**SNAP EBT benefits (food stamps)
can be used to purchase
food-producing plants and seeds.**

The health of our entire region benefits when all Pittsburgh residents have reliable access to fresh, affordable food. Fresh Access increases food access, fosters diversity and inclusion at farmers markets, and facilitates connections between low-income shoppers and regional food producers.

About Just Harvest

Founded in 1986, Just Harvest educates, empowers and mobilizes people to eliminate hunger, poverty, and economic injustice in our communities by influencing public policy, engaging in advocacy, and connecting people to public benefits. We are guided by the understanding that hunger is a symptom of poverty and that poverty is a product of social and economic injustice. Rather than charity, public policies which respond to these conditions and to the needs of poor people are the best approaches to the elimination of hunger and poverty.

THINGS ARE HAPPENING THIS SUMMER!

The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association invites you to its

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Bandi Schaum Community Garden off Mission Street

Parking is available in the lot across from the Mission St. Pump House (walk up lane to garden).
Limited parking in lot next to garden.

All neighbors, friends and community garden gardeners are invited to attend!

Feel free to bring a side dish, dessert or beverage to share. Burgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers will be provided.

SOUTH SIDE GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore South Side's Secret Gardens! This self-guided tour features unique and beautiful gardens throughout the neighborhood, rain or shine. All proceeds Support the Esser Plaza Revitalization Project.

Check in and get day-off tickets at 18th & Carson Streets. Call 412-467-6735 if you have questions.

Get tickets: gt19.mysouthside.org

OpenStreetsPGH

SOUTH SIDE

Sunday, July 28

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BikePGH's popular event will go down East Carson Street from the 10th Street Bridge to the Birmingham Bridge.

OpenStreetsPGH is a free community event that opens miles of streets for people to walk, run, bike and explore spaces that would otherwise be used by motor vehicles.



The Brashear Association presents a fun-filled fundraising event

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

Thursday, July 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Double Wide Grill

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[Double Wide Grill is located at 2339 E Carson St, Pittsburgh, PA 15203]

You're invited to the 3rd Annual Goat Fest in South Side Park!

Saturday, July 27 from noon to 4p.m.

The family-friendly event is FREE and open to the public! Visit various locations during Goat Fest:

Bandi Schaum Community Garden: The party hub where you can explore food trucks, live music performances, partner tents and more! Plus, don't miss the craft vendor market on the driveway from the Mission Street Parking Lot to the Garden.

The Paved Loop and Jurassic Valley: Meet the Allegheny Goatscape herd and see their progress as they eat their way through the invasive species of Jurassic Valley!

Seeking local business sponsors! Apply to be a vendor at the craft market!

Questions? Please contact Margie at the Hilltop Alliance at margie@pghhilltopalliance.org.



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Donations are accepted through our website: 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 IN THE SLOPES

- **Wednesday, July 3** — 1st Wednesday Cleanup at 6 p.m. (check Facebook or email for location: info@southsideslopes.org)
- **Tuesday, July 9**—Slopes Summer Picnic at 6:30 p.m. (Bandi Schaum Community Garden, Mission St.)
- **Saturday, July 27**—GoatFest 2019 from noon to 4 p.m. (South Side Park—Bandi Schaum Community Garden, Mission St.)
- **Saturday, Oct. 5**—StepTrek from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (South Side Park entrance at 21st & Josephine Streets)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8**—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

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

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