

SOUTH SIDE SLOPES QUARTERLY

Fall 2019

Sights from the Slopes....a look at GoatFest 2019

A hot Saturday in July, the neighborhood welcomed visitors to South Side Park where they were able to learn more about the park AND meet the stars of GoatFest, a herd of hungry goats (and Hobo, their donkey friend and protector) from Allegheny GoatScape. The goats were there to munch away the invasive plants and vines that have choked out many of the natural plant species in the park. (read more about GoatFest on p. 2.).



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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

GoatFest 2019

This year's goat-themed event brought nearly a thousand visitors to 65-acre South Side Park, many of whom have never visited this part of the city and had no idea a park of this size existed in the neighborhood. We spoke with organizers of the event, members of the Friends of South Side Park (FOSSP), about this year's event and the future plans for GoatFest.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF GOATFEST?

"The goals are to: 1) celebrate the work that the goats do each summer, consuming the invasive vines that smother out the good trees and plants—the first stage of the reforestation program, 2) keep a spotlight on the park as an important community resource, and 3) raise awareness of the park throughout the city."



HOW DO THE GOATS TIE IN WITH THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN?

"The 10 adult goats and one mini donkey (they ate three acres of invasive vines this year!) definitely contribute to the city's Master Plan. They first eat the bad plants, enabling humans to then go in and remove the woody remains and roots. The interest and success of GoatFest keeps the spotlight on South Side Park both within the city's administrative structure and in the community. That spotlight helps to reassure the city and PWSA that their work and investment on our park is important to many people and that the community is sharing in the hard work." **[South Side Park Master Plan: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/south-side-park>]**

HOW CAN PEOPLE HELP?

"Well, as with most events and community projects, we need most is monetary support. This year we raised just enough to bring the goats back next year. However, we are hoping to raise additional funds so that we might make further improvements to the trails and commission an ecological study of the "Jurassic Valley" section of the park so that the reforestation program is solid. We also hope to start work on an ADA trail, so more revenue will be most helpful. " **[Learn more about FOSSP and GoatFest here: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthSideParkPGH>.]**

WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP FOR GOATFEST? WILL THERE BE A 2020 EVENT?

"We see this as an annual event. New this year was Goat Yoga — it was a huge success! The folks who ran the Goat Yoga sessions are interested in coming back next year. We now have a clearer idea of what works, don't have to/want to reinvent the wheel, so we're planning for a similar event in 2020 (yes, with Goat Yoga!)."

StepTrek 2019 is almost here!

Pittsburgh StepTrek will be hosting its 19th annual event on Saturday, Oct. 5, allowing trekkers another opportunity to explore the stairways of the historic South Side Slopes.

This year's event will feature routes that navigate Hunky Hollow, Oakley Mosaic Steps, Knoxville Incline Overlook, Monongahela Park, South Side Park and Winters Playground and include plenty of our unique views. There will be music, food trucks, friendly neighbors, good weather and maybe even a pop-up wine tent along the route. Prepare your legs for the UPMC Mercy big bell climb at Yard Way and come enjoy the neighborhood's pride and joy —our steps. Show off your neighborhood to all your non-South Side friends and family!

- **Get tickets:** <https://www.showclix.com/event/steptrek>
- **Interested in volunteering at the event?** Email us: info@southsideslopes.org

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Attend a free screening of “On the Way Up: City Steps, City Immigrants”

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Carnegie Library—South Side

2205 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Steppin Stanzas, a poetry and art project celebrating city steps, has produced a video honoring early immigrants who built the city’s public stairways, those who care for them and new immigrants to Pittsburgh. It was filmed on the Oakley Way Mosaic Steps during a prior South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association StepTrek event.



The video features Paola Corso, Sahra DeRoy, Andy Edwards, Koku Kuwanu, Keiko Maeda, Maria Laranginho and Christine Telfer. It is directed by Emmy-winning documentarian and producer Michael DiLauro.

A panel discussion will follow with the artists, author Bob Regan, steps activist Joe Balaban and Feyisola Akintola of Welcoming Pittsburgh. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Please contact Susan Waldo at 412 431-0505 or southside@carnegielibrary.org, or Paola Corso at paola_corso@hotmail.com.

Getting to Know Your Neighbors: National Night Out



The East Slopes and Arlington Block Watch hosted a national night out event on Cobden St. on Aug. 6. Almost 40 people from throughout the two neighborhoods attended the event, enjoying free hot dogs, music and yard games. The Green Front donated delicious chicken as well. The event was organized by Jessica Benham, but took an army of volunteers to pull off.

It was a great opportunity to meet neighbors — including a few folks who were new to the neighborhood — and also to spread awareness about neighborhood resources and other upcoming events. Judge Ricciardi stopped by to chat with neighbors, as

well as Bob Charland, representing Councilman Bruce Kraus’ office. The block watch extends its deepest sympathies to the councilman on the recent loss of his mother.

The block watch is especially grateful to the donors who made the food possible, including: The Green Front, Jessica Benham, Karl Norman, Thom McDonell, Denise Phillip, Dan Vito, Elvio Viana and Donna Hetrick. Thanks to Art Lindsey for providing the sound system, and to Will, Ruthie, Karen, Colleen, Haley, Kate, Michael, Danny and all the all the other volunteers who made the event special.

Stayed tuned for the announcement of an upcoming Arlington/East Slopes neighborhood work day. If you would like to get involved in the block watch, please contact Jessica Benham at JessicaLBenham@gmail.com or 724-554-2851.

A Picnic with Police



On June 29, the Zone 3 Public Safety Council held a picnic at Arlington Spray Park at “The Fort,” in order to bring together public safety officials and community members at a fun-filled event. The weather was absolutely perfect – sunny and a bit hot, a typical summer day.

The event featured music provided by DJ KK and fun activities with the Bubble Fairy. The police officers set up a fiercely competitive basketball game. Firefighters, EMS and the park ranger were also on hand. Zach the park ranger hosted a game of ‘skulls and skins,’ where attendees could guess what animal they belonged to. The Pirate Parrot took lots of selfies – and even made off with a police bicycle to do rounds of the spray park. Highlights of the event, which was attended by several hundred community members, also included meeting police horses and the new police puppy.

The Zone 3 Public Safety Council is especially thankful to our donors, including Neighbors on the Mount, Councilman Bruce Kraus, Councilman Anthony Coghil, Neighborhood Allies and the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association. The event would also not have been possible without all the many volunteers from the neighborhood.

HANDY TIPS FOR BETTER RECYCLING

USE LESS. Reduce your waste by using reusable grocery bags, water bottles, glass containers and buying in bulk.

CHOOSE REUSE. Everyday decisions make a difference. Consider buying second-hand items to reduce waste.

RECYCLING IS THE LAW. Recycling is mandatory in the City of Pittsburgh. Avoid fines, participate in the program.

BINS, PLEASE! As the city moves to improve the quality of recycling use a blue bin not exceeding 35 gallons. Place all recyclables loose in a durable, watertight container with a closefitting lid. Blue bags clog equipment at the recycling facility and degrade the quality of recyclables.

KEEP IT CLEAN. Rinse plastic bottles, jugs and jars that are 3 gallons or less. Discard dirty items, like greasy pizza boxes and containers that can’t be cleaned.

HARD-TO-RECYCLE and household chemical items have a new home. To recycle TVs, computers and waste like paint, chemicals and automotive fluids, please contact Pittsburgh’s partner, ECS&R at ecsr.net.

ALSO RECYCLABLE, but not in the curbside bin: plastic grocery bags, shredded paper, textiles, #5 plastic containers

USE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS for yard debris, tires, shredded paper and recycling.

- ◆ Construction Junction, 214 North Lexington Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208 | 412-243-5025
- ◆ East End—6814 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208 | 412-665-3609
- ◆ Hazelwood—40 Melanchton St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207 | 412-422-6524
- ◆ Strip District—3001 Railroad St., Pittsburgh, PA 15201
- ◆ West End—1330 Hassler St., Pittsburgh, PA 15220 | 412-937-3054
- ◆ Beltzhoover—McKinley Park, Bausman St., Pittsburgh, PA 15210

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DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN USE YOUR FOOD STAMPS AT THE FARMERS MARKET?

The South Side Farmers Market at Carson and 18th Streets happens every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. through Nov. 26.

Here's how it works:

1. Find the Fresh Access tent.
2. Use your EBT card to purchase tokens to spend like cash with market vendors on fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, bread and other items.
3. For every \$5 in tokens you purchase, you earn an EXTRA \$2 food bucks voucher for produce. Tokens and vouchers can be used at any Fresh Access farmers market in the Pittsburgh area. Stop by the tent or visit www.justharvest.org/fresh-access for more details.



Notice: Change of By-Laws

The Board of the South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association is proposing the following by-law changes and policy addition for a vote before the membership at our Annual elections meeting on Tuesday October 8, 2019. You can see a copy of the current by-laws on our website at www.southsideslopes.org. To summarize, we are instituting term limits for board members and changing the month of our public Annual Meeting. These changes are being proposed in order to register as a Registered Community Organization with the city and to improve the quality of the Board.

By-Laws Change – Article VI, Section 4

Change from:

“Term of Office: The terms of office for Board members will be two (2) years. However, five members of the initial Board of Directors shall serve a term until the next annual meeting, at which time they will stand for election to a full two-year term. There will be no limitation to the number of terms a Board member may serve.”

To:

“Term of Office: The terms of office for Board members will be two (2) years. However, five members of the initial Board of Directors shall serve a term until the next annual meeting, at which time they will stand for election to a full two-year term. Effective for Board members whose terms begin in 2019 and thereafter, Board members may not serve more than five consecutive terms. After being off the Board for at least one (1) year, the Board member shall be eligible to serve on the Board again.”

By-Laws Change – Article V, Section 1

Change from:

“Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held during the month of **October** at a location and time to be announced to the membership one month in advance for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.”

To:

“Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held during the month of **March** at a location and time to be announced to the membership one month in advance for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.”

NEW POLICY

Non-Discrimination Policy

The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, disability, or political or religious opinion or affiliation in any of its policies, procedures or practices.

South Side Neighborhood Night at Pittsburgh Riverhounds



Come out to watch your Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC vs. Indy Eleven on Saturday, Sept. 28. South Siders can purchase tickets at the special price of \$14 in the Edgeview section 101 (regular price is \$22). The match kicks off at 7 p.m. and the gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Please be sure bring your tickets to the game as there is a \$5 fee to reprint any tickets. Any tickets purchased within a week of the match will be left at will-call to pickup with a photo ID. All tickets purchased prior to a week of the match will be mailed out.

GET TICKETS HERE: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Southside6>

If you have any questions, please contact Louis Caruso at 724-549-3636 or LCaruso@riverhounds.com.

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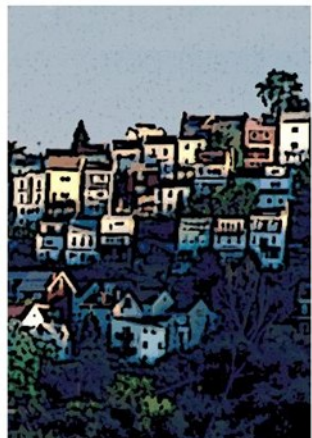
Please help to support the SSSNA and its mission of “neighbors working together to make the Slopes a more livable, beautiful, and safe community.”

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

- **Saturday, Oct. 5**—StepTrek from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (South Side Park entrance at 21st & Josephine Streets)
- **Sunday, Oct. 6** — Free screening of “On the Way Up: City Steps, City Immigrants” from 1 to 3 p.m. (Carnegie Library — South Side, 2205 E. Carson St.)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8**—SSSNA General Community Meeting at 6:30 p.m. (St. Paul’s Retreat Center*)
- **Tuesday, Dec. 10** — SSSNA Holiday Party at 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD)

To stay informed of all upcoming events, please sign up to receive our eblast:
www.southsideslopes.org/contact

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