

SOUTH SIDE SLOPES TODAY

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SOUTH SIDE SLOPES
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Community Meetings in 2022

General Meeting: JAN. 11
General Meeting: MARCH 8
General Meeting: MAY 10
Summer Picnic: JULY 12
General Meeting: OCT. 11
Holiday Party: DEC. 13

All Slopes residents are welcome!

Visit southsideslopes.org
for agendas and location info.

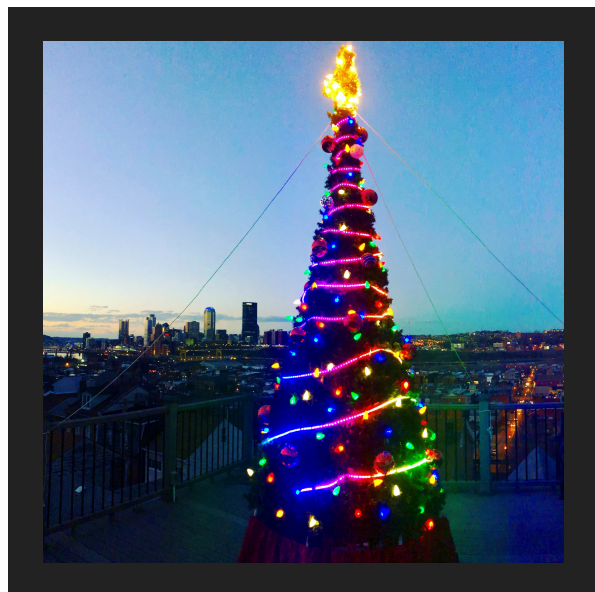
Around the Neighborhood: A Recap of 2021

SUBMITTED BY CARA JETTE

- The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association (SSSNA), led by Board President Blake McLaren, held four virtual **general meetings** and two virtual **RCO meetings** for proposed development projects in the Slopes. We look forward to less Zoom and more in-person meetings next year.
- After a year of virtual meetings, we were excited to return to an **in-person summer picnic** in July which was catered by La Palapa food truck.
- Early in 2021, Board Members Brad Palmisiano and Lucia Sanchez-Madrigal worked tirelessly with the City to **re-light the 18th Street Step lights**.
- As always, countless bags of trash were collected in advance of StepTrek while also participating in the city-wide competition **Garbage Olympics**.
- Board Member Brian Oswald spearheaded our return to an in-person **StepTrek**. Our annual fundraiser held Oct. 2 brought hundreds of people to the neighborhood and raised over \$10,000 for the SSSNA.
- On Oct. 23, the SSSNA greeted hundreds of bicyclists participating in the **Dirty Dozen** bike race with hot chocolate, coffee, water and snacks along Cobden Street.
- Newest Board Member Jami Szalla activated our **Instagram** page and doubled our followers. If you are on instagram, be sure to follow @SouthSideSlopes to see what we are sharing.
- Board Member Kristin Raup developed the first **Slopes Calendar** with photos taken by neighbors. Go to our website to buy your calendar now. Makes a unique holiday gift!
- The year is not over yet! We hope you will participate in the first ever **Slopes Holiday Light Contest** and join us at an in-person **Holiday Party** on Dec. 14. **See next page for more information on these upcoming events!**

Light the Night Holiday Decorating Contest

SUBMITTED BY BRAD PALMISIANO



In an effort to promote Slopes unity this holiday season and show off our neighborhood, The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Light the Night Holiday Decorating Contest.

Everyone can participate! You are encouraged to decorate your house or apartment – focusing on the city-facing façade when possible. Imagine how fantastic the Slopes will look from downtown if everyone puts a string or two of lights on their home!

Categories to be awarded:

- 1) Most Beautiful**
- 2) Most Visible (from across the river)**

Judging will occur the week of Dec. 20, 2021. Winners will receive a \$100 gift card to a South Side restaurant.

You're Invited: Holiday Party is Dec. 14

SUBMITTED BY BLAKE MCLAREN

All Slopes residents are invited. We look forward to seeing you!

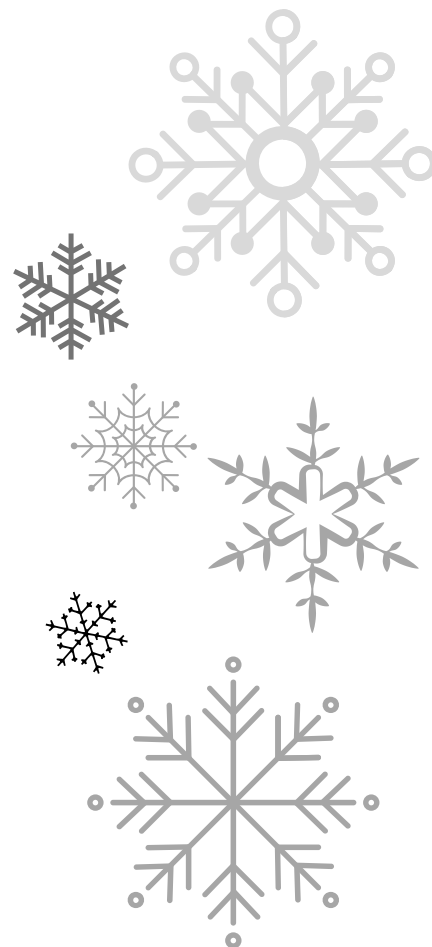
The South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association will be holding an in-person holiday party this year on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at The Zenith restaurant, located at 86 S. 26th Street.

The last 18+ months have been nothing short of daunting for all of us, and we would like to celebrate you and the neighborhood. That said, we also recognize that it will be difficult to socially distance within Zenith. We ask that if you are able to be vaccinated, please do so before joining. Attendees will be encouraged to wear a mask when not eating or drinking.

There is no cost for Slopes residents - the SSSNA will pick up the bill. However, we ask that you please RSVP to let us know you'll be attending. After registering, if you are not able to attend please let us know. Food will be prepared and served by Zenith buffet-style. There will be an option to take a plate to go, if you prefer. We encourage you to bring a drink to share.

RSVP at <https://slopesholidayparty2021.eventbrite.com> or by calling us (leave a message with your name and number attending - we will call you back to confirm within 48 hours). Deadline to RSVP is Dec. 7.

The SSSNA wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!



Celebrating StepTrek's 21st Birthday

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN OSWALD

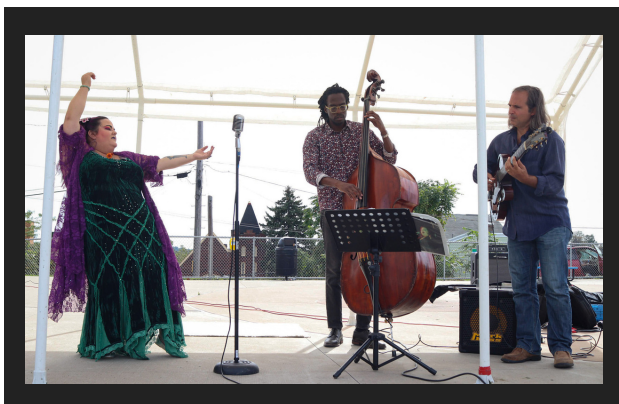
This year's StepTrek event was again held in-person.



On Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, the SSSNA presented its 21st annual Pittsburgh StepTrek event. Because we were unable to commemorate the 20th anniversary last fall, this year we celebrated our 21st "birthday" by having several bands with ties to the neighborhood performing along the two StepTrek routes. We would like to thank bands the Polka Maniacs and the Pump Fakes, as well as the Kollar Club for hosting the bands in the Hollow. Also performing at "The Fort" at Arlington Spray Park was Muscle of Love, Gutter Rich and Phat Man Dee. We had StepTrek fan favorite Brad Yoder performing acoustic music at the Knoxville Incline Overlook and the marketplace was entertained by a DJ throughout gorgeous, sunny day.

We welcomed about 400 trekkers this year who, along with our generous sponsors, provided the SSSNA with almost \$10,500 net profit that will be used to continue our mission of making the Slopes a more clean, green and safe community. If you missed the event, we feature a historic routes series on our website so that you can explore the Slopes at your leisure.

SAVE THE DATE:
StepTrek 2022 is Saturday, Oct. 1



Above: Phat Man Dee performs at The Fort at the Arlington Spray Park.



Above top: Young Trekker ringing the bell at the top of the "Big Climb" stretch of steps.

Above bottom: Climbing the steps at the Oct. 2 StepTrek event.

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