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# Slopes News

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## Christmas Party 12/11...

IT'S PARTY TIME! We're excited to have our Annual Holiday Party at St. Paul's Retreat on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This is a fun time to relax and chat with neighbors, sing Christmas music and enjoy a great buffet of food. We have an open door policy so you need not be a member and we encourage you to bring family and friends. SSSNA will provide a selection of food and beverages, but if you would like to contribute, feel free to bring whatever you want...drinks, desserts, appetizers. If you'd like to help set up or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Janice Serra at [jserra@southsideslopes.org](mailto:jserra@southsideslopes.org) or (412)381-5855. We look forward to celebrating with you!!

Johno Prascak is donating a print to be raffled at the meeting. It is the Terry Bradshaw print which is also hanging in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



## Meeting Schedule 2007!

December 11<sup>th</sup> – *Dining Room*

## Meeting Schedule 2008!

January 8<sup>th</sup>

\*February 5<sup>th</sup>

March 11<sup>th</sup>

\*April 1<sup>st</sup>

May 13<sup>th</sup>

June 10<sup>th</sup>

July 8<sup>th</sup> – *Picnic in Dining Room*

August – no meeting

September 9<sup>th</sup>

\*October 7<sup>th</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>

December 16<sup>th</sup> – *Christmas Party in Dining Room*

\* denotes not a second Tuesday

## What you missed 11/13!

President Brad Palmisiano asked for updates from the Committee Chairpersons and audience. He then facilitated a work session where several committees met in break out sessions. These committee discussions are the foundation of the SSSNA committee plans for 2008. One plan of the Board for 2008 is to have each Committee Chairperson to write a monthly update article for this newsletter.

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

Check out the most recent updates to our website! Exciting information and frequent updates are there to see. Our site had many hits leading up to the StepTrek. We are getting new members each day.

# **Board of Directors!**

*The 2008 Board Members are...*

Joe Balaban	1999-present
Misi Bielich	2006-present
Beverly Boggio	1998-present
Joe Ciccola	2002-present
Peter Kreuthmeier	2007
Claudia Hart	2002-present
Paul Lorincy	2005-present
Brad Palmisiano	2004-present
Matt Schaefer	2006-present
Janice Serra	2000-present
Donald Ware	2005-present

Each can be reached at their email address [firstname.lastname@SouthSideSlopes.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@SouthSideSlopes.org) or through the website.

## **Committees 2007!**

The following are the 2007 SSSNA Committees and their chairpersons:

<b>Beautification</b>	Joe Ciccola
<b>Cleanups &amp; Safety</b>	Paul Lorincy
<b>Elm Street</b>	Fr. Don Ware
<b>Finance &amp; Development</b>	Joe Balaban
<b>Housing &amp; Zoning</b>	Brad Palmisiano
<b>Outreach</b>	Misi Bielich
<b>StepTrek</b>	Bev Boggio

## **Committee Reports:**

### ***Beautification Committee***

Joe Ciccola shares that the plan is to continue to research new areas for gardens, recommending perennial gardens as the main thrust going into '08 and beyond. Ideas for '08 were the corner of Mission and Barry on the East and in the West the German Square area as brought to our attention by Betty Kripp. We will continue to maintain Gardens: Barry, Greeley, and Monastery and when doable utilize the city (community service workers) for volunteer work. Lastly, work effectively with the Elm Street Program

and partner with them to maintain and grow the Beautification and Landscape of the Slopes.

Most recently on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am, we pulled out the two WPC gardens along Josephine Street at Barry & Greeley Streets. We also had volunteers weed the new Monastery & Brosville Garden. See the photos below...



Volunteers made quick work of it.



The vegetation was composted





Tall weeds were pulled by hand.



We had ~17 working on that cold morning. We got 3 gardens done. Strong work, volunteers! Looks great now & ready for winter. Thanks, Joan, Mrs. Hart, Vera, Joe, Matt, Bev and countless others!

## *Elm Street Committee*

There was no Elm Street meeting in November due to scheduling conflicts. Judy Dyda updates the committee with the following:

DPW placed our new (and gorgeous) trash cans at the bottom of the South 18<sup>th</sup> steps, at the intersection of Pius and S. 18<sup>th</sup>, at the entrance to Quarry Field. We have three in the Slopes and there are more along Carson.



South 18 Streetscape – RFP has been completed and will go out to three design firms to have a unified plan for enhancements to the streetscape. The intersection at 18<sup>th</sup>, Mission, and Pius Streets has been identified as the intersection “heart” of the Slopes.

Public Steps – The engineering RFP – it will go out by the end of the week. Multiple sets of steps will be examined and cost for repairs will be determined, including the large stairway at 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

If we don't have your email address, (you'll know as this newsletter will be attached to an email on 12/7) please email Bev at [SSSNAPgh@aol.com](mailto:SSSNAPgh@aol.com) so that you can receive our updates.

## *StepTrek 2007*

Here are some photos. If you have any photos from StepTrek, we would love to have them. We were short a few of our usual photographers this year.



Below is Johno's Art Studio



## More Trek Photos...



Water Stations had a new look with flags, signs, and new matching tents.



Brad Palmisiano with Mayor & Mrs. Luke Ravenstahl.



Good Brother Earl



So many great photos!



## Membership News...

### Please Pay 2008 Dues Now

Everyone's membership is due January 1<sup>st</sup>! With your donations, we are able to keep neighbors informed and connected.

SSSNA Membership is \$5 for the 12 months that run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you, so very much, for your support! As always, we welcome any additional donations. Please mail in your membership dues or bring them to the meeting.

### SSSNA Membership 2008

Please mail \$5 to:

SSSNA P.O.Box 4248, Pgh., PA 15203

*Or bring it to the next meeting*

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*Thanks!*

**We are already planning  
StepTrek 2008 for next Fall!**

## ***Recycle Electronics 11/14!***

SSSNA had a truck full of electronics for the recycling event for Outdated Electronics Collection and Disposal on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. It took 2 trips to get it all there. Below is a photo of some of what was saved from the land fill. What could be reused will be and what is no longer useful will be disposed of properly and safely. We even had a Commodore 64! Thanks to all who cleaned out their electronic devices and dead batteries! The Slopes neighborhood is green in more than one way! Thanks!



### **More recycling...**

Did you know that the Downtown YMCA recycles tennis shoes? They do, take yours. <http://ymcaofpittsburgh.org>

## ***City trial for curbside recycling***

As we were reminded at the November meeting, the City is currently doing a trial for curbside pick up until December 28<sup>th</sup>. The Slopes has one more recycle day to take advantage of this, Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please put out your usual recycle materials as well as corrugated cardboard in 3 foot bundles. Also, put out junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phone books and paperboard in blue bags on the curb. If this trial is successful, then perhaps we can have this service all of the time. These are the same things that can be recycled in the Strip or at Construction Junction. How nice not to drive it there!

## **Thank You Sponsors!**



### **Thank you, StoreXpress!**

SSSNA moved all its archives, Trek supplies, possessions, equipment & tools to 200 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street at StoreXpress, who donated space to SSSNA at its building. The facility storage spaces are clean, large and accommodating. We recommend them!



### ***Rudberg Law Offices, LLC***

The safety green volunteer shirts donated by Rudberg Law Offices are a big hit! Volunteers are given a shirt for helping with any clean up or garden weeding. We have them available at our clean up, weeding, and planting events. They were also the Publication Sponsor for StepTrek 2007!

### ***Please help the food pantry at Brashear 12/11.***

The food pantry at the Brashear Association is in need of nonperishable items as demand is high and supplies are low. SSSNA is asking that you **bring a donation with you to the Christmas Party December 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you do not have time to shop, donations will also be accepted. We will take the donations to Brashear for you.

If you didn't pick up your StepTrek shirt, we will have them at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will also have SSSNA tee shirts \$8 each or 2 for \$15 in S, M, L, XL.



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**Please join us for the  
SSSNA Christmas Party  
Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00pm at the St. Paul of  
the Cross Monastery  
Retreat Center, 148  
Monastery.  
See inside for details!**

Thank you to our Sponsors...

