



SouthSide Lights



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UPMC SOUTH SIDE READIES FOR TRANSITION TO OUTPATIENT CENTER ON JULY 1

The South Side Planning Forum Hospital Steering Committee is working with UPMC officials to ensure ongoing communication regarding the scheduled conversion of UPMC South Side Hospital from an inpatient hospital to an outpatient facility and urgent care center. Beginning on June 24, inpatients will no longer be admitted on the South Side, while the emergency department will accept its last patient by 6:00 a.m. on June 30.



UPMC South Side will officially merge with UPMC Mercy and open as **UPMC**

Mercy South Side Outpatient Center at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1. The former South Side emergency department will then operate as an urgent care center to treat less serious illnesses and injuries, such as a fever or broken bones. In addition, physician services, outpatient surgical services, and diagnostic services—including x-ray, fluoroscopy, EKG, mammography, and phlebotomy—will remain at the South Side facility. Although the current cafeteria will close as part of the restructuring, fresh breakfast, lunch, and snack items will be available in an upgraded café and gift shop.

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GRAFFITI WATCH

GRAFFITI WATCH INTENSIFIES ITS EFFORTS TO REMOVE AND PREVENT GRAFFITI ON THE SOUTH SIDE

The South Side Community Council (SSCC) Graffiti Watch (GW) is beginning its third year. GW is an enthusiastic and dedicated group of community volunteers who have been working together to prevent and remove graffiti across the South Side.

Our projects have covered First through 36th Streets and territory from the river banks to as far back as Josephine Street. We know that our challenge is ongoing and in order to achieve success, it is important to sustain our efforts over time.

Graffiti Watch has worked closely with property and business owners, 311 Mayor's Non-Emergency Response Line, the Graffiti Task Force, and Graffiti Busters in order to coordinate our efforts and increase our effectiveness in preventing graffiti on the South Side. We also encourage property owners to report graffiti on their properties to 911 within 48 hours and then remove the graffiti within 48 hours if possible. The reason for reporting to 911 is that law enforcement needs this information to strengthen the case against graffiti vandals. Also, in order for the property owner to receive reparations a report to 911 needs to be filed and the property owner will need to have the 911 report case number.

In order to increase

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SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHOOSES NEW LOGO; PLANS NEW WEB SITE

South Side Community Council recently conducted a logo contest to kickoff expanded efforts to recruit new members and increase visibility within the community. Several design firms and individuals from South Side's creative community displayed their artistic talents—submitting a total of 18 unique and high-quality entries—including **Andy Dokmanovich** of Sarah Street; **Lauren Musulin** of Renaissance 3 Architects, P.C. 48 S. 14th St.; **Ocreations**, 313 E.

Carson St.; **Red House Communications**, 1908 Sarah St., and Art Institute of Pittsburgh classmates **Erin Baskin**, **Josh Boley**, and **Matt Kapral**.

The SSCC Board of Directors extends their thanks and appreciation to all who participated! The winning design will be unveiled at SSCC's open meeting on June 29 and incorporated into the design of our new Web site coming soon at www.southsidecommunitycouncil.org.

Outstanding South Sider Award

This year, South Side Community Council would like to begin recognizing and commending a resident and/or business owner for their commitment and dedication to making the South Side a better place to live. Whether this person, rain or shine, has made it a personal practice to pick up litter, plant flowers, fight graffiti, show utmost concern for their neighbor or make the neighborhood aware of public safety issues, we want to know.

The 2009 Outstanding South Sider Award will be presented at South Side Community Council's next Open Meeting, June 29, 2009 at the Brashear Association. To enter a late entry, please feel free to email Eve at etrbovich@gmail.com or mail your nomination to Brashear in care of SSCC.

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our effectiveness by encouraging more resident/business participation, we have been identifying Graffiti Zone Action Leaders who will provide leadership in organizing graffiti prevention and removal activities within each of the 10 action zones designated by the SSCC.

Graffiti Watch is also in the process of identifying a person on each block who will serve as the graffiti block watch monitor and we are asking residents to Adopt a Spot, no matter how small, and help us keep it free of graffiti. Graffiti prevention and removal is a constant challenge.

We have an ongoing need for volunteer

participation at any level as well as financial donations so that we can purchase paint and supplies.



Our next paint-out is Saturday May 30 and we will meet at the corner of 22nd Street and Larkins Way at 9AM. If you would like to volunteer, want a copy of

the zone map, the name of your graffiti zone leader, or other Graffiti Watch information please contact us at: graffiti-watch@gmail.com or call Steve Root at 412-496-2272.

Graffiti Watch Calendar

Graffiti Watch meetings are at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Brashear Center.

All are welcome.

For information call 412-496-2272 or

Email: graffitiwatch@gmail.com

Celebrating the Centennial of South Side Library

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the South Side branch of the Carnegie Library. South Side library opened in 1909 and was among the first branch libraries in the Pittsburgh Carnegie Library System. There were 10,000 visitors in its first week and multi-lingual staff were present to accommodate the many ethnic groups that comprised the South Side.

The Children's Reading Room was spe-

cially designed with smaller tables and chairs appropriate for children of all ages. Not much has changed as the library has retained much of the same tables and chairs our grandparents and great grandparents used.

In the 1940's, during World War II, the library served as an air raid shelter. The same air raid sign is still in place on the façade of the building.

Over the years, South Side Library has gone

through various upgrades and slight renovations. In the 1990's a handicapped accessible ramp was installed.

Also, in the 1990's, the children's section had a pet rabbit that was loved, fed and played with by all the neighborhood children.

The Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation awarded a *Historic Landmark* plaque to the library in 1990 for its architectural and historical

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POLICE BLOTTER

MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2009

Crime Stats for South Side Flats		Crime Stats for South Side Slopes			
Aggravated Assault	3	ID Theft	1	Accidents	3
Aggr. Assault w/Police Officer	2	Open Lewdness	1	Burglary	5
Accidents	1	Resisting Arrest	4	Criminal Mischief	4
Burglary	7	Robbery	4	DOA	1
Criminal Mischief	31	Simple Assault	14	Drugs Arrests	3
Criminal Trespassing	1	Stolen Vehicle	1	DUI	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	Theft/Auto	10	Fraud	1
DOA	3	Theft/Business	2	Harassment	6
Drug Arrests	13	Theft/Person	25	Robbery	2
DUI	19	Theft/Residence	1	Simple Assault	2
Forgery	1	Warrant Arrests	2	Theft/Auto	1
Harassment	27			Theft/Person	7
				Theft/Residence	1
				Warrant Arrests	2

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significance.

The South Side Library is still as active as it was at the turn of the 20th Century.

The library holds pre-school story time on Thursdays, sponsors a summer reading club where children and teens can earn prizes and incentives, and once a year organizes a book sale.

South Side Library is a great resource serving grade school, high school and college level research topics. The computer lab can be used for research, work and play.

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For patients and family members of those requiring treatment at UPMC Mercy's Uptown campus, a new voucher program offers up to two hours of free parking. UPMC is also working with the Birmingham Foundation on a proposed shuttle service to

transport patients between UPMC Mercy's South Side and Uptown facilities.

Additional information will be posted to
www.southsidecommunitycouncil.org
 as it becomes available.

South Side Library has proven to be such an integral part of the community serving residents of all ages for the last one hundred years.

Please look forward to upcoming scheduling details for the Celebration of the South Side Carnegie Library's Centennial Anniversary!!

UPMC Mercy South Side Outpatient Center

Tentative Operating Hours—Effective July 1, 2009

Service Area	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Main Lobby 412-488-5550	6:00AM—7:00PM	7:00AM—1:00PM	CLOSED
Urgent Care Center 412-488-5707	9:00AM—9:00PM	9:00AM—9:00PM	9:00AM—9:00PM
Diagnosis Services 412-488-5751	7:00AM—9:00PM	8:00AM—9:00PM	8:00AM—9:00PM
Surgical Services 412-488-5800	6:00AM—6:00PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Other Procedural Services 412-488-5908	8:00AM—4:00PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Gift Shop & Cafe 412-488-5976	6:45AM—4:30PM	CLOSED	CLOSED

Kids Market House Soccer and Deck Hockey

What a great resource we have here in the South Side for kid participation in a community based sports program. The Market House Children's Athletic Association, located in the Market House on 12th Street, is the urban answer to the suburban soccer mom. Southsiders choose to live in the city for any number of reasons... but one of them should definitely be The Market House.

The Association is completely staffed by volunteers led by Coach John Shamlin. His assistant coaches are involved parents and prior participants, including high school senior, Joe Frick (who has played here since he was 4 years old and who will be attending CMU in the Fall). John says the kids have a fantastic time and learn about being part of a team and sportsmanship... "It's great to see them all shake hands after every game."

While the kids are playing, the parents are watching, cheering, but most importantly talking...they are discussing the future of the South Side; where they're sending their kids to school; how Phillips is rated as one of the best elementary schools in the city and has a Spanish magnet program; opinions about the playground; and how the South Side Library and Joseph Beth's Book Store have great story times during the week.

This IS community at its best, but it takes work and participation.



Three friends, Arthur - who loves to play center, Frankie - an expert at scoring goals, and Justin - who says he's "made a million friends," are all participants in the program.

You can obtain more information on The Market House Children's Athletic Association by calling John Shamlin at (412) 508-9793.

Green Is Growing... Are you in?

The South Side Community Council's (SSCC) Beautification Action team dubbed **Green N'at** is alive and growing! Thanks in large part to an open forum held on April 27th by the SSCC to discuss beautification issues, we have a solid team poised to get their hands dirty. Literally!

In case you haven't heard, **Green N'at** is committed to upholding a premiere aesthetic for South Side community stakeholders in an environmentally responsible manner. Our first step is to be proactive about cleaning up litter throughout our neighborhood. As our

team grows, we hope to begin educating residents and business owners about how to properly handle their rubbish as well as recycling what we can recycle.

We have tons of ideas we hope to see implemented as our team blossoms. Which brings us to our next point - we need you! South Side is a big neighborhood and our team needs folks who are willing to give time, resources, and ideas to help make our community the best it can be. So what are you waiting for?

You can contact Terra McBride at

terrayoungblood@yahoo.com to get on the Green N'at email list. Some tentative clean-up dates are already on the calendar. Are you available to help out?

Sunday June 7th
Sunday June 21st
Monday July 6th
Sunday July 19th
Sunday August 2nd,
Sunday August 16th
Sunday August 30th

Contact Terra and tell her what you are able to give. We can have an impact if we work collectively. So now you know. Green is growing... are you in?

Did You Know ? TREES

- ✦ Increase property values
- ✦ Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- ✦ Save energy, cut heating and air-conditioning costs
- ✦ Shade and cool neighborhood
- ✦ Promote community interaction and renewal
- ✦ Provide habitat for birds and wildlife
- ✦ Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- ✦ Reduce storm water runoff
- ✦ Buffer and reduce noise

✦ The City of Pittsburgh can help you acquire and plant a tree on your property



TreeVitalize is a joint project of Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to restore tree cover in the Pittsburgh region.

Their goal is to plant 20,000 trees in Allegheny County by 2012.

If interested in obtaining a tree for your property, you may contact the City of Pittsburgh Planning Department TreeVitalize Coordinator for a Tree Planting Request Form:

Lisa Ceoffe, TreeVitalize Coordinator
 City of Pittsburgh, 200 Ross Street
 412-393-0154

SSCC BOARD ELECTIONS

South Side Community Council's annual election of new board members is scheduled for June 29, 2009.

If you like what the Board has accomplished and you want to become more involved with a hands on approach helping to maintain quality of life in our neighborhood, why not think about running for a seat? We will be filling seven seats this June.

Applications can be requested by contacting Joe Bielecki, President of South Side Community Council, at
412-390-0900

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:

Lisa Ceoffe, Urban Forester - Tree-Vitalize Program -
(412) 393-0154/lisa.ceoffe@city.pittsburgh.pa.us

Gerald Akrie - Animal Control: Animal Control Supervisor,
Department of Public Safety, City of Pittsburgh
(412) 255-2036/gerald.akrie@city.pittsburgh.pa.us

Mike Gable, Department of Public Works, (412) 255-8850
ext. 2488/mike.gable@city.pittsburgh.pa.us

SSCC Open Meeting

What: South Side Community Council Meeting
*Board Elections
*Announcement of 2009 Outstanding South Sider Award
*Unveiling of SSCC New Logo Design
*Responsible Hospitality Institute Presentation
*Light refreshments will be served.

When: June 29, 2009 @ 7PM

Where: Brashear Center, 2005 Sarah Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Farewell

With deepest regret, Susan McCoy resigned from the South Side Community Council earlier this year. She and family are planning on relocating out of state. Thank you Susan for years of service to our community helping to make our neighborhood safer while bringing residents together. Your endless energy, selflessness and voice will surely not be forgotten.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU !!!

Attention Future Zone Captains!



The Advocacy and Activism Committee is continuing its search for zone captains! By dividing South Side into zones with each zone under the direction and support of a zone captain, tasks become more manageable and progress becomes real. Captains will develop subcommittees within their zone to address all quality of life issues – litter, graffiti, crime, zoning and much more.

Would you like to help preserve the quality of life in our neighborhood? Are you able to volunteer at most two hours per week?

For further information:

Graffiti: Steve Root: graffitiwatch@gmail.com
412-496-2272

Beautification: Terra McBride: terrayoungblood@yahoo.com

Info requests: etrbovich@gmail.com

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THANK YOU!

Please look for our next
quarterly edition in Summer 2009

What is South Side Community Council?

South Side Community Council, is an all volunteer 501(c) 3 non-profit, non-partisan, charitable organization dedicated to providing leadership, advocacy, and information about quality of life issues effecting residents, property owners, and businesses; along with celebrating the South Side's unique history and sense of community.

Members must be real property owners or tenants for either commercial or residential use in the South Side's 16th or 17th Wards.

Our primary goals are building positive relationships among residents and businesses; voicing collective concerns and issues to government officials; and helping to make South Side a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant community for all who live, work, and visit our diverse urban neighborhood.

Annual Membership Dues = \$10 per household

Membership discounts are available to senior citizens, for others on a fixed income, or those with special needs. Please contact us for information at:

etrbovich@gmail.com.

Membership Benefits

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN SSCC?

SSCC offers you an opportunity to:

- Build positive relationships with your neighbors
- Voice your concerns and issues to government officials
- Affect change in YOUR neighborhood!

Please mail your application with payment to:

South Side Community Council
c/o Brashear Center
2005 Sarah Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Membership Application

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone - Day: _____

Phone - Evening: _____

Email Address: _____

- Yes! Save a stamp - email me the SSCC Newsletter!**

Payment Information:

- Enclosed is my \$10 check or money order made payable to the South Side Community Council.
- Enclosed is an additional donation of \$_____ in support of the South Side Community Council's efforts.
- I am interested in make an in-kind donation of materials or services. Please contact me.

Involvement:

Yes! I want to get involved...please call me about the:

- **Internal Processes Subcommittees:**
 - Membership Committee* - Recruit new members!
 - Communications/Marketing Committee* - Get the word out about SSCC programs and community efforts.
 - Event Planning*
 - Fundraising Committee* - Raise money for the SSCC's efforts in the South Side
- **External Relations Subcommittees:**
 - University Relations*
 - Neighborhood Community Liaison*
 - Business Liaison*
- **Activism & Advocacy Subcommittees:**
 - Graffiti Watch* - Fight and eliminate vandalism
 - Beautification/Green n'at* - Community Artwork, Landscaping and Help combat litter/trash
 - Public Safety* - Address quality-of-life issues across the neighborhood including safety
 - Building & Zoning Committee* - Work on zoning, ACHD and BBI residential issues
- **Other Interests** _____
- **I have a questions and/or issue regarding our community. Please contact me!**