

Urban Hike

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Allentown, Beltzhoover, Knoxville, Mt. Washington

The Knoxville Incline was built in 1890 and was located in Pittsburgh's South Side neighborhood. The incline was designed with an 18-degree curve and had the longest track ever built in Pittsburgh at 2,644 feet. It was the second incline in Pittsburgh with a curved track. The Knoxville Incline's route went from South 11th Street to Warrington Avenue and then to Knoxville Avenue. The incline's huge cars, designed by John M. McRoberts, were large enough to carry cars or heavy freight. The Knoxville Incline was dismantled in 1961.

Fun Facts:

The former site of a youth hostel in Allentown is becoming a police station. The Zone 3 station is moving from the South Side Flats to the corner of Warrington and Arlington.

Mt. Oliver and the South Side were originally granted to John Ormsby as a reward for his military service during the French and Indian War. He named the mountaintop after his son and his father (both named Oliver).

Mt. Oliver was incorporated as a borough in 1892 after residents were unhappy with the leadership of Lower St. Clair.

The city of Pittsburgh had completely surrounded Mt. Oliver by 1927, following the city's annexation of Carrick and Knoxville.

Carnegie Mellon University's choir and orchestra are playing Haydn's Creation oratorio at 6 pm tonight at St. John Vianney Church (corner of Climax and Allen).

Knoxville is the eighth most-improved neighborhood in the city this year for participation in recycling.

Allentown was carved out of St. Clair Township, which was one of the original townships of Allegheny County.

On April 26, 1827 an Englishman named Joseph Allen purchased the land that would eventually be known as Allentown.

Allentown was annexed by the City of Pittsburgh on April 2, 1872

In the past there were five inclines that served Allentown, the most famous of which was the curved Knoxville incline with a station at the intersection of Warrington and Arlington. April 2, 1872

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This aerial map of the South Side of Chicago features a blue route that starts at the intersection of E Warrington Ave and E 47th St, proceeds west along E Warrington Ave, then turns south on E 47th St, and continues south along E 47th St to E 55th St. The route then turns east along E 55th St, passing through the area around E 55th St and E 56th St, and ends at E 56th St and E 57th St. The map includes numerous street names, such as E Warrington Ave, E 47th St, E 48th St, E 49th St, E 50th St, E 51st St, E 52nd St, E 53rd St, E 54th St, E 55th St, E 56th St, E 57th St, E 58th St, E 59th St, E 60th St, E 61st St, E 62nd St, E 63rd St, E 64th St, E 65th St, E 66th St, E 67th St, E 68th St, E 69th St, E 70th St, E 71st St, E 72nd St, E 73rd St, E 74th St, E 75th St, E 76th St, E 77th St, E 78th St, E 79th St, E 80th St, E 81st St, E 82nd St, E 83rd St, E 84th St, E 85th St, E 86th St, E 87th St, E 88th St, E 89th St, E 90th St, E 91st St, E 92nd St, E 93rd St, E 94th St, E 95th St, E 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