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**Construction Underway on James R. Peach Bowl Addition to Peach Plaza  
Skate and Action Park**

The Peach Plaza Skate and Action Park at Twin Lakes Park is growing. Construction has started on the James R. Peach Bowl and Snake Run addition to the Plaza. This nine-foot deep skate bowl was designed by Pillar Design Studios and is being built by contractor RJMC, Inc. Total project cost is approximately \$220,000 and was funded primarily by foundations and individual donors.

The Skate Bowl addition is named in honor of Mr. Jim Peach, a local retired schoolteacher and businessman, who contributed \$100,000 to help bring the project to fruition. "We are very grateful for Mr. Peach's support," said Malcolm Sias, Planning Coordinator for Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation. "It is only fitting that the skate bowl bears his name." The design and construction of the James R. Peach Bowl was included in Phase II of the Twin Lakes Park expansion project, which was funded by the Mellon Foundation, the Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation, the Hawksglen Foundation, and numerous other donors.

Peach Plaza Skate Park has been open to the public for four years now, and provides recreation for skateboarders, bikers, and rollerbladers. The original section of the skate park was built in 2008, and was the major component of the Phase I development of the Twin Lakes Park expansion. Mr. Peach was a major contributor to this project as well, as the skate park was named in memory of his late wife, Joyce H. Peach. The addition of the James R. Peach Bowl will make for an interesting compliment to the plaza concept of the current facility.

The James R. Peach Bowl is scheduled to be completed and opened to the public on September 20. The grand opening ceremony will take place that afternoon in conjunction with the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board's annual Green Luncheon program.

To access the Peach Plaza Skate and Action Park at Twin Lakes, follow Donohoe Road from the traffic light at Westmoreland Mall. At the four way stop, turn left on to George's Station Rd. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right onto Streetpark Loop.

For more information, please call Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation at (724) 830-3950, or visit [www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks).