

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION  
NEWS RELEASE**

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**"Green Luncheon" to be held at Twin Lakes Park Expansion Site; James R. Peach Bowl Opened**

For the second year in a row, the Green Luncheon, an annual event honoring those who support Westmoreland County's 10 parks and four hiking/biking trails, will open with the unveiling of yet another brand new recreation facility. This year, that facility is the James R. Peach Bowl at Peach Plaza Skate and Action Park.

"What better way to honor those who support Westmoreland County Parks than to showcase the newest, free recreation opportunity that their support made possible?" said Malcolm Sias, Parks planning coordinator, who oversaw construction of the new \$220,000, nine-foot-deep skate bowl and snake run. "This bowl and snake run is a very exciting addition to our four-year-old skate park, and one that skateboarders, bikers, and rollerbladers will greatly enjoy."

The 2012 Green Luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 20 in the beautiful, brand new outdoor pavilion on Georges Station Road in Greensburg that overlooks Peach Plaza and the other new recreation additions to Twin Lakes Park, including courses for winter sledding and tubing, a boundless (wheelchair-accessible) playground, the Ferrier Life Trail exercise course, and the Franklin Dog Park. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be obtained by calling Westmoreland County Parks at 724-830-3962 by September 13.

Proceeds from the luncheon support the recent new facilities and even more that are planned for Twin Lakes Park (including a dek hockey/ice skating rink, and an amphitheater), as well as potential future facilities at the nine other Westmoreland County parks and the four hiking/biking trails.

The James R. Peach Bowl dedication ceremony begins at 11:30 p.m. and is followed by the luncheon at 12:15 p.m. The luncheon will include a variety of culinary offerings made from fresh and local foods and catered by One Eleven of Greensburg, including peach cobbler and peach ice cream for dessert in honor of the new Peach Bowl dedication. The luncheon also will include a ceremony recognizing those who support the Westmoreland County Parks through donations and service. This year's honorees, reflecting the cumulative amount of their giving, are listed below.

**Muir Fellows (\$1,000)**

Martha Bailey  
Commercial Bank  
Dainty Pastry Shoppe  
Gibson-Thomas Engineering  
James Lombardi  
Rampart Security  
Annette Rusnock  
Schaller's Bakery  
Raymond & Mary Helen Vasinko

Video Graphics

**Olmsted Fellows (\$2,500)**

Excela Health  
Lesco Federal Credit Union  
Lions International District 14-E  
Mon Yough Trail Council  
Small Auto Group  
WCCC Campus Activities Board  
Westmoreland Mechanical Testing

**Hornaday Fellows (\$5,000)**

Frank Schimizzi & Family  
Dr. Emilio Navarro  
Ken Stas & Family

**Audubon Fellows (\$10,000)**

Comcast  
Kennametal

**Lewis Fellows (in recognition of outstanding service)**

John Framel  
Tim Krupar  
Westmoreland County Historical Society

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Thanks to the support and funding of the Westmoreland County Commissioners, the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Department is able to provide area citizens with a wide range of free, year-round recreation opportunities in ten parks and four hiking/biking trails throughout Westmoreland County.

Free facilities include: baseball and soccer fields; basketball, tennis, volleyball, shuffleboard, and bocce courts; horseshoe pits; toboggan/sled areas; trout- and game-fish-stocked lakes; handicapped accessible fishing decks; bicycle trails; a skate and action park; lakes for boating and fishing; swings and playgrounds; a giant slide; model radio-controlled airfields; equestrian trails; a BMX track; walking paths; **adult and children's fitness areas; areas for hunting (limited); and a scenic observation deck.**

**Free events include: outdoor concerts; fishing derbies; a variety of fun festivals; nature classes and hikes.**

**Westmoreland County's ten parks are: Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township; Mammoth Park, Chestnut Ridge Park and Bridgeport Dam Park in Mount Pleasant Township; Northmoreland Park in Allegheny Township; Twin Lakes Park in Unity and Hempfield townships; Ann Rudd Saxman Nature Park and Historic Hanna's Town in Hempfield Township; Sewickley Creek Wetlands in New Stanton Borough; and Loyalhanna Gorge Recreation Area in Derry and Ligonier townships.**

Trails in Westmoreland County supported by the Westmoreland County Bureau of Parks and Recreation are: the Five Star Trail (Greensburg -- Youngwood); the Youghiogheny River Trail section of the Great Allegheny Passage (Sutersville -- **Smithton**); **Coal and Coke Trail (Mount Pleasant – Scottdale)**; and Westmoreland Heritage Trail (Saltsburg -- Slickville).

Thanks to additional funding from foundations, state agencies, and local citizens, Twin Lakes Park has undergone a major expansion, adding new facilities including a **dog park, tubing & sledding area, and boundless playground. Additional** development including a dek hockey/ice skating rink, and an amphitheater is planned **for the coming years. Contributions for this final addition can be made through the** Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. All donations are fully tax deductible.

For more information, [www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks) or 724-830-3950.