WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
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Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board "Green Luncheon" to be held September 19, 2013

Help support your favorite Westmoreland County Parks and Trails! The 2013 Green Luncheon, an annual event honoring those who support Westmoreland County's ten parks and five hiking/biking trails, will be held on Thursday, September 19 at the Twin Lakes Park Expansion site. Anyone who shares a desire to provide quality parks and recreation facilities in Westmoreland County is welcome to attend. Tickets are $25 per person and include a "green" lunch made from fresh and local foods, catered by One Eleven of Greensburg.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at Pavilion #10 at the Twin Lakes Park Expansion site, which is accessible from Route 30 via Georges Station Road. It will conclude no later than 1:45 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling Westmoreland County Parks at (724) 830-3962 by September 12. Contributions are 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.

The luncheon will highlight recent and proposed facilities, such as the Peach Plaza Snake Run and Bowl, the Franklin Dog Park, and the Ferrier Life Trail exercise course – all of which are located at the Twin Lakes Expansion. Future facilities at the Twin Lakes Park Expansion will include a dek hockey and general skating rink, and an outdoor amphitheater. Various proposed projects at other Westmoreland County Parks and Trails include dredging Mammoth Park lake, a Cedar Creek Park dog park, and the acquisition of the Turtle Creek Railroad Corridor for conversion into a walking and biking trail.

The luncheon will include a ceremony recognizing those who support the Westmoreland County Parks through donations and outstanding service. This year's honorees, reflecting the cumulative amount of their giving, are listed below.

Muir Fellows ($1,000)
Fraternal Order of Eagles – Tony Angelo Aerie 01188
Friends of Westmoreland Manor
Greater Westmoreland County Labor Council
Joseph and Theresa Stas
Means and Vance, PC
Tom Dittman
Toyota of Greensburg

Olmsted Fellows ($2,500)
Jane Null and Family
CONSOL Energy
Dave and Liz Hawk

Hornaday Fellows ($5,000)
Annette and Tom Rusnock
Labor United Celebration
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Kiwanis Club of Greensburg
Westinghouse Charitable Giving Program

Audubon Fellows ($10,000)
Thrivent Financial – SW PA Chapter #30723

Lewis Fellows (in recognition of outstanding service)
Boy Scout Troop #465
Kiwanis Club of Greensburg

The Kiwanis Club of Greensburg and Boy Scout Troop #465 are being honored for their continued exceptional service. The Kiwanis Club have volunteered at numerous Hobgoblin Hikes as well as participated in the annual March For Parks for many years. Boy Scout Troop #465 help annually at the March For Parks with set-up and event support, as well as volunteer their time and effort with various park projects.

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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 five 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 boati ng 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); the Westmoreland Heritage Trail (Saltsburg -- Delmont); and the Little Crabtree Creek Trail (Twin Lakes Park -- Crabtree).

For more information, please visit our website at www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks or call (724) 830-3950.