



**WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
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Team up for the March for Parks at the Murrysville Community Center – Saturday, March 30

Register now for the Murrysville March for Parks event, to be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019! The event will take place at the Murrysville Community Center (3091 Carson Avenue, Murrysville), in support of the Turtle Creek Extension of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail.

What is the March for Parks? The March is a fun event to raise money for new park and trail projects in Westmoreland County. Marchers can fundraise for several exciting new projects, such as the construction of the next 3.4 miles of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail from Murrysville to Export and the acquisition of land to extend the trail, as well as improvements to County parks such as the BMX Track at Northmoreland Park, a new Giant Slide facility at Mammoth Park, and other projects at Cedar Creek and Twin Lakes Parks.

Participants collect donations before the March, either individually or as a member of a team of three or more; you can even register your dog for the March for Parks (dogs are not permitted inside the Community Center, but volunteers will be available to watch your dog while you're inside)! Many people form teams by organizing friends and family, school/sport/work or community groups, or in memory of a loved one. There is friendly competition for recognition as a top fundraising team. Donations may be mailed in, or collected on the morning of the March. You may also donate online with your registration!

Show your team spirit with custom matching t-shirts from Fancy Fox Custom Design in Murrysville! March for Parks teams can design their own unique shirts for only \$4.65 each (single color custom one-sided design; \$20 set-up fee per team). Come up with a catchy name or a cool theme; use your own design or they will design a shirt for you! Email Erin at erin@gofancy.com or call (724) 327-3339.

Registration begins at 9:00 am. There will be indoor activities for adults and children all morning, an optional outdoor walk at 10:30, and the event ends around noon. Cyclists are invited to ride the Trail to support the March (weather permitting). We ask that they park at a trail head and ride to the Community Center. Come learn about the Westmoreland Heritage Trail and exciting future trail and park plans, our region's rich heritage, and local community groups. There will be lots of fun activities for adults and children, a dog parade, a 'Color your Wheels' bike decorating contest, face painting, the return of the popular pop-up used bike sale, raffles and baskets, silent auction, and more surprises! Enjoy a tasty lunch donated by Fox's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Max & Erma's, Jimmy Johns, Eat 'n Park, and Primanti Brothers.

If you would like to donate your used bike of good condition, you may do so during normal business hours at: MC2 Friends' Thrift Shop in Export, Pro Bike + Run in Monroeville, and the Westmoreland County Parks Office in Greensburg.

Form a team, join a team, or come on your own! The March for Parks is a special event hosted by the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board and is sponsored in-part by Patrick and Lynn Gurrentz, Tribune Review, Labor United Celebration, Inc., and UPMC East. For more information, and to register and donate, please visit our website at www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/mfp or call (724) 830-3950.

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