



# By the Way

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Helping People Make a Difference in Westmoreland County

Fall 2007



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Final preparations are under way for the 11th Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection to be held Saturday, September 22, at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Even after collecting more than 488,340 pounds of HHW for the past 10 years, demand for the program is stronger than ever, as more and more residents become aware of the dangers of improperly disposing of the unused paints and chemicals lying around in sheds, basements, garages, and even kitchens.

Westmoreland County municipalities and corporations partner with Westmoreland Cleanways to keep the program affordable (and even free) to most residents by providing financial support to defray the cost of the collection. The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pays for 50% of the total cost, with municipalities and corporations providing the other 50%. Residents of sponsoring municipalities and employees of sponsoring corporations can dispose of their HHW at no cost. All other participants may be charged up to \$40 per carload, depending on the quantity of material.

Following is the list of this year's sponsors and supporters as of this writing:

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If you do not see your municipality on the above list, please check with our office, as their sponsorship may have been received after the date of this printing. Be sure to call Westmoreland Cleanways at 724-836-4129 with questions about what materials are accepted at the collection.



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### WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

It's been a sad couple of months in the Westmoreland Cleanways office as news of the passing of some very dear friends reached our desk:

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

George and Blanche Chatlos  
 Sam Dominico  
 Gordon Mickley  
 Earl and Eleanor Smith

Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of our members who were, indeed, good and faithful friends of Westmoreland Cleanways.



### Coal & Coke Trail Dedication

After what must have seemed like forever to a very large group of dedicated community visionaries, the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Coal & Coke Trail, linking Mount Pleasant Borough and Scottdale, was held on a beautiful Saturday morning in early July. Literally hundreds of bicycle and trail enthusiasts crowded the park awaiting the ribbon-cutting by members of the CCT Committee and municipal leaders.

Westmoreland Cleanways was honored to be present at the dedication, a culmination of a long process of land acquisitions, rights-of-way, and of course, Westmoreland Cleanways' specialty, clean-ups!

We partnered with the CCT and hundreds of volunteers over the course of several months in 2004 to remove 6,600 tires and over 39 tons of trash from the trail path.

Congratulations to everyone who persevered in the effort to make the Coal & Coke Trail a reality. It is a fine example of Westmoreland Cleanways' motto, to help make our county a more beautiful place to live, work and play.



### CALENDAR UPDATES

#### SEPTEMBER

- 8 Fort Hand Festival,  
Kunkle Park  
Washington Township
- 8 Compost Workshop (FULL)  
The Barn at Donohoe Ctr.  
**9 a.m.—Noon**
- 9 Fort Hand Festival  
Kunkle Park  
Washington Township
- 13 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Tire Collection, Battery &  
Appliance Recycling  
Westmoreland Fairgrounds  
**8:30 a.m.—Noon**
- 22 Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection  
Westmoreland Fairgrounds  
**9 a.m.—2 p.m.**

#### OCTOBER

- 4 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Tire Collection, Battery &  
Appliance Recycling  
Norwin Hills Shopping  
Center Parking Lot  
**8:30 a.m.—Noon**
- 13 Compost Workshop (FULL)  
The Barn at Donohoe Ctr.  
**9 a.m.—Noon**
- 27 Make a Difference Day

#### NOVEMBER

- 8 Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

- 7 Volunteer Appreciation  
Dinner  
Ferranti's Lakeview  
Restaurant, Greensburg  
6 p.m.—9 p.m.

- 25 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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**COMPOSTING (GOOD FOOD),,RECYCLING (FIREWORKS) ...EDUCATION (MORE GOOD FOOD) ... WHERE DO I BEGIN?**

As you can see by the schedule on P. 2, another busy fall season is upon us, starting with a full composting class on September 8 and a display at the Fort Hand Festival at Kunkle Park in Washington Township September 8 and 9.

The **Fort Hand Festival** celebrates our ancestors' struggle to settle the northern part of our county. Visit Westmoreland Cleanways' display while enjoying some history, the Tour deStrongland Bicycle Race, fireworks, and lots of good food. Check out all the details at [www.washingtontownship.com](http://www.washingtontownship.com).

**Tire/Battery/Appliance/Scrap Metal Collections** will be held September 15 at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds and October 6 at Norwin Hills Shopping Center.

Our industry was affected by oil prices just like everyone else's, so the cost of tire disposal and freon removal have increased.

Tire Disposal: \$2.25 off-rim/\$5.75 on-rim per tire\* for passenger and light truck tires. All other tires \$26.00 and up. For special tires, please call ahead of time for cost estimates. \*Westmoreland Cleanways members receive a discount of \$.50/tire.

Freon Removal (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers): \$20 per unit.

Salandro's Refuse, Liberty Tire of Ohio, and the Appliance Warehouse will be taking the material for recycling. We also thank the Westmoreland Fair board and Colony Holding of North Huntingdon for the generous use of their property.

**SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH—"PUT IT IN THE CAN, MAN!"**

This story came to us over the summer and it is definitely something we can all applaud.

"Using grant money received from the Trafford Economic Community Development Corporation (TECDC), Trafford Elementary PTO sponsored an educational Anti-Littering campaign for the students during the last part of the school year. A contest was held to come up with a slogan representative of the anti-littering theme, and each student designed a poster around that theme. The posters were displayed during the Education Fair in April, and then an Anti-Littering billboard was creating using those drawings. The winning project, highlighting the slogan "The Solution for Pollution is ...Put it in the Can Man" (from the second graders), was placed on a billboard located at the intersection of Rt. 130 and Forbes Road throughout the summer."

Congratulations to the Trafford Elementary students, teachers, PTO, the TECDC, Larry George Insurance and LaMar Advertising for conceiving and executing this terrific community project.



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES???**

Westmoreland Cleanways has just the opportunity you are looking for! Volunteers are needed for the following activities:

- Join the mailing crew of the "By The Way" newsletter. This project entails folding, affixing labels, and taping newsletters and other special projects in preparation for mailing.

- Clipping Service: Do you like to read the paper? Do you like scrapbooking? Do you love Westmoreland Cleanways? Help organize our newspaper clippings into a nice presentation to showcase our history and highlight our current activities.

- Website updating: Help keep our website updated with our latest publications, schedule of events, and recycling resources.

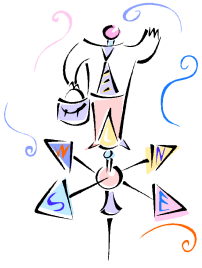
While you're at it, why not **"FIND YOUR FIT" AT WAVA's VOLUNTEER FAIR** being held on Thursday, September 20, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at WCCC's Founders Hall Gymnasium. It's an opportunity to meet new friends and share your talents with others who need your compassion and expertise.

Sampling of groups that will be represented: Big Brothers, Big Sisters; American Red Cross, Seton Hill Child Services, Medi Home Hospice, RSVP-Retired Senior Volunteer Program; and the Westmoreland Blind Association.

**"Wipe Out Wireless Waste"**

Sponsored by Sprint Nextel Corporation and Keep America Beautiful, "Wipe Out Wireless Waste" aims to make recycling the most convenient and best option for disposing of out-of-service cell phones and equipment. Kicked off at our display at the Westmoreland Fair, the program will continue through the fall at all of our collection events, public displays, and at our office in Greensburg. Quantities of self-mailers can also be sent to you upon request. Westmoreland Cleanways will receive a small stipend for each unit recycled.





## WE'RE ON THE MOVE

The more things change, the more they remain the same. Westmoreland Cleanways certainly has gone through some interesting changes in the last year or so. As many of you know, in recognition of our growth as Westmoreland County's premiere recycling and environmental support organization, we made the decision to incorporate independently of our founding partners, PA CleanWays, Inc. This change enabled us to expand our mission beyond illegal dumping and litter abatement to the many recycling initiatives we've undertaken to provide residents, municipalities and businesses with the best recycling opportunities available.

Westmoreland Cleanways and PA CleanWays, Inc. entered into an affiliation agreement to maintain the ties that made us both successful. We now jointly maintain our network of road adoptions (over 70 located throughout the county), enabling citizens committed to keeping our roadways litter-free to continue their excellent service. We also partner with PA CleanWays on such significant programs as COALS (Clean Our American Land and Streams), Keep America Beautiful's "Wipe Out Wireless Waste" Program (see p. 5) and the "Students For Recycling" Program conducted last year in three county schools. Westmoreland Cleanways and PA CleanWays, Inc. enjoy a strong partnership while pursuing our own programs to keep our environment clean.

I hope you enjoyed this newsletter highlighting upcoming events and programs. Know that, together, we can "Make a Difference in Westmoreland County." Before closing, however, some recognition is due.

Westmoreland Cleanways would not have grown to its current status without the dedicated leadership of Executive Director Jack Driscoll, who retired after 8 years of service to our organization and the Westmoreland County community. Lorrie Quadro and Nancy DiGuiseppe also contributed their efforts to keep the ship steering in the right direction. Both decided to pursue other adventures, and we wish them well.

Here's where the "stays the same" part comes in. I worked under Jack's tutelage for over seven years before leaving to investigate other opportunities. Those other opportunities led me right back to Westmoreland Cleanways, where I'm pleased to be serving as Interim Executive Director, ready to take the helm and guide the organization to new challenges. Accompanying me is our new Administrative Assistant, Michelle Keenan, who is like-minded in her dedication to environmental issues and service to our community. Through all these changes, our Board of Directors has held steadfast in its leadership and dedication to the pursuit of Westmoreland Cleanways' mission.

Finally, to you, our members, volunteers and donors, thank you for keeping the faith in Westmoreland Cleanways. Your commitment to our community through support of Westmoreland Cleanways enables us to continue to grow stronger, provide more opportunities to improve our environment, and indeed help make Westmoreland County a healthier and more beautiful place in which to live, work, and play.

*Ellen*

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## What We're All About

Westmoreland Cleanways is a nonprofit organization that works to address the environmental and personal consequences of the improper disposal of unwanted items. We coordinate and facilitate the adoption of non-state maintained roads and other public spaces. We offer solutions for the proper disposal of yard waste; tires; batteries; appliances; scrap metal; paper; Christmas trees; and household hazardous waste. We educate the public with programs for schools and civic organizations, public displays, workshops, publications and other media.

We receive funding from memberships, donations, corporate and foundation sponsors, municipal and county government. We make the most of the funding we receive by coordinating volunteer efforts and donated goods and services where possible. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

## ~ MEETING NOTICE ~

Regular meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Barn at Donohoe Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, on the second Thursday of every month (except July & December). Call 724-836-4129 for information. Everyone is welcome.

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