



# Murrysville Trail Alliance Newsletter

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## Murrysville Municipal Parks

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- Murrysville Community Park
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- Peter and Victoria Skena Nature Reserve
- Pleasant Valley Park
- Royal Highlands Baseball Field
- Sardis Park
- Townsend Park
- Veterans & Beckwith Sports Fields

## Welcome!

We start with a farewell. Tom Ronksley and his wife Donna are moving to Virginia to enjoy the great outdoors in another beautiful part of the country. Tom has been a long time MTA Board member, and notably the captain of the MTA March for Parks team for the last 3 years. Tom was also on the Board and contributed many hands on volunteer hours for the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. We wish Tom and Donna the best of luck in their new

home — we will miss them. The annual March for Parks was held on Saturday March 30, too late for the results to be included in this issue. We will catch up in our August issue. In the meantime, if you participated and/or contributed in the March – **THANK YOU!**

This issue is crammed with great information about outdoor opportunities That is only because of the many people who contributed arti-



cles. Do you have some interesting knowledge, passion, avocation, hobby or secret that you would like to share? We welcome your input. Please see the back page for different ways to contact us.

**Have fun!**

## The Westmoreland Heritage Trail - Trail Towns Festival

By Vicki Rudge

Westmoreland Heritage trail (WHT) is hosting its first Trail Towns Festival on Saturday June 1. It's also National Trail Day so ride your bikes, walk, jog or push a stroller and join us at the festivities for this fundraiser supporting the trail. All funds raised will go towards maintenance and improvement of the trail.

Start at one of the access points ... Roberts Trailhead, Lillian Avenue or Saunders Station ... and travel to Traf-

ford for music, food and ice cream from 10am – 3pm. Then make your way to Slickville via Saltsburg, Sara Steel, Athena Drive or Rangos for live music, food and beer along with other activities from 4pm-8pm.

At each trail head you visit, stop at the WHT table and get a “punch:” on your ticket. More punches, more chances to win the grand prize. Each community along the way is scheduled to host activities along with local businesses supporting the event with

free give away items and the chance to buy a chance to win auction baskets. WHT will also be selling trail hats, t-shirts and golf shirts. (\$15-\$35).

The drawing for the grand prize will be held on Thursday, June 13 at the WHT Monthly Board Meeting to be held at the Lamplighter in Delmont at 7pm. Winners need not be present. Registration and more information on this fun event can be found at the WHT web site.

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## *The Turtle in the Turtle*

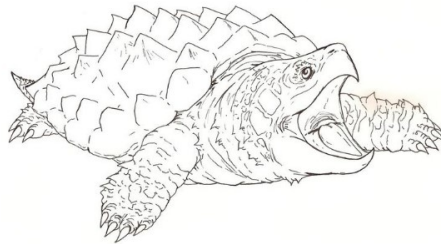
By I.B. Droll

Through recent heavy rains, strong winds and other weather challenges, a dedicated group of volunteers have toiled to keep the Westmoreland Heritage Trail in excellent shape. Now they are working on the new portion of the trail from Murrysville to Export, with the opening hoped for later this year. But beyond the relatively straightforward maintenance tasks they now perform, they have another, perhaps more dangerous obstacle to face.

Numerous walkers and bike riders have seen an enormous creature, assumed to be a reptile, swimming in the Turtle Creek. Although no one has yet to report seeing the entire reptile, or being able to produce a reasonable photo, many observers have described a large round protuberance bobbing just above the surface of the creek, with a small head like object often seen several inches in front. "It's sort of like a miniature of the pictures you see of the Loch Ness monster", said one trail user who didn't want his name used.

In fact, none of the dozens of people,

including trail and municipal officials, who were interviewed for this story, would agree to have their names used. "It's just too sensitive and scary", said one.



Reports of sightings first occurred in October, with the cooling temperatures. Estimates of the size have varied from 1 to 4 feet in diameter. The fear, of course, is that this unidentified animal might crawl on to land and drag a dog or child into the water.

Based on information available, one of the world's leading experts on reptiles, Dr. Theodor S. Yertl, has identified the creature as a turtle. Dr. Yertl, recently retired from the Seuss Museum of Natural History, said "Although this area is

not their natural habitat, an alligator snapper turtle could have theoretically travelled up the Mississippi, up the Ohio, up the Mon, etc. and made its way to the Turtle Creek. It's amazing what these creatures will do when they are searching for food."

The alligator snapper, North America's largest turtle, has weighed in at over 200 pounds. Their size, combined with a spiky shell, makes them very distinctive. Alligator snappers can live 70 years and longer. Their traditional habitat is free-flowing streams with muddy bottoms in the watershed of the Mississippi River.

Despite the inherent danger, several observers see the upside in having the Turtle Turtle (as it is now being referred to) as a tourist attraction to increase the number of visitors to the trail. One local eating establishment is already investigating ways to update its menu, with features such as Turtle Turtle Soup. "We already have snapper on the menu", said the chef. "We could keep the name and just change the recipe".

## *Trail Volunteers Needed*

The Westmoreland Heritage Trail (WHT) is seeking volunteers to help with 2019 up-keep, repairs, mowing and general care. There are over 20 miles of the WHT that require weekly attention. Please consider volunteering to help keep the trail in top shape. If you can

help, please contact Tom Dittman, Board Member and Chairperson of Trail Maintenance, at: 724-733-3661 or [whtvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:whtvolunteers@gmail.com)  
**Thank You...**



*I have a basic belief that outdoor recreation in a natural environment is good for people and is good for society at large. Anything that will bring more people to outdoor recreation, I therefore consider a 'friend.' Problems that derive from this philosophy are what keep me and others like me in business as recreation managers. -RICHARD SPRAY, USDA Forest Service employee, 1986*

## *Murrysville Parks & Recreation Commission – 50th Anniversary*

In 1968 the Municipality of Murrysville established the Parks and Recreation Commission (P&RC), committed to creating community through people, parks and programs. Consisting of citizen volunteers, the group had a vision to improve residents' health as well as create a sense of community by developing and supporting varied recreational and educational opportunities for the citizens of Murrysville. At the time there were just four municipal parks, a quiet and fairly untouched nature preserve, several undeveloped green areas, a scattering of ball fields, a historical property and a thriving community center. Today, as a result of the vision, strength and endless volunteer hours of the dedicated individuals who acted as trailblazers over these last 50 years, there are now 15 community parks and recreation facilities open to the public, offering multiple hiking and biking trails, tennis courts and a pickle ball court, bocce and shuffleboard court, exercise trails, wetlands, a nature preserve, numerous ballfields, playground equipment and pavilions with picnic tables. This includes the Hoey/Hoy-Staymates Cabin and Barn, which is maintained by the Municipality with additional support, including scheduling, from the Murrysville Historical Preservation Society.

The P&RC consists of 7 members. Six are appointed by Council (Teri Black, Scott Kelsey, Dave Metzgar, Barb Prosdocimo, Ben Sampson, Jackie Stempfer) and 1 is appointed by the



Franklin Regional School Board (Herb Yingling). The current Council liaison to the P&RC is Carl Stepanovich.

In 1999 the municipality purchased a 250-acre farm for development into a community recreation area, known today as Murrysville Community Park (MCP), the largest of all the municipal parks and the center piece of the community's park system. The MCP, now encompassing slightly more than 305 acres, is home to the unique Rotary Miracle Field Complex which provides a baseball diamond and basketball court designed specifically for physically challenged children and young adults. Also found at MCP are numerous soccer fields, baseball diamonds, walking trails and the "Paws on the Run" Dog Park. New construction is underway, weather permitting, to install a water park feature and additional playground area for children in time for summer fun. MCP is also host to the annual Music in the Park Festival in August (Note: See Calendar at end of MTN) providing Murrysville and surrounding community's residents with an evening of free live entertainment and a fireworks display.

Another function of the P&RC is to review and make recommendations on proposed recreation and park areas. All subdivision plans are submitted to the Commission for review regarding any parks or public areas they are proposing. In addition, the Commission makes recommendations regarding easements to connect new developments with existing public areas.

The Commission works closely with Carly Greene, Recreation Director on the many recreation programs, for children (Summer Recreation Program) and adults (Farmers' Market), offered throughout the year. [CLICK](#) They also work closely with Bill Paiano, Director of Public Works, monitoring maintenance and necessary upgrades of the park facilities, including making recommendations each year for the municipality's capital improvement plan. [CLICK](#) The P&RC was instrumental in initiating the scavenger hunt/geo-caching program in celebration of Murrysville Parks, which was rolled out in 2018. Both Carly and Bill attend all P&RC meetings. The Commission meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal building. The meetings are open to the public (it is always a good idea to check time and location before attending.) Why not stop in and wish them a **HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!!**



## Murrysville Photo Contest

By Dale Matuza

In 2018 the Murrysville Photo Contest extended an invitation to the residents of Export and Delmont to participate in its annual contest. This expansion of the geographic boundaries offered contest entrants an added richness of subjects, and presented an opportunity to explore and photograph the rich history and natural areas of our neighboring communities.

The 2018 photo contest received 152 entries, and kept the judges busy in the



*Sunflower and Bee by Dan Hunter, 2017 Grand Prize Winner*

early months of this year. The entries included many exceptional photographs, and their range demonstrated both the

photographers' skills and the beauty of outdoor Murrysville, Export and Delmont. Our judges enjoyed this challenge.

Prizes for the 2018 contest were awarded on the evening of Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, too late to be included in this issue of the MTN. However, you can find pictures of the winning photos, plus rules for the 2019 contest, by going to the contest website. [CLICK](#). We look forward to, and welcome, both our new and current contest participants.

## The Pennsylvania Mainline Canal

By Mike Mance

I think some of the most interesting hikes in our area are in the Conemaugh/Kiskiminetas Valley. It is interesting to look for, and find, ruins of the old Pennsylvania Mainline Canal. The canal roughly followed the rivers throughout the state with a sophisticated network of dams and locks. This system is really no different than what is used today for intercontinental river commerce. Although it was on a smaller scale, it was



*Canal Conemaugh Aqueduct*

actually more intricate and innovative. The Mainline of Public Works was a package of legislation passed in 1826 by

the Commonwealth with a vision of connecting Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Completion of the canal in 1826 reduced the travel time between the two cities from 23 days to only 4.5. The system, however, required an enormous amount of money to maintain, and was basically unusable during deep winter freezes and summer droughts. Twenty years later, the Pennsylvania Railroad began service, running alongside the canal, further reducing the time of travel between the two cities to only 13 hours. Eventually the railroad would fill in the canal and use it as its rail bed as it realigned its routes, but it didn't take all of it.

Today there are places where you can find traces of the canal if you learn what to look for. For instance, just down from the Roaring Run Trailhead in Apollo, you find yourself directly in the middle of a canal lock. The beautiful cut stone is long gone, but the unusual equal mounds of dirt on each side let you

know you've found the lock. Heading east below Saltsburg, you are actually on the canal itself. On your left you will see an enormous stone wall that supported the original railroad running alongside



*Canal Wall - Packsaddle Gap (Courtesy of Mike Mance)*

the canal. Stay on the West Penn Trail past the village of White, and you will see a portion of the canal still holding water on your right. This section of canal is full of frogs during the summer, but there are also a lot of snakes. The more you learn about the canal, and take yourself off the beaten path, the more you'll find. Want more info? See the Wikipedia article [CLICK](#) or Mike's Facebook page [CLICK](#)

## Monarch Butterflies

By Dee O'Hara, Penn State Extension Master Gardener

Gliding through the sky, the Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) with its orange, black and white wings gracefully rests on a delicate flower feeding on its nectar. From flower to flower the Monarch sips the nectar and pollinates, preferably those flowers which are brightly colored, grow in clusters, stay open during the day, and have flat landing surfaces.

Each year there are 4 generations of Monarchs, one following another. Each generation breeds and lays eggs on the underside of milkweed (*Asclepias*) plants, the only food that Monarchs can eat. In about 6-8 weeks each growing butterfly hatches out of the egg shell as a caterpillar (larvae), feeds on the milkweed and completes the cycle by grow-

ing into a mature butterfly. As an adult butterfly, it begins the cycle for the next generation of Monarchs. After laying their eggs the adult Monarchs live for a few weeks except for the generation in late Summer and early Fall which lives longer. This generation migrates to areas, such as Mexico where the temperature is best for their winter survival. In the Spring they fly back north, lay their eggs and the cycle begins again.

The population of Monarchs has decreased over the years as a result of the loss of milkweed from droughts, land development, and weed killer. Since it is the only food that Monarchs can eat, the dwindling supply of milkweeds forebodes their loss. However, there are approaches to saving it, one of which is to maintain established milkweed. Let it grow. Another approach is to plant

milkweed seeds. Perennial seeds require time in a cold environment before planting. Place them in a plastic bag in a cold place, such as a garage or at the back of a refrigerator for 8-10 weeks before planting. When ready to plant, scatter the seeds over the desired area. Don't cover them and let Nature take care of them.

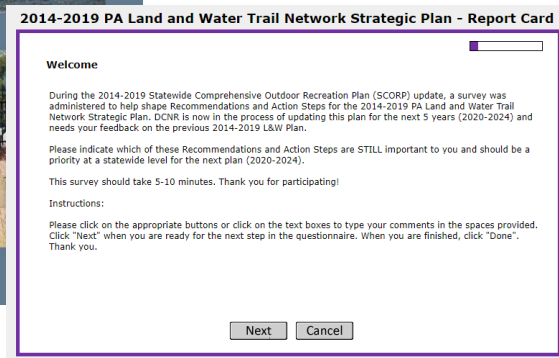
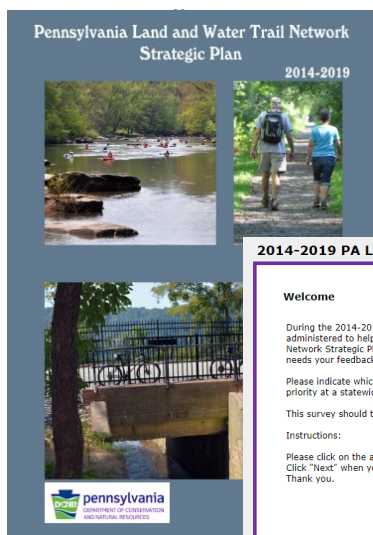
As stewards of this planet, let us be good neighbors.



Monarch Butterfly on Milkweed  
Catherine Avilez / Shutterstock

## PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Survey

A survey was administered during the 2014-2019 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) update to help shape "Recommendations and Action Steps for the 2014-2019 PA Land and Water Trail Network Strategic Plan" ([CLICK](#)). The DCNR is now in the process of updating that plan for the next 5 years (2020-2024) and you are invited to provide input and feedback. This survey should only take 5-10 minutes. It's a chance to contribute your thoughts! [CLICK](#)



## *The Cyclists of Murrysville*

On Tuesday April 2 the Cyclists of Murrysville launched their 4<sup>th</sup> season of the Tour de Taco on the rolling hills of Murrysville, Export, Delmont and the surrounding communities. The group rides start every Tuesday night at approximately 6pm at the Helltown/Rivertowne Brewery on Old Wm. Penn in Export. (Days and starting times will change during the season – so be sure to check out the group’s Facebook page ([CLICK](#)) for the latest updates.)

The route varies every week, but is usually in the 15 to 17-mile range with an elevation gain of 1,000 to 1,300 feet. It’s a “no man/woman left behind” (many of the better riders in the group are women) ride, not race. Riders of all abilities are welcome to join. There is no telling who will show up on a given

night, with attendance ranging from 10 to 45 riders. Safety is always a prime consideration on all rides, so if there are too many riders, they break up into smaller groups. More advanced riders will often form a separate group to do a few more miles and/or hills.

There are no dues and no reservations required! All you need is a bike and a desire to make new friends. Members of the group also participate in other local organized rides, such as Pedal Pittsburgh, the Hidden Valley Metric, the Garrett County Gran Frodo, etc. Then there are spur of the moment weekend rides to places like Twin Lakes or Keystone State Park.

Regardless of what happens on the ride, there is always the camaraderie after-

wards at the brewery. Check out the Cyclists of Murrysville Facebook page and get with the action!! There is only one group restriction - you have to be there in person to learn why it is called the Tour de Taco.

Other Pittsburgh area bike events to watch for:

Open Streets Pittsburgh: May 25, June 30 & July 28 [CLICK](#)

The Garrett County Grand Frodo: June 22 [CLICK](#)

Hidden Valley Mountain Metric: July 13 [CLICK](#)

Rough Diamond Century Ride: August 18 (date tentative) [CLICK](#)

Pedal Pittsburgh: August 25 [CLICK](#)



*Cyclists of Murrysville (Courtesy of Larry Nicolette)*

If there’s one essential ingredient to creating trails and trail systems, it’s people. All the land and financing in the world won’t blaze a trail if there aren’t people championing the project. –BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL COUNCIL, *In Support of Trails: A Guide to Successful Trail Advocacy*, 1993



# THE CALENDAR

## *Special Outdoor Events In and Around Murrysville*

### **SLAM Fishing Derby: Sunday May 19**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sportsmen and Landowners Alliance of Murrysville (SLAM) Fishing Derby will be at Sloan Elementary School on Sunday May 19. Registration is at 8am and fishing starts at 9am. There will be hourly prizes and at 2pm trophies will be awarded to each girl and boy who caught the largest fish that day. This event is open to all youth age 15 and under.

### **Star Party: Sunday July 28 & Saturday September 28**

Join the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (AAAP) for a Star Party on both Sunday, July 28 and Saturday, Sep. 28 at Murrysville Community Park, Field 6 (upper most field). On July 28, guests should arrive at 8:30 pm. On September 28 sunset is at 7:06pm. Guests will be able to view the sky through the privately-owned telescopes of volunteer AAAP members. (For a special treat on July 28 there will be the Aquarids Meteor shower and a fly over by the ISS at 10:31 pm) These are FREE events but registration is required.

### **Murrysville Community Park Wetlands Events**

Murrysville Community Park (MCP) Wetlands events this year will feature speakers on a variety of wildlife topics. Meet at the Wetlands pavilion (4060 Wiestertown Road)

Pondwatcher

- ◆ On May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am, come on a walk with Susan Miller as she does a regular nest check of eggs at purple martin house. She will count and record the number of eggs and nests in the 14 compartments of the purple martin house. The 4 bluebird boxes at the wetlands were new last year, and one was a nest box for one brood of 5 baby bluebirds. We will also determine an estimated age of an older tree near the parking lot by measuring its girth and using a formula. We will check the pond to see if we find any aquatic invertebrates.
- ◆ On June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, Wilma Light, M.D., of the Bluebird Society of Pennsylvania will speak about Bluebirds. Bluebirds are regular visitors to MCP with its many bluebird boxes alongside trails. Bluebirds are a welcome sight and sound with their pretty blue feathers and soft, gentle calls. If there are baby bluebirds in the Wetlands bluebird boxes on this day, we will take a quick peek. There will also be a drawing for a free assembled bluebird box.
- ◆ On June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, PA Game Commission Warden Mike Papinchak will speak about coyotes. Coyotes have recently been heard howling and yipping in MCP. Mike will tell us the difference between coyote and domestic dog tracks. Jeff Hunt of the Purple Martin Preservation Alliance will educate us about this graceful and social bird that has lived at MCP for about 10 years.
- ◆ On July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, Amanda Smith, the Southwest Region Education specialist for the PA Fish and Boat Commission will present on Frogs, Turtles, and Salamanders. The 6 different species of frogs which reside at MCP Wetlands are spring peeper, wood frog, pickerel frog, American toad, green frog, and bullfrog. Red-spotted newts have been observed in the furthest pond. Large and small snapping turtles have been seen crossing the trail. Eastern box turtles have been observed in areas close by the Wetlands.
- ◆ On July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, Marcy Cunkleman will educate us about local butterfly species and their host plants. Last summer

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Monarchs appeared daily for several weeks at the Wetlands. Viceroy, red-spotted purple, question mark, spicebush swallowtail, eastern tiger swallowtail, common wood nymph, red admiral, silver-spotted skipper, pear crescent, azure, fritillary, and northern pearly-eye are other butterfly species which have been observed at MCP. Marcy will show and explain the live butterfly life cycle which is amazing. There will be a drawing for a free butterfly cage.

For questions or more information on any event, call Susan Miller at 724-980-3272.

For more information about the MCP Wetlands check out “The Pondwatcher” web site [CLICK](#) or YouTube at: [CLICK](#)

### **Farmers’ Market: Thursdays, June 6-September 26, 3pm -7pm (No Market July 4)**

The 6th annual Murrysville Farmers’ Market, hosted by the Murrysville Recreation Department and the Murrysville Volunteer Fire Company (MVFC), returns Thursdays at the MVFC field (3235 Sardis Road). The Farmhouse Kids’ Club will be offered again June 13-August 29 (no Market July 4) from 4-6pm for kids ages 3-12. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 724-327-2100 ext. 131 or 115.

Information on the Murrysville Recreation Department can also be found on their web site [CLICK](#) or their Facebook page [CLICK](#)

### **Tuesdays at Townsend: June 25, July 9 and July 23**

A brand new event! There will be live entertainment, food and beverages at Townsend Park on three Tuesday evenings this summer from 6:30-8pm. The Murrysville Community Library will be on hand with creative learning stations. Please bring your own blankets and chairs. No coolers please. Parking is limited.

- ◆ June 25: Jimmy & the Frogmen; Featuring: Earth Wheel & Fire Pizza and Yellow Bridge Brewing
- ◆ July 9: The Hoffman Road Band & Mike Perry's Storytelling; Featuring: Food Vendor TBD and Devout Brewing
- ◆ July 23: The Sweet Judys; Featuring: Helltown Food Truck and Helltown Brewing

### **National Night Out: Tuesday August 6**

Join the Murrysville Police Department at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6 from 6-8pm. at the Murrysville Public Works Facility (4200 Sardis Road). Come out and spend an evening with your local emergency services featuring police, fire, and ems staff and equipment. There will be child fingerprinting, activities, giveaways, drug prevention awareness, and personal safety information.

### **Murrysville Concert in the Park: Saturday August 10**

The third annual Murrysville Concert in the Park will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 4pm to dusk at Murrysville Community Park. This will be a Woodstock themed event with bands playing all the hits of the most psychedelic era. Fabulous food, Helltown Brewery, Bushy Run Winery, games, and fireworks will end the night.



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## *Special Outdoor Events In and Around Murrysville*

### **Westmoreland Conservancy Events**

- ◆ May 4: Walter Family Memorial Work Day
- ◆ May 11: Trail Maintenance at Don Harrison Community Trail, 10 am, Caywood Reserve lot, Hills Church Rd.\*\*
- ◆ May 16: Third Thursday Hike with Lindsey Praksti, location and time TBD
- ◆ June 8: Trail Maintenance at Don Harrison Community Trail, 10 am, MCP Field #6\*\*
- ◆ June 20: Third Thursday Hike with Lindsey Praksti, location and time TBD
- ◆ June 23: Geocaching and Overnight at Morosini CITO
- ◆ July 13: Trail Maintenance at Don Harrison Community Trail, 10 am, \*\*
- ◆ July 18: Third Thursday Hike with Lindsey Praksti, location and time TBD
- ◆ July 27: Overnight Star Party at Morosini – Delta Aquariids
- ◆ August 10: Star Party at Morosini – Perseids (pre-peak, pre-full moon)
- ◆ August 15: Third Thursday Hike with Lindsey Praksti, location and time TBD
- ◆ September 19: Third Thursday Hike with Lindsey Praksti, location and time TBD
- ◆ October 12: Autumn Excursion, location and time TBD
- ◆ October 17: Third Thursday Hike with Lindsey Praksti (McGinnis Witch Hazel)
- ◆ \*\* Meeting places for the 3 Don Harrison Community Trail work days are tentative. For more info and updates check the Conservancy web site [CLICK](#) or their Facebook page [CLICK](#)



*Protecting Nature's home. enriching ours.*

### **Friends of Murrysville Parks (FOMP) Walks**

- ◆ Saturday, April 20: 8am – Bird walk in Pleasant Valley Park (PVP) with Patience Fisher; meet in parking area.
- ◆ Friday May 4: 10am – Wildflower walk with Dr. Kyle Selcer at Duff Park; meet at pavilion.
- ◆ Sunday May 12: 7:30 am – Duff Park Pasture Rose, bird walk with Mark Bowers; meet on Round Top Rd. across from trailhead.
- ◆ Saturday, June 8: 9:30 am – Nature walk at PVP with Tom Pearson; meet in parking area.
- ◆ Sunday, June 30: 1pm – Plant walk in Duff Park with Loree Speedy, botanist; meet at Murrysville Visitor Center, Roberts Trail Head, Rte. 22.

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- ◆ Saturday, September 7: 10am – Nature walk in Townsend Park with Dr. Kyle Selcer; meet at upper pavilion.
- ◆ Saturday, October 19: 10am – Mushroom Walk at MCP with Richard Jacob from the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club (WPMC); meet at uppermost field, field #6.

For more information or to volunteer with FOMP, call 724-733-2770

### **Export Ethnic Food & Music Festival: August 17**

Food and fun at the Export Ethnic Food & Music Festival on Saturday August 17 from 12 – 9pm. Details coming soon on the Export, PA Facebook page. [CLICK](#)



### **Murrysville Historical Preservation Society (MHPS) Heritage Festival: Saturday September 21**

The MHPS will hold their annual Heritage Festival on September 21 from 10am - 4pm at the Sampson Clark Toll House. This year's theme is "The Great Northern Pike Bicentennial". The MHPS will also be hosting "Teas" at the Ho(e)y/Staymates Cabin (4515 Round Top Road) on Saturday May 11, Sunday August 18, Sunday October 20 and Friday December 6. More information is available at the MHPS Facebook page. [CLICK](#)

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*"Celebrating Outdoor Murrysville"*

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*Anyone interested is invited to participate in any MTA meetings or activities.*



***Please join us!***