#### **Westmoreland County Transit Authority Newsletter**

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# Safe Reliable Affordable



### Transit Center Renovations Underway

The WCTA Transit Center at 41 Bell Way in Greensburg will be getting a whole new look! Yep, plans are underway to renovate the waiting area, the bus staging area, and the parking lot. The renovation project is slated to last through November 2017. When it's completed, there will be a cul-de-sac formation for the buses to follow. With that layout, the Operators won't need to back up the buses to exit the Transit Center. The buses will move through the Transit Center more efficiently. More importantly, it will help keep our riders in the sight of the Road Supervisors and Operators – who are always looking out for the safety of others!

WCTA is thrilled that our Transit Center is being renovated for our riders. We do ask that everyone is careful and aware of the construction and renovation activities taking place.



#### What's a TDP?



That's quite a project! But, the most important part for the success of the TDP is feedback from the community – particularly, riders such as yourself. Beginning around November, public meetings will be held to give everyone the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas.

So, hop on board and be part of the exciting times ahead for WCTA!





On July 19th, Laurel Area Faith in Action held their first guided shopping trip to Walmart!

Interested in learning how to ride the bus in the Latrobe/Derry area? Contact them at 724-539-4357 for more information on their guided bus trips.

Seniors 65+ ride fixedroute buses for free with a senior transit card!



## It's the way to GO Westmoreland

GO Westmoreland is all over the county (and a bit beyond) these days. In fact, an average of 700 shared-ride trips are taken every day.

Mondays through Saturdays, people who qualify for the programs can travel to and from medical and dental appointments, travel to and from work, and take personal trips to go shopping or to the hair salon.



However, it hasn't always been this way. Several years ago, Westmoreland Transit only provided Medical Assistance Transportation (MATP) and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) services. Local taxi companies provided transportation for Seniors. In 2010, Westmoreland Transit was designated as the Human Service Transportation Coordinator. Later in 2011, Westmoreland Transit started offering Persons with Disabilities services. In 2013, Westmoreland Transit began to administer a fully coordinated system – **GO Westmoreland**. Sharing consistent policies, service standards, and resources across all programs resulted in a higher level of efficiency. A scheduling software program is used to coordinate trips. This same software program is used by most transit authorities in Pennsylvania.

Since 2013, GO Westmoreland has offered its residents four shared-ride transportation programs: Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP); Americans with Disabilities Complementary Paratransit Program; Persons with Disabilities Program (PwD); and the Senior Shared-Ride Program.

To learn more about GO Westmoreland, please visit our website at <a href="www.westmorelandtransit.com">www.westmorelandtransit.com</a>, or call GO Westmoreland at 1-800-242-2706.





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Westmoreland Transit: 1-800-221-9282 M-F 5:30AM-8:30PM Sat. 8:30AM-4:30PM

GO Westmoreland: 1-800-242-2706 M-F 8AM-4PM

# Operator Position Openings

There are current Operator Position openings with Westmoreland Transit's Contractor National Express.

(CDL and non CDL positions available)

For more details or for consideration, please apply at www.westmorelandtransit.com

## On The Road

Westmoreland Transit staff has been out and about sharing information with residents and agencies in the community. Since May, WCTA has visited with William Penn Care Center, Loyalhanna High Rise, Latrobe Manor, Scottdale Manor, Westmoreland Intermediate Unit, Loyalhanna Continuing Care Campus, Jeannette Manor, Hempfield Towers, Saint Vincent College, Senator Don White and Representative Eric Nelson's Senior Expo, Westmoreland County dis+Abilities Awareness Picnic, Laurel Area Faith in Action, South Greengate Commons, Herminie Center for Active Adults, West Newton Center for Active Adults, Latrobe Center for Active Adults, Valley Center for Active Adults, McKenna Center for Active Adults, Monessen Center for Active Adults, the Westmoreland County Fair, and West Place Clubhouse.

