

WESTMORELAND COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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WCTA Goes Green-er

On Thursday, December 14, WCTA held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to commemorate the completion of the Authority's Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station and the arrival of six new MCI commuter coach buses. In attendance were: Commissioner Gina Cerilli, Commissioner Ted Kopas, Commissioner Chuck Anderson; PennDOT representatives Scott Zeevart and Joe Gurinko; WCTA Board Chairman Frank Tosto, WCTA Board Vice-Chairman Rosie Wolford; and WCTA Executive Director Alan Blahovec.

Going forward, every new WCTA fixed-route public bus will be powered by CNG. CNG burns cleaner, has low emissions, and runs quieter- all very good for the environment! WCTA joins numerous other transit agencies in our state who are using a Pennsylvania-generated fuel resource.



That's all great, but what if there are problems with the fueling station? The CNG monitor for WCTA is located in Texas. Should a problem arise, the staff in Texas quickly notifies the local CNG office in Greensburg. And, if needed a CNG engineer is sent to the WCTA maintenance facility.

WCTA Operators, management, and technical staff have all received CNG training certification based on their particular level of need. The mechanics participated in an off-site, one week training session

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M-F 5:30AM-8:30PM
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Laurel Faith in Action

Laurel Faith in Action recognized that riding the public bus for the first time can be intimidating. So, over the summer they launched a new, buddy-system program for active adults over age 60 to offer guided shopping trips to the grocery store and malls in Latrobe and Derry. Having a traveling buddy with you to 'learn the ropes' about using the bus helps new riders feel comfortable and confident using public transit.

In November, they went out on the WCTA route 11 to the Galleria Mall in Johnstown. The group had a great time and filled their shopping bags!

For more information on the guided bus trips, contact Laurel Faith in Action at 724-539-4357.

Adults who are 65 years or older can ride the fixed route public buses for free with a Senior Citizen Transit ID card. To sign up for a card, an application must be completed with an acceptable proof of age document. Applications can be printed from www.westmorelandtransit.com, and selecting the drop-down "GO Westmoreland- Senior Shared-Ride Program." An application can also be mailed to you by calling 1-800-221-9282, or applications can also be completed in person at Westmoreland Transit at 41 Bell Way, in downtown Greensburg.



Look at us now!

Renovations are now complete at the WCTA Transit Center at 41 Bell Way, Greensburg.



Around Town

The route 9 Greensburg – Latrobe Shopper is one of WCTA's busiest buses. In fact, some days it is the busiest local bus!

Riders can travel to shopping areas –Shop 'n Save (East Pittsburgh Street), Westmoreland Mall, Burlington Coat Factory, K-Mart, two Giant Eagle stores (Eastgate and Latrobe), and Walmart at Wildcat Commons. Route 9 also services Westmoreland Hospital, Latrobe Hospital, and Excelsa Square at Latrobe. It also services Westmoreland Community College (Latrobe), and Saint Vincent College. Route 9 also provides service for ARC Westmoreland and Private Industry Council (PIC) on Donohoe Road. And, route 9 keeps on rolling as route 9A to provide service to Lincoln Road Center, Latrobe Hospital, and downtown Derry.

Whew! If that's not enough . . . riders can transfer at Latrobe 30 Plaza to route 11 to travel to Ligonier and Johnstown.

Grab your shopping bags and hop on board the route 9. It's traveling to many stores and a whole lot more!



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