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### FESTIVALS & SEASONAL EVENTS

#### Free Museum Day in the Ligonier Valley

Antiochian Heritage Museum, Compass Inn Museum, Fort Ligonier, Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum, Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art-Ligonier

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#### Frontier Court Days at Historic Hanna's Town Historic Hanna's Town, Greensburg

Greensburg 4th Weekend in June © 724.532.1935 √ hannastown.org

#### Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival

Twin Lakes County Park, Greensburg 4th of July Weekend **○ 724.834.7474 √ artsandheritage.com** 

#### Historical Reenactment of the Battle of Bushy Run

Bushy Run Battlefield, Jeannette 1st Full Weekend of August **724.527.5584** 

✓ bushyrunbattlefield.com

#### Stahlstown Flax Scutching Festival

Route 711, Stahlstown 3rd Weekend in September

☑ 724.593.2119✓ flaxscutching.org

#### Ligonier Highland Games

Idlewild Park, Ligonier 4th weekend in September

814.931.4714

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#### Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival

South Diamond Street, Washington Street, & Veterans Park, Mt. Pleasant 4th Weekend in September

© 724.542.4711 √ mtpleasantglass andethnicfestival.com

#### Delmont Apple n Arts Festival

Shields Farm, Delmont 1st full weekend in October ♀ 724.325.8867 ✓ delmontapplenarts.com

#### **Fort Ligonier Days**

Fort Ligonier, Ligonier Columbus Day Weekend

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#### Candlelight Tours at the Compass Inn Museum

Compass Inn, Laughlintown Weekends in November and December

#### Overly's Country Christmas

Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Greensburg November-January

#### **Ligonier Ice Festival**

The Diamond, Ligonier Late January (© 724.238.4200

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## Antiochian Heritage Museum

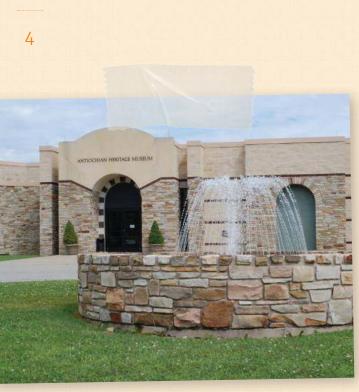
The Antiochian Heritage Museum offers visitors a glimpse into the artistic, cultural, and spiritual heritage of the Near East, Eastern Orthodox Christianity, and its roots in and around Antioch (Syria). Exhibits range from the richly inlaid wood furniture of Damascus to antique religious icons that have served for centuries as windows into the heavenly realm; from the delicate jewelry and metal work of the Middle East to the colorful hand-embroidery of a 19th century Bethlehem dress. The Museum is part of the Antiochian Village Conference Center, located on 300 acres just north of historic Ligonier.

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## 2 Bushy Run Battlefield

Discover the military tactics that decided the fate of the Pennsylvania frontier in 1763 during the Native American uprising known as Pontiac's War. Bushy Run Battlefield is the site of a clash between forces led by Col. Henry Bouquet, en route to relieve a besieged Fort Pitt, and several allied Native American nations who ambushed them in hopes of repelling British and colonial advances into the frontier. Highlights of the site include the interpretive exhibit *The March to Bushy Run* as well as guided and self-guided tours. Bushy Run Battlefield is also the only recognized Native American battlefield in Pennsylvania.

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## **Compass Inn Museum**

The Compass Inn Museum is an authentically restored 1799 stagecoach stop, inn, and tavern. Enjoy "history with a smile" as costumed docents immerse the visitor in the transportation and daily life of the early 1800s. Completely furnished with period pieces, visitors can tour seven rooms in the inn-the common room, serving kitchen, ladies' parlor, and four bedrooms. Visitors can also explore three reconstructed outbuildings—a cookhouse, blacksmith shop, and barn.

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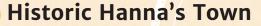
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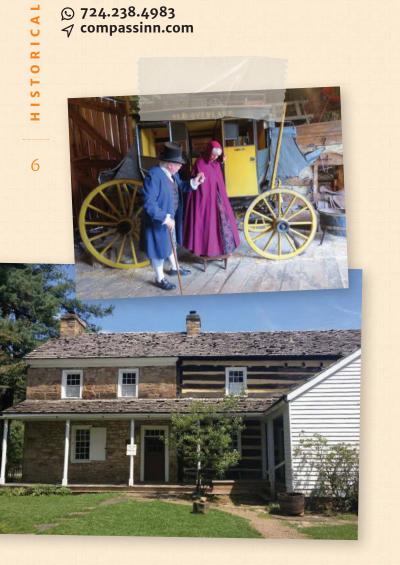
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This historical settlement holds a special place in American history as the site of the first English courts west of the Allegheny Mountains. The Hanna's Town Resolves, adopted May 16, 1775, illustrate how frontier people helped to fuel the movement toward American independence. During the Revolutionary War Hanna's Town recruited men not only for the Continental Army, but also for the militia that aided in the western campaigns against American Indian allies of the British. Although the town was destroyed in 1782 by the Seneca and their British allies, its legacy lives on through guided tours of a partially recreated eighteenth century frontier village.

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## **Fort Ligonier**

A jewel of the picturesque town of Ligonier, Fort Ligonier's history is rooted in the conflict between Great Britain and France as they fought for supremacy in western Pennsylvania during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). Explore the reconstructed fort, tour the permanent exhibit The World Ablaze: An Introduction to the Seven Years' War, see George Washington's original saddle pistols and memoirs, and view eighteenth century treasures from years of archaeological digs.

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Travel back to the nineteenth century with a visit to this rural pre-Civil War industrial village! Famous for its production of Old Overholt rye whiskey, West Overton is also the birthplace of industrialist Henry Clay Frick. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, West Overton Village exists today as an intact collection of over a dozen structures dating from the early to mid-1800s, including the 1838 Overholt Homestead and several original buildings.

Village & Museums

West Overton

#### <u>724.887.7910</u> ✓ westovertonvillage.org





## **Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum**

The Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum is located in the beautifully restored Darlington Station, an original station of the Ligonier Valley Rail Road (LVRR) built circa 1896 near Idlewild Park. Throughout the museum the story of this short 10.3 mile railroad is preserved through photographs, memorabilia, and railroad artifacts on display.

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## **Lincoln Highway Experience**

Your cross-country journey on the Lincoln Highway begins here! This coast-to-coast road trip story is told through an inspiring orientation film, along with cool exhibits of supersized architectural examples, drive-ins, postcards, and women at the wheel. "Kitschy" 10 Lincoln Highway souvenirs share space with

one-of-a-kind juried artisan items in the museum's gift shop.

() 724.879.4241 ✓ Ihhc.org





## **Fulton House**

The Fulton House in New Derry was built in 1817. Drovers and teamsters on the road to Pittsburgh stopped at this location for wagon repairs and a place to sleep. For nearly 150 years the log building was covered with clapboard and used as a private residence. In 1997 the Derry Area Historical Society rehabilitated the original structure, adding an operating blacksmith shop and two-story log barn to the grounds. Today the Fulton House and its grounds are open for tours on Sundays in the spring, summer, and fall.

§ 724.694.8808 ✓ derryhistory.org

## **Greater Monessen** Heritage Museum

The Monessen Heritage Museum is housed in a four-story brick building that once served as a boarding house for immigrant mill workers. Donated to the Greater Monessen Historical Society, the building currently has a museum area highlighting the history of the City of Monessen and the surrounding area on the first floor, and a library and archive area on the second floor.

 724.684.8460 monessenhistoricalsociety.com



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## Mount Pleasant Glass Museum

Celebrating the rich history of glass-making in this area, the Mount Pleasant Glass Museum focuses especially on three glass companies from Mount Pleasant, Bryce, Lenox and L.E. Smith. Among their treasures are the first headlight lenses made for the Model T; and blown and cut crystal glassware used in the White House from the 1920s to today. Their docents are the people who made the glass and sold it to the world. They offer guided tours and hands-on etching and demonstrations with well-known craftsmen such as Peter O'Rourke, master engraver. **(S) 724.547.5929** 

## Victorian Vandergrift Museum & Historical Society

Vandergrift, designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, was the first planned industrial town designed to be sold to its workers. Still active in the steel industry, the town is still 80-90 percent intact. The Victorian Vandergrift Museum celebrates the history of the town known as "The Working Man's Paradise" through room displays, photographs, artifacts, books, and maps. **③ 724.568.1990** ✓ vvmhs.org



## 13 The Westmoreland Museum of American Art

Located in downtown Greensburg, The Westmoreland is a regional museum with a national presence. Home to more than 3,400 objects of fine and decorative American art, The Westmoreland's collection includes works by major artists spanning four centuries. It also captures the region's rich agrarian and industrial past by placing local past within the greater context of the nation.

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## The Foster & Muriel McCarl Coverlet Gallery

The McCarl Coverlet Gallery houses over 400 woven jacquard bed weavings. Visitors learn about the history of weaving and folk traditions of the region through exhibits, interpretive projects, educational programs, and research. The McCarl Coverlet Gallery also offers three exhibits a year, group tours, speaking engagements, school tours, and more!

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## Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art— Ligonier Valley

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art is dedicated to preserving, exhibiting, and advancing American art while serving the communities of Western Pennsylvania with exhibitions of fine art and educational programs. The Ligonier Valley museum features a rotating exhibition schedule of national, regional, and local artists, plus

a paperweight collection on permanent display. © 724.238.6015 ¶ sama-art.org





## Greensburg Art Center & Rowe Gallery

This year-round gallery showcases an evergrowing cross-section of established and emerging regional artists. The Greensburg Art Club is a resource for art activities, classes, exhibits, and more. Artists and students alike explore a wide variety of media, including: ceramics, sculpture, fiber art, photography, and jewelry.

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## Latrobe Art Center

The Latrobe Art Center continues to expand opportunities for individuals to find their artistic voice through classes, exhibits, workshops, events, and community partnerships. Equally important, the Latrobe Art Center commits to contributing to the quality of life for community members through on-going opportunities to celebrate the arts. The Art Center also provides refreshments at The Neighborhood Café.

☑ 724.537.7011✓ latrobeartcenter.org



## 18 Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra

The Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra presents four classical concerts and one holiday pops and a special presentation, all at The Palace Theatre in downtown Greensburg. The WSO's Academy of Music provides educational programs, including: Visiting Artists Program, Young People's Concert Summer Philharmonic, Youth Orchestra, Community Strings, and private lessons.

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## FREE Live Music throughout the Summer at three locations in Westmoreland County!

19 SummerSounds St. Clair Park, Greensburg

Fridays, 7 p.m. June-August ✓ summersounds.com

## 20 TGIS Concerts

The Palace Theatre, S&T Bank Courtyard and Megan's Suite, Greensburg Thursdays, 6-9:30 p.m. May-August **vestmorelandculturaltrust.org** 

## 21 Summer Band Concert Series

The Diamond, Ligonier Sundays, 7 p.m. May-August **√ ligonier.com** 



## 22 The Palace Theatre

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Opened on September 2, 1926 as the Manos Theatre, The Palace Theatre today hosts the widest variety of live entertainment in the area in a beautifully renovated 1369-seat facility located in downtown Greensburg. Home to the Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra and a regional venue for the River City Brass Band, productions are provided on a regular basis by local arts groups including Stage Right and Laurel Ballet. Westmoreland Cultural Trust,

owner and developer of The Palace since 1990, has sponsored national touring shows such as STOMP and celebrity headliners such as Craig Ferguson, Tom Jones, Kenny Rogers, and Crystal Gayle.

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## The Diamond Theatre of Ligonier

Formerly known as the Historic Ligonier Theatre, the Diamond Theatre of Ligonier features live theatrical productions, movies, children's shows, and more! It is also available to rent for your special event.

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## 24 Apple Hill Playhouse

Enjoy summer theatre in an airconditioned barn nestled in the countryside. A community-based theater staging time-tested work, Apple Hill Playhouse also produces family shows through its Johnny Appleseed Children's Theater.

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**25 The Lamp Theatre** The Lamp will shine again! A pre-WWII era movie theatre that closed its doors in 2005, The Lamp Theatre reopened in August 2015 as a performing arts center. Enjoy live performances, cinematic productions, dance recitals, concerts, and more!

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### **26** The Casino Theatre From its founding in 1900 until 1927,

the Casino hosted live entertainment and was a popular stop along the vaudeville circuit. These days the Casino Theatre still hosts live performances, but is operated entirely by volunteers dedicated to the restoration and operation of this wonderful Victorian-style theater. Currently undergoing restoration are the original vaudeville dressing rooms, the authentic curtain drops and riggings, the original preserved electrical panel from 1900, and a sandbag system that raises and lowers the curtains and backdrops.



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## **27** Geyer Performing Arts Center

The Geyer Performing Arts Center has enjoyed over 100 years as Scottdale's premier cultural center. The building has a rich and colorful history and continues to hold a long standing tradition as a community gathering place. Perform on stage, book your show, volunteer, or just relax and enjoy a performance in the air-conditioned theater. The Geyer Performing Arts Center is the Scottdale hometown venue to see and be great live entertainment!

# Freeport Theatre Festival

Founded in 1989, the Freeport Theatre Festival is a summer barn theatre in a pastoral setting offering cherished comedies and original historical dramas written by resident playwright Rennick Steele. Productions include members of the local community and trained professionals from the Pittsburgh area. Theatre Season: July to early September, Friday–Sunday.

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## 29 Saint Vincent College

Saint Vincent College is an educational community rooted in the tradition of the Catholic faith. Its mission is to provide quality undergraduate and graduate education for men and women to enable them to integrate their professional aims within the broader purposes of human life. **1** stvincent.edu

30 Seton Hill University

Seton Hill's 200-acre hilltop campus in Greensburg provides an inspirational setting for a distinctive education. Nowhere else can you benefit from more than 128 years of educational excellence in the liberal arts on an historic campus infused with the best technology and resources available for teaching and learning.

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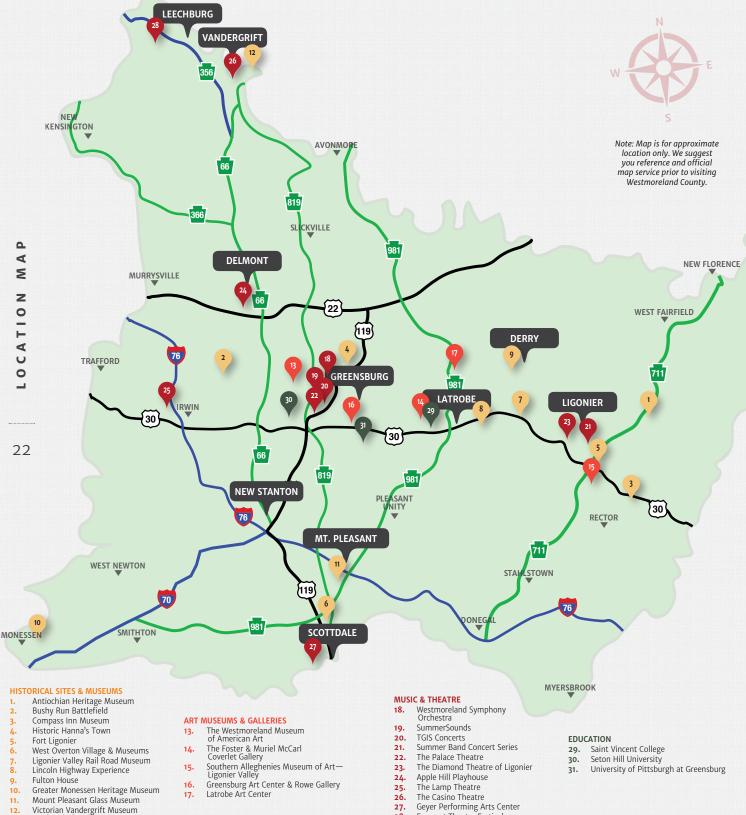
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## 31 University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg is a baccalaureate degree-granting unit and regional campus of the University of Pittsburgh. As an undergraduate school within the broader university, Pitt-Greensburg's faculty places primary emphasis on teaching excellence while maintaining a commitment to scholarship and public service.

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