



2018 Season Backgrounder

October 28, 2018

Location: Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Greensburg, PA. (about 35 miles southeast of Pittsburgh)

Physical Address: 116 Blue Ribbon Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601

Dates: November 16, 2016 through January 1, 2019
Closed: November 19 and November 26, December 3 and December 10
Closed Holidays: Thanksgiving (November 22); Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (December 24 and December 25)

Hours: Gates open at 5:30 p.m., weather permitting
Closing times: Sunday – Thursday, 9 p.m.; Friday – Saturday, 10 p.m., weather permitting.

Admission: \$5 per person, \$20 per family carload..

\$35 per commercial vehicles & vans, limousines (capacity 10-15) and recreational vehicles,
Monday - Sunday. Cash only.

Bus and motor coach – call for pricing

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Social Media: Follow Overly's Country Christmas® on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Highlights:

- A Westmoreland County holiday tradition since 1956, Overly's Country Christmas, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization committed to providing holiday memories and traditions to the community with the help of the tireless efforts of hundreds of volunteers.
- Experience old-fashioned holiday traditions strolling the lights and sights in Christmas Village:
 - Hear the clippity-clop and the jingle of bells on a horse-drawn wagon or sleigh ride through Christmas Village (weather permitting).
 - Shop for unique gifts, handcrafted items and souvenirs at the C. Edgar & Sons General Store.

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- Snack from our outdoor eateries and enjoy char-grilled burgers, hot chocolate or apple cider, puller pork sandwiches, cheesy-beef fries, sweet and salty kettle korn or handmade chocolates and fudge.
- Strike a whimsical conversation with Henny Hemlock, the Talking Christmas Tree.
- The clang of the crossing bells and the shriek of the steam whistles herald your arrival at Hartman Station, a g-gauge model train display and museum.
- Reflect on the meaning of Christmas at the life-size manger with live animals.
- Join family and friends for holiday camaraderie and bask in the warmth of the bonfire while sipping hot chocolate, roasting marshmallows while joining in singing along to Christmas carols.
- Visit with Santa and share your holiday dreams and wishes until December 23rd when he returns to the North Pole to get ready for his big day.

Some Fun Facts:

- Christmas Village and the light display feature roughly 1+ million lights.
- The electricity used during our season could turn on 150,000 100 watt light bulbs – all at the same time.
- The average home uses 11,000 kilowatt hours per year. During Overly's operating season, the Walkway Castle and Canopy of Lights could light 21 homes for a year. Henny Hemlock, the Talking Christmas Tree, could light 15 homes for a year. Overall, the display draws enough electricity to light a small community of homes with every single light and electrical appliance turned on at the same time.
- Every display viewed at Overly's Country Christmas® is conceived, designed and constructed on site, usually by volunteers. Art clubs, school groups and individuals contribute their ideas and talent each year.
- It takes up to 45 volunteers on some nights to operate the display and Christmas Village.

What's New:

- Entrance Castle & Canopy. The wooden entrance served us well for years but wear and tear and elements took their toll and needed to be rebuilt. It was for the 2018 Season from steel, melted and manufactured in the USA. Fabricating was a challenge until a group of master craftsmen offered to build it for us in 24—hours . . . and so they did. The Canopy of Lights, a favorite photo-op place, was also redesigned to incorporate over 3000 LED bulbs, making this canopy more energy efficient and lowering maintenance. (More information can be found on the Album Description on Overly's Facebook Page).
- The metal sculptures fabricated in collaboration with Westmoreland County Community College and the Student Welder's Association continues since 2014. This partnership began in 2014 and continues today with plans to add additional pieces for the 2019 Season. These sculptures are made from aluminum, melted and manufactured in the USA and provides a unique learning opportunity for the College's students.
- LED Light Forms – designed by Overly's Country Christmas® from steel melted and manufactured in the USA and formed locally by MLP Steel. Each year, 6 – 14 new

pieces are added. These LED forms are energy efficient and reduces maintenance costs and time.

- Bows and Swags. These “package” Overly’s and are one of the major displays installed each year, requiring 36 man hours and an additional 30 hour to prepare the display for intallation. 2018, this display is going energy efficient with the use of a new, opaque, highly durable C7 bulb.
- New Sweete Shop sweets and treats made especially for Overly’s Country Christmas®. A new product joins our sweet and tasty lineup with fresh, local cheesecakes in a jar and two flavors made especially for Overly’s and only available during our holiday season.

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Charitable Purposes:

Overly’s Country Christmas is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization working year round with troubled youths and providing support to other area nonprofits to bring awareness for their missions and aid in fund raising efforts. During the holiday season, the Family Moments Holiday Program provides an old-fashioned holiday experience to area families at-risk as well as children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses.

Photographs:

Please contact us for high resolution photographs.

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