



2016 Season Backgrounder

November 6, 2016

- Location:** Westmoreland Fairgrounds, Greensburg, PA. (about 35 miles southeast of Pittsburgh)
- Physical Address:** 116 Blue Ribbon Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601
- Dates:** November 18, 2016 through January 1, 2017
Closed: November 21 and November 28, December 5 and December 12
Drive Around Only: 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:** \$15 per family carload, Monday – Thursday. \$18 per family carload, Friday – Sunday.

\$30 per commercial vehicles & vans, limousines (capacity 10-14) and recreational vehicles, Monday - Sunday. Cash only.

Bus, motor coach and family groups – call for pricing
- Website:** overlys.com
- Phone:** 724-423-1400
- Email:** info@overlys.com
- 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.

- 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:

- The Overly's Express, a metal sculpture fabricated in collaboration by Westmoreland County Community College and the Student Welder's Association. This sculpture is a continuation of a collaboration with the College that began in 2014 with the creation of a two-year The Snowman Project – a metal sculpture snowman family of gigantic proportions.
- Light Forms – designed by Overly's Country Christmas® from steel melted and manufactured in the USA and formed locally by MLP Steel. One of the new forms for 2016 is Santa's Sleigh and Reindeer – a piece that was first created by Harry Overly and hasn't been part of the display for 10 years. Other remakes include the Peace of Earth wagon, angels and several others – revamping historic pieces with new materials and technology.
- New Sweete Shop sweets and treats made especially for Overly's Country Christmas®.
- The return of one of Overly's signature candles, Angels on High after a five-year hiatus.

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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.

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Photographs: Please contact us for high resolution photographs.

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