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Summer 2026

Upcoming Events

Seeding at the Graft Pollinator Meadow- 7/9 at 6PM



Meet at the UPT Kiosk at the Morosini Reserve (upper lot) at 6PM. We'll walk up to the pollinator meadow to put down an acre of buckwheat seed for the butterflies and bees. Bring buckets (for the seed), rakes and gloves. Many hands make the work lighter! Let us know you're joining us at: www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration

***NOTE:** If the temperature exceeds 85°F this event WILL BE CANCELED.

Enchanted Evening Firefly Walk at Morosini – 7/11 at 8:30PM

A Family-Friendly Summer Evening Firefly Walk. Who can resist a smile when seeing these magically glowing little bugs? We don't catch them, but marvel at their light show.

Join us at 8:30PM at the Universal Pedestrian Trailhead Kiosk for an evening walk along the trail to the pond and around to the fields. The longer you stay, the more fireflies you'll see.

Register: www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration



Seasons on the Land Educational Hike Series w/Lindsey - 8/9 at 10AM, Walter Reserve

Third in the 4-part 2026 series. Join Lindsey at the Walter Reserve on Weistertown Road Sunday, August 9th for the SUMMER installment of the Seasons on the Land Hikes. Leaving the lot at 10AM sharp! Be prepared to learn neat things! Please

register to attend: www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration

Export Ethnic Food & Music Festival – 8/15, Noon – 5PM



Stop by our tent at the Export Festival! We can show you what reserve is closest to you and even talk about the **exciting** news that's not yet published in this newsletter! Stay for the music and food!



Autumn Equinox Walk at the Morosini Reserve – 9/22 at 6:30PM



We'll take our last walk of the 2026 summer at the Morosini Reserve Tuesday, September 22nd.

Sunset will be at 7:19 PM. Meet at the upper parking lot at the end of Morosini Farm Road. We'll leave the trailhead at 6:30PM and go up to the around the trails to the observation platform to watch the sun set on summer. Autumn officially begins at 8:09PM. Please register on our website:

<http://www.westmorelandconservancy.org/event-registration>

Wildflower Seed Gathering: Watch our website and Facebook page for dates to join us in gathering important native seeds for our Pollinator and Wildflower meadows.

We are fortunate to have clean sources of wingstem, iron weed, joe pye weed and so many other beautiful natives! These seeds are important to our projects and we will be harvesting from different areas to spread their abundance. We also have several varieties of goldenrod, as well as dogbane and milkweed to collect and relocate. Picture the field below the Universal Pedestrian Trail filled with tall, vibrant shades of purple, orange and yellow. Then think about having a hand in making that happen. . . . Nice thoughts! Consider this your invitation to help us out!

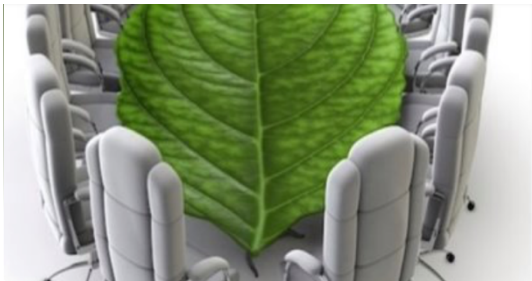


There are all sorts of unpublished projects throughout the year. Seeding parties, trail maintenance, wood sealing and clean-ups name a few. If you're interested in lending a hand, please send us an email at contact@westmorelandconservancy.org and tell us what you would like to do to help.



April 22nd Annual Meeting & Elections

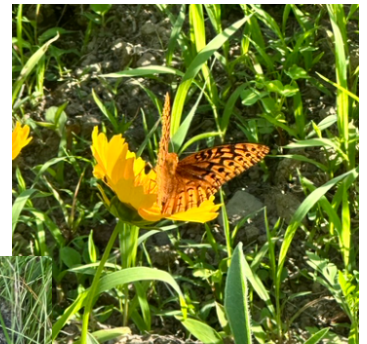
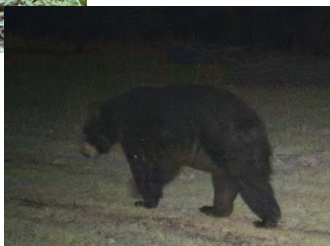
The official results of the 2026 Board Elections are as follows: Alan Halperin stepped down at the end of his term. We are grateful for his dedication and for the fact that he will remain active. Ella Stewart has served the maximum two consecutive 1-year terms as a Student Board Member and stepped down as well.



The following slate was then presented to the members for consideration: Bob Sloboda and Chip Brown both to renew their terms. Eloise Milligan, Jimmy Zimmerman and Ella Stewart for new Board positions, and Skylar Duchamp, Lily Sacherach and Sadie Sarver for new Student Board positions. The slate passed unanimously.

The Organizational Meeting then convened for the Board to elect the 2026/27 officers. They are: Shelly Tichy, President. Eloise Milligan, Vice President. Bob Sloboda, Secretary. And Chip Brown, Treasurer.

Seen on the Reserves



Second Quarter Events

April 18 Earth Day at Kellman & Seeding the Pollinator Meadow



Attending the WeConservePA Land Conservation Conference

4/29-5/1



5/10 Mother's Day Birdwatching Walk with Alex Busato



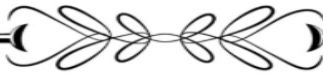
5/16 Westmoreland Fayette Council Camporee



5/24 Seasons on the Land Hike at Walter with Lindsey



6/21 Summer Solstice Walk



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- Conservation Ally.....\$50
- Steward Supporter.....\$100
- Resource Partner.....\$500
- Or: Any Monetary Donation



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2026/27 Officers

Shelly Tichy	President
Eloise Milligan	Vice President
Bob Sloboda	Secretary
Chip Brown	Treasurer

Student Board

Skylar Duchamp
Lily Sacherach
Sadie Sarver

Schedule of Events

****Watch our Facebook page or sign up for email reminders for work days!****

Please wear sturdy shoes, leg protection and weather-appropriate attire.

Scheduled Events may be canceled in the event of Unsuitable Weather.

07/11/2026: Firefly Walk Enchanted Evening at Morosini UPT lot 8:30PM

07/22/2026: July Meeting Delmont Library 7PM

08/09/2026: Seasons on the Land w/Lindsey at Walter 10AM

08/15/2026: Export Festival 12-5PM

08/26/2026: August Meeting Delmont Library 7PM

09/22/2026: Autumn Equinox Walk at the Morosini Reserve 6:30PM

09/23/2026: September Meeting Delmont Library 7PM

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