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Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy News

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Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Mayor Peduto to unveil plan for Westinghouse Memorial historic restoration in Schenley Park

*Sisters who attended original 1930 groundbreaking ceremony to take part;
stormwater management elements are component of plan*

The [Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy](#) and Mayor Peduto will unveil major historic restoration plans for the Westinghouse Memorial and Pond in Schenley Park at **10:00AM Monday, August 17, 2015**.

The event will take place at the **George Westinghouse Memorial** in [Schenley Park](#) (intersection of Schenley Drive and West Circuit Road). The unveiling of the **historic restoration plan, stormwater management** components, and details for **improvements to the surrounding landscape** are among the project elements that will be announced.

Speakers and guests scheduled to take part include Pittsburgh **Mayor Bill Peduto**, City Councilmen (8th Council District of Pittsburgh) **Dan Gilman**, and Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy founder and CEO **Meg Cheever**.

Special guests **Lowrie Ebbert** and **Mernie Berger**, sisters who **attended the original groundbreaking ceremony in 1930**, will take part in the event. "My father took us to the dedication hoping that we would remember the event," said Lowrie Ebbert, "and indeed we still do today."

The **Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy** is working in collaboration with the **City of Pittsburgh** on the restoration project.

Inclement weather location is the [Schenley Park Café and Visitor Center](#).

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About the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy:

The [Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy](#) was founded in December 1996 by a group of citizens concerned with the deteriorating conditions of Pittsburgh's historic city parks. A nonprofit organization, the Parks Conservancy works closely with the City of Pittsburgh under an official public-private partnership agreement to restore and improve the

city's park system to its full potential. Originally including Highland, Schenley, Frick, and Riverview Parks, the scope of the Park Conservancy's work now includes a focus on community parks including Allegheny Commons, Arsenal Park, Cliffside Park, McKinley Park, and Mellon Park. To date, the Parks Conservancy has raised \$84 million toward park improvements. The Parks Conservancy works with thousands of volunteers annually, stewards over 1,700 acres, and has completed 14 capital projects.

For additional historic background on Westinghouse Memorial and Pond, please click [here](#) .

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