



Kennywood's 121st Season Begins with Historical Dedication

Historical marker commemorating famed coaster designer sets the stage for addition of new record-setting ride

WEST MIFFLIN, PA – As Kennywood readies to open its latest record-setting roller coaster, *The Steel Curtain*, later this summer, it's only fitting that *America's Finest Traditional Amusement Park* begin the year by paying homage to the builder of the park's first roller coasters.

Kennywood will begin its 121st season on Saturday, April 27 by welcoming Season Passholders for first crack at rides, games and Potato Patch® fries. The park fully opens to the public on May 4; daily operations begin on May 23.

Before gates open at 11 a.m. on April 27, Kennywood, along with the Heinz History Center, American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE) and the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC), will dedicate a new PHMC marker recognizing *Frederick Ingersoll*, to be located at the entrance to Kennywood. The marker will join existing PHMC tributes to Kennywood Park and Braddock's Crossing in a new *Historical Marker Garden* at the park.

"There's no better example of our ongoing commitment to modern thrills and classic rides than what's happening at Kennywood right now," says park General Manager Jerome Gibas. "As we look ahead to an exciting future with *Steel Curtain* and *Steelers Country* opening later this year, we begin the season honoring the great history of amusement parks and rides in the Greater Pittsburgh area through the dedication of a marker to the man who built Kennywood's first roller coasters."

Members of the media and the public are invited to attend the dedication of the new Historical Marker Garden on April 27, which will be held at 10:30 a.m.

While work continues to get the record-setting Steel Curtain coaster and the unprecedented Steelers Country ready, guests will find new updates and additions elsewhere around the park. One of the most critical advancements comes in customer service, as Kennywood is now a [Certified Autism Center](#). An inspector from the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) will visit Sunday to assess each attraction and help develop a Sensory Guide, which will be available on [Kennywood.com](#) in late May.

"When we looked at ways to improve guest service over the offseason, becoming a Certified Autism Center was at the top of our to-do list," says Gibas. "Our mission at Kennywood is to provide the finest in family fun and entertainment, and ensuring we're on the front lines in understanding and serving our guests who are on the autism spectrum is critical to achieving that mission."



Also new this summer, Kennywood's **4-D Theater** will showcase two short feature films. ***San Andreas 4D Experience*** is an action-packed adventure as a rescue-chopper pilot (Dwayne Johnson) makes a dangerous journey to rescue his daughter in the aftermath of a massive earthquake. *San Andreas 4D Experience* features outstanding effects both on-screen and in-theater that will leave you breathless! The 4-D Theater is included with admission to Kennywood and will show *San Andreas* from 4 p.m. to park close daily, with ***Thomas & Friends 4-D: Bubbling Boilers*** showing from park opening to 4 p.m. Both films are approximately 15 minutes long.

But before *San Andreas* and *Thomas & Friends* take over the 4-D Theater, it's time for some Kennywood Memories! During Season Passholder Weekend, Kennywood will host continuous screenings of WQED-TV's ***That Kennywood Summer***, revisiting the filming of the iconic ***Kennywood Memories*** documentary from 1988. This is one of many special activities available only to Season Passholders on April 27 & 28!

For information on Kennywood's schedule, admission prices, discount opportunities, special events and more, visit www.Kennywood.com or contact the park at 412-461-0500.

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About Kennywood and Palace Entertainment:

Kennywood is America's Finest Traditional Amusement Park! The Pittsburgh-area park offers a unique mix of classic rides and modern thrills, including seven roller coasters, a 14-ride Kiddieland, and several attractions that cannot be found anywhere else. Kennywood, founded in 1898 and named a National Historic Landmark in 1987, continues to provide unforgettable fun for all ages.

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