



Spring Newsletter

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Announcement

What is happening in the Pine Creek Valley! Updates from PCPA and other meetings concerning the Pine Creek Valley management.

Links:

[ATV Rules Changes from Forestry](#)

[Trout Unlimited in Williamsport February newsletter](#)

If you have any pictures of the Pine Creek Valley that you would like to share with us, please email them to Lou Anne Gasperine, Secretary at lgasperine@verizon.net.

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Membership Updates

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

If you would like to remember PCPA through one of our special membership categories please refer to the Membership Application on the next page of the newsletter.

2019 New Life Members

We are pleased to introduce the new **Life Members**:

Jack and Bonnie Deuer
Myerstown, PA

J.Robert and Janet Burns
Danville, PA

John and Catherine Miller
Jersey Shore, PA

Their names will be proudly added to our Life Membership Plaque.

2019 Memorial Memberships

This special category is for individuals who would like to honor the name and memory of a loved one.

We received memorial memberships in loving memory of:

Eleanore and George Krapf

Chad Peeling

Dr. Robert Porter

J. Alan Rothenberger



Photo by Lisa Linn

2019 Friends of Pine Creek

The revenue from our Friends of Pine Creek Memberships is vital to our mission. It goes directly to our "Legal Defense Fund", which is used to support actions such as the PEDF lawsuit, and not our day-to-day operations. We want to recognize the generosity of the following individuals who went beyond their regular membership level in 2019.

Kathy Asper and Ray and Susan Sipe

Ronald and Barb Bierly

Richard and Donna Bierly

Susan Brantley and Andy Nyblade

Dan and Chris Brennan

Norma Jean and Bruce Burns

Reed and Janet Diem

Steve and Deb Eck

Jim and Lisa Ely

Sarah Ely and Larry Converse

Jane and Dave Fennelly

Robert Fidler Family

Jeffrey and Diane Gable

Carl and Nancy Garverick

John and Lou Anne Gasperine

Mark and Denise Hagan

Keith Handwerk

Debra and Al Harakel

Phil and Mary Jane Hawkins

Ralph and Denise Hershberger

Cam and Jen Kephart

Tom and Kim Kozlouski

Kathryn and Jonathan McClure

McConnell's Store

Dorian Myers

Kevin and Penny Nester

Chris and Cathy Nolen

Donna Pearson

Bruce and Catherine Platusich

Beverly, Abbey and Chris Porter

Lois Rothenberger

Rick and Suzanne Ruth

Lloyd and Sondra Simmers

Bob and Gay Small

Torbert Development Association

Alex & Michelle Udowenko

Mary Vuccola and Rich Bennett

Waterville Tavern

Michael and Kim Whittemore

Wayd W. Wolgemuth

Donald and Marybeth Young

PCPA Fact Sheet



Service Area: The Pine Creek Watershed including the counties of Potter, Tioga, and Lycoming in northcentral Pennsylvania.

Membership Information: An annual membership application is available on the next page. Memberships run from Jan 1 to Dec 31.

Typical PCPA Projects promote and support:

- Anti-Littering Campaigns
- Recycling Activities
- Litter and Dump-Site Cleanup projects
- Acid Mine Drainage Remediation projects
- Oversight-Regulation of Natural Gas Industry Activities
- Implementation of the “Pine Creek Valley Management Plan”
- Implementation of the “Pine Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan”
- Implementation of Pine Creek COG’s “PA Wilds Initiative”

Typical PCPA Officer/Board Activities include attending:

- State Agency meetings pertaining to subjects of interest or concern to Pine Creek Valley
- County Government Department meetings pertaining to subjects of interest or concern to Pine Creek Valley
- Regional or local DCNR meetings regarding issues of interest or concern to PCPA’s mission
- meetings of the “Pine Creek Council of Governments”
- meetings of the “Pine Creek Watershed Council”
- meetings of the “Pine Creek Rail Trail Advisory Committee”

Memberships/Affiliations:

- Founding Member of the “Pine Creek Council of Governments”
- Founding Member of the “Pine Creek Watershed Council”
- Member-at-Large of the “Pine Creek Rail Trail Advisory Committee”
- Member of the “Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation”
- Member of the “North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy”
- Member of “Clinton County CleanScapes”

Annual & Periodic Financial Support Provided to:

- Black Forest Volunteer Fire Co.
- Brown Twp. Volunteer Fire Co.
- Haneyville Volunteer Fire Co.
- Waterville Volunteer Fire Co.
- Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation
- Clinton County CleanScapes

2020 Meetings / Speakers

- April 20 – Outdoor Club – James Smith, Eric Hess, William Ferguson (7 pm)
 - May 18 – John Childe – Update on legal issues within PA State Court systems (7 pm)
 - June 15 – Fishing Pine Creek - Slate Run Store and Brown Trout Club (7 pm)
 - July 20 – Trout Unlimited – Kathleen Lavelle (7 pm)
 - August 1 – Picnic – noon) - The Barn on Rte 44 – A little Pine Creek Comedy (Saturday) (4729 N Rte 44 Hwy, Jersey Shore)
 - September 21 – Bob Webber Cabin Relocation – Video (7 pm)
 - October 19 – Open (7 pm)
- All meetings are held at the DCNR facility in Waterville.



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Presidents Message



President's message Spring 2020

Spring is closing in fast and it is hard to imagine that PCPA is already gearing up for a new season of activities. At the request of many members, a Saturday meeting featured a hands-on presentation of Pennsylvania's invasive species. Throughout the year, several guest speakers educated members on bears including their natural habits and habitat and devastation of the disease of mange in bears. The participation at the Apple Butter festival netted 42 new and renewal memberships to crown another successful year. We have been sorting through old files and paperwork to consolidate all of our records in our designated room at the DCNR building.

Sadly, our VP Paul Hoffmaster and his wife Barb moved out of the area. Charlene Sawyer, our long-time Assistant Secretary, retired for 2020. Thank you, Paul, Barb, and Charlene, for many years of service and your ongoing guidance and support. Please welcome Jeff Campbell who has accepted the VP position and will be installed at the April meeting with the other listed officers.

We have a great lineup of guest speakers this year, including the Jersey Shore High School Outdoor Club, John Childe's update on PEDF, fishing in Pine Creek presented by the Slate Run Store and Brown Trout Club, a Trout Unlimited spokesperson, and a short film on the relocation of the Bob Webber cabin.

A big change for this year is that the annual PCPA picnic will be held at the Barn at Pine Creek (4729 N Rte 44 Hwy, Jersey Shore), the same location as last year's July meeting. The venue allows us to have the picnic rain or shine, offers handicapped accessibility, plenty of parking, and has restrooms within the facility. The owners of the Barn, Tim and Cami Mahaffey, have graciously donated the use of the facility for the picnic at no charge to the organization!

I look forward to another successful year of activities and learning opportunities and hope to see you at the meetings.

Mary Vuccola, President



Officers

President: Mary Vuccola

Vice-President: Jeff Campbell, elect

Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine

Treasurer: Donna Pearson



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

MEMBER INFO:

Name _____

Street _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Camp/Cottage:

Camp Name _____

Address or _____

Location _____

Camp/Organization – please indicate number of members
over 18 years of age (voters) --- ()

Make checks payable to PCPA

Mail to: PCPA Secretary

P.O. Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776

PCPA is going green!

If you would like to receive your newsletters via email, please provide your email above.

Note: Unless the Friends of PC box is checked, we assume that any additional donation of \$100 or more is meant to be anonymous.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (check one):

Individual Membership - \$5

Family Membership - \$10

Camp/Organ. Membership - \$20

Friends of Pine Creek - \$100

Memorial Membership - \$250

In Memory or Honor of (below):

Donated by (below)

Acknowledgement To (below):

Life Membership - \$500

Other Donation - \$ _____

****Note: The by-laws of the PCPA needed to be amended**

We need to have a vote on the amendment change we made last fall. Notice to the members is to be made 30 days in advance in the Spring Newsletter, or by e-mail.

“The State of Pennsylvania requires all non-profit organizations to include certain requirements in their bylaws. To retain our tax-exempt certification, the PCPA has added a clause in the Dissolution section to meet this requirement. The new addition reads.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1. This Association shall not be dissolved by its own motion so long as seven members wish to continue it. **In the event of sale or dissolution of the Association, the Association prohibits the use of any surplus funds for private inurement to any person. The Association surplus funds are to be donated to one or more non-profit organizations as deemed appropriate by the members.**

The PCPA officers are in agreement of this addition and feel it is appropriate.



News and Views

Waterville Apple Butter Festival

PCPA participated again at the 2019 Waterville Fire Company's Apple Butter Festival. Many folks stopped by our tent where we shared information on invasive species, bear mangle, and PCPA activities. Meeting many longtime PCPA members that live out of the area, hearing how they fell in love with Pine Creek, and listening to new suggestions for the organization is very rewarding. We were pleased to assist 42 new members apply at the event.

We are planning to return to the Apple Butter Festival to hear more of your ideas and concerns in October of 2020.

Email and Website News

If you would like to be included on our Email News for Members, simply include your email address (or change of email address) on your Membership Application or send us an Email at pinecreekpcpa@gmail.com. If you want to learn more about our organization and activities, visit our website at pinecreekpcpa.org. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please send an email to lgasperine@verizon.net to request your correspondence by email.

2020 Large Trash Collection

Members who own property in McHenry and Brown Townships. (*This information is from the townships websites!*)

Brown Township holds “Clean-up” days at the Route 414 site on the second Saturday of May and November from 10am – 2pm, accepting furniture, bedding, carpet, etc., appliances (units with freon - \$20.00 charge, tires \$4.00 each). Limit one pick-up truck load per property, additional loads will be \$20.00 each. The township is no longer able to accept any type of electronics, TV’s. DVD or Video players. These items may be taken to Wayne Township Landfill, McElhatten or the Transfer Station on West Third Street, Williamsport. **This is for Brown Township taxpayers only.**

McHenry Township holds “White Goods Collection Day” (appliances only) at the recycling center in Watson Township. Township also hosts a “Large Item Collection Day” accepting furniture, bedding, carpet, etc., tires \$4.00 each in Mid-May at the site in Cammal. The township is no longer able to accept any type of electronics, TV’s. DVD or Video players. These items may be taken to Wayne Township Landfill, McElhatten or the Transfer Station on West Third Street, Williamsport.

Legislative Updates

John Childe from the Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Fund (PDEF) will be the speaker for the May meeting.

Look for Links

There are more links on the website www.pinecreekpcpa.com for the Trout Unlimited newsletter “Susquehanna Ripples” and info on Forestry’s proposed changes to the ATV policies.