



## President's Message

Spring has arrived in Pine Creek Valley and with it warm days filled with outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, kayaking, and camping. As we round the corner of year two of COVID, we are especially grateful to be able to do these things so close to home and in such an incredibly beautiful setting.

PCPA officers have been busy over the winter, meeting every few weeks to discuss ongoing issues in the valley. The most looming issue is the proposed expansion of DCNR's ATV trail system, of which PCPA is adamantly opposed. John Childe, lead attorney for the PEDF, the recipient of our largest annual donation, has filed a case with the Commonwealth Court against the trail expansion, and now we wait for the ruling. Closer to home, Airbnb's are becoming a threat to the tranquility of certain communities. Increased activity since COVID has brought excessive noise, illegal parking, littering, speeding, and a general disregard for neighboring residents. PCPA is working with Pine Creek Council of Governments (PCCOG) to develop and update ordinances to protect local residents.

On a brighter note, we are anxiously awaiting the installation of a bike repair station funded by PCPA near the Bonnell Flats restrooms. Renee Carey, project manager, anticipates a spring completion. We have expanded our wearables catalog with something for everyone and have enlisted a local printer to help fill orders faster, as well as keeping our business local. We are hoping to resume hosting guest speakers at our monthly meetings, as well as a 'project' meeting with hands-on participation. We are planning to provide lunch to the Jersey

Shore High School Outdoor Club at their annual spring cleanup day at Little Pine State Park.

The annual PCPA picnic will again be held at the Barn at Pine Creek, thanks to generous owners Tim and Cami Mahaffey. Last year's picnic was an overwhelming success, and this year's should not disappoint.

We look forward to another year of projects and meetings and hope to see you all "Up the Crick".

Mary Bennett , President

### Officers

*President:* Mary Bennett

*Vice-President:* Jeff Campbell

*Secretary:* Lou Anne Gasperine

*Treasurer:* Donna Pearson





## Upcoming Events

### 2022 Meeting Dates

April 18... Annual Meeting @ 7 PM – Watson Twp Building  
 May 16... Meeting @ 7 PM  
 June 20... Meeting @ 7 PM  
 July 18... Meeting @ 7 PM  
 August 6... Picnic – Barn on Rte 44 @ 12 Noon –  
 Sept. 19... Meeting @ 7 PM  
 Oct. 17... Election of Officers @ 7 PM  
 Dec. 19 ... Optional Meeting @ 7 PM

**Meeting Location** - Scheduled meetings are held at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville.

We make every effort to stream the meetings on Zoom if possible and it is by invitation only. Simply send an email to [drlouanneg@gmail.com](mailto:drlouanneg@gmail.com) for link.

### PCPA Stickers

The PCPA have older stickers that are available for members. If you would like a sticker from a previous year, please let us know.

To all **Life Members**, there is a new Life Member Sticker. To request a Life Member sticker, please contact the secretary at [lqasperine@verizon.net](mailto:lqasperine@verizon.net) or send a note to PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776.

### PCPA Website and Email

PCPA would like to go as green as possible. Members, simply include your email address (or change of email address) on your Membership. More information concerning PCPA may be found on the web page at <https://pinecreekpcpa.org/>.

### 2022 Large Trash Collection

**Members who own property in McHenry and Brown Townships.** Information on municipal waste disposal may be found on each of the township's web site.

#### **Brown Township -**

<https://pinecreekvalley.com/local-government/brown-township/>

#### **McHenry Township -**

<https://pinecreekvalley.com/local-government/mchenry-township/>

### PCPA Special Activities

PCPA participated in the Waterville Fire Department Sawdust Festival in April. We gathered some new memberships and sold some wearables. It is always nice to meet PCPA members at these events.

PCPA also sponsored the "Kids Corner" again in June. The kids project involved painting their thumb prints in the shape of a butterfly on little flowerpots and then planting a marigold in their decorated pot.





**SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

*If you would like to remember PCPA through one of our special membership categories, please refer to the Membership Application on page 7 of the newsletter.*

**New Life Members**

We are pleased to introduce the new Life Members:

- Carson and Sally Brown
- Tim and Cami Mahaffey
- Terry and Rebecca Lawhead
- Mountain Top & Provisions
- Up the Crick LLC

They will be proudly added to our Life Membership Plaque.

**2021 Memorial Members**

*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:

- Neal Ort   Gloria Baylor   Eila Campbell
- Charles Darrow

*Their names will be proudly added to the Memorial Membership Plaque.*

**2021 Friends of Pine Creek**

*It is especially important to recognize that the revenue from our Friends of Pine Creek Memberships is vital to our mission, as it goes directly to our "Legal Defense Fund", which is used to support actions such as the PEDF lawsuit. We want to recognize the generosity of the following individuals who went beyond their regular membership level in 2021.*

- Eric and Katie Artx
- Dennis and Jane Bernhardt
- Gretta and Curtis Bierly
- Ronald and Barb Bierly
- Cindy and Jim Bower
- Christina Breining
- Daniel and Chris Brennan
- Dawn to Dusk Hunting Camp
- Reed and Janet Diem
- William and Mildred Dukmen
- Steve and Deb Eck
- Ron and Cynde Eister
- Sara Ely and Larry Converse
- Friends of Camp Kline
- Jane and Dave Fennelly
- Michael and Mary Ann Frey
- Jeffrey and Diane Gable
- John and Lou Anne Gasperine
- Mark and Denise Hagan
- Michael and Julie Haussener
- Phil and Mary Jane Hawkins
- Betty Heffner Family
- Ralph and Denise Hershberger
- Paul and Barb Hoffmaster
- Kagan and Galey Families
- Cam and Jen Kephart



- Dallas Krapf
- David Lane
- William and Judy McConnell
- Dorian Myers
- Kevin and Penny Nester
- Chris and Cathy Nolen
- Lori and Joe Padua
- Donna Pearson
- Thomas Phillips
- Bruce and Catherine Platusich
- Beverly, Abbey and Chris Porter
- John Quintiliani
- Jim and Kathy Rankin
- Ronald and Christina Rohrer
- Lois Rothenberger
- Jim and Sheila Russo
- Rick and Suzanne Ruth
- Joseph Shoemaker
- Lloyd and Sondra Simmers
- Michael and Cindy Weinhold
- Michael and Kim Whittemore
- Wyd Wolegemuth
- Waterville Tavern
- Donald and Marybeth Young
- Wolfe General Store
- Bernie and Janet Zbicki



**Memorials**

PCPA has a designated category for Memorials for those who would honor the memories of loved ones. These funds support our contributions to the PA Legal Defense Fund which, through the volunteer efforts of John Childs, follows any infractions that are detrimental to the health and environmental issues pertaining to the Pine Creek Valley.

During the past year, there have been several memorials where the families have requested a physical item memorializing the individual such as a bench, stone or tree. These are all wonderful mementos of a life well lived; however, these types of items are not permitted on State Forest lands or public lands.

The establishment of a fund or donation for a memorial as previously stated goes into the PA Legal Defense Fund which we use to fund the volunteer efforts of John Childe and the PEDF fund. PCPA has contributed to the purchase of a bench or stone when the funds have exceeded the cost of the items.

If you have any further questions concerning the use of these funds, please direct your request to the officers of the PCPA through [drlouanne@gmail.com](mailto:drlouanne@gmail.com).

With that being said about memorials, PCPA is proud to sponsor a bench to honor Jack and Eila Campbell. This bench is in front of their retirement home along the bank of Pine Creek in the village of Slate Run. Jack served as president for many years, always ready to rise to the occasion when new programs were advocated for the valley. He was always there to ask the "Big Question", how might this impact the valley. Eila served as secretary and treasurer for many years as well. Our valley was well served by their service. So now, if you're out for a walk, taking a jog or riding your bike or even being a fisherman who needs to take a break, you can enjoy a seat in front of their home overlooking beautiful Pine Creek. Enjoy



**2021 PCPA Financial Support**

**Given To:**

- Black Forest Fire Company
- Brown Twp Volunteer Fire Company
- Haneyville Volunteer Fire Company
- Waterville Volunteer Fire Company
- Pine Creek Council of Governments
- PA Lumbermans Museum
- North Central PA Conservancy
- Clinton County CleanScapes
- Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation



**2021 PCPA Income**

**Total Income: \$ 16,177.50**

**Individual Memberships – 55**

**Family Memberships – 140**

**Camp/Organization Memberships  
- 72**

**Friends of Pine Creek -57**

**Memorial Memberships – 4**

**New Life Memberships - 5**



*Watson Township*  
*Est. 1848*

**Watson Township Officials:**

**James R. Seltzer** Secretary / Treasurer  
**James R. Potter** DARLENE MACKLEM  
**Lewis Gene Zinck**



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**Recycling Center in Watson Township:**

The Watson Township supervisors, would like to thank the residents and visitors that use the recycling center located at the Watson Township Building, for keeping the recycling center clean from junk and plastic bags.

Watson Township doesn't operate the recycling center, but we are in charge of keeping the area cleaned and removing the snow and ice; Lycoming County is in charge of running the recycling.

The county has closed some recycling areas due to people putting the wrong materials in the bins. We would hate to see our recycling center gone. If we were to lose the recycling area it would cost everyone more money.

So please keep up the good work. If you see someone misusing the recycling center, please say something. Have a good and safe year.

Thank you,

Watson Township Supervisors.

94 Whitetail Lane Jersey Shore, Pa. 17740  
570-398-7829

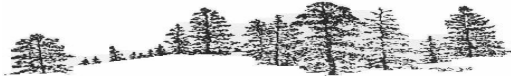
E-mail address: [watson@watson township.comcastbiz.net](mailto:watson@watson township.comcastbiz.net)

**PCPA Summer Picnic**

Saturday, August 6, 2022 @ 12:00 noon

The Barn on Route 44 North

Be sure to mark your calendars for our summer picnic, which is planned for The Barn on Route 44 North on Saturday, August 6, 2022 beginning promptly at noon. This is an **"active members only"** event, so you should rejoin PCPA this year.



**PCPA Wearables and Order Form**

Show your PCPA pride by ordering one of our many wearable items. We had a good turnout for wearable purchases at both our April event and our picnic. We've updated our available items with better sizing, and quality, of men's and women's tee shirts. Also we have added ladies polo shirts. We have changed to a local supplier, with shorter wait times for the finished product, although with recent supply chain issues, some may be longer.

The items can be ordered using the simple order form following and can be paid for by check made out to Jeff Campbell, or now using Venmo directly to me at @Jeff-Campbell-106. Fill out the order form below and either snail mail or email to me, so I know who you are and what you ordered. I will then contact you and we'll arrange for delivery to you.

Any questions, feel free to call or email me at 610-513-2633, jcc1208@aol.com.

Show your pride for our great organization, and our love of the valley.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

List below what items you would like to order. List item, color, and size, and total dollar amount. Paid by cash \_\_, check \_\_, Venmo \_\_. Total dollar amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Long sleeve tees, add \$5.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### EMBROIDERED Pine Creek WEARABLES ORDER TODAY



Polo Shirt - \$30 ea  
Colors:  
Forest Green, Black, Navy, Red



Sweatshirt - \$30 ea  
Colors:  
Forest Green, Black, Navy, Red  
Dark Heather Gray



Truck Cap - \$15 ea  
Camo Cotton/Poly Front  
Black Mesh Poly Back



Truck Cap - \$15 ea  
Pink Camo Cotton/Poly Front  
Tan Mesh Poly Back



Truck Cap - \$15 ea  
Cotton/Poly Front  
Mesh Poly Back  
Colors:  
Camo Green, Camo Pink  
Green/White, White/White



Hooded Zippered  
Sweatshirt - \$35 ea  
Colors:  
Forest Green, Black, Navy, Red  
Dark Heather Gray



Hooded Pullover  
Sweatshirt - \$35 ea  
Colors:  
Forest Green, Black, Navy, Red  
Dark Heather Gray



Hunter Cap - \$15 ea  
Orange Cotton/Poly Front & Back  
Realtree Camo - Bill

### Links for Additional Organizations in the Valley

PCPA is a local non-profit keeping an eye of the health of the Pine Creek Valley. We are not the only organization interested in the recreational and conditions up the creek. Here are additional links for local organizations:

Slate Run Brown Trout

Club: [www.facebook.com/groups/226758475563659](http://www.facebook.com/groups/226758475563659)

Trout Unlimited Chapters:

Tiadaghton Chapter: [www.tu.org/chapter/688-tiadaghton](http://www.tu.org/chapter/688-tiadaghton)

Susquehanna Chapter: [www.susquehannatu.com](http://www.susquehannatu.com)

Slate Run Sportsmen: [www.slaterunsportsmen.com](http://www.slaterunsportsmen.com)

Middle Susquehanna River Keeper - <http://www.middlesusquehannariverkeeper.org/>





## Legal Updates from Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Fund (PEDF)

Jeff Campbell reached out to Attorney John Childs of the PEDF for a summary of the latest information concerning the legal activities concerning the Pine Creek Valley and surrounding areas. PCPA supports the PEDF each year with a \$5000 donation. For more detailed information concerning the ongoing environmental legal issues, check out the PEDF website at <http://www.PEDF.org>.

### **Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation**

#### **January 12, 2022**

The following is a short summation from John Childs of PEDF (Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Fund) on various issues confronting the Pine Creek Valley. These suits were filed to protect our local State Forest:

- (1) Two days after Senator Yaw's hearing on ATVs in mid-December PEDF filed a case in Commonwealth requesting the Court to declare that all ATV trails in our State Forest are in direct conflict with the constitutional duty to preserve and maintain the ecology of the forest. Many affidavits were filed in support of action, including one from PCPA! Three retired District Forest Managers signed an expert report stating unequivocally that ATV trails should not be in our State Forest.
- (2) We filed our final brief in the Supreme Court on the appeal from the Commonwealth Court dismissing our Petition challenging the 2016 State Forest Resource Management Plan. The Court will ask for oral argument before a decision is made.
- (3) Oral argument was held in early December 2021 in the Supreme Court on whether money that is part of the Constitutional Trust can be used for DCNR operations. It usually takes the Court 6 months to a year to write an opinion.
- (4) If we win that case then we can go ahead with the case we filed last year requesting the Court to require the Commonwealth to pay back 1.3 billion dollars to the trust fund.

Let me know if you have any questions.

John

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[Article 1, Section 27 of the Constitution states ***"The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people."***]





You may now use PayPal for your membership donations. Go to [www.pinecreekpcpa.com/](http://www.pinecreekpcpa.com/) and click on the membership forms in the left column. Please email your membership application to [pinecreekpcpa@gmail.com](mailto:pinecreekpcpa@gmail.com).

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2022**

**MEMBER INFO:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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 - \$ \_\_\_\_\_