Pine Creek Valley Preservation Association PCPA

Summer Newsletter 2025

President's Message

Mary Bennett, President PCPA

Recently, on a drive up through Pine Creek Valley, my husband and I noticed a common theme, and we continue to see it almost every day. Everyone is in a hurry! As a once busy mom who worked full time, I totally understand wanting to simply get home. What we have seen, however, is typically not an overworked mom or dad, but rather visitors who want to reach their destination so they can begin their vacation in Pine Creek. As always, we welcome visitors to our beautiful valley so they can enjoy the same tranquility we residents have on a regular basis, but common courtesy is being overruled by impatience lately.

We are now in our second year of road construction in PCV, with two traffic signaled areas, as well as additional daily pop-up sites utilizing flagmen. The wait time at these sites can be lengthy, and the line of vehicles often seems to have no end. I have personally seen vehicles blow through the traffic lights after hours and heard them honk their horns if they think the vehicle in front of them is moving too slowly. One of the flagmen told me that she has been screamed at many times by impatient drivers and that by law traffic can be held up for as long as 15 minutes if necessary. Sometimes in the work area the huge equipment will block both lanes, causing delays at both ends of the site.

My message to one and all is this. Our wonderful valley is one of the most scenic areas in the country with stunning beauty around every turn in the road, so please slow down and take in the breathtaking scenery.

Mary

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Upcoming Events

2025 Meeting Dates

May 19… DCNR Building @ 7 PM

June 16 … DCNR Building @ 7 PM

July 21…DCNR Building @ 7 PM

August 2… Picnic – Barn on Rte 44 @ 12 Noon

Sept. 15 … DCNR Building @ 7 PM

Oct. 20 … Election of Officers @ 7 PM

Meeting Location

Scheduled meetings are usually held either at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville or at the Watson Township Building. Specific meetings are noted above. **An online link for Zoom can be provided if a connection is possible. Simply send an email to lgasperine@verizon.net for the link.**

All members, residents, property owners and interested parties are welcome.

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Officers
President: Mary Vuccola
Vice-President: Jeff Campbell
Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine
Treasurer: Amy Gagliardi

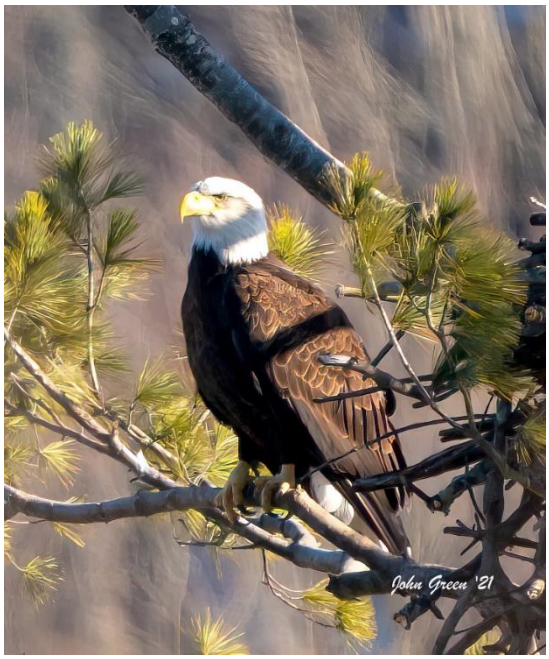
PCPA Stickers

The PCPA has older stickers that are available for members. **For all Life Members**, there is a Life Member Sticker that you may request by mailing a note to PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776 or emailing the secretary at lgasperine@verizon.net .

PCPA Website and Email

More information concerning PCPA and our activities may be found on our website at **pinecreekpcpa.org.**

If you would like to be included on our Email News for Members, include your email address on your Membership Application or send an email to the secretary at lgasperine@verizon.net.



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PCPA Annual Donations to Local Organizations

Black Forest Fire Company

Brown Twp Volunteer Fire Company

Haneyville Volunteer Fire Company

Waterville Volunteer Fire Company

Pennsylvania Lumberman's Museum

Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group

PA Environmental Defense Foundation

Jersey Shore High School Outdoor Club

Jersey Shore Middle School Outdoor Club

PCPA Memberships/Affliliations

Clinton County Clean Scapes

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

PA Environmental Defense Fund

Pine Creek Council of Governments

Pine Creek Watershed Council

Pine Creek Rail Trail Advisory Committee

Special Memberships

2025 Memorial Members

Thank you to the families of those below.

Wayd Wolgemuth

Robert and Dottie Webber

We now display the PCPA Life Members and PCPA Memorial Member plaques on the webpage. All Life Member and Memorial Member names and information are listed on the appropriate plaque. As listed on the membership form, Life memberships are a donation of $500 and a Memorial Membership starts at $250. This is a great way to memorialize our loved ones for a cause they valued. The funds from these two membership categories go to a special account used for legal defense of our beautiful Pine Creek Valley.

2025 Friends of Pine Creek

A big Thank You to the following generous members that gave above the standard membership. This level of giving allows the PCPA to support other non-profit organizations in our valley and also our newest relationship with the Jersey Shore Area Schools outdoor clubs.

Barbara Bierly Family
James and Beata Bonnell
Cindy and Jim Bower
Susan Brantley and Andrew Nyblade
Dan and Chris Brennan
Geoffrey and Patricia Carpenter
Cummings Township
Reed and Janet Diem
Dawn to Dusk Hunting Camp
George and Linda Druck
Deb and Stephen Eck
Jane Falck Family
Jane and David Fennelly
Kyle Gallagher and Amanda Lange
Doug and Jill Garman
John and Lou Anne Gasperine
Mark and Denise Hagan
Jeff and Cheryl Hartman
Michael and Julie Haussener
Russell and Dianna Helt
Dane and Michelle Hendrix
Paul and Barbara Hoffmaster
Richard and Pamela Jackson

Lisa and Edwin Lieb
Damian and Robyn Mariano
McConnell's Country Store
John and Cynthia Metzger
Robert Nestlerode
Chris and Cathy Nolen
Original Waterville Hotel
Donna Pearson
Thomas Phillips
Pitney Manning Families
Bruce and Catherine Platusich
Beverly Porter Family
Ronald and Christine Rohrer
Matthew and Michele Rugh
Rick and Suzanne Ruth
Bill and Deb Shanbarger
Keith Shiley and Shanon Solava
Torbert Development Association
Watson Township
Bernard and Janet Zbicki

Bob Webber Hike

About 8 hikers joined PCPA President Mary Bennett, Jim Hyland and Jack Deurer on May 4th for the 3rd Bob Webber Memorial Hike. The group hiked to the Webber homestead and visited several vistas along the way. Jim Hyland, the District Forester for Tioga State Forest, and Jack Deurer, lifelong friend of Bob and Dottie, led the hike and discussed the history of the homestead, as well as Bob and Dottie Webber's life on the mountain.

Outdoor Club Outreach and Luncheon

The Outdoor Clubs of Jersey Shore School District consists of students in grades 9 – 12 (HS) and grades 7 - 8 (MS). Participants come from all backgrounds and academic pursuits, but they have one thing in common…they love to be outdoors. These clubs are advised by teachers who seek to instill in these young people the values of preserving the environment and working to keep the resources available for all to enjoy.

On April 23, the HS Club traveled to Little Pine State Park to help the Fish Commission stock the streams and lake for the summer season. Prior to this trip, members of the club constructed "floats for trout" to disperse the trout into the stream. The Outdoor Club has won awards for their activities from DCNR in Harrisburg.

After work, the group reassembled at 1 pm for lunch hosted by PCPA who provided hot dogs with the fixins', clementine oranges and apples, cookies and other treats baked by PCPA members, and bottled water. Members met these young environmentalists and expressed gratitude for their efforts. Students and advisors were grateful for the luncheon and expressed a desire to continue to work together for the benefit of the Pine Creek Valley and community. Unfortunately, the weather conditions caused the Middle School field trip to be postponed and will not be rescheduled this year.

Pennsylvania Department of Health

The DCNR resource Newsletter for May 2024 includes information concerning PA State Parks and Forests and ways the department is working with experts across the state to develop the next Statewide Recreation plan. The newsletter mentions many improvements found within state parks and calls for feedback from outdoor businesses to determine additional needs within the state natural areas. Want to know about upcoming learning days in the state parks, check out this newsletter!

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx?ms=ytorg

DCNR Survey

DCNR is collecting data for the 2025-2029 DCNR Recreation Plans. Scroll down to the link below and click. It is a chance to comment on your feelings on both E-bikes on DCNR trails and ATV use in the mountains.

https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/PAOutdoorRecPlan/Pages/default.aspx

Mission/Vision Statement

Preserving the natural and rural character of Pine Creek Valley by facilitating various preservation measures through direct intercession or interaction with planning, regulating or governing agencies and other conservation organizations.

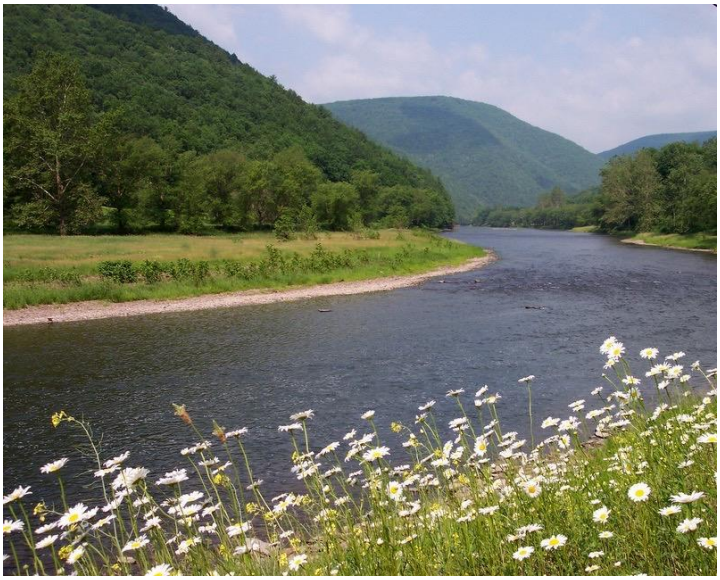
Typical Projects and Activities

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

The Webber Wild / Natural Area

The Webber proposal is in the hands of the State Forester and DCNR, and we remain very hopeful for its inclusion into a wild or natural area designation. It needs to go through a formal process by the Bureau when it revises it's State Forest Resource Management Plan before it will be totally designated. We are very proud to have supported this worthy cause to advance conservation in the Pine Creek Valley and honor this great "Icon of the Forest", Bob Webber.



Pine Creek Gorge in the Spring

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It's Summer Picnic Time!

Saturday, August 3, 2024 @ 12:00 noon
The Barn on Pine Creek

It's soon PICNIC TIME!! The PCPA Annual Picnic is **August 2, 2025 at 12:00 noon!** This year we will be featuring BBQ ham by Oak Grove Tavern. Oak Grove will be preparing some of our favorite sides also. And yes, we will have everyone's favorite fried chicken. A big "thank you" to Tim and Cami Mahaffey for providing their venue. The Barn @ Pine Creek located at 4635 North Route 44 Hwy, Jersey Shore, PA has a large capacity, easy parking and nice facilities.

We will update our guests on a couple issues that PCPA was successful in achieving. Then off to the door prizes which were so wonderfully donated by our area businesses and members.

Last year we recognized Jim Carn for going above and beyond in his dedication to preserving our pristine Pine Creek Valley. Jim was the second on what we plan to be a continuing annual award. Don't miss the 3rd Annual announcement of the 2025 Environmental Award.

The picnic is for active members only. If you haven't already sent in your 2025 membership, please fill out the membership form attached to the Picnic Reservation form below. The picnic reservations will be limited to 144 people, "NO walk-ins" and reservations due by **July 19.**

The picnic food and door prizes are provided by Pine Creek Valley establishments and others that support our PCPA mission. ***Thank you*** *for making our picnic delicious and enjoyable! Picnic Co-chairs: Jeff Campbell, Donna Pearson and Julie Haussener*

Please complete and return your paid reservation by July 19, 2024

PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

MEMBER NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

No. of Adults ____ @ $10.00 No. of Children (7 – 12) ___@$7.00 (under 7) _____@ free

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (SHORT) FORM

$5 Individual $10 Family $20 Camp/Organization $100 Friends of Pine Creek $250 Memorial $500 Life

NAME _____

ADDRESS_____
Send my newsletter through email_____

Make Checks payable to PCPA Mail to: PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776

PCPA now accepts PayPal payments thru our website: pinecreekpcpa.org

Save a tree! Friends of Pine Creek members – Send sticker only