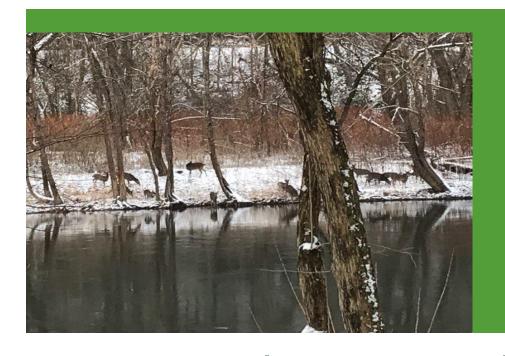
# Pine Creek Preservation Association

PO BOX 11 WATERVILLE, PA 17776



The Pine Creek Preservation Association is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Contributions are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The official registration and financial information for the PCPA may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

### OFFICERS 2025-2026

President: Mary Bennett

Vice-president: Jeff Campbell

Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine

Treasurer: Donna Pearson / Amy
Gagliardi

#### **2025 MEETING DATES**

April 21 - meeting - 7 pm - Watson Twp

May 19 - Curtis Sherwood (DCNR) - Meeting - 7 pm - DCNR

June 16 - meeting - 7 pm - DCNR

July 21 - Renee Carey (NPC - Northcentral PA Conservancy) - meeting - 7 pm - DCNR

Aug 2 - picnic - Barn on Rte 44 - noon

September 15 - meeting - 7 pm -DCNR

October - 20 - meeting - 7 pm - Election of officers - Watson Twp

**December 19** - optional meeting - 7 pm

If connections are available, we will have a Zoom component also. All are welcome to attend.



# PINE CREEK VALLEY SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2025

Property owners and concerned citizens dedicated to preserving the natural and rural character of Pine Creek Valley

#### President's Message

As springtime settles in, I am filled with optimism about the activities that PCPA will participate in this year and grateful for the dedication of our workers (past and present officers of PCPA) that make it happen.

Looking ahead, PCPA will continue to support our local high school's Junior and Senior Outdoor Clubs by hosting a picnic for each group for their annual Little Pine State Park cleanup. This is a fun outdoor activity that we all look forward to.

We are planning to organize another litter pickup in Pine Creek in April to celebrate Earth Day. Due to ongoing construction on Route 44 this summer, we are aiming at a site farther north. More info to come when planning is complete.

We will hold our annual Bob Webber Memorial Hike on Sunday May 4th. Because so many have asked us to, we plan to hike to the Webber Homestead again. Jim Hyland and Jack Deurer will be on hand to provide historical information along the way. This easy hike is suitable for families and well-behaved dogs!

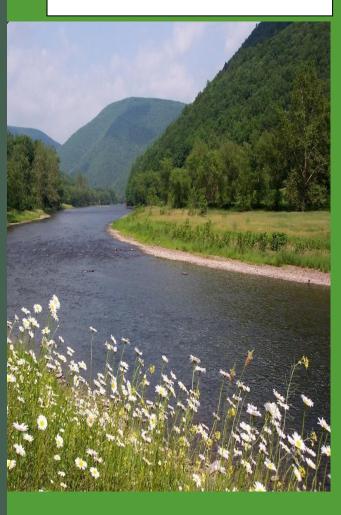
Our most important activity this year was to proudly partner with a coalition that is advocating for the proposed Webber Wild Area. Our proposal is presently in the hands of the Bureau of Forestry and DCNR for their evaluation. This approximately 5000+ acres of forested areas will memorialize Bob and Dottie Webber as well as protect many hiking trails, several class A trout streams, and stunning viewsheds.

Please join us at one of these activities, or attend a monthly meeting starting on

April 21st at the Watson Township Building at 7pm

Mary Bennett, President

Pine Creek Gorge in the Spring



### Second Annual Hike on the Bob Webber Trail



Because so many people have asked, we will again hike to the Webber Homestead. The hike will be held on ay 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am and we are meeting at the pump Station. Watch for signs. Jim Hyland and Jack Deurer will be on hand to provide historical information along the way. This easy hike is appropriate for families and well-behaved dogs. Contact <a href="mvuccola@gmail.com">mvuccola@gmail.com</a> for more information.





#### Supporting the Outdoor Clubs at Jersey Shore District Schools

The Outdoor Club at Jersey Shore High School includes students in grades 9–12 and the Middle School Club includes grades 6-8. The trips are designed to groom trails, pick up trash and stock fish. Park personnel work alongside the students and decide what tasks need to be accomplished. The students provide the additional personnel to get the park in shape for the summer season. The PA Fish Commission appreciates the teens assisting with the stocking of fish and building the slow-release containers to stock fish in the streams.



After work, students reassemble for a lunch hosted by PCPA consisting of hot dogs and fixins', clementine oranges and apples, cookies and other treats baked by PCPA members, bottled water and lemonade for drinks. Members meet these young environmentalists and demonstrate gratitude for their efforts. Students and advisors are grateful for the luncheon and express a desire to continue to work together for the benefit of the Pine Creek Valley and community.



**Environmentalist of the Year Award.** The second annual Environmentalist of the Year Award was presented to Jim Carn, a longtime friend of the Pine Creek Valley. The award was presented to Jim by George Durrwachter, last year's recipient of the award. According to George, Jim has been cleaning up litter in the valley almost <u>daily</u> for 55 years with few people aware of his labor. In addition, he has worked on trail maintenance for the Golden Eagle, Black Forest, and Bob Webber trails as a volunteer with DCNR for over 20 years. Furthermore, he also painted more than 80 Keystone Marker signs in 11 counties that are placed along roadsides to mark historical sites! Jim's remarkable career of volunteerism is little known to most but is appreciated by those of us who know of his work and share his passion to keep Pine Creek Valley clean. We are proud to honor this very deserving man with this award. Thank you, Jim, for all you do!

#### **PCPA Special Activities**

**Membership Plaques.** Look for changes in the PCPA webpage! Our Memorial and Life Members will be listed on the website!

**Pine Creek Litter Pick-up** – PCPA is hoping to organize a litter pick-up in the valley this year in honor of EarthDay. Due to ongoing road construction, we will move our efforts farther north. More information will be shared when details are complete.

**Northcentral Grassroots Conservation Fair** – A collection of organizations in the area for information concerning the environmental activities of the northcentral PA area. This will be a fair at the Wellsboro Fireman's Annex on March 14. More information to follow.

**Tiadaghton State Forest** – Curtis Sherwood is the environmental educator at the Tiadaghton State Forest Office and offers environmental education programs. Contact Curtis at <a href="mailto:cusherwood@pa.gov">cusherwood@pa.gov</a> to receive an email outlining activity.

Rain Barrel Workshop – PCPA will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop on July 27 at a location TBD. PCPA



will supply the materials to assemble at a minimal cost of \$30. Instructors will supply the tools needed to construct a finished rain barrel. You will need to install the rain barrel at your home. We will need a minimum of 5 individuals for the class to be held. To register, please email the registration form and include your \$30 check to Dr. Lou Anne Gasperine (lgasperine@verizon.net) at PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776! Hope to see you there! The registration form is attached to the membership

form at the end of this newsletter.

<u>Watson Township Recycling Center</u> is operated by Lycoming County at the Watson Twp Building. Further information may be found at their website - <u>https://watsontownship-pa.com/</u>.

<u>Tiadaghton State Forest</u> - Contact Curtis Sherwood at <u>cusherwood@pa.gov</u> to receive an email outlining the current environmental activities at the Tiadaghton District Forest Office.

#### LINKS FOR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE VALLEY

PCPA is a one of local non-profits keeping an eye on the Pine Creek Valley. The following are additional local organizations interested in recreational and conservation measures in the valley.

Slate Run Brown Trout Club

Slate Run Sportsmen

Pine Creek Watershed Council

Pine Creek Preservation Association Website

Middle Susquehanna River Keeper

**Trout Unlimited Chapters** 

Tiadaghton Chapter

Susquehanna Chapter

**Brown Township** 

**McHenry Township** 

**Cummings Township** 







#### 2024 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, 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 2024.

Eric and Katie Artz Barbara Bierly Family James and Beata Bonnell Cindy Bower Tina Breining & Kyle Mutchler Dan and Chris Brennan Kelly and Tom Butzler Geoffrey and Patti Carpenter **Cummings Township** George and Linda Druck Deb and Steve Eck Bebe Evansky (2) Jane Falck Jeffrey and Diane Gable Kyle Gallagher and Amanda Lange Doug and Jill Garman Amy and Chris Gagliardi John and Lou Anne Gasperine Rick and Anna Geissler Mark Givler and Julie Evers Mark and Denise Hagan Keith and Marilee Handwerk Michael and Julie Haussener Russell and Dianna Helt Jan and Norm Heming Paul and Barbara Hoffmaster Rachel Kagan and Michael Galey A. Richard Kacin Gene and Sally Kelley Michael and Sharon Koch Lisa and Ed Lieb

#### 2024 New Life Members

Valeria Nedeau Lundy (Williamson/Lundy Cabin) Amy and Dennis Weaver William McMinn Jane McMinn Barbara Mantarro Marion Alexander Sam Shaheen Matt Mrozinski

#### 2024 PCPA INCOME

Total Income: \$ 27,429.78

Individual Memberships - 25

Family Memberships - 120

Camp/Organization Memberships

Friends of Pine Creek - 60

Memorial Memberships - 4

New Life Memberships - 7



#### 2024 PCPA Financial Support Given To:

Black Forest Volunteer Fire Co.
Brown Township Volunteer Fire Co.
Haneyville Volunteer Fire Co.
Waterville Volunteer Fire Co.
Pine Creek Council of Governments
PA Lumbermans Museum
Northcentral Pa Conservancy
Clinton County CleanScapes
Pennsylvania Environmental Defense
Foundation
Jersey Shore Middle School and High
School Outdoor Clubs
Pine Creek Headwaters Group

2024 Total \$ 7,315.13

Damian and Robin Mariano McConnell's Country Store (2) Bill and Judy McConnell Eric and Kristina Mollenhauer **Dorian Myers** Robert Nestlerode Chris and Cathy Nolen Katie Ombalski and Andy Freeman Donna Pearson Thomas Phillips (2) Bruce and Catherine Platusich Pitney-Manning Families **Beverly Porter Family** James and Kathy Rankin Dan Rodgers Ronald and Christine Rohrer Lois Rothenberger Matthew and Michele Rugh Richard and Suzanne Ruth Bill and Deb Shanberger Sam Shaheen and Jeanne Smithbauer Lloyd and Sondra Simmers Bruce and Carol Squibb Original Waterville Hotel (2) Watson Township Wayd and LuAnn Wolgemuth Bernard and Janet Zbicki

#### **2024** Memorial Memberships

We received memorial memberships in loving memory of:

Cicly Knight Bob Camerer

Joe Cramer

## **PCPA Wearables**

Name

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

List item, color, and size, and total dollar amount for each item

Paid by cash\_\_, check\_\_, Venmo \_\_.

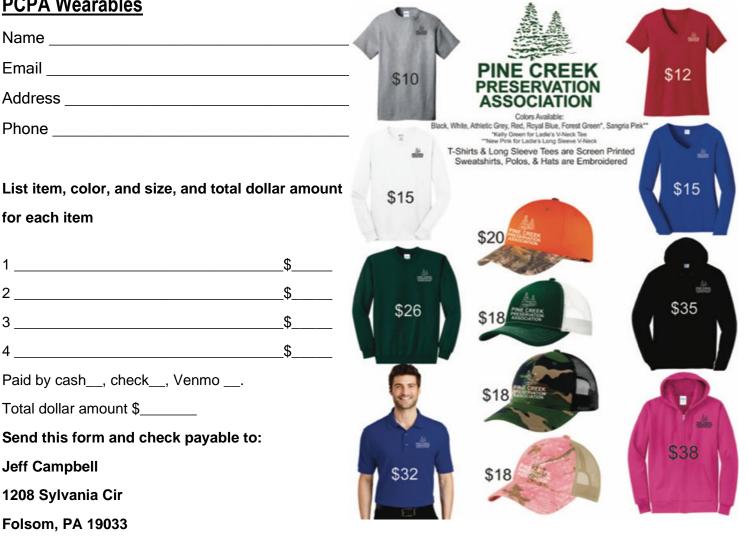
Total dollar amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

Send this form and check payable to:

Jeff Campbell

1208 Sylvania Cir

**Folsom, PA 19033** 



## \*\*\*\*Note\*\*\*:

Jeff Campbell has a request on the wearables. "I have ordered and delivered many, many wearables for our membership. I have a dark green zipper hoodie and a white long sleeve tee shirt, both 2XL, that I ordered for a member within the last year or so. Unfortunately, I lost the paperwork and can't identify the owner. If it's you, please email me at jcc1208@aol.com, or text me at 6105132633.

My apologies."

Jeff -

Show your PCPA pride by ordering one of our many wearable items.

#### **PCPA Stickers**

The PCPA has old stickers available for members. To all Life Members, there is a new Life Member Sticker. To request any previous year stickers or a Life Member sticker, please contact our secretary Lou Anne Gasperine at lgasperine@verizon.net or send a note to PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776.



#### **SAVE the Date! Summer Picnic**

Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ 12:00 noon The Barn on Route 44 North



Please patronize and say a special thank you to all the organizations, restaurants and individuals that donated food for and door prizes for our 2024. You made our picnic delicious and enjoyable! We appreciate your willingness to support the PCPA.

Picnic Co-chairs: Jeff Campbell, Donna Person and Julie Haussener

Black Forest Inn	Mike Engle	Bonner Sports & RV
The Hotel Manor	Oak Grove Tavern	Jersey Shore State Bank
Wolfe General Store	Muncy Bank & Trust	Durdach Bros Beer Distributor
The Sparrows Nest	Jiffy Market, Jersey Shore	Freas Farm Winery (Up the Crick)
Woodlands Bank	McConnell's General Store	Ludwig's Trailside B & B
Miller's Store	Pat Reeder's Tavern	PNC Bank, Williamsport
Ruby Tuesday	Wolfe General Store, Rte 44	Tractor Supply, Lock Haven
Walmart, Mill Hall	The Waterville Hotel	Mary Bennett
Jack and Bonnie Deurer	Michael and Julie Haussener	Bob Groff and Lisa Linn
Sam Shaheen	PCPA Wearables	Tim and Cami Mahaffy
Wheary's Pine Creek Inn	Jersey Shore Lions Club	Jiffy Market & Deli
Venture Inn	Up the Crick Wine & Antiques	Wise Foods
Jersey Shore BPO Elks	Weis Markets, JS	Wegman's
Cedar Run Inn	Grand Central Beer Distributor	Dairy Queen
Janey's Restaurant	Cedar Run General Store	Judy McConnell





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM		
MEMBER INFO:	MEMBERSHIP TYPE (check one)	
Name	[ ] Individual Membership - \$5	
Street		
City	[ ] Family Membership - \$10	
State ZIP		
Email	[ ] Camp/Organ. Membership - \$20	
Camp/Cottage:	[ ] Friends of Pine Creek - \$100	
Camp Name	(A, A)	
Address or	[ ] Memorial Membership - \$250	
Location	In Memory or Honor of (below):	
Camp/Organization - please indicate number of members	Donated By (below):	
over 18 years of age (voters) (		
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Make checks payable to PCPA	rialioniogorbia to (boot).	
Mail to: PCPA Secretary		
P.O. Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776	[ ] Life Membership - \$500	
Note: Unless the Friends of PC box is checked, we assume that any additional donation of \$100 or more is meant to be anonymous.	[ ] Other Donation - \$	

Registration for Rain Barrel Workshop (\$30 payable to PCPA)

You must pre-register for this workshop before July 1!

Contact information

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_\_