

Pine Creek Preservation Association

P.O. Box 11

Waterville, PA 17776

Pine Creek Valley

2020

Spring Newsletter

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



Officers

President: Mary Vuccola

Vice-President: Jeff Campbell, elect

Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine

Treasurer: Donna Pearson

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Stewardship*

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entertainment*

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Meeting Location - All Scheduled Meetings are held at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville

All Members, Valley Residents, Property Owners, and Interested Parties are Welcome

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.

President's Message

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 in an effort 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, John Pastorek on fishing in Pine Creek, 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 (4729 N Rte 44 Hwy, Jersey Shore), the same location of the July meeting of last year. This facility allows us to have the picnic rain or shine, offers handicapped accessibility, has plenty of parking, and restrooms are available 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*

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP CATAGORIES

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

2019 New Life Members

We are pleased to introduce the new Life Members **J. Robert and Janet Burns, Jack and Bonnie Deuer, and John and Catherine Miller**. Their names will be proudly added to our Life Membership Plaque.

2019 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 Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation (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

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

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

2019 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
 North Central Pa. Conservancy
 Clinton County CleanScapes
 Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation

2019 Total \$ 7,400

2019 PCPA INCOME

Total Income: \$ 19,728

Individual Memberships - **66**
 Family Memberships - **187**
 Camp/Organization Memberships - **65**
 Friends of Pine Creek - **45**
 Memorial Memberships - **4**
 New Life Memberships - **3**

Please patronize the following businesses or say thank you to those organizations & individuals who so generously donated door prizes for our 2019 picnic.

Valley Businesses: Cedar Run Inn --- Cedar Run Store --- Happy Acres Restaurant --- Hotel Manor --- McConnell's Country Store -- Waterville Tavern --- Wolfe's General Store --- Venture Inn

Jersey Shore: Jersey Shore State Bank --- Shore Diner --- Weis Market

Williamsport & Lock Haven: Mid-State Beverage --- Lock Haven University Foundation

We also wish to thank the following individuals who generously donated door prizes for our 2019 picnic:

Eila Campbell --- Jeff Campbell --- Mike Engle --- Bob Groff --- Barb Hoffmaster -
 -- Dave Kagan --- Dave Michael
 Charlene Sawyer --- Bob & Marcia Shearer

"Email & 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. To learn more about our organization and activities, visit our website at <http://pinecreekpcpa.org> or <http://www.pinecreekvalley.com/PCCOG/PCPAInfo.asp> .

PCPA would like to go as green if possible. To accomplish this goal, please indicate if you would like to receive your newsletter digitally, please send an email to lgasperine@verizon.net.

Scheduled Speakers

The following individuals have been scheduled to provide presentations at our regular meetings this year.

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2020 Large Trash Collection

Members who own property in McHenry and Brown Townships. (Information is from the respective township 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.

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.

Speakers at PCPA Meetings

If you have not attended a PCPA meeting recently you may be surprised when you do. We now have a committee of volunteers who schedule “guest speakers” for our meetings. We would like to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to past speakers **John Childe – PEDF, Eric Hess – Outdoor Club, Ben Gamble – Invasive Plant Species, Harold Cole – Mange in Bears, Chrissy Preston – Cemetery Preservation in Lycoming County, and Mark Ternant – Black Bears in PA.**

The Outdoor Club does a tremendous amount of work in the Pine Creek Valley, such as clearing and maintaining trails, and Little Pine State Park clean-up in April. PCPA would like to sponsor a luncheon for these students when they do their annual Park clean-up. However, the date is dependent on a schedule with DCNR. If you would be interested in participating please contact Lou Anne Gasperine (either email – lgasperine@verizon.net or call 570-337-1073 or home 570-753-8316) and when the date is scheduled, we will get in touch with you.

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 mange, 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.

John Childe and PEDF Legislative Updates

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

Links

There are links on www.pinecreekpcpa.com about changes in ATV rules from the Dept of Forestry and also the new newsletter from Trout Unlimited in Williamsport.

*****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 agree on this addition and feel it is appropriate.

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 or send a note to PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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 - \$ _____



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