

Pine Creek Preservation Association

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

P.O. Box 11

Waterville, PA 17776

Pine Creek Valley 2018 Summer Newsletter

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Officers

President: Mary Vuccola

Vice-President: Paul Hoffmaster

Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine

Assistant Secretary: Charlene Sawyer

Treasurer: Donna Pearson

2018 Meeting Dates

June 18... Regular Meeting @ 7 pm

July 16... Regular Meeting @ 7 pm

August 4... Picnic @ 12 noon

Sept. 17 ... Regular Meeting @ 7 pm

Oct. 15 ... Election of Officers @ 7 pm

Dec. 17 ... Optional Meeting @ 7 pm

Meeting Location

All scheduled meetings are held at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville.

All members, 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

Sometime last fall I received a phone call from George Durrwachter asking if I would consider taking on the roll of the president of PCPA. Although I was honored to be asked, I was terribly concerned that I could never fill the shoes of Paul Hoffmaster, who had been running the organization very smoothly for over 10 years. How could I possibly perform the duties expected of the president as well as Paul had done? I agreed, knowing that Paul would kindly stay on as vice president in order to guide me and assure a smooth transition.

Although I am fairly new to PCPA, I am not new to environmental organizations. I was a charter member of the Beech Creek Watershed Association and served in all four officers positions for many years. Our challenge was to bring Beech Creek back to life after 150 years of decimation due to acid mine drainage. We accomplished many tasks with the help of Growing Greener funding and along the way we partnered with PennDOT and DEP on many projects. I was also appointed to the DEP Environmental Justice Advisory Board as a representative for DEP's North-central Region, and served as their parliamentarian.

The issues such as acid mine drainage or environmental justice are very different than the issues facing Pine Creek, but are no less challenging. The onset of gas drilling has had a huge impact on our residents, and the PCPA has been diligently fighting for, and will continue to fight for justice for the use of the revenues generated from drilling fees. The surge of seasonal tourists visiting our valley for biking, hiking, and kayaking has brought revenue to our local business, but also brings increased littering along the roadside, and pollution to our creek and mountains. As residents of Pine Creek, we welcome these visitors to our neighborhood. After all, they are seeking the same tranquility that we already have, if even for only a short time. It is my hope that we can bring about an awareness of the need to be stewards of our trails and streams, to ensure that the same peaceful beauty is preserved for future generations.

We are looking forward to the annual picnic in August 4th. It's hard to beat the gathering of friends old and new, reminiscing, catching up, and sharing ideas at Little Pine State Park. We are hoping for a great turnout and of course, good weather!

Mary Vuccola

Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 4, 2018 @ 12:00 noon
Little Pine State Park – Pavilion No. 3

Be sure to mark your calendars for our summer picnic, which is planned for Little Pine State Park (weather alternative the Waterville Fire Hall) on Saturday, August 4, 2018 beginning promptly at noon. This is an **“active members only”** event, so if you have not yet re-joined PCPA this year, you need to complete the attached Membership Application Form along with your Picnic Reservation Form.

The food for our picnic is prepared by a professional caterer, so we need to have an accurate head-count of reservations in advance. **Please note that “walk-ins” without prepaid reservations will be charged \$10.00 per individual.** The menu will again include fried chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, ham, turkey, cheese and salad platter, cake, lemonade and iced tea.

Lunch will be followed by a brief update by your officers and special guest speakers on what we believe are the challenges facing the Pine Creek Valley area and our recent organizational activities to deal with those challenges. As always, the brief meeting will be followed by the drawing for the many door prizes donated by our local businesses and your fellow members for your fun and entertainment.

Please complete and return your paid reservation by July 24, 2018.

Please clip and return

PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

MEMBER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

No. of Adults _____ **@ \$7.50** **No. of Children (7 – 12)** _____ **@\$5.00**

No. of Children (<7) _____ **@ free**

Checks payable to P.C.P.A.

Mail to: P.C.P.A., P.O. Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (SHORT) FORM

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

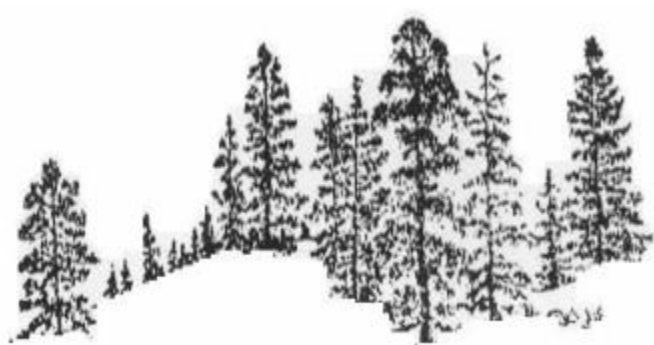
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PCPA Website

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