

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

PCPA

2022

Summer Newsletter

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Officers

President: Mary Bennett

Vice-President: Jeff Campbell

Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine

Treasurer: Donna Pearson

2022 Meeting Dates

June 20... DCNR Building @ 7 PM

July 18 ... DCNR Building @ 7 PM

August 6... Picnic – Barn on Rte 44 @ 12 Noon

Sept. 19 ... DCNR Building @ 7 PM

Oct. 17 ... Election of Officers @ 7 PM

Dec. 19 ... Optional Meeting @ 7 PM

Meeting Location

Scheduled meetings are usually held at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville.

Specific meetings are noted above.

Meetings during COVID are online with Zoom.

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

Summer is here and we are delighted with opportunities to hike, bike, kayak, and fish in our lovely Pine Creek Valley. There is nothing so tranquil as a hike in the woods, more beautiful than a bike ride on the rail/trail, more relaxing than kayaking down the creek or fishing the riffles. It is one of our state treasures, and we hope to keep it that way, but we have a looming issue in front of us as DCNR prepares to launch an **ATV trail** extension pilot project.

PCPA is a strong supporter of Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation (PEDF). John Childe, lead attorney for PEDF has filed a Petition Brief in which he laid out clear and concise reasons why we cannot have expanded trails in our state forests. His fight is fierce and he has presented a valid opposition to the project. If we lose this case, we lose everything we hold dear to our hearts, and our peaceful valley will be destroyed by noise and air pollution. Our tranquility will be gone forever.

As president of PCPA, I am asking every member to write a letter to your state representatives, state senators, and the governor in opposition of this forced action sent down from Governor Tom Wolf's office to DCNR. Their addresses can be found on our website.

We have again invited John to attend our Annual picnic to speak briefly about our fight and where we stand with it.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic in August, and hope that you will consider my request to write to your legislators regarding this important issue.

Mary Bennett
President

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.

Email and PCPA Website

PCPA would like to go as green if possible. You may be included in our Email News for Members by indicating an email on the Membership Application or sending an email address to lgasperine@verizon.net. Information concerning PCPA, updates for events in Pine Creek Valley and our activities may be found on our website at pinecreekpcpa.org. You may also want to view pinecreekvalley.com, a website for the entire area. PCPA may be found under local government along with other links to organizations in the valley.

Issues Related to the Pine Creek Valley

Bike Repair Stations on the Trail

PCPA purchased a bike repair station to be placed on the rail to trail bike path. Currently the portion of the rail trail being resurfaced from Ramsey south is where the bike repair station will be installed. When the resurfacing is complete, the installation will follow.

A request was made to acknowledge the purchase of the repair station with a plaque, but there is a hesitancy to allow that from DCNR. Further conversations with Renee Carey mentioned that although a plaque may not be permitted, there will probably be a photo op with PCPA members when the bike repair station is installed.

Legal Arguments Concerning ATV use in State Parks and Forestry Roads

John Childs has filed a response brief to expanding the use of ATV's on our State Forest and State Parks roads. It will be uploaded to the pinecreekpcpa.org website. It is rather lengthy, but we shall see what becomes of the response.

Outdoor Club Outreach and Luncheon

The Outdoor Club of Jersey Shore High School consists of students in grades 9 – 12 from all backgrounds and academic pursuits, but they have one thing in common...they love to be outdoors. This club is advised by three 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 May 4, the group traveled to Little Pine State Park to help the staff prepare the park for the summer season. Part of the group picked litter across the dam and on the trail on the far side of the lake while others stocked trout with the Fish Commission. Prior to this trip (knowing they would be helping to stock trout), 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, bottled water and Gatorade for drinks. 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.

Memberships

Any Memorial Member or Life Member have their names placed on a Memorial Plaque. For years, the plaques have been kept at the DCNR building but were not displayed for the public view. We are happy to announce that our membership plaques have found a new home! The supervisors were kind enough to post these recognition items inside the library located in Cammal, PA. Please stop by and check them out.

2022 Memorial Members

This special category is for individuals who would like to honor the name and memory of a loved one. We have received memorial memberships in loving memory of:

**Paul and Liz Hoffmaster and
Woody Snyder Nolan Souder
Don Bailey Edward B. Carvell**

New Life Members in 2022

Ron Melleby Jane Fennelly
Kathy Asper & Ray and Susan Sipe
Tom & Laura Oberhouse Dave Fennelly
Don & Marybeth Young Michael & Ann Frey
Randy & Dawn Davidson Bill & Sylvia Straw
International Development Corporation
Jack & Patty Merinar

2022 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 2021.

Joe and Helen Arduini Family Trust
Richard and Linda Bater
Ron and Barb Bierly
James Bonnell
Don and Chris Brennan
Robert and Diane Cox
George and Linda Druck and
Benn and Linda Druck
Chuck and Mary Dundon
Steve and Deb Eck
Walt and Doreen Eisenhauer
Bebe Evansky
Jane Falck
Jane Fennelly
Dave Fennelly
Jeffrey and Diane Gable
John and Lou Anne Gasperine
Mark and Denise Hagan
Phil and Mary Jane Hawkins
Russell and Dianna Helt
Ralph and Denise Hershberger
Carol Hershey
Clinton and Debora Ivins
Cam and Jen Kephart
Tom and Kim Kozlowski

Steven Liddic
Vince and Sherri Lotito
Bill and Judy McConnell
McConnell's Country Store
John and Cynthia Metzger
Dorian Myers
Chris and Cathy Nolen
Tom and Laura Oberhouse
John and Diane Pastorek
Donna Pearson
Pettecote Junction Campground
Cmdr. Thomas Phillips
Pitney – Manning Families
Bruce and Catherine Platusich
Beverly, Chris and Abbey Porter
Jim and Kathy Rankin and Family
Dave and Peggy Reeder
Lois Rothenberger
Matt and Michelle Rugh
Rick and Suzanne Ruth
Bill and Deb Shanberger
Lloyd and Sondra Simmers
Alex Udowenko
Wayd Wolgemuth
Bernard and Janet Zbicki

Recycling Center

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 bear the responsibility of keeping the area cleaned and removing the snow and ice. Lycoming County oversees the recycling and has closed some areas due to individuals putting the wrong materials in the bins.

Keep up the good work. We would hate to lose the recycling area since it would cost all more money. Thank you and have a good and safe year.

~Watson Township Supervisors

PCPA Annual Donations to Local Organizations

Black Forest Fire Company

Brown Township Volunteer Fire Company

Haneyville Volunteer Fire Company

Waterville Volunteer Fire Company

PCPA Memberships

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

From the Pine Creek Watershed Council

George Durrwachter attended the Pine Creek Watershed Council meeting at Colton Point. Report is on a pending legislation of HB 478 concerning the Regulations of ATV / Snowmobiles that was referred to the tourism committee. Some changes in the bill refer to a three-year pilot program that will permit ATV's to use snowmobile trails in the spring thru fall seasons. The vehicles will be permitted to run from dawn to dusk on ALL trails throughout the valley and not just on the mountains. ATV vehicles need to be registered and the operator needs to have liability insurance.



Summer Picnic
Saturday, August 6, 2022 @ 12:00 noon
The Barn on Route 44 North

The PCPA officers are pleased to invite our members to the 2022 Annual PCPA Members Picnic. Last year everyone loved The Barn at Pine Creek venue with the easy parking, large capacity, and nice facilities. We are happy to announce that Tim and Cami Mahaffey have generously welcomed us back this year. The Barn is located near the Watson Township building.

We have a great menu again this year featuring BBQ chicken halves prepared on an open fire by the Jersey Shore Lions Club. Some of your favorite sides from last year, plus some new locally prepared sides will delight your taste buds along with cold drinks, water and dessert!

The PCPA officers will give a quick update of recent activities and future plans after lunch. We've planned a couple guest speakers that are anxious to discuss the happenings and challenges facing the Pine Creek Valley. Our local businesses and crafty members generously donate very nice prizes for our door prize drawing thus making a fun and entertaining ending.

The picnic is for active members only. If you haven't already sent in your 2022 membership, please fill out the membership form attached to the Picnic Reservation form below. The picnic will be reservation only and **"NO walk-ins"** this year. Be sure to get your reservation in by **July 18, 2022.**

A special thank you to all the restaurants that donated food for our 2021 picnic. Thank you to all the businesses and members that donated the coveted door prizes. You made our picnic delicious and enjoyable! We appreciate your willingness to support the PCPA.

Picnic Co-chairs: Jeff Campbell and Donna Pearson

Please complete and return your paid reservation by July 18, 2022

PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

No. of Adults ____ **@ \$10.00** **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 newsletters through email: _____

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