

# 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**

**2023**

**Summer Newsletter**

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## **Officers**

*President:* Mary Bennett

*Vice-President:* Jeff Campbell

*Secretary:* Lou Anne Gasperine

*Treasurer:* Donna Pearson

## **2023 Meeting Dates**

June 19... DCNR Building @ 7 PM – John Pastorek  
– Brown Trout Club

July 17 ... DCNR Building @ 7 PM -Tom Butzler –  
Penn State Extension

August 5... Picnic – Barn on Rte 44 @ 12 Noon

Sept. 18 ... DCNR Building @ 7 PM

Oct. 16 ... 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.

All members, residents, property owners and interested parties are welcome. When connections are available, a zoom invitation will be included on the email announcing the meeting.

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 finally here and we welcome it. Activities such as fishing, kayaking, hiking, and biking have brought many people to our lively Pine Creek valley to enjoy everything that it has to offer. As more and more visitors choose to vacation and recreate here, I am reminded that PCPA's work will never be finished. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to keep our valley pristine and environmentally healthy.

Littering has been on the rise dramatically in the past 3 years, so in honor of Earth Day, several PCPA members participated in a roadside litter pick sponsored by Erika Morgan of 'Up the Crick'. Sadly, most of the litter cleaned up was beer cans and soda bottles. There were so many cigarette butts that it was impossible to clean them all up. Most concerning is the threat of a forest fire with every butt thrown out the window,

On a happier note, PCPA again sponsored a picnic lunch for the Jersey Shore High School Outdoor Club. Approximately 45 students and five teachers put in a hard day's work at Little Pine State Park doing litter pickup, trail maintenance, and fish stocking. PCPA has enjoyed partnering with the club for three years with plans to continue to provide lunch for this special outing in the future.

May 6<sup>th</sup> was the first annual Bob Webber Memorial Hike sponsored by DCNR. Thirty-one participants hiked to the Webber homestead and visited several vistas along the way. Jim Hyland and Jack Deuer provided a rich oral history of Bob and Dottie Webber's life on the mountain. PCPA hopes to continue to partner with DCNR to organize annual hikes on trails that Bob built and maintained for many years.

Picnic plans are well underway, and we again are grateful to Tim and Cami Mahaffey for allowing us to use The Barn at Pine Creek as our gathering place. The picnic is always a fun afternoon of catching up, enjoying good food, and hoping to bag the best door prize. I hope to see many of you at the picnic on August 5<sup>th</sup>!

## 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](mailto:lgasperine@verizon.net) or send a note to PCPA, PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776.

## Issues Related to the Pine Creek Valley

### 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 April 20, the group traveled to Little Pine State Park to help the staff prepare the park for the summer season. Some picked litter across the dam and did trail maintenance 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 a 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 Lemonade 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.

### Bob Webber Hike

About 31 hikers joined president Mary Bennett, Jim Hyland and Jack Deuer on May 6<sup>th</sup> for the first annual 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. The hike was about 7 miles and for the most part was an easy hike but coming back down the hills proved to be a bit more challenging. Snacks and water was provided by PCPA. The day was very comfortable and sunny and a good time was had by all....including the four legged mascots!



## 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.*

### **2023 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:*

**Eleanor and George Krapf and Jim Stine**

### **New Life Members in 2023**

Peter and Tanya Fitzkee

Millie and Bill Dukmen

John and Diane Pastorek

## **2023 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 2023.*

Katie Artz  
Barbara Bierly Family  
James Bonnell  
Dan and Chris Brennan  
Kelly and Tom Butzler  
Cummings Township  
Reed and Janet Diem  
Steve and Deb Eck  
Sara Ely and Larry Converse  
Dawn to Dusk Hunting Club  
George and Linda Druck  
Bebe Evansky  
Jane Flack  
Jeffrey and Diane Gable  
John and Lou Anne Gasperine  
Mark and Denise Hagan  
Deb and Al Harakel  
Michael and Julie Haussener  
Phil and Mary Jane Hawkins  
Ralph and Denise Hershberger  
Clinton and Deb Ivins  
Mark and Tonya Kauffman  
Eugene and Sally Kelley  
Cam and Jen Kephart

Marjorie Larson  
Steven Liddic  
McConnell's Country Store  
Bill and Jane McMinn  
John and Anna Moyer  
Dorian Myers  
Chris and Catherine Nolan  
Donna Pearson  
Thomas Phillips  
Pitney-Manning Families  
Bruce and Catherine Platusich  
Beverly, Chris and Abbey Porter  
Kevin Reed  
Ronald and Christine Rohrer  
Matthew and Michele Rugh  
Richard and Suzanne Ruth  
Bill and Deb Shanbarger  
Waterville Tavern  
Wayd Wolgemuth  
Bernard and Janet Zbicki

**Friends of Pine Creek** members receive a Special Certificate of Appreciation to display as well as the yearly sticker. It has been mentioned that certain individuals may request not to receive the Special Certificate every year but would only like to have the sticker. Therefore, on the membership application (and picnic reservation), there will be a box to indicate if you no longer wish to receive the certificate.

## PCPA Annual Donations to Local Organizations

Black Forest Fire Company	Brown Township Volunteer Fire Company
Haneyville Volunteer Fire Company	Waterville Volunteer Fire Company
Pennsylvania Lumber Museum	Clinton County CleanScapes
PA Environmental Defense Foundation	Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy

### PCPA is a Member of these Organizations

Pine Creek Watershed Council	Pine Creek Rail Trail Advisory Committee
Pine Creek Council of Governments	

### PCPA Wearables

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

1 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Send this form and check payable to:**  
**Jeff Campbell**  
 1208 Sylvania Cir  
 Folsom, PA 19033

or Venmo me at @Jeff-Campbell-106.

Questions? Email at [jcc1208@aol.com](mailto:jcc1208@aol.com) or call/text me at 610 513 2633.

The delivery will be to you, by me.



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