

# Pine Creek Preservation Association

PO BOX 11      WATERVILLE, PA 17776



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## OFFICERS 2026-2027

*President:* Mary Bennett

*Vice-president:* Jeff Campbell

*Secretary:* Lou Anne Gasperine

*Treasurer:* Amy Gagliardi

## 2025 MEETING DATES

**April 20** - meeting - 7 pm - Watson Twp

**May 18** - meeting - 7 pm - DCNR

**June 15** - meeting - 7 pm - DCNR

**July 20** -meeting - 7 pm - DCNR

**Aug 1** - picnic - Barn on Rte 44 -noon

**September 21** - meeting - 7 pm-DCNR

**October - 19** - meeting - 7 pm - Election of officers - Watson Twp

**Meeting Location** - Scheduled Meetings are usually held at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville. The first and last meetings are held at the Watson Township Building. If connections are available, a Zoom part is available. All members are welcome. Send an email to [lgasperine@verizon.net](mailto:lgasperine@verizon.net) for a Zoom invite.

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## PINE CREEK VALLEY SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

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

### President's Message

Spring has arrived and it did not come a day too soon! Just as spring rolls around every year, PCPA members again start planning for our annual activities and meetings. Last year PCPA was filled with many activities that we plan to repeat this year. We hosted a picnic lunch for the JSHS Senior Outdoor Club, and plan to do so again this year at Little Pine State Park in April. Last year's Junior Outdoor Club outing was cancelled due to weather, so we look forward to hosting them this year.

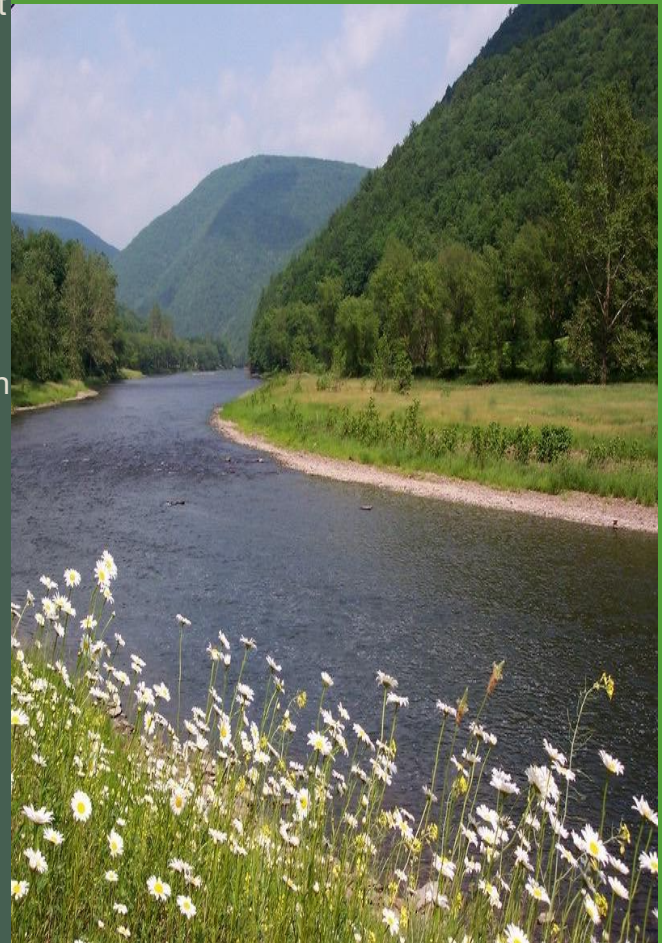
Another activity we sponsored was the third annual Bob Webber Memorial Hike, which was cold and rainy; we had ten brave souls in attendance. We were asked this year to help the Waterville Fire Company make apple dumplings for their annual festival, and we look forward to continuing that tradition yearly. Our annual litter pickup was held in early November in partnership with Clinton County CleanScapes.

One of our most prized 'activities' was to sponsor three scholarships for deserving students attending Jersey Shore High School who are planning to study in the field of environmental science. This year's annual PCPA Environmentalist of the Year Award went to Mark and Tonya Kauffman who consistently prove their commitment to keeping our beautiful valley clean. We look forward to continuing to honor deserving individuals in the years to come.

Our monthly meetings will continue to be held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm at the Watson Township Building for the April and October meetings, with all others to be held at the DCNR Building in Waterville. I encourage you to join us when you can.

Mary Bennett, President

### Pine Creek Gorge in the Spring



**Pine Creek Litter Pick-up** - PCPA again partnered with Clinton County Cleanscapes in early November for our annual litter pickup. The area we cleaned up this year was near the Rt 220 - 44 interchange at the southern end of the Pine Creek Valley. This site, which forms a depression between the two roads and Pine Creek, was chosen because of its tendency to collect trash. Nine volunteers spent the morning gathering and bagging trash which was piled by the road that PennDOT workers later picked up and removed. Workers were rewarded with box lunches that were provided by PCPA. This valuable service is one that we hope to be able to continue yearly.



**Clean up with the Jersey Shore High School and Middle School Outdoor Club. TBD in April.** - The Outdoor Club at Jersey Shore High School includes students in grades 9–12 and the Middle School Club include 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 done. The students provide the added personnel to get the park in shape for the summer season. The PA Fish Commission appreciates the teens helping with the stocking of fish and building the slow-release containers to stock fish in the streams.

PCPA provides a picnic lunch for the students and advisors who collaborate with the students in the field.



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.



### **PCPA Environmentalist of the Year Award**

The third Annual Environmentalist of the Year Award went to **Mark and Tonya Kauffman**, owners of the **Hotel Manor in Slate Run**. Because of their love of the Pine Creek Valley, they have chosen to go as green as possible to their restaurant. They serve beer in aluminum bottles and cans only because they are 100% recyclable. They choose to use costly biodegradable takeout containers rather than cheaper styrofoam. They recycle all plastic, glass, and cardboard used at the restaurant. Most impressive, though, is the fact that all six pack ring holders that come in get shredded before they go out so they do not get into the environment and harm animals. It was not hard for PCPA to recognize that Mark and Tonya are true champions of the Pine Creek Valley by their incredible 'green' practices that they consistently perform daily, and we were honored to present them with last year's award.

### **PCPA Special Activities**

PCPA website and Facebook pages

The PCPA website and Facebook pages are in the process of being updated. They will include more content and updates on information included in the newsletter and more. This will give us time to inform you in a more timely manner. PCPA has recently been informed about a possible petition to open some roads to ATVs in our area. Nothing has been decided at this time, but we can always let you know of any changes. If you receive your newsletter or information via email, please do not forget to CHECK YOUR EMAIL and SPAM folders.

**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 7. 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 [cusherwood@pa.gov](mailto:cusherwood@pa.gov) to receive an email outlining activity.

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

**Tiadaghton State Forest** – Contact Curtis Sherwood at [cusherwood@pa.gov](mailto:cusherwood@pa.gov) 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](#)

Recipes from the members of the PCPA

Jeff Campbell, our Vice President, is contributing this meatball recipe from *Primal Pioneer*. He reports they are terrific and easy to make.

### Venison Meatballs

1 lb. ground venison

½ lb. ground Italian sausage or pork

¼ cup Parmesan cheese

1 tbsp Italian seasoning

½ tsp salt

½ cup Italian breadcrumbs

½ white onion diced

1 tsp minced garlic

Combine all ingredients, roll into 1-1.5” balls, bake in shallow pan at 350 deg or until 160 deg internal, marinara optional



## PCPA Scholarships

PCPA funds and supports environmental causes through various activities ranging from litter pick up, supporting youth clubs when they aid the local community for cleanup projects and honoring individuals who have supported PCPA by using environmentally friendly activities and products.

Considering that legacy, PCPA is sponsoring three scholarships for Jersey Shore High School seniors who will be majoring in ecological careers.

Last year, three Jersey Shore High School Senior students each won a \$2000 one-time PCPA scholarship majoring in forestry and ecological topics. One of the young ladies is attending Mansfield University, one is attending Penn State in forestry, the third is at Lock Haven University in water ecology. This year, the PCPA is again sponsoring scholarships for three Jersey Shore seniors and will be awarded to qualified individuals with interests in helping to preserve the ecology of the area. These scholarships are managed through the Jersey Shore Schools Education Foundation, and the funds are sent and deposited in the individual recipient's college accounts. The scholarship winners will be invited to the picnic to speak about their future endeavors. It is our hope that awardees from both 2025 and 2026 will attend this year's picnic to tell how their studies are progressing.




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## Save a Hemlock project

The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) is a small insect that threatens the health and survival of eastern hemlock trees. This tiny parasite feed on the tree's starch reserves, ultimately killing it. Many of these beautiful trees have already died. Hemlocks are vital to forest health by providing shade which keeps our mountain streams cool, and shelter for the forest animals. Fortunately, these trees can be treated for HWA with two chemicals, dinotefuran and imidacloprid, which in pill form can be placed at the base of the trees.

Last fall Slate Run Sportsmen stepped forward with an initiative to DCNR to treat the hemlocks along Slate Run. Several partner organizations joined the ranks of volunteers, including PCPA, Pine Creek Watershed Council, and Trout Unlimited's Susquehanna and Tioga Chapters. Under the expert direction of Sarah Johnson, Forest Health Specialist, Bill Laubscher, and Curtis Sherwood, all DCNR employees and volunteers were instructed on proper placement of the pills at the base of the trees.

Approximately 200 trees were treated along the two-mile curve of Slate run during this heroic effort! We look forward to monitoring these trees and watching for positive results.

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## Did you know?

\*The Hemlock Tree is Pennsylvania's State Tree and is a Keystone species in the state.

\*Hemlock Trees can live over 800 years and the trees will mature in about 70 years (source - <https://www.treehugger.com> ).

\*Hemlocks have an incredible shade tolerance and provide crucial shelter and support diverse ecosystems - (source - <https://www.treehugger.com>)

\*They are an ornamental tree and are a source of tannin for leather and wood for construction - (source - <https://www.treehugger.com> )

## 2025 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.*

Brian and Leigh Ann Beckett  
 Dennis and Jane Bernhardt  
 Barbara Bierly Family  
 James and Beata Bonnell  
 Cindy and Jim Bower  
 Susan Brantley and Andrew  
 Nyblade  
 Dan and Chris Brennan  
 Geoffrey and Patricia Carpenter  
 Cummings Township  
 Reed and Janet Diem  
 Dawn to Dusk Hunting Camp  
 George and Linda Druck  
 Deb and Stephen Eck  
 Jane Falck Family  
 Jane and David Fennelly  
 Jeffrey & Diane Gable  
 Chris & Amy Gagliardi  
 Kyle Gallagher and Amanda Lange  
 Ben Gamble & Lillie Langlois Doug  
 and Jill Garman  
 John and Dr. Lou Anne  
 Gasperine  
 Mark and Denise Hagan  
 Jeff and Cheryl Hartman  
 Michael and Julie Haussener  
 Russell and Dianna Helt  
 Dane and Michelle Hendrix  
 Jan & Norm Heming  
 James Hoff  
 Paul and Barbara Hoffmaster  
 Richard and Pamela Jackson  
 Clinton and Deb Ivins  
 Mark & Tonya Kaufman

### 2025 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 Lumber Museum  
 Northcentral Pa Conservancy  
 Clinton County CleanScapes  
 Pennsylvania Environmental Defense  
 Foundation  
 Jersey Shore Middle School and High  
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 Pine Creek Headwaters Group

**2025 Total \$ 7,825.44**

Dallas & Di Krapf  
 Carol & Jim LaRegina  
 Lisa and Edwin Lieb  
 Damian and Robyn Mariano  
 McConnell's Country Store  
 William and Judy McConnell  
 John and Cynthia Metzger  
 Kyle Mutchler & Tina Breining  
 Dorian Myers  
 Robert Nestlerode  
 Chris and Cathy Nolen  
 Original Waterville Hotel  
 Donna Pearson  
 Thomas Phillips  
 Pitney Manning Families  
 Bruce and Catherine Platusich  
 Beverly Porter Family  
 Jim & Kathy Rankin & Sue  
 Comfort  
 Dr. David & Margaret Reeder  
 Dan Rodgers  
 Jim Ronald and Christine  
 Rohrer  
 Lois Rothenberger  
 Matthew and Michele Rugh  
 Rick and Suzanne Ruth  
 Bill and Deb Shanbarger  
 Keith Shiley and Shanon  
 Solava  
 Bonnie, Drew & Allison Sigman  
 Torbert Development  
 Association  
 Watson Township  
 Michael and Kim Whittemore  
 Bernard and Janet Zbicki



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**2025 PCPA INCOME**

**Total Income: \$ 15,985.42**

Individual Memberships - 30

Family Memberships - 102

Camp/Organization Memberships  
 - 49

Friends of Pine Creek - 63

Memorial Memberships - 3

New Life Memberships - 0

**2025 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:

Wade Wolgemuth of Mt Joy

Roy M. Meyer and Carol Meyer  
 Grace of Annville, PA

Jerry and Ronnie Yothers of  
 Waterville, PA

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

**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.

**Apple Dumplings and the Waterville Fire Company**

The goal of preserving the Pine Creek Valley (PCPA) prompted a group of residents to form the Pine Creek Preservation Association. What most people do not consider is that preservation includes the people and other organizations that comprise our beautiful valley. This fall, members of the PCPA stepped up to help one of the many organizations.

Every year, the Waterville Fire Company holds their annual Apple butter Festival. This year, there was a need for volunteers to help prepare the apple dumplings, a premiere star of the event. The PCPA received a call in early September asking for assistance and the team answered.

Together with fire company members, Jersey Shore HS students and community members, dough was mixed, cleaned up cored apples, and prepared the dumplings, which was a new experience for all. What a broad experience it was, the students were amazing and FAST! We had to pause production for a time during the day because we ran out of dough. Assembly tables were set up for teams of ten and allowed for people to swap roles so all could learn everything from rolling the dough to folding and topping the dumplings, to make ready for the ovens.

The day was a remarkable success while helping to prepare the fire company for their event which raises much needed funds for their activities and ensuring support for safety across the valley. I am not sure if we will be asking to help again in 2026, but if we are I know at least two members of PCPA that will be there to help again. I even have ideas to increase production!



## SAVE the Date! Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 1, 2026 @ 12:00 noon  
The Barn on Route 44 North



Last year's picnic was a roaring success! Many thanks to all these individuals and businesses that contributed food or other items to the PCPA Annual Picnic. Please thank and patronize these businesses.

### PCPA 2025 Picnic Food Donors

**Bimbo, Williamsport**  
**Weis Markets, Jersey Shore**

**Grand Central Beer Distributor, Avis**  
**Wegmans, Williamsport**

**Wise Foods, Berwick**

### PCPA Door Prize Donors in 2025 Area Business Prize Donors

**Avis Building Supply, Avis**  
**C H Waltz Outdoor & RV, Route 44**  
**First Commonwealth Bank, Jersey Shore**  
**Journey Bank, Avis**  
**Miller's Store, Blackwell**  
**Slate Run Tackle Shop, Slate Run**  
**Tractor Supply, Mill Hall**  
**Waterville Hotel, Route 44**  
**Wolfe General Store, Route 414**

**Becks Bistro, Wellsboro**  
**Dairy Queen, Avis**  
**Hotel Manor, Rte 414**  
**Ludwig's Trailside B&B, Blackwell**  
**Oak Grove Tavern, Avis**  
**Tiadaghton Inn, Jersey Shore**  
**Venture Inn, Rte 44**  
**Wheary's Pine Creek Inn, Route 44**  
**Woodlands Bank, Jersey Shore**

**Cedar Run Inn, Cedar Run**  
**Durdach Bros Distributor, Paxinos**  
**Janey's Family Restaurant, Avis;**  
**McConnell's Country Store**  
**Ruby Tuesday, Mill Hall**  
**Timeless Destination, Wellsboro**  
**Walmart, Mill Hall**

### PCPA Member Prize Donors

**Gary Cline and Jackie Cline**  
**John Gasperine**  
**Valerie Lundy & Linda Palmatier**

**Jack & Bonnie Deurer**  
**Bob Groff and Lisa Linn**  
**Sam Shaheen**

**Mike Engle**  
**Michael and Julie Haussener**  
**Diane Wolfe**

**Patti Freeman**  
**PCPA Wearable**



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2026

MEMBER INFO:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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:

## Camp/Cottage:

Camp Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgement To:

Make Checks Payable to PCPA

Mail to: PCPA Secretary

PO Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776

 Life Membership - \$500 Other Donation - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Unless the Friends of PC box is checked, we assume that any added donation of \$100 or more is meant to be anonymous.

As always, please let us know if your address or contact information changes so we may update our records here. We would like very much to keep in touch, but we cannot if we are not informed about your location changes.

On a personal note. There are many videos of wildlife from our area, but for me, this is one of my favorites. This bear must have been a bit hot on this summer day and decided to cool off. I was fortunate enough to be able to capture his skills on my phone. Enjoy!

Lou Anne

Bear in pond



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