



Fall 2015

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From the Director's Desk:

Happy Fall to all those who live, work, visit and play within Piney Creek Watershed's communities!

*2015 is shaping up to be a great year for the Piney Creek Watershed Association! We have **NEW** staff (me), **NEW** grants, **NEW** projects and the list goes on and on.*

*I am excited about our goals for 2016. We are planning **more** outreach and educational opportunities, getting into **more** classrooms to work with students to teach them hands-on ways that they can get involved in our watershed, and to continue to increase our membership and volunteer partnerships.*

Until next time.....

Kimberly Canterbury—Executive Director



Growing Membership

Piney Creek Watershed Association relies upon individual members and corporate members for its strength and financial support. Help us continue to grow by renewing your membership and encouraging family, friends and other businesses to become a member of Piney Creek Watershed Association.

As a member, you will receive:

- ◇ *"The Shed", our newsletter describing up-to-date news and our ongoing projects and activities in water resources (three times a year).*
- ◇ *Periodic issue updates*
- ◇ *The right to vote and govern the organization*
- ◇ *The satisfaction of helping protect PCWA's valuable water resources*

Please consider becoming a member of Piney Creek Watershed Association and be a part of the active community of individuals, businesses, community groups and local government who come together to protect, enhance, and celebrate Piney Creek and its tributaries.

Membership Levels

- \$5 Stream Keeper/Student**
- \$20 Stream Keeper/Individual**
- \$30 Stream Keeper/Family**
- \$100 Creek Steward**
- \$200 Going Green Supporter**
- \$500 Eco-Friendly Guardian**
- \$1000 Helper**
- \$2500 Piney Creek Partner**



Membership dues are vital for us to be able to develop and maintain our programs.

Please contact us at 304-228-1680 or pineycreekwatershedassociation@gmail.com for more information about becoming a member.



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PCWA is dedicated to improving the water quality of Piney Creek and its tributaries through educational programs, service projects, and remediation. PCWA was founded in 2004 by local government, business, and community leaders. A non-profit entity, PCWA is funded through donations, membership fees, and grants from various sources to sustain its projects and programs.

FUN FACT:

What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes to the same place. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. They cross county, state, and national boundaries. In the continental US, there are 2,110 watersheds. (www.epa.gov)



RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

We have a few rain barrels for sale. There is a limited quantity so get yours today! They are food grade barrels and could also be used for storage of grains, etc.

\$40 per barrel

The barrels will require an accessory kit so that they can be used as a rain barrel.



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and register your card with Piney Creek Watershed Association.

FREE DUMP DAYS

Did you know that the Raleigh County Landfill offers FREE dump days on the last Thursday of each month? The dates through the end of 2015 are:

- Thursday—October 29
- Thursday—November 19
- Thursday—December 31

General Membership Meeting

PCWA held it's fall general membership meeting on Thursday, October 8. Barry Milam gave us an update on our newest 319 Grant Project. Phyllis Farley and Tom Lemke informed us of rain barrel uses and maintenance.

Donate Today!

PCWA is a 501©3 non-profit so that makes your donation tax deductible!

Contact Kim Canterbury at 304-228-1680 for more information.

Partners In The News

The City of Beckley won a Landscape Preservation Award at the Seventh Annual Historic Preservation Awards in Grafton for the work on the Alfred Beckley Mill Project. Beckley Councilman Tom Sopher states that "the city was given the award because of the archeological dig. The group put forth an effort to preserve property that has historic significance on a stream that's now beginning to be utilized for public use."

Sopher also said that the mill ties together all of the trails that are currently in progress — from the Paul Cline Memorial Youth Sports Complex all the way to the Boy Scouts Summit Bechtel Reserve, all of which will tie into the New River Gorge National Trail System.

Watershed Pilot Program

The Piney Creek Watershed Association was one of three watersheds to receive a grant from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

The intent of this pilot program is to assist watershed groups to manage projects, improve sustainability, and assist with staff costs. Lower Coal River and Morris Creek Watersheds also received funding.

What Are We Doing?

We are excited about a new project that is beginning at the Paul Cline Memorial Youth Sports Complex.

This project will help alleviate runoff that is occurring on the barren land adjacent to the soccer field.

PCWA will reclaim soil that was received from another area within the complex and use that soil to help stabilize the ground to help to prevent sedimentation from occurring.

We are in the initial stages but can see the great impact that this project will have for that area.



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