



The Piney Creek Watershed is located in Raleigh County, WV and encompasses Piney, Batoff, Cranberry, Little Whitestick, Whitestick, Beaver, Little Beaver, Crab Orchard, and Soak Creeks with their tributaries. The watershed includes the cities of Beckley, Mabscott, and Sophia as well as the surrounding communities of Crab Orchard, Beaver, Daniels, and Shady Spring.



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**From The Director**

Despite the early spring snowfall, spring has in fact sprung! With that comes more outdoor activities and fun in our watershed. From fishing to hiking, the association is working diligently to improve our watershed so you can enjoy living in our wonderful community. Several of our larger projects are coming to a close and new projects will be starting soon. We are pleased to continue our partnerships with the City of Beckley, WVU Tech, the Beckley Sanitary Board, the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce, Crab Orchard-MacArthur PSD, and many others. We look forward to forging new partnerships and making friends this coming year!

**Earth Day**

Earth Day is April 22 but since that falls on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate Earth Day on April 21. We have both projects and a celebration planned for Earth Day!

We have twenty-five projects with sponsors for Earth Day so far and are actively working to recruit more. The majority of projects are cleanup projects and start on April 14<sup>th</sup> and run through April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We do have three interesting projects as well. U.S. Cellular will pressure wash Shoemaker Square and then put a protective coating on some of the benches and other surfaces at the park. The Beckley Sanitary Board with support from WVU Tech will mark storm drains and place storm drain information door hangers in Beckley around the campus. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Bradley elementary will plant 77 trees around their school to jointly celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day.

In addition to the cleanups we will celebrate Earth Day at the Maxwell Hill Community Center from 12:00 – 4:00 on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be a mini-fair with vendors from other organizations there as well to help us celebrate. We will also have Clifford the Big Red Dog and the WVU Tech Golden Bear there for pictures. Food will be free for volunteers or available to purchase for others who attend.

Overall it is shaping up to be a great event for the community and the association!

**Projects**

It is a great time to be a member of the association! We have so many things going on in the community.

The association continues working to build and maintain trail networks around the Piney Creek Gorge. Our board member, Gary Morefield, does an incredible job on the trails and our community is better for it. PCWA just completed a new trail map and will be distributing it in the community. We also accept and manage dedicated donations to help maintain the trails.

We are excited to restart our water quality monitoring program in the near future. We are working with the Beckley Sanitary Board and WVU Tech to train and equip three to four teams of students to collect water samples on a monthly basis to help us better understand the water quality of Piney Creek and it's tributaries.

We are planning an art mural in downtown Beckley! We plan to paint a mural in honor of the watershed this summer at a park along Third Avenue in Beckley. The mural will highlight the watershed and improve the overall appearance of the community.

All this and we still have our major projects ongoing. The Soccer Field and Convention Center projects are complete and we will be looking to start the New River Drive Land Remediation and WWHS stream restoration projects very soon!

# 2018 At A Glance [\*denotes PCWA sponsored events]

<p><b>April</b></p> <p>2 Board Meeting* 9 Earth Day Mtg* 21 Earth Day*</p> 	<p><b>May</b></p> <p>7 Board Meeting* 12 Migration Celebration 19 Stream Cleanup* 21 Founders Day 26 RhodoBoogie Car Show</p> 	<p><b>June</b></p> <p>2 National Trails Day* 4 Board Meeting* 16 Stream Cleanup* 28 RCMIS Mtg 30 Car Show</p> 
<p><b>July</b></p> <p>9 Board Meeting* 20 FoC Auto Fair 21 FoC Auto Fair 21 Stream Cleanup and Trout Stocking* 28 Car Show</p> 	<p><b>August</b></p> <p>6 Board Meeting* 11 Stream Cleanup* 15 WVU Tech First Day 18 Honey Festival 25 Taste of Beckley</p> 	<p><b>September</b></p> <p>8 Kids Classic Fair 10 Board Meeting* 15 Rocket Boys Festival 22 Stream Cleanup*</p> 
<p><b>October</b></p> <p>1 Board Meeting* 6 Chili Night 13 Stream Cleanup* 20 Autumn Leaf Hike and General Meeting*</p> 	<p><b>November</b></p> <p>5 Board Meeting 17 Stream Cleanup* 24 Shop Small Christmas*</p> 	<p><b>December</b></p> <p>1 Christmas Parade 3 Board Meeting 15 Stream Cleanup*</p> 

## How you can help in 2018

### Renew, Join, or Donate

Will you join us in protecting our local environment? Your membership is the foundation of all we do. Membership is an inexpensive way to give to our community and directly fund our cleanup activities. Donations of \$20 or more automatically qualify for membership.

Student: \$5  
Individual: \$20  
Family: \$30  
Business: \$100

Our Business sponsors names are displayed at all our events in appreciation of your support

### Kroger Rewards

**FREE TO YOU!** Please consider shopping at Kroger and linking your reward card to PCWA. You keep your rewards and it greatly benefits the association. To sign up:

1. Visit [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com)
2. Sign in to your online account, or create an account
3. Find and select Piney Creek Watershed Association (#88812)
4. Click "Save"

### Volunteer

As important as membership dues and fundraising are to the association, the best way to help the watershed is through your time as a volunteer. The Great Wall of China was not built through grants, it was built by the hands of people dedicated to a mission.

Please consider volunteering your time at our cleanup events or other activities. It is a great way to meet people and give back to the community.