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March 17 – 23 Fix a Leak Week

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 22 – World Water Day

April 5 - Souper Saturday - 4-7 pm
Uptown Beckley

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 22 – Earth Day

April 27 – Earth Day Events at Woodrow Wilson

Greetings Friends of Piney Creek,

It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so! ~Mark Twain

Spring is synonymous with new beginnings. It seems we get a fever for new experiences. I'm Tammy Toney—new Executive Director for Piney Creek. My fever began in February, when I accepted the position as the Executive Director for Piney Creek Watershed. Everyday has been a “new” for me – new people, new projects, new places. Though I'm not new to the area – I am new to all that Piney Creek Watershed offers. I'm excited to be working with such knowledgeable individuals who care about their community. Their fever is contagious!

I have two dachshunds – it's funny how they know warm weather is near. I unfold two gravity chairs on the deck so that I can sit and take a moment to focus. One of the chairs is reserved for my two friends – they know this, since they immediately get in the chair beside me. My dogs remind me of one of Piney Creek's projects – Pet Waste Stations. I think of potential sites for the stations, (perhaps one is needed in my neighborhood). Other projects start to enter my mind - I look at my yard – perhaps a rain garden is needed. I hear a neighborhood kid laughing - I think about our upcoming Watershed Celebration (June 13) and what we can do to educate our youth and community about our precious resource. Finally, I start thinking how I can be a better steward of our water resources and how I can share that knowledge. There's a lot to be done – but together we can make a positive impact in our shed!

THANK YOU to Jim Fedders and Phyllis Farley - Transitioning into a new job can be challenging, but when you work with knowledgeable and caring individuals like Jim Fedders and Phyllis Farley it makes the transition effortless. Thank you both for the guidance and training you have provided. It's nice to know that you are just a call or email away!

Tammy Toney

6th Annual Piney Creek Watershed Celebration

6th Annual Piney Creek Watershed Celebration - Mark your calendar for our 6th Annual Watershed Celebration! The event will take place at Little Beaver State Park (Shelter 2). The time will be 5 pm to 8 pm. Food, music, prizes and fun - more details coming soon.

Like Us on Facebook

Our website is still a work in progress. A big thank you to Joe Guffy with the Beckley-Raleigh County Chamber of Commerce. Joe has been a tremendous help with getting our website and facebook page set up, as well as sharing information with the community. Thank you to Gary Morefield for the wonderful photos and posts that tell about the great things going on in our Shed!

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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.

PCWA Awarded WV Stream Partners Grant

Piney Creek has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from West Virginia Stream Partners Program. The grant will be used to plan and promote our 6th Annual Watershed Celebration. Stream Partner funds will also be used to support the Beckley Mill trail development project. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 22 (2 pm) and join us at The Erma Byrd Center in Beaver to learn more about this historic treasure.

The Stream Partners program is a cooperative effort of the WV Conservation Agency, WV Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry, and the Division of Natural Resources. The program is housed within the WV DEP's Division of Water and Waste Management.



Tammy Toney and Matthew Wade accept check from Nicki Taylor, Regional Southern Basin Coordinator with the WV Department of Environmental Protection

BECKLEY HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION RECEIVES GRANT

On March 5 Governor Earl Ray Tomblin highlighted the importance of preserving West Virginia's history. He presented \$410,409 in Records Management and Preservation Board grant funds and \$79,950 in survey and planning grant funds. The Beckley Historic Landmark Commission was the recipient of a \$15,900 grant to conduct a cultural resource investigation at the Beckley Grist Mill site. The official name of the project is the Beckley Grist Mill Site Survey. The grant will be focused on an archeological survey of the mill site.

Survey and planning grants are for projects involving architectural and archeological surveys; preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations; heritage education programs relating to preservation activities; pre-development activities; comprehensive planning documents; and development projects. The State Historic Preservation Office provided recommendations to the Archives and History Commission, which made the final grant determinations. Thank you to the individuals and organizations for their contributions in making the receipt of this grant possible.

READ-A-LOUD

Tammy Toney represents Piney Creek as a Read-A-Loud volunteer. Tammy spends each Thursday morning with the Pre-K class at Coal City Elementary. "I share information about our watershed and read at least one book that is focused on water." The children enjoyed the book "The Dance" by Thomas Locker. Tammy welcomes suggestions for good reads.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

General Membership Meetings

May 8 July 10

September 11 November 13

What's Going On?

May 1 and 2 - 21st Business Show

May 8 - PCWA General Membership Meeting

May 10 - Sweet Treats in Uptown Beckley

May 23 - Friday's in the Park Begins

May 26 - Beckley Founder's Day at Wildwood

May 26 - Memorial Day

June 7 - 23rd Annual Fishing Derby (Little Beaver State Park)

June 13 PCWA's 6th Annual Watershed Celebration (Little Beaver State Park - Shelter 2) 5 pm - 8 pm