

Spring 2025

Paradise

TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE NUMBERS (ALL 570 AREA CODE)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Reda Briglia
Peter Gonze
Michael Stein

POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE: (EMERGENCY) DIAL 911

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

PA State Police619-6480
Ambulance.....839-8485
(P.M. Regional Emergency Medical Services)
Fire.....839-9851
(P.M. Volunteer Fire Co)

COUNTY INFORMATION

Court House:..... 420-3400
Tax Assessment Office517-3133
Voter Registration517-3165
Dog Warden: 836-2181 x101

District Justice: Phillip R. Riley595-2520

STATE INFORMATION

State Senator—40th District:
Rosemary Brown.....620-4326

State Representative—115th District:
Maureen Madden894-7905
Pocono Mountain School District.....839-7121

<https://thewasteauthority.com/deer-removal>
(for deer removal, fill out
and submit form)643-6100
Game Commission:675-1143
(Other wild game)

PennDOT (local).....424-3024
PPL 1-800-342-5775

Water Testing – NE office location Pocono
(Stroudsburg) 2174B,
Route 611 Swiftwater, PA 18370-7746
8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.....570 895-4040

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Office: M-F (8-4:30 p.m.)
Phone595-9880
Fax595-3090
E-Mail Address..... paraship@ptd.net
Website: www.paradisetownship.com

Building Inspector: Hours: Tues & Fri 8-9:30am
BIU, Inc.

Steve McLaughlin, BCO595-9880 x8

Zoning Officer:

SFM Consulting LLC

Shawn McGlynn595-8840

Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12pm

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Jacob Schray,

Hanover Engineering, SEO610-417-5629

Roadmaster:

Michael Mader595-3534

Tax Collector (Real Estate):

MaryGrace DeHaven629-4871

5367 Paradise Valley Rd, Cresco, PA

Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 4-7 p.m.

Tax Collector (EIT/LST):

(Earned Income & Local Services Tax)

Berkheimer Associates 1-800-360-8989 Ext. 2272

Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator

Rich Gannon.....570-595-3668

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors-Regular Meetings

1st & 3rd Monday/Month @ 6:00 p.m.

*** Exception Sept. 2 to Sept. 4

Board of Supervisors-Work Sessions:

1st & 3rd Monday/Month @ 5:00 p.m. (as needed)

Planning Commission

2nd Tuesday/Month @ 5:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board

4th Tuesday/Month @ 5:30 p.m. (as needed)

Environmental Advisory Council/Open Space

3rd Wednesday/Month @ 5:00 p.m.

Pocono Area Recreation Commission (PARC)

4th Thursday/Month @ 6:00 p.m.

Paradise Historical Society

1st Sunday/Month @ 2 p.m.

(All meetings are held at the Paradise Township Municipal Building, unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public)

Supervisor's Agendas and Minutes—Agendas are placed on the Township's web page at www.paradisetownship.com on the Friday prior to the Monday meeting. Please contact the Twp. Office at 570-595-9880 x4 to be placed on the agenda by noon Thursday prior to the meeting. Minutes will be placed on the web page by Thursday after approval at the following regular meeting.



WELCOME TO PARADISE TOWNSHIP

Paradise Township is a zoned community located in Monroe County, PA and consists of 2,899 residents based upon the 2020 census. To keep our residents informed the township issues a newsletter every Spring and Fall. You may also access our website at paradisetownship.com for up-to-date information and news. Residents may also access the Savvy Citizen App for Apple and Android by downloading the Smartphone app or visiting SavvycitizenApp.com. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system which enables the township to send information about important township news and events directly to residents' mobile devices.

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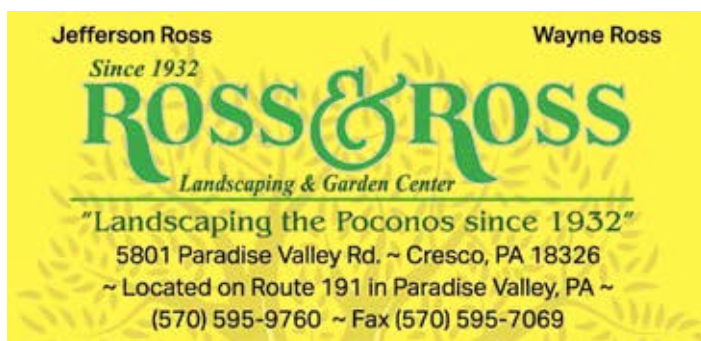
FAQs

- Short-term Rentals are **PROHIBITED** in Residential Zoning Districts of the township. They are only permitted in B1, and B2 Districts and you must obtain a license and permit through the township in order to have a STR.
- Paradise Township is a "Zoned Community", which means you are required to obtain zoning, building, and sewage permits. If you are unsure if a project requires a permit, please call and ask.

PARADISE TOWNSHIP NOW TAKES CREDIT CARDS!

We're happy to announce that Paradise Township now provides an alternative payment method. You can now purchase our products with your Debit/Credit Card. We now accept Mastercard, Visa, American Express and Discover cards. There is a 1.75%, + 0.25 cent fee added for Debit, and 3.00% surcharge for Credit. The payments are processed by Clover, a leading provider of payment services, operating billions of transactions.

In addition to debit/credit card payments, we accept payment by cash, check and money order made payable to Paradise Township.



Thank You

Paradise Township would like to thank the businesses and organizations that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

COMMUNITY DAY 2024

Blessed with wonderful weather and friendship, our community day took off without a hitch. Our annual event is the first Sunday in September where the township puts together its own celebration for the residents to come and meet each other and spend a few hours with township staff, EMS and volunteer fire fighters, kids enjoyed discovering the fire trucks and dressed ready to fight fires, eating and enjoying the day. Residents enjoyed a day of games, door prizes, dancing and fun. Congratulations again to Megan Dunlap for our citizen of the year award. See you all again in September 2025!



"It's what we do!" "That's what we're here for!" I can't tell you how often my staff and I speak these words in response to patrons who are grateful for, and often surprised by, the services we provide at the Library. In addition to helping you find the next great book to read (or listen to), we're happy to assist you with using the copier, navigating confusing websites (DMV comes to mind!), learning how to use digital resources like Libby and Hoopla on your phone or tablet, using our wifi to print from your phone, and the list goes on and on. Our dedicated, knowledgeable staff works hard to provide a pleasant, gratifying library experience. Stop in and see for yourself!

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Visit the Weiler Family Community Room to view the current art display. It's a wonderful opportunity to see the work of local artists. The display changes every few months. We've recently had the privilege of hosting Joyce Love (watercolors), Peter Gonze (photography), and John James (watercolors). Donna McCann (photography) is scheduled through April.

We are accepting donations of gently used costume jewelry to replenish our ongoing sale at the Library. Stop in and browse a unique selection of earrings, necklaces, bracelets, and pins at very affordable prices! All proceeds benefit library programs and services.

We're hosting another Local Author Meet & Greet this spring, tentatively scheduled for April 13! Several area writers will be available at this informal event to chat and discuss their work. We're still in the planning stages, so stay tuned for announcements confirming the date and which local talent will participate.

Join us for a variety of programs for all ages. Youth programs include story times, preschool playdates, crafts, STEM challenges, and our Teen Action Board. Adults enjoy movie days, yoga, take-home crafts, two book clubs, an online writing group, and other special programs.

For the latest information about the Library's happenings and services, please visit our website (www.barrettlibrary.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BPFLibrary), or call us at 570-595-7171. You can also sign up for our e-newsletter, delivered to your inbox; the link is available on the website, or call the Library and we'll add you to the list.

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Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director (currently reading *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*, by David Grann)

SPRING CLEAN UP 2025

SENIOR CITIZEN CURBSIDE PICK-UP DATES:

April 28, April 29, April 30

Have items out/ready by "Sunday night", April 27, road crew will come through one of the three days, there are NO reserved days!

(pick up between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm)

LIMITED TO AGE 65 & OLDER, OR DISABLED

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED: Household garbage, automobiles, dirt, leaves/brush, cement, hazardous materials (hazardous materials includes pesticides, herbicides, paint cans with contents, paint thinners)

Contact the Township Office to be added to the list **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, April 22** (before 2:00 p.m.). ****There will be NO late requests taken! 570-595-9880, ext. 3****

All other townships clean up dates, materials must be brought to the Maintenance Building (behind the Municipal Bldg.) located at...

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****Thursday May 1 and **Friday May 2 (7am-5pm), **Saturday May 3 (7am-2pm)**

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SMALL ITEMS SHOULD BE BOXED OR BAGGED FOR UNLOADING, PLEASE KEEP METAL SEPARATE

***Bring this form with you to clean up* 2025 Spring Clean Up**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

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Single axel dump truck	\$100.00	_____
Enclosed Vehicle over 10'	\$150.00	_____
All Other Vehicles (truck, utility vans)	\$50.00	_____
Tires up to 4	No Charge	_____
Tires over 4	\$5.00 ea.	_____
Appliances up to 2	No Charge	_____
Appliances over 2	\$30.00 ea.	_____

By signing this form, I certify that I am a resident of Paradise Township. I also hereby hold Paradise Township harmless from any injuries or damage that may occur to my person or property while I am on Township property.

Signature

Paradise Township accepts electronics/E-waste for recycling from (8a.m.—3p.m.) Monday through Friday. The drop-off area is behind the Municipal Building at 5912 Paradise Valley Road. An "E-waste" sign is posted at the maintenance building.

ELECTRONICS—RECYCLING

LIST OF COVERED ELECTRONIC DEVICES ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

Computer Devices...PC's/Laptops

Monitors...CRT/ LCD, Security

Televisions...CRT, Flat Panel (LCD, Plasma, LED), Console, Projection

Networking Devices...Servers, Routers, Switches, Hubs, Arrays

Printing Devices...Printers, Scanners

Power Supplies...UPS's (Uninterrupted Power Supplies)

Peripherals...All items used in the function of these devices (i.e., keyboards, mice, speakers, pointing devices, etc.)

Wire/Cabling...All cables, wires and power cords used in the function of these devices

Hardware...All parts that are, or once were, part of these devices (i.e., circuit boards, hard drives, RAM, processors, power supplies, optical/ floppy drives, etc.)

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To rent The Roof applications can be found on our website at www.paradistownship.com or email paraship@ptd.net for booking dates.

YES, IN MY COMMUNITY: EMBRACING HOUSING SOLUTIONS

By Michael Tukeva, President/CEO of Pocono Mountains United Way

When we talk about housing, we're really talking about the future of our community. We're talking about the families who live here, our neighbors, coworkers, and friends—and about ensuring they have a safe, affordable place to call home. Yet, too often, conversations about new housing developments are met with resistance rooted in fear and misconceptions. It's time to shift that narrative and embrace a mindset of Yes in My Community.

THE REALITY BEHIND THE MYTHS

One of the most common concerns I hear is that affordable housing will lead to increased crime or lower property values. However, the data tells a different story. Well-planned, thoughtfully designed housing developments do not diminish community safety. In fact, stable housing fosters safer, more connected neighborhoods. Research consistently shows that affordable housing either maintains or increases property values in surrounding areas, particularly when designed with care and integrated into the community.

Another myth is that our infrastructure—roads, schools, and utilities—can't handle growth. Yet, smart housing solutions are developed with these needs in mind, often bringing in funding and improvements that benefit everyone. When done right, affordable housing becomes a catalyst for better infrastructure, not a burden.

HOUSING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Perhaps the most damaging misconception is the idea that affordable housing is for "outsiders." The truth is this issue is deeply personal to our local community. It's about the nurse who cares for us at the hospital but can't afford to live nearby. It's about the teacher shaping the minds of our children who struggles to find housing within their means. It's about the young family, born and raised in the Poconos, now priced out of the very community they love.

By investing in attainable housing, we are supporting our own community of ambulance drivers, hospitality workers, and small business owners. We are giving local families the opportunity to thrive, stay rooted, and contribute to the community we all cherish.

BUILDING HOMES, BUILDING BUSINESSES

Housing and business development go hand in hand. When people have access to stable, affordable housing, they can better participate in the local economy—spending money at local businesses, contributing to job creation, and strengthening our tax base. Moreover, businesses are more likely to invest in areas where their employees can afford to live. This means new jobs, more services, and greater economic growth.

A stronger business community helps reduce the tax burden on individual homeowners. As businesses flourish and contribute to local revenues, the financial load is more evenly distributed, easing pressure on residents. Housing development, therefore, isn't just about shelter; it's about economic vitality and opportunity.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT

To achieve these outcomes, we need a collective effort. Policymakers, local leaders, businesses, and residents must come together to champion thoughtful housing solutions. By collaborating, we can implement policies that encourage smart growth, streamline zoning processes, and attract the investment needed to make affordable housing a reality.

Saying "yes" to housing in our community means saying yes to a brighter future for everyone. It means acknowledging that our strength lies in our ability to adapt, grow, and care for one another. It means believing that every family, our families—deserve a place to call home.

Let's replace fear with facts, misconceptions with understanding, and resistance with resolve. Let's say yes to housing. Let's say yes to opportunity. Let's say yes in our community.

The Pocono Mountains United Way and Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau hosted More Front Doors: The Pocono Housing Summit. To read Michael's immediate reaction to the summit, visit his LinkedIn page.





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PARADISE OPEN SPACE 2024

One of the many wonderful aspects of living in Paradise is being surrounded by nature. Verdant forests and high quality streams, the scenic terrain shaped by pressure, glaciers and time. Wildlife in abundance, thriving in their natural habitat. For those who appreciate this inherent beauty of our area, it's a big part of the quality of life in living here – a defining characteristic of our community.

To the goal of preserving this beauty for residents and visitors alike, both now and for future generations, Paradise township, in partnership with Pocono Heritage Land Trust and others, many years ago made the commitment to set aside land throughout the township for open space, free of development. In 2014 residents overwhelmingly voted in favor of a dedicated tax to acquire new properties, and in 2016 Pennsylvania changed existing governing law to allow a percentage of these funds be utilized for maintenance and upkeep.

Taking advantage of this, for the past eight years Paradise has employed seasonal trail crews to create and maintain access to it's five open space properties: Nothstein, VanBuskirk, Paradise/Price, Swiftwater, and 7 Pines. In addition, the township acquired adjoining properties, Discovery Park and Brown's Hill, to VanBuskirk and Paradise/Price respectively, improving access and parking for both those locations and adding irreplaceable acreage.

Trails were blazed and walkways over creeks constructed using materials the woods itself provided. And so it was when covid hit in 2020 and people were looking for ways to social distance and exercise, Paradise had a resource for them. From then till now, the trails through our open space continue to be a draw for locals and passive tourism alike.

But much like our residents, the preserves lead dynamic lives, ever changing. Water is ever changing it's pathways. Trees die, new growth takes its place. For the past few seasons, the focus



of the work in open space is to continue to improve access for all of our residents, and to combat invasive species as is practicable. To that end, the township has taken steps to mitigate plants denoted by the state as invasive as part of our regular maintenance; notably knotweed, mile-a-minute, and Japanese barberry.

New for the 2024 season, an ADA track was constructed by the Paradise road crew along the top field at Knauf preserve. Its track is packed stone chips, suitable for wheelchair access, and is easily accessible from the parking lot. At approximately ¼ mile, the path enters at the trail head, following a stone row where pine trees were planted generations ago. From there, it turns to circle around an open field of wildflowers before coming back to the parking lot, all well away from the road.

Further along in Knauf, if you follow the main trail, it takes you thru thick laurel down a hill to a mix of wetlands and glacial till, a concentrated deposit of rock. To easier navigate this section, the crew focused on adding to existing walkways. There is now 170 lineal feet of walkway to get thru some of the wetter areas.

The trails in open space are open year round, dawn to dusk. Maps and directions to the preserves can be found with a quick search on various websites such as AllTrails, GetOutdoorsPoconos, and Paradisetownship.com. You can also find maps at kiosks in each parking lot, with QR codes to scan to your handheld device.

SKYWOOD PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

Statistics below as reported from the UDisc App that Disc Golfers may log into when playing at Skywood Park.

Rounds played: 5470.

Unique UDisc players: 1122.

Steps taken during rounds at Skywood: 22,555,848.

Recreational hours (non-event) disc golfing: 9,827

Golfers from 34 different states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire,

New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.

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RED BARN VILLAGE

In this historical 105-year-old 3-building-barn we are excited to be opening the buildings to the community and to being a consciously operated business. In building one we have the red barn cafe opening; in this building this is where you can stop by to enjoy the beautiful scenery with fresh locally supported goods, freshly brewed coffee, homemade breads, pastries, organic smoothies- serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Next, we have our veterans outreach center; this building is dedicated to being all about supporting our local veterans. We encourage connections as we are a new business and have the available space and dedication to support our local veterans. If you are interested in discussing some ideas call Tiffany on 570-517-6236.

Lastly, we have our fun house games and sweets building. In this building we have arcades, games, TVs, fun machines like nachos, cotton candy, popcorn, slushies, ice cream, and many more with seating areas available. Upstairs we have the small kids' area; this is where little ones can use sandboxes and have hand-on play with seating for parents to relax. This is a fun hang out area for family and friends of all ages.



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