

Spring 2026

Paradise

TOWNSHIP

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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: 570-350-2563

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

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.

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ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2026 (7AM TO 8PM)

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2026 EVENTS



COMMUNITY DAY

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Our township supervisors and public works will be on hand to serve you food and ice cream.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 24, 2026

The township hosts our annual Halloween Party. Kids' age-group costume contest, pumpkin painting, cider, and cupcakes.

Road Paving Projects Spring/Summer 2026



Merry Hill Rd.
Bowman Rd.

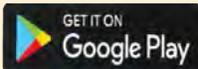
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Paradise Residents... SAVVY CITIZEN IS NOW AVAILABLE!

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For more info: **SavvycitizenApp.com**
Register and become a savvy citizen!



SPRING CLEAN UP 2026

SENIOR CITIZEN CURBSIDE PICK-UP DATES:

April 27, April 28, April 29

Have items out/ready by "Sunday night", April 26, road crew will come through one of the three days, there are NO reserved days!

Only one pickup truckload per household! Anything more than that will not be picked up!

(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 Wed, 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...

5912 Paradise Valley Rd.- look for entrance sign

April 30, May 1, May 2

Shredding on Saturday, May 2 "Only" 8am-12pm

****Tires: First four (4) FREE, After four (4) tires - \$5 each Passenger Vehicle Tires Only! (Rims must be removed from tires) NO Commercial Vehicle Tires!**

—NO CONTRACTOR REFUSE—

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

***Bring this form with you to clean up* 2026 Spring Clean Up**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

First Load	No Charge	_____
Subsequent Loads	\$20.00	_____
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

2026 CITIZEN-OF-THE-YEAR

Nomination letters will be accepted now until June 30. Nominees must be a Paradise Township resident. Please submit a name and a short essay expressing the reasons your nominee deserves recognition and mail to:

**Paradise Township Citizen-of-the-Year
5912 Paradise Valley Rd., Cresco, PA 18326**

The citizen-of-the-year award will be presented to the recipient during Community Day held at "The Roof" Park on Sunday, September 13, 2026.

Look for more details on Community Day in the next newsletter

SEND US YOUR NOMINATIONS!

Past Recipients:

2025-Margaret Mazza
2024-Megan Dunlap
2023-Dave & Keri Buchter
2022-Annie Messina
2021-Gary Konrath
2020- Primary Election Poll Workers
2019-Layton Family
2018-Steven Mazza
2017-Logan Evans
2016-Kelly DiPaolo
2015-Julie & Pete Niering
2014-George Brosius
2013-Robert Safin
2012-Bill & Joyce Raczeko
2011-Joseph Greco
2010-Phillip Riley
2009-no nomination
2008-Carol Hillestad
2007-Ronald Taylor
2006-Cindy DeLuca
2005-Edith Stevens
2004-Terry & Beth Martin
2003-Theresa Merli
2002-Rev. Paul Reisch
2001-Betty Williams & Clara Depue

1998-(150th Sesquicentennial)

The following were recognized:

Jack Asure
Kenneth Banzhof
Lorna Storm Bowman
Wayne Boyd
Margaret Coates
Charles DePue
James Flowers
Trudy Goll
Grace/John Hamblin
Audrey Hamblin Heise
Hilda Heydt
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Thomas Mullen
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Dan Smallacombe
Ruth Henry
Robert Bullock
M.A. Louise Koerner
Clara DePue
Charles Peterson
Winifred Goll
Fred Tallada

COMMUNITY DAY 2025

From the early morning mist over the park to the final notes of the evening's live music, the energy was electric. Our public workers are in it for you, providing food, fun, and fellowship. Creating friendships and getting to know our township is what our community day is about. Our annual event is the second Sunday in September, when the township hosts its own celebration for residents to come together, meet one another, and spend a few hours with township supervisors, staff, EMS, and volunteer firefighters.

Welcoming new and old residents to come and meet our supervisors, the volunteer firefighters, and EMS officials. Come with your ideas for special events or get involved with one of our community committees.

Congratulations again to Margaret Mazza for our Citizen of the Year Award. See you all again in September 2026!



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ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

Mark Your Calendar

COMMUNITY DAY - POTLUCK PICNIC!

Bring your best dish!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

1:00 P.M. -4:00 P.M.

At "THE ROOF" Park
(293 Keokee Chapel Lane)



TOWNSHIP PROVIDES:

Food Served @ 1:30

Famous Beef Roast

Hot Dogs

Beverages

Ice-Cream Sundae's



ENTERTAINMENT:

Live Entertainment by Sinners Train

Citizen-of-the-Year Presentation

Traditional Cake Walk

Door Prizes

Touch A Truck



*Residents attending please bring a side dish in a disposable container (no desserts) *

Come out and congratulate our 2026 Citizens of The Year !!



The Friendly Community Center (THE FCC)

Uniting Neighbors. Supporting Well-Being. Enriching Lives

Located at 6683 Route 191, Mountainhome PA & 1200 Route 390 in the B.A.R.C facility

The Mission of The Friendly Community Center (The FCC) is to provide affordable, community-based programs and services designed for lifelong learning, wellness, and socialization

Membership

Welcome to The Friendly Community Center (The FCC), Uniting Neighbors. Supporting Well-Being. Enriching Lives. Whether you need to renew your membership or are joining for the first time, we invite you to be a part of our community! As a primarily volunteer, non-profit organization, nominal membership fees are necessary to continue our many valuable and enriching programs and events.

Membership Levels & Fees Choose the Membership level that is the right fit for you!

Memberships include registration for classes on your **home computer using the EZ Facility software**, provide you with alerts about changes or cancelations for classes, plus The FCC's weekly email newsletter with information about upcoming classes and events. **The MemberMe+ App** can be downloaded for use on your smart device with many of the same features available on the home computer version of EZ Facility. You must complete the registration process of creating a username and passcode before you can utilize the MemberMe+ App.

CLASS FEE & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Effective 9/1/2024

FCC Annual Member – \$255 (12 Consecutive Months)

FCC 6 Month Member – \$180 (Select 6 Consecutive months)

FCC 4 Month Member – \$160 (Select 4 Consecutive months)

Includes the following weekly classes (Color Coded Purple and Blue on the schedule): 2 -Yoga Classes (Tues & Sat), 2 -Chair Yoga Classes (Mon & Wed), 1- Qi Gong class, 1 -Sculpt & Strengthen, 1- Barre Fit Class, 1- Seated to the Beat Class & 1 Tone & Stretch Class, : 1 – Mat Pilates and 1- Zumba Class. PLUS, access to FCC Basic Member classes.

FCC Just Chair Yoga – \$150 annually Includes 2 Chair yoga classes per week scheduled on Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 PM.

FCC Basic Member – \$30 annually includes access to the following classes, Barrett Bird Club, Women's Circle In Stitches Knitting & Crochet, Mah Jongg, Line Dancing & Weekly Walkers (Color Code- Blue)

FCC Free Classes– Dance & Movement, Dementia Caregiver Support Group, FCC Loss Support Group- Registration is appreciated to attend, membership is not required to attend. (Color Code Green on the schedule.)

Pay by Class – \$10 per class, unless otherwise specified in the class/workshop description. You may pay by class or purchase at the time of class with cash, Venmo, or PayPal. A membership is not required to attend Pay by Class or other Workshops and Events.

<https://thefriendlycommunitycenter.ezfacility.com/> Registration site link or Download the MemberMe+ app through your Apple App or Google Play App.

The FCC (The Friendly Community Center) is located in Barrett Administrative Recreation Complex at 1200 Route 390, Cresco PA 18326 Website: www.thefriendlycommunitycenter.org Email: info@thefriendlycommunitycenter.org

*A Note About Pay by Class: Sessions: These do not include classes that are already included in the Annual or Monthly Member packages. If you do not book the class in advance, then you will not receive class updates or cancelations, or notifications that the class is full. **Some classes may be seasonal or canceled due to reasons beyond our control.***

NEW MEMBERS...Become a Member or completing a **membership form** available at The FCC or our other location in the B.A.R.C facility. **EXISTING MEMBERS** – May just notify Nicole when making payment what level of membership to renew for the next term.

Select one of the following payment options:

Pay with a debit or credit card securely using the EZ Facility program, select the membership level and follow screen prompts to complete payment. **OR** at The FCC via Venmo, or debit.credit card, see Nicole. ****A small transaction fee of 2.8% per transaction will be applied for all credit or debit charges. You will receive an email confirmation within 72 hours of transaction.**

Pay by check made payable to:

The Friendly Community Center and drop off at the FCC or mail to:

The Friendly Community Center 1200 Route 390 Suite 4 Cresco PA 18326

Pay by cash: Drop off at The FCC, call first to make sure the office is open to accept payments.



2026 Schedule

MONDAYS

Line Dancing*	11:00 AM
Chair Yoga*	1:30 PM
Loss Support Group (F) 2nd & 4th Mon.	3 PM
Sculpt & Strengthen*	4:30 PM
Open Level Yoga*	6:00 PM

TUESDAYS

Yoga*	10:00 AM
Dance & Movement (F)	2:00 PM
Seated to the Beat*	3:15 PM
Tone & Stretch*	4:30 PM
Walk It Off*	5:30 PM
Barrett Bird Club 2nd Tuesdays 7:00 PM (F)	

(In person April-November- Zoom only December-March)

WEDNESDAYS

Mat Pilates*	9:00 AM
Chair Yoga Stretch & Strong*	1:30 PM
Zumba*	5:15 PM

THURSDAYS

Qi Gong*	9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (F)	1-4:00 PM
In Stitches (F)	1:30-3:00 PM
Barre Fit*	4:30 PM

FRIDAYS

Weekly Walkers*	9:30 AM
May-November	
Drum Circle (F) 1st & 3rd Fridays	7:00 PM

SATURDAYS

Yoga*	10:00 AM
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MONTHLY

- Stretch & Restore Yoga **(\$10)**
- Meditation & Reiki Healing **(\$10)**
- Serene Sound Bath **(\$15)**
- Women's Circle (F)* 1st Tuesdays at 5:30 PM
- Dementia Caregiver Support Group (F) Once a month- see dates on website

PROGRAMS MARKED WITH AN * (Asterisk) ARE INCLUDED WITH A MEMBERSHIP. OTHER CLASSES ARE PAY- BY-CLASS/SESSION (\$), OR FREE(F) and open to the public, and DO NOT REQUIRE A MEMBERSHIP.

Registration is appreciated for classes and ensures you have a place in class. Visit our self-service portal under the SCHEDULE tab on our website or download the MemberMe+ app. Visit our website or self-service portal for the most up to date list of programs and schedule. New classes and programs added throughout the year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Paradise Township is looking for volunteers for the **Park and Recreation Advisory Board.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board consists of five members.

Each member of the board is appointed for a 5-year term of service.

The board plans the community Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party.

Meetings are as needed prior to a scheduled event.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FIREFIGHTERS & SUPPORT MEMBERS



Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteer firefighters and support members!

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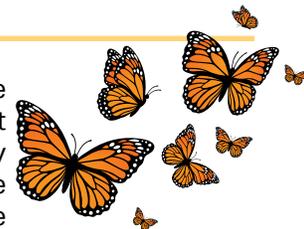
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20 Murray Street, Mt. Pocono, PA 18344



UPCOMING BUTTERFLY RELEASE!



The Compassionate Friends of the Poconos invite you to our annual Butterfly Release on Saturday, 6/20/2026, at Noon, at the gazebo in Posie's Park. Dozens of "Painted Lady" butterflies will be released at the event, which is held rain or shine. This is a beautiful tribute to the children of our area who are no longer with us. This event is always a special time for family and friends to share love and support, so bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this time together.

No purchase is necessary to attend this event to enjoy the sights of these fluttering butterflies, but you can purchase one (or more) of your own to release if you wish (\$10 per butterfly). Our supplier requires advance orders for the butterflies, so to avoid disappointment, it is necessary to place your order ahead of time. Your order form and payment need to be RECEIVED by 5/20/26 latest. For information about how to place an order, feel free to contact Ernie or Barbara Camlet at 570-460-3044, or at camfam@ptd.net.

A Native American legend says that if anyone desires a wish to come true, that person must capture a butterfly

and whisper that wish to it. Since butterflies make no sound, they can't tell anyone but The Great Spirit. By making a wish and releasing the butterfly, your wish will be taken to the Heavens and be granted.

The Compassionate Friends is a world-wide non-profit, non-denominational organization that provides help for families who have lost a child of any age, from any cause. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to attend our group meetings, which are held at Our Lady of Victory Church, on Cherry Lane in Tannersville. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. There are no dues to attend, and over the years hundreds of people have received help, support, and hope.

Posie's Park is home to the Remembrance Walkway, honoring deceased children. The walkway is lined with engraved bricks. If you wish to order an engraved brick for the loss of a child to be installed in the walkway, or to be used in your own garden, you can contact the Camlets for more information.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Looking for an outdoor venue to host your event this summer? Paradise Township is home to The Roof Pavilion that is available to rent. We provide a fully functioning kitchen, 2 refrigerators, a stove, oven, sinks, bathrooms accessible and seats 150 people.

Guests can enjoy playing basketball and are adjacent to the baseball fields and spend a day of fresh outside air on the playground.

Reservations are accepted from Paradise Township residents beginning January 1st. All other reservations are accepted after April 1st. There is a \$100 rental fee for Paradise Township residents and a separate \$100 security, all other rentals are \$200 rental fee and \$200 security deposit. All security deposits will be returned after our township crew goes through cleaning up and inspection.

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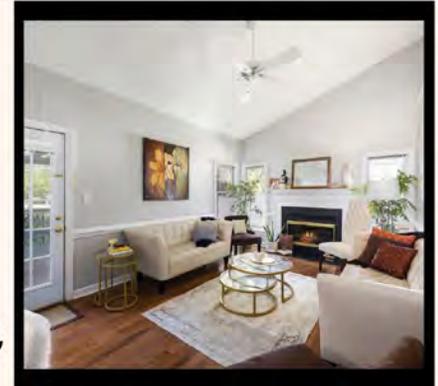
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