

Paradise Community-Connection

Quarterly Newsletter

PARADISE TOWNSHIP'S

SPRING CLEAN UP—2010

THURSDAY, MAY 6 (7 AM—5 PM)
 FRIDAY, MAY 7 (7 AM—5 PM)
 SATURDAY, MAY 8 (7 AM—12 NOON)

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED

All materials must be brought to the Maintenance Building (behind the Municipal Building) on Route 940, Cresco. Look for entrance sign.

TIRE CHARGE ONLY! \$2^{ea.}



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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Car Load | FREE! |
| Van/Truck Load | |
| Utility Trailer (8') | |
| Utility Trailer (12') | |
| Dump Truck | |
| Stumps, Furniture, Pets, Manure, etc. | |
| Refrigerators, Appliances | |

* NO CONTRACTOR REFUSE *

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

NEW MATERIAL ACCEPTED: Residential fluorescent light bulbs.

SENIOR CITIZEN PICK-UP DATE:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 (7AM-3:30PM)

Please contact the Township office anytime before Tuesday, May 4, (4:30 PM) to make arrangements.

Office: 595-9880
 Hours: M-F, 8:00-4:30 PM

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

(all 570 area code)

Police, Fire, Ambulance:
(Emergency) Dial 911

PA State Police (covers Paradise)

Ambulance (covering Paradise)
 Pocono Mountain Regional
 Emergency Medical Services

Fire (covering Paradise)
 Pocono Mountain Volunteer
 Fire Company

County Information

Court House:

420-3400

Tax Assessment Office:

517-3133

Voter Registration:

517-3165

Litter Control (Deer):

420-3754

Other

District Justice:

(John Whitesell)

595-2520

School District:

Pocono Mt: 839-7121

Hospital:

Pocono Medical Center

421-4000

Game Commission:

675-1143

Dog Warden: 629-1099

PennDOT: 424-3024

A.W.S.O.M. (formerly SPCA)

(Animal Welfare Society Of Monroe)

421-3647

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Supervisors:

Louise Troutman, Chair
Michael Flood, Vice-Chair
Reda Briglia, Sec./Treas.

Office: (8-4:30, M-F)

(570) 595-9880

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E-Mail Address:

paraship@ptd.net

Website:

www.paradisetownship.com

Zoning Officer:

Debra Brady (570) 595-8840

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

Dean Woodling (570) 595-9880

Roadmaster:

Robert Safin (570) 595-3534

Tax Collector (Real Estate):

Beth Martin (570) 629-0280

Tax Collector: (EIT/LST)

(Earned Income & Local Services Tax)

Berkheimer Associates

1-800-360-8989 Ext. 2272

Building Code Official

(BIU) 1-866-344-9681

P.A.R.C.

Pocono Area Recreation
 Commission 570-595-6465

Exploring natural areas in Paradise

With spring in the air, it's time to get outside and explore the parks, preserves, and natural areas of our beautiful Township. To get started, stop by the Township Municipal Building and pick up a copy of our new flier, *Exploring the Outdoors in Paradise Township*. The flier includes a map and descriptions of parks, playgrounds, ballfields, natural areas and preserves that are open to the public. The Board of Supervisors and the Township's Environmental Advisory Council will continue to update the flier as needed.

You can also find it online at www.paradisetownship.com – click on the Environment tab, then “Natural Resources in Paradise Township.” Enjoy!

NEW! HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Are you interested in history? Local families, farms and industries? Old pictures, churches, buildings and resorts?

All are welcome to take part in the newly-forming Paradise Township Historical Society. Meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Ace Store, at the corner of Carlton Road and Bush Road across from Chestnut Grove Resort.

The goal of the Society, according to the bylaws, is “to promote the history of Paradise Township; and to acquire and preserve articles, real property, and materials which establish and illustrate the heritage and growth of Paradise Township.” And have some fun while doing so! For more information, come to a meeting, call Carol Hillestad at 570 629-2727 or email jimhill@ptd.net to receive updates.

Whether your grandfather's grandfather was born here, or you just moved to Paradise, you're sure to learn something interesting about our beautiful, historic township.

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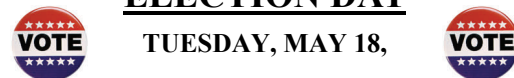
Thank You!!

The Township wishes to provide special thanks to Girlscout Troop #358, other volunteers, and special recognition to the following businesses and their owners for their donation to the 2010 Easter Egg Hunt:

- Kasa's Pizzeria—Mr. Dave Buchter
- Camelback Resort—Mr. Brian Bossuyt
- Split Rock Resort & Gold Club—Mr. Sam Arnett

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ELECTION DAY



TUESDAY, MAY 18,

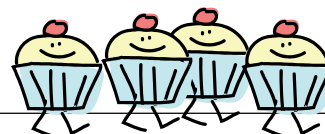
7AM—8 PM



ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Held at the Paradise Township Municipal Building
Sponsored by
The Willing Workers of Paradise Valley

**Your donated baked goods are appreciated!
Please drop off
early!**



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS:
(all meetings are held at the Paradise Township Municipal Building, unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public)

Board of Supervisors-Regular Meetings
1st & 3rd Tuesday/Month @ 6:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors-Work Sessions:
1st & 3rd Tuesday/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
2nd Thursday/Month @ 6:00 p.m.

Regional Open Space Board
2nd Thursday/Month @ 7:00 p.m. (as needed)

Pocono Area Recreation Commission (PARC)
4th Thursday/Month @ 7:00 p.m.

Upper Brodhead/Paradise Creeks Greenway Committee
4th Thursday/Month @ 7 p.m. (Barrett Municipal Bldg.)

Agendas and Minutes
Agendas will be placed on the Township's web page at www.paradisetownship.com on Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting. Please contact the Township Office at 570-595-9880 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.

Willing Workers of Paradise Valley
Annual
BAZAAR/YARD SALE
with Chinese Auction
SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010
3:00—7:00 PM
At "The Roof"
Keokee Chapel Lane
(off of Route 940)
Drawing for Handmade Quilt/7PM

PARADISE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for
"KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL DAY"
SATURDAY, APRIL 24

VOLUNTEER TO HELP CLEAN UP
CERTAIN ROADS IN PARADISE TOWNSHIP

To volunteer or for more info, call: Michael Flood at 570-839-0721
Or e-mail: michael@paradisetownship.com

Thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past!!

Outdoor Wood-Fired Burners/Furnaces Regulated—
Paradise Township now regulates installation and operation of new Outdoor Wood-Fired Burners/Furnaces. New units require a Zoning Permit, and may not be located within 200 feet of any structure suitable for human occupancy not located on the lot on which the unit will be located, or within 150 feet of all property lines. The Township will also regulate stack height. Only Phase 2 outdoor wood-fired boilers will be permitted. The Township also regulates what fuels may and may not be burned. Existing units may remain in place, but must be registered with the Zoning Officer by November 2010. Contact Debra Brady at 595-8840 if you have any questions.

Seven Pines Park will be ready for Little League to use when fencing and backstops are installed!



UPDATES FROM

PARC
The Pocono Area Recreation Commission

BARRETT—PARADISE—MOUNT POCONO

Skywood Park's Master Site Plan is completed and available for review on PARC's website at www.parc-pa.org (click "Media")



PARADISE HAPPENINGS AND UPDATES...

Success of Census Is In Your Hands...

Paradise Township Benefits When Everyone Participates

- It has only 10 questions and takes only 10 minutes to answer.
- Hopefully, once you have the facts and understand what is at stake for you, your neighbors, our township, and Pennsylvania, you will pick up a pencil, fill out the questionnaire, and return it to the U.S. Census Bureau because the truth is, your involvement really does matter and will determine if the commonwealth and communities like ours gain, or lose, in Census 2010.

What's the big deal?

- Pennsylvania and its municipalities stand to lose two critical things, money and political power, if the commonwealth fails to achieve a full and accurate count in the weeks ahead.
- Census 2010, like others before it, will determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is allocated each year to communities nationwide. This money helps to support such things as local roads and bridges, emergency services, recreation and economic development programs, schools, job training, senior centers, and hospitals.
- Our Township, along with the rest of the state, could be short-changed tens of thousands of dollars for every person who isn't counted.
- Accurate information about who is living in our community helps the township supervisors make informed decisions, whether it's about recreation or building a new road.
- Census workers, will only visit your home if you do not return the 10-question form by April 1.
- Field representatives must carry an identification badge with a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. They may also have a bag with a Census Bureau logo. Census workers will not be asking for credit card, bank account, or Social Security numbers.
- The bottom line is that the process is safe and confidential.
- According to the Census Bureau, the information gathered is used to produce statistics only.
- **If Census Forms are lost or if there are discrepancies with the form, call 1-866-872-6868.**

WANT TO AVOID SEPTIC SYSTEM NIGHTMARES? A free septic system informational workshop will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Paradise Township Municipal Building on Route 940 in Paradise Valley. Come learn how an on-site septic system functions, how to care for your system, and how to tell when something is wrong. Paradise Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Dean Woodling will tell you how to avoid spending thousands of dollars on unnecessary repairs or a new system. Learn how to inspect your own tank. Ask for free advice. No registration required. Dress casual. For additional information, call Paradise Township at 570-595-9880.

Don't FORGET!

PARADISE TOWNSHIP TAX MILLAGE

Beginning in 2009, Paradise Township Board of Supervisors voted and reduced your tax millage from 9 mills down to 7 mills!

Sometimes these things get "lost in the sauce" when combined with other taxes.

Save the date!

Paradise Township will hold it's second Township-Wide Yard Sale this fall on **Saturday, September 25** Sunday, September 26 (rain date) At The Roof Park

Look for more details in the next newsletter!

Had 21 participants at the first one!

ROADS AND SUCH:

- Driveway paving/repaving permits are required. Call Zoning Officer Debra Brady at 595-8840.
- Line striping and shoulder grading/swale/ditch cleaning will take place this spring—please do not dispose of yard clippings/leaves/branches, etc. in drainage ditches or swales.
- Mailboxes—Spring is the time to mount your mailbox sturdy to sustain snow-force from Township plowing. Mounting distance is 4 feet back from the edge of the roadway to the mailbox OPENING.