

NEWSLETTER



Being Part of the Solution

**Single Use Plastics Ordinance goes into effect
January 2, 2023**

Dear Neighbors,

Last April, our Board of Commissioners was the first in Delaware County to pass an ordinance limiting the use of single use plastics in our Township. This new law goes into effect on January 2, 2023 and will affect virtually all of our residents, visitors and businesses. Please use the resources available to familiarize and prepare yourself for January when we all become part of the solution!
(see more info on page 3)

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan: A “vision board” for the future of Haverford Township.

Much like a personal vision board, a municipal Comprehensive Plan identifies goals for future growth and development, outlines challenges facing the community, identifies potential solutions, and provides guidance on future community planning-related decisions.

Our township is substantially developed, and the public input that we’ve received (by way of questionnaires, surveys, public workshops and public meetings) found that many residents do not want to see any changes to their neighborhoods. Therefore, the Plan recommends to preserve our residential areas, and emphasizes a few areas in the township that are most subject to change.

These recommendations include the revitalization of older business areas (such as Haverford Road and Eagle Road), protecting important natural features, promoting environmental sustainability, preserving important historic buildings, and becoming more bicycle-friendly and walkable. No condemnation is proposed.

When completed, this document is intended to help guide future regulations. Adoption of the Plan does not result in any changes to the Zoning Map, Zoning Ordinance, and/or Land Development Ordinance. Any proposed amendments will be subject to a similar process including public meetings before the Planning Commission, public hearings before the Board of Commissioners, and eventual public vote for adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

The Planning Commission has finalized their recommendations regarding the Comprehensive Plan and has forward their comments to the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing and accept public comment prior to consideration. The date of the hearing has not been determined at the time of this writing, however, we anticipate the matter will be heard in January 2023.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE?

The Comprehensive Plan has its own page on the Township’s website. Here you can find out when upcoming meetings are taking place, articles, documentation and so much more! This page is updated frequently so check back often.

Sign up! Under the sign up link on the web page you can sign up for different Township emails that are sent out weekly, monthly and also sign up for Ward specific emails. If you do social media, follow Haverford Township on your favorite platform.

Missed a meeting? No worries. You can see all the meetings on the Haverford Township Comprehensive playlist located on the bottom of the web page.

Any questions? Always feel free to reach out to the Township via email at compplan@havtwp.org

WWW.HAVTWP.ORG/COMPREHENSIVE_PLAN_UPDATES.HTML

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce the impact of single-use plastics bags, straws and stirrers on our environment. This small change can be very impactful to the health of our local parks, streets, streams, rivers and waterways. Starting January 2, 2023, bring re-useable (or otherwise compliant) bags when shopping in the Township or businesses are required to assess a “per bag” fee to supply the customer with a compliant bag.

For more details, please visit the township website at www.havtwp.org/Plastic_Free.html or



POLICE DEPARTMENT CORNER

The Haverford Township Police Department welcomes Officer Curtis Minor. Curtis was appointed by the Board of Commissioners on September 12th and sworn in the beginning of October. Officer Minor has previous experience with the Temple University Police Department.

On September 10th, members of the Haverford Township Police participated in a two-hand touch football game with the Haverford High School Football team. This was the second year the HTPD played the Fords. The event was a great opportunity for officers to interact with the youth of the township.

The Delaware County Police K9 competition was held on October 23rd at Haverford's A.G. Cornog Field. Canine teams from throughout the region came out to participate and show off their skills.

The Police Department would like to remind motorists of safe driving tips during the winter.

- Clear your windshields of frost/snow prior to driving.
- Drive slowly in the winter– it takes longer to slow your vehicle on an icy, wet or snowy surface.
- Allocate extra travel time during the winter to compensate for driving more slowly. Do not rush or put yourself in a situation where you feel pressured to rush or speed.
- Make sure your vehicle is fully stocked with windshield wiper fluid with de-icer. Check regularly– this fluid can be depleted significantly by even one snowstorm.
- Make sure your defrosters and windshield wipers work and replace the blades if they have become worn.



Ofc. Valvardi with K-9 Officer Barr

When shoveling and plowing snow from your sidewalks and driveways, do not put the snow in the street. Placing snow in the street delays the clearing of the streets and is also a violation of township ordinance.

Always remember to lock your car doors at night and call 911 immediately to report suspicious activity.

Haverford Township Police Department wishes to extend its warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and Safe and Healthy New Year!

Congratulations to K-9 Officer Barr who will be retiring this November 10, 2022 after 9 years of service.

NEW SOFTWARE LAUNCH

Starting during the 1st quarter of 2023, TRAIRS (pronounced “tray-sir”) comes to Haverford Township. So what does this mean for those living and/or working in the Township?

With so many always on the go in today’s world, the Township wanted to find a program that had the ability to keep up. TRAIRS was chosen for its software that allows users to access so many amazing features, right from their smart phones or tablets. Users will be able to report any problems or issues they are having to the Township and in turn, the Township will be able to communicate back directly. Residents and contractors will be able to apply and pay for permits online. This new software will also allow instant access to vital data about roadways, signals, street lights and so much more.

As the Township gets closer to the launch of this new software more details will be shared on the Township’s website. So click that HTNEWS+ button right on the home page and learn more about what TRAIRS is doing for Haverford Township.

HISTORIC PLAQUE PROGRAM

Something that many of us appreciate about Haverford Township is the strong sense of place in our neighborhoods. A big contributor to this feeling is the character of our built environment, which traces the historical development of our township. Preserving this history and character was the primary goal in 1997 when the Haverford Board of Commissioners approved a survey of historic township properties that should be preserved, and passed the first preservation ordinance. The Commissioners revised the preservation ordinance in 2009, and created the Haverford Township Historical Commission. In addition to reviewing proposed exterior alterations to historic properties that were identified in the 1997 Historic Resources Survey, the Commission actively promotes recognizing and preserving the historic character of our neighborhoods. To make our historic properties more visible, the Historical Commission has been working on a new Historic Plaque Program, similar to programs in historic communities around us. Property owners will be able to purchase and display specially-designed bronze metal plaques on their building to identify its historic importance. The program was researched and developed over the past year and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for review soon. We look forward to the debut of these plaques!

HOW TO BE STORMWATER SMART



Winter snow often puts a pristine white coat over every surface that makes for beautiful photos and lots of family fun. However, just like when rain falls the rest of the year, melting snow turns into stormwater runoff.

It is not long after the sun comes out and starts melting the snow, that concerns emerge. Even a small amount can cause localized flooding on your property, when it builds up over several small storm events without melting in between. When it finally does melt, runoff can lead to potential community wide flooding events. In both cases, standing and flowing water on the ground picks up all kinds of debris, pollutants, and litter that will find its way into nearby streams.

When shoveling/plowing snow this season, pay attention to where you place it:

DO

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.

Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt. Make a plan to improve these areas in spring, using plants that can slow and stop erosion, such as native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.

DON'T

- Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bio - retention areas.
- Do not overuse de-icing chemicals and salts and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways.

Also remember - more salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts to help reduce pollution.

DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Delaware County is thrilled to launch the Delaware County Health Department (DCHD)! Starting this past April, DCHD began handling all of Delaware County's health complaints, requests and questions including health inspections and rodent control.



DCHD will bring together various partners and sectors to work together to implement change. Priorities such as education, safe and affordable housing, green space, nutrition, walkable streets, access to quality healthcare, racial justice, and employment opportunities will lead to positive health outcomes for all residents and have a meaningful impact on their quality of life.

The mission of the Delaware County Health Department is to promote, protect and assure conditions are optimal for all residents of Delaware County through leadership, prevention, response, and partnership with the community. Because the foundation for good health includes factors outside of hospitals and doctors' offices, DCHD is committed to the spirit of collaboration to build healthy and thriving communities.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ADDRESS: 1510 CHESTER PIKE, EDDYSTONE, PA 19022
PHONE: 484-276-2100 (WELLNESS LINE MAIN NUMBER)
EMAIL: DCHD@CO.DELAWARE.PA.US (WELLNESS LINE MAIN EMAIL)
HOURS: 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM - MONDAY TO FRIDAY (EXCEPT COUNTY HOLIDAYS)

**WEBSITE TO VISIT: WWW.DELCOPA.GOV/HEALTH OR
[HTTPS://WWW.DELCOPA.GOV/HEALTH/LICENSEPERMITSINSPECTION.HTML](https://WWW.DELCOPA.GOV/HEALTH/LICENSEPERMITSINSPECTION.HTML)**

- FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS COMPLAINTS - MAY ALSO BE FILED ONLINE THROUGH PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – FOOD SAFETY -
[HTTPS://WWW.AGRICULTURE.PA.GOV/CONSUMER_PROTECTION/FOODSAFETY/PAGES/FOOD-SAFETY-COMPLAINTS.ASPX](https://WWW.AGRICULTURE.PA.GOV/CONSUMER_PROTECTION/FOODSAFETY/PAGES/FOOD-SAFETY-COMPLAINTS.ASPX)

BUDGET TIPS FROM SURREY SERVICES

As the saying goes, a little thing can mean a lot. That is especially true for personal finances. Making small changes and sticking to those can really impact your overall budget especially for older adults living on a fixed income.

Letting treats become habits: Enjoying a special coffee occasionally is a wonderful reward. But making it a part of your daily routine can affect your budget more than you might think. Picking up a premium coffee every day can cost \$1,300 to \$1,500 annually.

Paying interest on credit cards: Paying your credit card off on time is one of the easiest ways to save money. If you are paying 20 percent interest on credit cards (the average interest rate) it adds up quickly.

Buying new: Before shopping retail for a new purchase, see what kinds of deals are available online or at a consignment shop. Very often you will find something that meets your needs that may be nearly new.

Living without an emergency fund: It's critical to have an emergency cushion that can be used to pay for an emergency medical expense, auto repair or home repair.

If you have difficulty saving, try one of these tips. Treat this fund like a bill. Contribute to it every month. Or, put this fund where it's not easy for you to dip into. Open a separate savings account that isn't linked to one you use regularly.

Putting services on autopilot: It's a great convenience to set your cable, telephone and other services on autopayment. However, you should review these bills on a regular basis. You may find that free services bundled into your contract have converted to fee based services that are added to your bill each month.

Surrey can assist seniors with formulating a personal budget. Please call Surrey at 610-446-2070 for more information.



NOTICE

Sewer backups and flooding can cause devastating property damage and are not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies. The majority of these claims are the responsibility of the property owner.

Sewage from sanitary sewer lines occasionally back up into houses through drain pipes. These backups not only cause extensive water damage that is difficult and expensive to repair, but also creates health hazards.

Haverford Township is not responsible for damages caused by sewers, drains and sump pumps except under limited/special circumstances provided by the PA Municipal Immunity laws.

Township residents must be aware that they should review their homeowner's, flood and sewer backup insurance coverage with their agent/insurance companies in order to properly protect their personal residence probably the most valuable tangible asset that we all have.

Article I, Section 149-3, subsection C (2) Sewer Service Regulations of the Township Code states that all sewer service laterals from the Township's sewer, regardless of location, are the property of the customer and/or owner and shall be maintained by him in good condition and repair. Please pay particular attention to the following coverages:

Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps:
This valuable coverage is not included under your standard homeowner's policy but can be purchased by endorsement for an additional premium.

Flood Coverage:
Flood coverage is not included under your homeowner's policy. However, flood insurance is available under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and can be obtained through your insurance agent or broker.

The Township does not provide flood insurance.



ATTENTION HOMEOWNER RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES!

If you meet the 2022 income limits below you may be eligible to receive assistance with home repairs, including heater & roof replacement and other items.

- 1 Person Household - \$59,050.00
- 2 Person Household - \$67,450.00
- 3 Person Household - \$75,900.00
- 4 Person Household - \$84,300.00
- 5 Person Household - \$91,050.00
- 6 Person Household - \$97,800.00
- 7 Person Household - \$104,550.00
- 8 Person Household - \$111,300.00

Income is the total gross income
** Current total income from all sources and for all deed holders and residents.

This is a Federally funded program operated by Haverford Township. After application review, all eligible applicants will be added to the waiting list and notified by letter.

To apply, please call Haverford's program administrator, Anthony J. Dunleavy Associates, Inc @ (610) 352-5555 and ask for a Rehabilitation Program Application. Assistance is offered on an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BASIS. If you need language assistance due to a LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, please request it when you call.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS



SPRING 2023

Registration Dates: NOW – April 15, 2023

Learn to Play is a program that provides a unique opportunity for families to join the hockey community and for participants to develop fundamental skills to help them. For more information just head over to www.havtwp.org/Skatium.html for more information.



SOLAR INFO

If you pay ~\$100/mo. for electricity, that's \$30,000 over 25 years! Instead, you can install solar on a sunny roof now, break even in about 8 years, and have about \$20,000 extra in your pocket by year 25 – a great return on investment. Home installations are typically \$15,000-\$25,000 depending on size and are eligible for a 30% tax credit, increased by the Inflation Reduction Act. Loans and no-money-down leasing options are available but take longer to pay back. It is best to avoid telemarketers and deal with local contractors or get unbiased information from local volunteers to help you assess your home and connect you with vetted installers with fixed lower pricing. The best time to install solar is when you have a new roof, but these systems last about 30 years and can be installed on roofs with 20 years of life remaining. Little or no maintenance is required on residential solar systems. The new Inflation Reduction Act also provides 30% tax credits for energy efficient heat pumps, air conditioners, water heaters, etc. as well as up to \$7,500 for electric vehicles. Contact our EAC volunteers at havswitch@gmail.com for more information.

WINTER 2022-2023 CALENDAR

11th Annual Chilly Trail 5K Run - Saturday, December 3, 2022

- This 5K run will take you through 3 miles of beautiful trails in the Haverford Reserve. Great for beginners and seasoned runners alike! All pre-registered runners receive a long sleeve-racing shirt.
- Walk-up registration begins at 7:45 AM at the CREC.
- Race begins at 9:00 AM
- Fee: \$40 for adults - \$20 under 17
- To sign up go to: <https://bit.ly/3DBnu7x>

Holiday House Tour – Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 1 PM-4 PM (Haverford Township Historical Society)

Havertown Holiday Festival

- Saturday, December 10, 2022 (Rain date 12/11) on Brookline Blvd
- Visit www.discoverhaverford.org/holiday-festival for more info

The Grange Estate Mansion Holiday Events

House Tours and Trains:

- Saturdays & Sundays, December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 from 1 PM to 4 PM
- Thursday, December 22, 2022 from 6 PM to 8 PM (evening hours)
- Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 6 PM to 8PM (evening hours)
- Saturday, December 31, 2022 & Sun Jan 1, 2023 from 1 PM to 4 PM
- Saturday & Sunday, January 7 & 8, 2023 from 1 PM to 4 PM

Holiday Party: Friday, December 9, 2022 7 PM to 9 PM

Pajama Story Time with Rudy the Reindeer: Friday, December 16, 2022 7 PM to 8 PM

Single Use Plastic Program - Begins Monday, January 2, 2023

Township Shredding Event - Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM-11:00 AM

ECP Full Day Registration - Saturday, March 06, 2023 - Time: 8:00 AM &

All Summer Camps Registration - Saturday, April 03, 2023 - Time: 4:00 PM - to register go to http://www.havtwp.org/Parks_and_Recreation/Summer_Camp_Info.html

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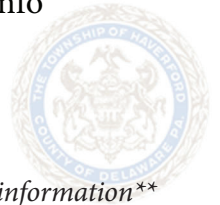
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** Note: Events, time etc. are scheduled to change. Visit www.havtwp.org/Calendar.html for most update information**

NEWSLETTER

Spring time is for...



- Tree Trimming
- Fencing
- Sidewalks
- Spring Storms



- Yard Projects
- Grass Clippings
- DIY Projects
- Spring Cleaning



- Parks & Exploration
- Volunteer clean-up
- Spring Sports
- Gear up for Summer



In this year's Spring Newsletter, the Township wants to help you gear up for all things Spring. Whether it is from DIY projects around the house to reminders on yard waste and so much more!

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2023 OPERATING BUDGET

On December 12, 2022, the Board of Commissioners adopted the 2023 Operating Budget and 2023-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. The 2023 budget included a 1.8% real estate tax increase to 4.295 mills (after 2 years without an increase) and a \$8 annual increase in the trash & recycling fee to \$283/yr which was largely due to price volatility in the recycling market. The sewer rate remained unchanged at \$4.65/1,000g of water used.

Our 2023 budgeted revenues are sourced as follows:

Real Estate Taxes	55%
Department earnings	17%
Local Enabling Taxes (e.g. business, transfer)	9%
Grants & gifts	7%
License & permits	4%
Interfund transfers and fund balance	5%
Other Income	3%

The \$49.9m general operating budget will fund all of the municipal services provided to our residents including administrative services, police, emergency medical, fire protection, code enforcement, zoning, highway maintenance, snow removal, curbside leaf removal, sanitation/recycling/brush collection (including bi-annual e-waste and shredding events), tree maintenance, maintenance of our street lights and traffic signals, maintenance of our extensive park system, offerings at the CREC, library operations, year-round recreational programming, preservation of historic buildings, debt service and programs offered at the Skatium.

Our 2023 budgeted expenditures are sourced as follows:

Public Safety (Police, Fire, EMS)	40%
Public Works	27%
Debt Service	10%
Recreation (including Parks & Skatium)	10%
Administration	6%
Code Enforcement & Zoning	3%
Library Operations	3%
Other	1%

2023-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Among the capital projects included in the 2023-2026 capital improvement plan include the extensive library renovation, emergency apparatus replacement, streetscape projects, improvements to stormwater and sanitary systems, park improvements, continuation of the Pennsy and Darby Creek trails, road paving, neighborhood traffic and pedestrian safety improvements, improvements to the public works yard and a new software system to better manage constituent concerns. Our residents will hear more details about these and other projects at public Board of Commissioner meetings before contracts are awarded.

Township management is always looking for opportunities to improve efficiencies in our operations. We are in a unique business of providing community services specifically meant to enhance the quality of life of residents, businesses, and visitors and we hope the 2023 budget is seen as responsive to those needs!

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SALES

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SALES

Ward	Transfers	Total Sales	Average Sale Price
Ward 1	69	\$32,035,900	\$464,288
Ward 2	84	\$32,287,204	\$384,371
Ward 3	60	\$33,255,744	\$554,262
Ward 4	102	\$75,205,703	\$737,311
Ward 5	64	\$48,812,613	\$762,697
Ward 6	135	\$59,856,548	\$443,382
Ward 7	58	\$27,790,312	\$479,143
Ward 8	87	\$42,890,574	\$492,995
Ward 9	94	\$40,239,474	\$428,080
Totals:	753	\$392,374,072	\$521,081

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SALES

Transfers	Total Sales	Average Sale Price
17	\$9,499,000	\$558,765
Total Use & Occupancy Application Fees Collected: \$72,490		
Business Use & Occupancy Certificates Issued: 37		
Total Commerical U&O Application Fees Collected: \$3,700		



POLICE DEPARTMENT CORNER

Haverford Township Police Department extends well wishes to Sgt. Christopher Chambers upon his retirement. Sgt. Chambers served for over twenty-five years in both Patrol and Investigations Divisions.

Haverford Township has recently experienced an increase in thefts from autos, mail thefts, and scam attempts. Residents are encouraged to take a few steps in order to better protect themselves from these potential crimes.

If possible, park your vehicles in your driveway. If you have to park on the street or in a public place, consider parking in an area with good lighting, remove all valuables from the vehicle, lock your doors, and never leave your key or fob in the vehicle.

One way to protect yourself from mail theft is to hand deliver your mail to the post office or hand it directly to your letter carrier. This eliminates the opportunity for thieves to remove your mail from mailboxes on the street or even at your home!

Almost anyone is susceptible to scam attempts these days. Residents are reminded government agencies will not contact you by phone and instruct you to conduct any financial transactions over the phone.

Remember do not hesitate to call 911 to report suspicious activity while it is in progress. Officers will respond and investigate accordingly. It is safer and easier for the community to have something that "just doesn't look right" checked out today, rather than wait for tomorrow only to find a problem that could have been addressed sooner.

WELCOME TO

Spring Season!

Do I Need a Permit?

As the weather becomes warmer, there is a tendency to want to make our outdoor living areas more livable. Often times, we are in a rush to start our "To-Do" projects that have grown over the winter months without much of a second thought.

Did you apply for and receive a permit or even know whether a permit was required? A permit is required for new construction, additions, alterations, and any project that requires structural changes. Building permit applications are available on the Township website or at the Township office. Check with the Community Development Department before you make alterations to your home or business. Here are some improvements that require permits:

- Fences or walls
- Structural repair or replacement
- Sheds, Greenhouses
- Fireplaces
- Wood deck, patio, porch
- Alternative Energy Systems
- Swimming pools, spa or hot tubs. over 24 inches in depth
- Changes in use, home occupations, change in commercial tenants
- New building construction and additions
- Heating and air condition replacement or installation
- Roof replacement
- Plant, prune, remove or spray a public shade tree
- Plumbing alterations
- Electrical work or new installation
- Interior alterations
- Signs

Stormwater is runoff that comes from hard surfaces including roofs, walkways, driveways, and lawn grasses. The stormwater that leaves our properties enters the storm sewer system where it is discharged into our local waterways. Runoff can carry pet waste, oil, fertilizer, road salt, pesticides, and large volumes of water into our streams. These lead to reduced water quality and flooding. Taking small steps to manage some or all of the stormwater on your property can improve water quality and reduce flooding.

Steps to include:

- Replacing lawn areas with native plants
- Planting trees and shrubs
- Installing rain gardens, rain barrels and/or downspout planters
- Reducing the use of fertilizers and road salt
- Picking up pet waste that can be washed into the street
- Fixing any leaks from automobiles

Spring Fire Safety Tips

During your spring cleaning do not forget to add these important items to your "To-Do-List".

Inside Safety Tips:

- Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, change batteries immediately if needed.
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords, and replace where needed.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.
- Recycle: Get rid of old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of a fire.
- Check and clean filters above the stove.
- Pull the refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.

Outside Safety Tips:

- Maintain a clear "fire zone" of 10' around structures.
- Check outdoor electrical outlets and other electrical appliances for animal nests and to ensure proper wiring.
- Remove leaves and trash from carports and garages: Combustible materials are dangerous if they are exposed to heated automobile components, especially under the vehicle.

Bulk Trash and Brush Collection Reminders:

- Articles may not be placed in front / side of the property to be given away (e.g., furniture, appliances, large items). Pre-payment and registration is required by visiting the Township Building or can be done online.
- Collections take place on Wednesdays and can take up to 48 hours for the collection to be completed. Items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM Wednesday mornings. If items are still left by end of day, the items will be collected the following day.

- The Township's brush site CAN accept only: untreated wood products such as sticks, branches, brush or wood chips.

PLEASE NO litter, trash, garbage, bamboo, dirt/soil, leaves or grass clippings, kitty litter or pet manure. No bags, not even biodegradable bags, twine, no container in excess of 40 lbs., no branches over three feet in length no branches over 1 ½ inches in diameter.

For full listing visit

www.havtwp.org/Public_Works.html.



Scams on our Seniors Series: Identifying Scams

By Peggy Murr, Haverford Twp Senior Citizen Advisory Council in collaboration with Detective A. Matthew Hufnal of the Haverford Township Police Department and Detective Edward Rosen of the Delaware County District Attorney Senior Exploitation Unit

With approximately 17% of our Township population in the 65 and over age group, our Police Department is seeing more scams perpetrated upon them so we are creating a 2-part article series. The top most common scams against seniors were identified below as we begin with

Part 1 of the series with Identifying Scams

1. Grandparent Scam

Fraudsters call claiming to be the senior's grandchild who needs money for an emergency. There is distortion on the line and voices cannot be clearly heard so the senior may believe the grandchild really needs help. The scammer most often represents himself as a law enforcement officer. He/she will tell the senior to purchase gift cards (i.e., Visa, Amazon) to make needed auto repairs or pay a bail bond.

2. Imposter Scam

Fraudsters call and claim they are from the IRS or Social Security Administration and tell the senior they owe back taxes and or penalties and to provide a credit card number to pay.

3. Computer Scams and Phishing

Phishing is when a fraudulent email or a text message is designed to trick a person into revealing sensitive personal information to the attacker. Many of these scammers may impersonate trustworthy organizations like your bank, etc. This is by far the most common attack performed by cybercriminals and can result in identity theft.

4. Sweetheart Scams

Internet dating sites and social media offer fraudsters opportunities to scam seniors looking for love. The new romantic interest gains the trust of the senior and then starts to request money be sent electronically for an emergency or for travel expenses to meet in person.

5. Property Scams with Services

Fraudsters target seniors and try to sell them home improvement services that are never delivered. The fraudster takes the money and never return it.

Step 1 is Learning to Identify! We'll visit Step 2 in our next newsletter with methods on how to protect yourself from these top 5 scams. If you fall victim, call 911 to report the crime, and don't ever feel embarrassed. The 911 center will then route the call to our Haverford Township Police which works in partnership with the County DA's Senior Exploitation Unit. If you have any questions about a senior scam, you can simply call the non-emergency number of the Haverford Police Department at 610-853-1298 and our officers and staff will be happy to assist.

GRANGE

November 26th kicked off The Grange Estates' Winterfest and Holiday Season. We had more than 1,500 guests walk through the mansion and more than 4,000 walk through the Cobbs Creek Line Model Train Display which was set up in the Long Barn. The train masters worked on creating a scavenger hunt so that all the different settings could be explored on multiple platforms. In addition, the Grange Mansion had over 20 decorated themed Christmas trees that carried the spirit of the old to blend with the new. Each room was beautiful telling its Christmas story. A special thanks go to Channel 6 and Channel 17 which featured our glorious gem in special segments that ran throughout the season. We would also like to thank everyone who experienced the Grange during the season. We need your support to continue our efforts.

Now, in 2023, we are moving forward with the Grange Book Club which meets every other month. Follow the readings on Facebook (Historic Grange Estate) and our website <https://thegrangeestate.net>; members meet every other month and the date will be determined. The Grange is reaching out to the community for volunteer assistants to give tours, plan and prepare to host a meet and greet events, and get involved with beautification projects throughout the seasons. On April 1st, mark your calendars for Attic Treasures, the once-a-year sale to purchase gently used gifts and artifacts for you to treasure. On April 28th, the Grange will have an evening of history, tours, and discussions of the property owners who brought the Grange to life over the last 400 hundred years. The evening will conclude over wine and cheese and comradery.

Come visit the Grange Soon!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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WHAT IS FAIR HOUSING?
Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Federal law protects people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance. Fair Housing is the key to all people having the roof they want over their heads.

WHO IS PROTECTED?

The Fair Housing laws protect discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender/sexual orientation, disability or familial status.

Familial status protects discrimination against families with children from being denied housing. These are known as Protected Classes.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

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- Refuse to make a mortgage due to your protected class status,
- Set different terms and conditions,
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If you believe you have experienced discrimination, CALL HUD!

1-800-669-9777(voice)

1-800-877-8339(TTY)

For additional information and resources, visit the website for the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania @ www.equalhousing.org

NOTICE

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Township residents must be aware that they should review their homeowner's, flood and sewer backup insurance coverage with their agent/insurance companies in order to properly protect their personal residence probably the most valuable tangible asset that we all have.

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Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps: This valuable coverage is not included under your standard homeowner's policy but can be purchased by endorsement for an additional premium.

Flood Coverage:
Flood coverage is not included under your homeowner's policy. However, flood insurance is available under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and can be obtained through your insurance agent or broker.

The Township does not provide flood insurance.

SPRING 2023 CALENDAR

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• Township Brush, Trash & Recycling:

Monday, March 20, 2023 : NO BRUSH COLLECTION

Friday, April 7, 2023 : NO TRASH OR RECYCLING PICK UP - Moved to
Monday, April 10, 2023.

• Township Office Closed:

Friday, April 7, 2023 for Easter Holiday

• Township Shredding Event

Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until trucks are full)

Location: 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown

Details: 4 Box Maximum - No plastic bags, magazines, books or newspapers. Absolutely free service for Township residents only.

• Township Sponsored CPR, First Aid Classes for Leagues, Teams, Coaches & Officials LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown - morning and afternoon classes.

Monday, March 20, 27, and April 3, 2023 at 900 Parkview Drive the CREC - evening classes only.

Sign up at learn911.net/classes-being-held

Parks & Recreation Events & Announcements:

• Summer Registration Dates:

ECP (Extended Care Program) – registration opens at 8 a.m. on March 6, 2023.

For all other Summer Camps – registration opens at 4 p.m. on April 2, 2023.

For more information about camps & how to register visit the Township's website at havtwp.org/Parks_and_Recreation/Summer_Camp_Info.html

Local Area Events:

• Delco Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - Appointment Only

Location: Emergency Services Training Center @ 1600 Calcon Hook Rd.
Sharon Hill (Darby Twp.) 19079

Details: Registration at delcohw.eventbrite.com. Absolutely Free service for County residents only.

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OFFICIAL HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Summer 2023

NEWSLETTER



Summer is the time for projects and this year is no exception for Haverford Township. Inside this issue, you will find articles with all the latest projects and plans happening this summer as well as great summer tips and reminders.

David Burman

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TOWNSHIP MANAGER CORNER

Summer is the time of plans and projects and below in this article, we will tell you what is trending around town.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

In response to the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and comments presented by residents, business owners, and various community groups, the Board of Commissioners have created a finishing committee to revise the Comprehensive Plan draft, prior to holding a Public Hearing.

Trails, Parks & Intersections:

Also in the works are many upgrades to the Haverford Township trail systems starting with the Pennsy Trail. This project looks to extend the trail from Eagle Road to West Chester Pike. The extension bridges Manoa Road and goes to the Llanerch Shopping Center. Construction is expected to start in 2023 and be completed in early 2024.

The Township is working with PennDot to address the Burmont and Glendale Road intersection improvements, right-of-way issues, pedestrian access issues & a decision on a signalized intersection or a roundabout.

Along with the Burmont and Glendale Road intersection improvements, the Brynford Bike and Pedestrian Safety Study is ongoing. The Township has gathered a focus group of locals to the Brynford area, police personnel, and consultants to investigate how to make this area safe for all who travel.



The Brookline Park Master Draft plan was front and center during the April Board of Commissioners meeting. Included in the presentation were mock-ups of the varied usage that the park could have, layouts for open space, trails, and playgrounds. Also included in the presentation was an estimated cost of development and how local and state funding could be used to create this new space.

As if all of this wasn't enough, the Township is in the midst of a Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan that will help identify a township-wide vision for its parks, recreation services, open spaces, and trails. This is a resident-driven approach to making decisions that will enrich the future of our community and positively affect the lives of its residents.

Library Expansion & Renovation Plan:

Back on track is the Library's expansion and renovation plan. During February's Board of Commissioners meeting, the staff of the library presented a great PowerPoint presentation outlining how the new spaces would look and how the current users will benefit. This plan included information based on community surveys and suggestions.



With so many projects in the works, you can find more information about all current projects on the Township's website. Most of the projects listed above have their own page or will be coming soon. As always, we encourage our residents to sign up for Constant Contact or emails from your Commissioners for ongoing updates.

David Burman
Township Manager



HaverfordAlerts.com

Coming in May 2023

Coming this May the Haverford Police Department will be rolling out a new alert system. This system will be the main communication for the police to deliver breaking news to Township residents.

All residents are highly encouraged to sign up! You will be able to sign up at www.haverfordalerts.com.

HTPD SAFETY TIPS

With summertime upon us, Haverford Police wants to share some safety tips for pedestrians using crosswalks from PennDOT.

Generally, pedestrians may cross the street at any point, but pedestrians and motorists must understand their responsibilities. Below are the basic laws to follow when crossing the street or driving.

- When a pedestrian crosses the street in a crosswalk, the driver must yield.
- Drivers are not required to yield until you begin to step into the crosswalk.
- Pedestrians should not walk or run unexpectedly into the path of a moving vehicle. Pedestrians should not assume drivers will see or yield. Look left, right, and left again before stepping out.
- It is illegal for drivers to pass a vehicle that is stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, as the second driver may not see the pedestrian in the crosswalk.
- If a pedestrian crosses the street (not at an intersection) and there is no crosswalk, the pedestrian must yield to vehicles.
- When crossing the street at a signalized intersection, both pedestrians and motorists must obey the traffic-control devices as these signs and signals help identify who must yield.
- When walking along a road with sidewalks and its use is practical, it is unlawful for any pedestrian to walk in the adjacent roadway.

Haverford Police wishes everyone a safe and happy summer. Remember to lock up your cars and homes when they are unattended. Feel free to notify us when you are going on vacation. We will put your residence on the vacant house list and keep a check on it while you are away! As always, do not hesitate to call 911 to report suspicious activity.

REMINDER

Want to promote a contractor, your favorite candidate for the primary elections, or congratulate your graduate? Well nothing is more fun than a yard sign! Remember though, these signs are to go **onto private property only** and not into any Right of Way.

Let's Keep Haverford Beautiful!





Summer Fire Safety Tips - Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of in a metal container.

On sweltering, hot days, nothing feels better than to sprawl in front of a chilly air conditioner. Air conditioners make it possible to live comfortably indoors during hot spring and summer months. One of the downsides of owning an air conditioner, though, is disposing of it. Our world is long past the days when a person can toss an A/C in the trash in good conscience—or even legally.

But is it really that harmful and why? If so, how do you dispose of these bulky appliances the correct way?

The first thing to know is TO NOT throw your air conditioner unit away in the regular trash. This item is considered bulk trash and you can schedule with our public works department to come pick up your unit. The reason that throwing your unit out for regular trash is harmful, is due to cooling refrigerants inside your air conditioner, which severely contribute to climate change. When you schedule a Bulk Pickup, the contractor who picks up your unit knows how to dispose of everything properly.

Haverford Township is now participating in the TerraCycle program. TerraCycle offers free recycling funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste.

The Township went with two collection bins that are clearly labeled and located on the left side of the main entrance of the Township building (1014 Darby Rd). One bin is for oral care which includes hard-to-recycle items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, packaging, and also floss containers. The other bin is for your personal care items like lip balm tubes, soap dispensers, and many different types of cosmetic cases.

When dropping off items to recycle, try and clean out as many unused products as possible. If you bring your items in a container or a bag, please just empty the recyclables into the appropriate bin. Please no razor blades or electric/battery-operated toothbrushes as these items are not accepted at this location.

ALSO

Don't forget that Haverford Township has two locations for small household electronic waste. One location is at the Township Administrative building at 1014 Darby Road and the other at the CREC parking lot at 9000 Parkview Drive. Please no large items such as appliances, microwaves, televisions, monitors, or AC units. **All items must fit in the chute!**

Scams on our Seniors Series (Part 2): How to Protect Yourself from Scams

By Peggy Murr, Haverford Twp Senior Citizen Advisory Council in collaboration with Detective A. Matthew Hufnal of the Haverford Township Police Department and Detective Edward Rosen of the Delaware County District Attorney Senior Exploitation Unit

Our Spring edition featured a column identifying the top most common scams against seniors and now we present Part 2 of the series with How to Protect Yourself from Scams

1. Grandparent Scam - remember this scam involves a telephone call from a person claiming to be the senior's grandchild who needs money for an emergency, usually auto repairs, or bail bond.

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

Never send a gift card to anyone you don't know. If a family member was in trouble, a legitimate law enforcement will never ask you for a gift card. If a family member is in an accident, police departments will typically notify your local police department and a request a local officer notify you.

2. Imposter Scam - remember this scam involves fraudsters who call and falsely claim they are from the IRS or a government agency and ask for money to pay taxes or a balance due.

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

Unless you have a teleconference set up with a federal employee (confirmation usually sent via a letter); hang up if someone calls and states they are from a government agency. Government officials will NEVER ask you to send money over the phone so NEVER provide banking information or credit card information.

3. Computer Scams and Phishing - remember this scam occurs when a fraudulent phone, email or a text message is sent designed to trick you into revealing sensitive personal information.

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

Read your emails carefully and NEVER click on any hyperlinks. If there was a problem with your account, your credit card or bank will already know your account information. Tell a caller you will call them back by using your local bank branch line or the phone number listed on the back of your credit card.

4. Sweetheart Scams - remember this scam involves preying on the heartstrings of lonely seniors.

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

Very simple -- NEVER send money to anyone you have never met in person no matter how genuine or down on their luck they seem to be.

5. Property scams with services - remember this scam involves fraudsters selling home improvement services that are never delivered.

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

Never pay a contractor upfront and always receive a contract. A good rule of thumb is 1/3 payment upon signing the contract, 1/3 upon project start and the final 1/3 upon completion. Also, get multiple estimates, ask if the contractor is registered in Pennsylvania and make sure he/she obtains a permit from the Township.

Some other "Not Going to Happen to Me" Tips..... (But if it does happen call 911!)

- Check your monthly credit card and bank statements for any unauthorized uses – report any immediately!
- NEVER buy something from a random phone call and NEVER give out your banking information, social security number, or any other personal information.

Can an Old House Learn New Tricks?

A team of community volunteers is helping the Haverford Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) educate residents on how the new generation of “cold climate heat pumps” can comfortably cool an old home in the summer and heat it even in 5 degree weather without the need for fossil fuel backup. EAC’s virtual “Heat Pumps 101” workshops cover cold climate heat pump capabilities, how to decide if its right for your home, ducted and ductless options, and other considerations like electrical panels. New Inflation Reduction Act financial incentives for heat pumps, panel upgrades, and more means there is no better time, but plan ahead before you are stuck with no heat or cool and forced to do the “same old, same old” for another 20 years.

Economic Recovery Payment Program

Haverford Township is proud to introduce the Senior/Widowed/Disabled Residents Economic Recovery Payment Program. The program (an American Rescue Plan Act funded program) will offer a \$500 one-time economic recovery payment to Haverford Township residents who also qualified for and received the 2022 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate in 2023. The Township program is limited to one rebate per household and will open May 1, 2023 and close December 15, 2023.

IMPORTANT!

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SUMMER 2023 CALENDAR

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Monday, June 19, 2023 : NO BRUSH COLLECTION - Holiday
Tuesday, July 04, 2023 : NO TRASH COLLECTION - Moved to Monday, July 03, 2023

• Township Office Closed:

Monday, May 29, 2023: Memorial Day
Monday, June 19, 2023 : Juneteenth
Tuesday, July 04, 2023 : 4th of July

• Township E-Waste Event

Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown
Details: The Township is excited to again provide this free service to our residents!
Sign up starts on June 01, 2023 and can be found on the Township's home page.

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• Sunset Trails Running Series 2023 :

This year's Sunset Trails series days are set for May 10th, June 14th and July 12th.
You must sign up to attend as well as sign up on the night of the run. Visit the Township's home page under popular pages for the 5k Runs link.

Local Area Events:

• Discover Haverford's Haverfood Festival

Friday, June 9, 2023 - from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Location: Township Administration Building parking lot at 1014 Darby Rd.
Details: 20 plus Food Trucks & Vendors plus music, games and community.

This year's Haverford Township Day will be Saturday, October 7th, 2023. Come enjoy a great day of shopping, music, vendors, food & community.



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OFFICIAL HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 2024



Happy New Year!! We hope residents are enjoying the brisk air and looking forward to a little snow that winter may bring this year. In December, the Board of Commissioners adopted the 2024 Operating budget and 2024-2027 Capital Improvement Plan. The 2024 budget includes funding for exciting construction projects already in progress such as the Library renovation, Pennsy Trail & Darby Creek Trail extensions and continued Skatium & playground renovations --- all to enhance the sense of community and enjoyment of our residents!

2024 will bring great things to Haverford so enjoy Winter while it's here and remember, Spring is just around the corner!

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Get to know your government series

Part Two – Finance

In the Fall newsletter issue, we discussed Zoning – and we move to Finance in the Winter/Spring issue! In addition to accurately billing and collecting township property tax, sewer and trash fees for over 17,000 properties, the Finance staff handles all other facets of township finances.

We run a very efficient operation and are blessed with a dedicated staff that understands the importance of managing the Township's finances and the trust given to us. The Finance staff regularly interacts with our fellow residents, mortgage companies, and local realtors regarding township tax status, tax certifications, explanation of the property tax structure, the County assessment and appeal process, and requirements under any of the ARPA grant programs currently offered by the Township. We are also the friendly people you meet in the lobby each tax season for those property owners who prefer to pay their Township taxes in person.

More recently with the awarding of several grant programs, the Finance Department monitors spending and reporting required by the US Treasury in regards to the use of ARPA funds and we also we manage the Senior Economic Recovery Payments, Act 172 Volunteer Firefighters Credit program, and WMBE grant program to name a few others.

In addition to the billing and collection of Township property tax/sewer/trash fees, the Finance Department handles all cash receipts, banking and deposits, cash investments, all bill processing and payments, assists the Township Manager with annual budget, coordinates delinquent sewer/trash fees and lien administration, manages escrows required by land development agreements, and directs the three (3) municipal pension plans including calculation of benefits, enrollment and collaboration with the investment managers. The department also assist business owners with

the business tax filing requirements, coordinates all bond issues and manages all regulatory filings and audits (e.g. regularly scheduled Commonwealth of PA audits and the independent audit of the Township's financial statements).

So if you haven't met Chris, Jackie, Jolene, Grace or Aimee --- stop by and pay your township property taxes in person this year or we are always available for questions either in person, via email to finance@havtwp.org or by phone.



Welcome – 9th Ward Commissioner

Michael McCollum was elected Commissioner of the 9th Ward in November of 2023 and took office in January of 2024 .

He is a lifelong resident of the 9th ward, growing up in the Bon – Air Section of the township.

Mike graduated from St. Dorothy's and Cardinal O'Hara Schools. Mike has been a volunteer coach in the township at St. Dorothy's as well as Hilltop Baseball and Softball League since 1992.

In addition Mike currently serves on the Hilltop Baseball, Softball and Challenger Leagues Board of Directors. Mike worked for the USPS for 24.5 years in Pilgrim Gardens as a Letter Carrier and now is in Insurance sales with the McCollum Insurance Agency a firm owned by his brother with locations in Newtown Square and Manayunk.

Mike and his wife (Bernadette) reside in the Pilgrim Gardens section of the township with their 4 children, (Michael, Maggie, Brinley and Maeve) and their dog, Murphy.

Police Corner – Few things to note...

On October 16th, 2023 the Haverford Township Police began utilizing a new report writing system. The system called Infoshare was paid for by grant money from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The new system's technology helps officers efficiently receive information from the Delaware County 911 Center and also share information with surrounding departments.

On October 26th, 2023 the Department was awarded re-accreditation by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Haverford Township Police has been accredited since July 2020 and maintains compliance with over one hundred forty professional standards.



On November 30th, 2023 K9 Jango retired after ten years of service. During his career K9 Jango conducted over 50 tracks and building searches, over 20 area searches, and 120 narcotics sniffs or searches. In the course of his duties, K9 Jango has located two handguns and 8 lbs of suspected methamphetamines. It may take him a while to adjust to Ofc. Linker going to work without him, but he can now enjoy being a single purpose K9. That sole purpose is family pet. Enjoy your retirement!

On December 11th, 2023 Kevin Redding, Jr. and Cole Hines were hired by the Police Department. Both are currently undergoing training for their new roles.

Have you checked out our communication platform - Haverford Alerts - that allows residents and business owners to easily communicate with HTPD? Download the CRIMEWATCH App on either Google Play or the App store or visit www.haverfordalerts.com. When using Haverford Alerts, you can easily submit tips, receive real time weather, traffic, and safety alerts and learn about what's going on in the community and the Police Department.



Haverford Township Police wants to remind you: do not hesitate to call 911 to report suspicious activity while it is in progress. Officers will respond and investigate accordingly. It is safer and easier for the community to have something that "just doesn't look right" checked out today, rather than wait for tomorrow only to find a problem that could have been addressed sooner!

Fire Corner – Lithium-ion batteries (+ and -)

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The Problem:

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.

Safety Tips:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.

Battery Disposal:

- DO NOT put lithium-ion batteries in the trash! Take them to a battery recycling location or contact the Township for disposal instructions
- DO NOT put discarded batteries in piles.

Signs of a Problem:

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems:

- odor
- change in color
- leaking
- too much heat
- change in shape
- odd noises

If a fire does occur and if safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch. Call 9-1-1.

Did you know?

• From Our Zoning Department

For all of our travel or adventure seeking residents - according to Chapter 182-706 of the Administrative Code, boats, motor homes, travel trailers or other recreational vehicles cannot be parked on a lot unless it is parked at all times in the rear one-half (1/2) of the lot and parked upon a hard surface. Any questions, please call our Zoning Department.

• From Our Codes Department

The Code Enforcement Staff is happy to accept permit applications and answer any in-person questions regarding permit costs, licensing/insurance requirements, application issues, etc between 8 a.m.-12 noon Monday thru Friday at the Township Administration Building. If you or your contractor is simply dropping off paperwork, please feel free to visit us at any time. This new process began November 1, 2023. Afternoon hours are reserved for processing and getting permits issued and back to our property owners and contractors!

SSSHHH..Neighbors Sleeping - We've had recent issues with the sound of heavy duty lawnmowers starting in the early morning hours. So a gentle reminder to all of our property owners or please pass along to those professionals you may hire to take care of your lawns that Chapter 117 of Haverford Township Administrative Code permits loud construction work or any noise created due to property repair or maintenance to start only AFTER 8 a.m.

All neighbors of Haverford Township (especially our seniors, those on shift work and those with young children) will appreciate it!!

• From Our P&R Department

Adopt A Trail or Park - It's your park: get outdoors and get involved!

Help us and help your community. We are putting together a volunteer program that allows the public to be active participants in preserving the beauty and recreational value of trails and parks within Haverford Township. Volunteers assist park staff in keeping parks and trails clean, safe, maintained and looking great so that everyone can enjoy them.

Community organizations, church groups, businesses, families and individuals are encouraged to get involved. Participants are welcome to select an available park or trail or we can select a trail based on maintenance needs and volunteer preferences.

Hand tools and supplies are provided by the park or volunteers may use their own. Parks and trails can be adopted year-round and adopters are encouraged to patrol and maintain their areas throughout the year.

Some Duties Include:

- Patrol/maintain trail/park at least 4 times during adoption year
- Clear trail of small debris and encroaching vegetation
- Inspect the condition of trails, parks, equipment, buildings, and signs
- Submit a completed report form after each work day
- Volunteers are required to commit to program for 1 year

To register and for more information, keep an eye on the Parks & Recreation department of the Township website!

• From Our Partners at DelGo - Special Offer for Haverford Seniors

Haverford Township has partnered with DELGO Community Transit to offer Haverford Township Seniors a free yes, FREE! transportation within Delaware County (out of county destinations are available on a limited basis

You will need to become a member of DELGO Community Transit. Membership is free and sign-up is easy.

Visit their website at www.ctdelco.org and click on "Apply To Ride" and follow the prompts, or call 610-490-3960 and one of their customer service representatives will help you with the process and answer any questions you may have.

• From Our IT Department

Can't find what you are looking for on the Township's website? Check out our new help button on the Township website. Just ask us what you are looking and we will get back to you! within

Environmental Corner

Recycling Series #1: The Process and Glass

The Process:

Haverford's recycling is taken to Republic's King of Prussia facility. There, our commingled recycling is sorted into individual types of materials using human, mechanical, magnetic, electrical, and optical methods. The material is first placed on a conveyor where personnel quickly pull off non-recyclable and contaminated items. This includes any items contained within plastic bags. All items need to be empty and dry to properly go through the sorting process. Plastic bags and plastic film jam the conveyor belts used for moving the materials. That is why plastic bags, packing pillows, bread bags, and are only recyclable at store drop-off sites (e.g. grocery stores). After sorting, the individual materials are baled and sold. Hoping an item can be recycled in the curbside bin, is a problem that leads to contamination and higher costs. Around 10-12% of recycling by weight is contamination. Please only recycle approved items listed in Township publications or on the website.

Glass Bottles, Jars, and Jugs:

Glass picked up curbside in Haverford Township is repurposed into landfill cover rather than recycled. Even though glass is also infinitely recyclable, commingling glass of different colors combined with food contamination issues have led our recycler and many other recycling companies to this decision. "Recycling" glass curbside is still a better option than placing it in the trash. Even better is to actually have the glass recycled by bringing it to reliable collection bins like the Pennsylvania Resources Council's Traveling Glass Bin that made an appearance at the Township Building in December. In addition, Bottle Underground, a Philly nonprofit, reuses glass. A local drop-off for Bottle Underground is available through the "Recycling Beyond the Blue Bin" program of the EAC.

Thank you for properly recycling to conserve our natural resources!

Problems with Pick-Up? Contact Public Works through the Citizen Reporter (located on the Township's website home page) or emailing publicworks@havtwp.org.

What can a shade tree do for our township?

Having a shade tree on your property offers numerous incredible benefits, including providing much-needed shade to scorching streets and managing rainwater runoff. Not only does it enhance the beauty, property values, and walkability of our neighborhoods, but it also contributes to a greener environment.

This Spring, the Haverford Shade Tree Commission is excited to announce its semi-annual tree give-away for residents. Each Spring and Fall, the Township purchases over 100 beautiful shade trees, specifically chosen for our local environment. Residents can sign up for their top three preferred tree species, and winners will be randomly selected in the tree lottery.

In addition, S.T.C is launching a new program in collaboration with enthusiastic volunteers from Haverford High School. This program aims to assist residents who may find it difficult to transport or plant their trees. These volunteers will be available to deliver and plant the trees on the day of the give-away for those with a genuine need for their services.

We anticipate hosting the tree pick-up in April of 2024. Keep an eye out for the announcement of the tree lottery sign-up this Spring.

Let's all celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree and contributing to a greener, more vibrant community.

Compost Incentive

Did you know that food waste makes up 20% of our garbage? That garbage is incinerated (burned) in Chester.

To stop wasting those nutrients and to instead produce organic fertilizer, we can compost!

There are two ways to start composting in Haverford Township:

1. Curbside Pick-Up: Two months of free service provided to Haverford Township residents (new customers) through a grant from the USDA.
2. Do It Yourself: Compost in your backyard! \$30 subsidized compost bins available for Haverford Township residents. Contact havcompost@gmail.com for training.

Update Alert!!!

The Commonwealth has shared the status of its backlog in processing the 2022 property tax rebates which is a prerequisite for receiving the \$500 senior/widowed/permanently disabled economic payment program the Township offers. Due to the backlog, the Township **has extended the deadline** for filing from December 15, 2023 **until April 1, 2024 at 4 p.m.**

Forms are available on the Township website and in the lobby of the Administration Building.

Library Update

The Haverford Township Free Library is continuing with the renovation and expansion, which will proceed for approximately 18 months, during which time the temporary library location will be at 1305 West Chester Pike in the Manoa Shopping Center.

During the renovation and expansion of the main Library building, Haverford Township Free Library will continue to provide all of the services the community has come to value including book clubs in a bag, public computer access, special programs, and children's storytimes.

Please check our website at www.haverfordlibrary.org for information on current and upcoming events, library schedule, and programs, as well as to keep updated on the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Library.



What is Fair Housing?

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from unlawful discrimination. Federal law protects people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance. Fair Housing is the key to all people having the roof they want over their heads.

Who is Protected?

The Fair Housing laws protect discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender/sexual orientation, disability or familial status. Familial status protects discrimination against families with children from being denied housing. These are known as Protected Classes.

What is Prohibited?

In the sale and rental of housing, it is illegal to take any of the following actions based on a protected class:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing,
- Make housing unavailable,
- Set different terms or conditions,
- Falsely deny that housing is available.

In mortgage lending, no one may take any of the following actions based on a protected class:

- Refuse to make a mortgage due to your protected class status,
- Set different terms and conditions,
- Discriminate in appraising a property.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination, CALL HUD!

1-800-669-9777(voice)
1-800-877-8339(TTY)

For additional info and resources, visit the website @ www.equalhousing.org

Notice...

Sewer backups and flooding can cause devastating property damage and are not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies. The majority of these claims are the responsibility of the property owner.

Sewage from sanitary sewer lines occasionally back up into houses through drain pipes. These backups not only cause extensive water damage that is difficult and expensive to repair, but also creates health hazards.

Haverford Township is not responsible for damages caused by sewers, drains and sump pumps except under limited/special circumstances provided by the PA Municipal Immunity laws.

Township residents should review their homeowner's, flood and sewer backup insurance coverage with their agent/insurance companies in order to properly protect their personal residence probably the most valuable tangible asset that we all have.

Article I, Section 149-3, subsection C (2) Sewer Service Regulations of the Township Code states that all sewer service laterals connected to the Township system, regardless of location, are the property of the customer and/or owner and shall be maintained by him in good condition and repair. Please pay particular attention to the following coverages:

Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps: This valuable coverage is not included under your standard homeowner's policy but can be purchased by endorsement for an additional premium.

Flood Coverage: Flood coverage is not included under your homeowner's policy. However, flood insurance is available under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and can be obtained through your insurance agent or broker.

The Township does not provide flood insurance.

Haverford Township Official 2024 Winter/Spring Calendar

Township Holidays:

- Township Office Closed: 02/19/2024, 03/29/2024

Trash, Brush, Recycling Calendar Changes:

- No Brush - 02/19/2024
- No Trash or Recycling - 03/29/2024
- No Brush Collection - 04/01/2024 / **03/29/2024 Trash & Recycling Collection
- Brush & Tuesday 04/23/2024 Trash Collection - 04/22/2024
- No Trash Collection - 04/23/2024

Township Events Save The Dates:

(See website one month prior to event for more information and how to sign up)

- Shredding Event - Saturday 04/13/2024 - Time : 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Senior Night at the CREC - Wednesdays - 02/28 , 03/27 & 04/24 - Times: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required so please visit www.havtwp.org/HT_65_Plus_Community.html

Parks & Recreation Save The Dates:

- Coffee with a Cop at the CREC - Saturday 02/10/2024 - Time 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Full Day Summer Camp (ECP) registration opens - Monday 03/04/2024 - 8:00 a.m.
- Playground Camp registration - Sunday 04/07/2024 - Time 4:00 p.m.
- Summer Camp & Program registration Sunday 04/07/2024 - Time 4:15 p.m.

Skatium Save The Dates:

- PA High School State Championship - Friday 03/22 & Saturday 03/23/2024 - Come out and watch some of the best in High School Hockey!
- The Fins are coming! - Week of 03/24/2024 - Come support the partnership the Haverford Hawks have with their friends from Finland for this international visit and competition.

*****Please note: Events, time etc. are scheduled to change. Visit www.havtwp.org/Calendar.html for most update information.***

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