

# HavaGood Times



## Winter/Spring 2026

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Winter Scene of  
Wildberry Holly at  
the Haverford Reserve



## *A Message from the Township Manager Looking Back With Pride, Looking Ahead With Hope*

Entering the new year is a good time to look back on some of the important work we have done together. Everything we do is meant to make Haverford Township strong for today's residents as well as for our children and the families who will live here many years from now. Just as past generations built the parks, roads and neighborhoods we enjoy, we are doing our part to leave the Township even better than we found it.

One of our biggest accomplishments this past year was the grand reopening of the Haverford Township Free Library. After many years of careful consideration, the Library has been completely renovated and expanded. The Library now offers bright spaces for young children, a safe and welcoming area for teens, quiet rooms for studying, more technology and better access for people of all ages and abilities. It truly has become a place where the whole community can learn and connect.

In addition, Brookline Park is moving forward in a big way. By the time you read this, the major stormwater work and most of the site grading will be finished. These steps are important because they prepare the land for the full development of the park. Even better, the small playing court and some of the playground equipment will be open for families to enjoy while the rest of the park takes shape.

In the coming year, we expect to complete the next segment of the Darby Creek Trail Southern Expansion, connecting residents all the way from West Chester Pike to Jack McDonald Field. This project, combined with safety improvements at Burmont and Glendale Roads, will help make our Township safer, easier to get around and even more enjoyable for everyone.

We are also working on a full update of our zoning ordinance, the rules that guide how land can be used and how buildings fit into our neighborhoods. Our current rules are outdated and sometimes confusing, so we are reorganizing and updating them to make sure they are clear, fair, and consistent with our long-term community goals. This work is being led by Township staff with support from our elected officials and volunteer boards.

It is crucial for residents to be part of this process. Earlier this fall, we hosted two Introduction to Zoning sessions to explain what zoning is and why it matters. If you missed it, you can watch it here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4d494xpu>. There will be many opportunities to share your thoughts throughout the project. Please visit our dedicated project website: <https://www.haverfordzoning.com/>, to learn more about upcoming surveys, community workshops and more. This zoning update, like our park and trail projects, is a long-term investment in the future of Haverford Township. It is our way of honoring the work done by those who came before us while planning responsibly for the generations who will come after.

As we enter the new year, I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited for what's ahead. Thank you for your support, your ideas and your belief in our community. I wish you and your family a healthy, hopeful new year.

Sincerely,  
Dave R. Burman, Township Manager

# Parks & Recreation Community Corner

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### Mission

*Our mission is to make living in Haverford Township more enjoyable and healthier for you, your family and friends by providing top quality recreation programs, facilities and service.*



### Life. Be In It.

*\*People of all abilities are welcome in our programs. With your help we will do all we can to meet your needs.\**



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@haverfordparksandrec



The Park Board honors Rich Caroto (Center) for 25 years of service.

# CREC Information

## Fitness Center & Walking Track

Monday-Friday: 7am-8pm

Saturday: 8am-2pm

Sunday: Closed

## Basketball Courts

Shoot around by yourself or with friends. A great way to stay fit, work on your game or teach your child.

Times: 12pm - 3:45pm (weekdays except Thursday)

*Times are approximate and always subject to change.*

### Drop-in Fees

Resident: \$8 & Non-Resident: \$10

Check website for updates: [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org)

## CREC Calendar

Scan the QR code to view the CREC Calendar



## Pickleball Drop-In



Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays  
9am-12pm

**Thursdays 11am-2pm**

Resident \$6 - 10 passes \$45

Non-Resident \$8 - 10 passes \$55

**The CREC will be closed in observance of the following holiday dates:**

Mon. January 19

MLK Day

Mon. February 16

President's Day

Fri. April 3

Good Friday

Sun. April 5

Easter

## Fitness Passes & Drop-in Fees

No Membership Fees, No Annual Fees

<b>10 passes</b>	<b>\$55</b> Resident	<b>\$65</b> Non-Resident
<b>20 passes</b>	<b>\$75</b> Resident	<b>\$90</b> Non-Resident
<b>30 passes</b>	<b>\$90</b> Resident	<b>\$105</b> Non-Resident
<b>3 Month Special</b>	<b>\$80</b> Resident	<b>\$90</b> Non-Resident
<b>Drop-in</b>	<b>\$8</b> Resident	<b>\$10</b> Non-Resident
<b>Walking Track</b>	<b>Free</b> Resident	<b>\$3</b> Non-Resident

## Main Line Health Free Blood Pressure Check

Beginning in January, first Monday of the month  
(thru May) 9-11am, at the CREC Lobby.

**Coffee with a Cop**  
Saturday, February 14  
(9:30-11:30am)



Children and Adults are Welcome! Come out to the CREC for coffee and donuts and to chat with some of Haverford Township's Finest - our Police Officers. This is your chance to meet the officers and find out what's happening in Havertown.

# CREC Rentals

## We invite you to host your next event at the CREC... But, don't just take it from us...

I just wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for allowing us to host our event at your facility. The space was clean, well-maintained, and provided the perfect setting for our gathering.

We also truly appreciate the kindness and professionalism of your staff. Everyone was incredibly helpful and friendly, making the experience smooth and enjoyable for all involved.

~Linda A.

My garden club...used your facilities for its... programs, and I just wanted you to know how pleased we have been, not only with the physical space, but also with the helpfulness and kind courtesy of the staff...

~Janet C.

Our party went off without a hitch... (the staff) made sure all our needs were met. We will gladly recommend the CREC as a great venue for a party.

~Rob W.



To reserve a space at the CREC or to view a video about rental opportunities visit [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org).



- ◆ Preferred pricing for Haverford Township residents/businesses
- ◆ State of the art A/V technology
- ◆ Green-friendly, LEED certified facility
- ◆ Rentals everyday of the week
- ◆ Catering Kitchen



# CREC Fitness

Registration is on a monthly basis and monthly fees are based on the number of times the class meets per month. Class descriptions and fees are available online. To register online, go to [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org) and click Parks & Recreation.

## Barre Fitness

Low-impact, high intensity workout. Tone your arms, firm your thighs, and sculpt your glutes. Learn how to engage and deeply work your core muscles as well as improve your flexibility and balance.

**Time:** Mon. 6pm \*Online Option Available\*

**Instructor:** Debi Saldana

## Hatha Yoga

Breathe, stretch, align, and build inner strength. Great class for beginners.

**Time:** Tues. 7:05pm

**Instructor:** Beth Ann Rush

## Fly Fit Cardio Dance

The Friday night dance party you never knew you needed. Marcus cranks up the best 80s and 90s dance music. Better than any happy hour. This class will have you sweating, smiling, and feeling years younger.

**Time:** Fri. 6pm

**Instructor:** Marcus Tucker

## Soul Line Dancing

Line dancing class is a wonderful way to exercise. Low impact and easy-to-follow steps. Feel the joy of moving together with others in a relaxed atmosphere and great music. **Instructor:** Kenny James

**Time:** Mon. 1pm

**Time:** Wed. 7pm

**Time:** Fri. 1pm

There will be no fitness classes on January 1, January 19, February 16 & April 3

## Free Health Workshops and Fun Fitness Challenges

Check your inbox for information on monthly fitness challenges and free health workshops in the coming year. Not on our email list? Call or email us to receive info about new classes, fitness updates, and free events at the CREC.

## The POUND® Workout

Let your inner rock star shine with this fitness class that uses slightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix® to pound your way to fitness and strength. Drum along with great music and have a blast!

**Time:** Wed. 6pm **Instructor:** Lisa Drake



## Zumba®

Dance Fitness at its finest. Great music and fun moves. Fitness class with a dance party atmosphere.

**Time:** Mon. 7:05pm **Instructor:** Lauren DiMartino

**Time:** Wed. 11:30am **Instructor:** Carol Fee

**Time:** Sat. 10am **Instructor:** Carol Fee

For more information, contact our Fitness Coordinator

Jackie O'Doherty at 484-380-2730, [jodoherty@havtwp.com](mailto:jodoherty@havtwp.com).

Be sure to check individual class dates as class schedules are subject to change.

# CREC Fitness

## Balance & Agility Beginner

Dynamic balance and stability training. Improve your balance and prevent falls.

**Time:** Thur. 11:30am-12:30pm

**Time:** Fri. 11:30am-12:30pm

**Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty



## Balance & Agility Advanced

More advanced dynamic balance and stability training. **Must be able to jump and run to participate.** Beginner class is a prerequisite.

**Time:** Mon. 9am      **Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty

## Dancing Divas

Dance fitness class for seniors. Easy-to-follow steps that keep you moving and feeling great.

**Time:** Tues. 9am      **Instructor:** Elizabeth Luff

## Calling All Certified Fitness Instructors

Would you like to teach classes at the CREC?

We are taking applications for certified instructors of all class formats.

Pilates  
Indoor Cycling  
T'ai Chi  
Calisthenics  
and more!

Contact Jackie O'Doherty  
at 484-380-2730 or  
email [jodoherty@havtwp.com](mailto:jodoherty@havtwp.com).

## Guided Strength Workouts

Small-group personal fitness training. Meets twice a week. New Students - Call Jackie to set-up a 1-on-1 training before class begins.

**Time:** Tues. & Thurs. 2-3pm

**Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty



The fitness classes below have a lower fee than our other fitness classes and are **FREE** to members who have a medicare supplemental benefit of **Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Renew Active/One Pass or Prime.**

## Chair Yoga For Arthritis

Breathing and stretching exercises in seated and standing positions, with special considerations for those with arthritis or other mobility issues.

**Time:** Wed. 4pm      **Instructor:** MaryPat Hartline

## Power Up 65+

Cardio, strength and agility training to stay fit at any age.

**Time:** Wed. 10:15am **Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty

## Silver Sneakers Classic

Exercises designed to increase strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living.

**Instructor:** Beth Ann Rush

\*Call or email us for available class times.

## Silver Sneakers Yoga (Chair Yoga)

A variety of breathing and stretching exercises in seated and standing positions.

**Instructor:** Beth Ann Rush

\*Call or email us for available class times.

# Nature Series

## An Evening with Mushrooms

Wednesday, January 14th  
(6-7pm) @ CREC

Kevin Popowich of the Philadelphia Mycology Club will dive into the past, present, and future of fungi. Along the way, we will discuss how to forage for mushrooms while highlighting fungal morphology, key identifying features, and their ecological significance. This presentation aims to inspire folks to reimagine their favorite greenspaces and hiking trails through the lens of mushrooms. We'll also discuss how to make quality mushroom observations during your future journeys. This class is intended for beginners to experienced foragers and will include a general introduction to the fungal kingdom and identification information of mushrooms in the mid-Atlantic.

**Free. Registration required.**



## Insect ID

Saturday, January 17th  
(8:30am-2:30pm) @ CREC

Understanding insects can help us understand the world we live in. Join Alan Samel of the DCVA, an Aquatic Ecologist and Entomologist, in identifying and learning more about some of the aquatic insects that live around and within Haverford.

**Free. No registration required.**

## Native Plants for Wildlife and Beauty

Thursday, March 5th  
(7-8pm) @ CREC

Join Jesse Hart, Applied Ecologist, as he explores various native plant gardening applications that support local wildlife and maintain or improve curb appeal. From lawn alternatives to English ivy replacements, there are so many ways to get started.

**Free. Registration required.**

## Preparing Your Spring and Summer Garden

Wednesday, April 8th  
(6-7:30pm) @ CREC

As the weather warms up, and we look forward to the vibrant seasons of spring and summer, now is the perfect time to start preparing our gardens for planting. Whether you're planning to grow beautiful flowers, fresh vegetables or both, getting your garden ready early ensures healthier plants and a more productive growing season. Join Penn State Extension Master Gardener, Todd Johnson, as he covers the essential steps to get your garden in top shape - from soil preparation and choosing the right plants, to creating an environment that nurtures growth and tranquility. By the end of this presentation, you'll have a clear plan to transform your garden into a thriving space that blooms and yields all season long.

**Free. Registration required.**

## Bat Workshop and Release

Wednesday, April 29th  
(7-8:30pm) @ CREC

Join Stephanie Stronsick, Founder and President of PA Bat Conservation and Rehabilitation, to learn why bats are important, ways we can protect them, and how they are vital to the health of our environment. The program will end with a bat release in the Haverford Reserve, so be prepared to go on a short hike in low-light conditions.

**Free. Registration required.**



# Think Green

## Virtual Workshops

Register and learn in your own home.

### Backyard Composting

**Thursday, January 15 (7-8pm)**

Learn how to reduce your waste by 20%, fight climate change, and make free organic fertilizer in your backyard. Gwenn Nolan of Mother Compost will teach the basics of backyard composting and common issues for new composters.

**Free. Registration required.**



### Haverford Recycling Workshop

**Saturday, January 24 (12-1pm)**

Join the EAC and learn to recycle correctly. What goes in the Blue Bin? Wondering what to do with items that do not belong? Explore easy re-fill options. Attendees may participate in a drawing for a new recycle bin. **Free. Registration required.**

### Solar After Tax Credits

**Is It Right for Your Home?**

**Monday, January 26 (7-8pm)**

This free webinar will explain the current solar landscape and how non-profit Solarize DelCo can help you. Learn how solar works, available rebates, the phase out of tax credits, and how our group program makes going solar simple and affordable. **Free. Registration required.**

### PFAS: What They Are and What We Can Do

**Thursday, February 12 (7-8pm)**

PFAS, per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, are present in our everyday products and pervasive in our environment. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment is linked to harmful health effects in humans. Come and learn about PFAS, where they are found, safety, and the recent EPA water standards.

**Free. Registration required.**

### Demystifying EV Ownership

**Thursday, March 12 (7-8pm)**

Get the information you need to see if EV is right for your lifestyle - cost of buying and owning, impact on the environment, how and where to charge, and do they drive the same as gas cars? Sign up and talk with people who have experience with both EVs and gas cars. **Free. Registration required.**

### Memorial Bench



Purchase a memorial bench as a meaningful way to honor the memory of a loved one - a lasting tribute in a peaceful, natural setting. Complete an application from our website. You pick the park and location (needs to be approved by Rec. Dept.) Fee: \$800 includes bench (shipping and freight), plaque and installation.

Questions?

Contact Kirsten at [ktaylor@havtwp.com](mailto:ktaylor@havtwp.com)

# Youth Programs

## Tots on the Move

You and your tot are on the move. Strengthen gross motor skills and see creativity blossom through toddler/adult cardio movement, stretching and scarf dancing.

**Ages: 1-3 w/adult** Location: CREC Fee: \$77  
Times: 9:15-9:50am or 10-10:35am (Th)  
Dates: 1/29-3/5 or 3/12-4/30 (skip 4/2 & 4/18)

## Little Tykes Go on Hikes

Spark a love for the outdoors with an exciting series of themed, family-friendly adventures. Each guided hike blends exploration, education, and fun, encouraging young adventurers to discover nature through hands-on experiences. Check online for the monthly themes. Fee: \$13

**Ages: 3-12 w/adult** Location: CREC  
Time: 10-10:45am (Sat)  
Dates: 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/11, or 5/9

## Krafty Kids

Have a ball while making a mess! You and your child will have fun listening to a story, painting, gluing, and coloring as you do craft projects that encourage your child's creativity and develop fine motor skills.

**Ages: 2-3 w/adult** Location: CREC Fee: \$90  
Time: 10-10:45am (Sat) Dates: 2/14-3/21

## Artastic

Incorporating the basics of art, your child will have their creative juices flowing in fun craft projects related to a new story each week.

**Ages: 4-6** Location: CREC Fee: \$90  
Time: 11:15am-12pm (Sat) Dates: 2/14-3/21

## \*New\* The Science of .... Series

Explore the science behind magic, take on exciting building challenges, and engineer creative designs through hands-on experiments. Each four-week session sparks curiosity, creativity, and real STEM skills. Join the fun where science and imagination meet!

Location: CREC Fee: \$100 Dates: 2/7-5/2  
**Ages: 8-9** Time: 9-10am (Sat)  
**Ages: 10-11** Time: 10:30-11:30am (Sat)

## Nature Club

**Winter Session:** So you don't wish to hibernate with the groundhogs this winter? Neither do we! Come join Dr. Kim and explore life and nature at the reserve, as it persists through the cold. Themes will include animal adaptations, majesty of snow and well-bundled hikes!

**Spring Session:** The reserve is bursting back to life! Discover the wonders of spring each week on different themes which may include water, bugs, or trees. We will explore trails, play games and make crafts.

Bring a lunch. Location: CREC

**Ages: 4-6** Time: 12-2:30pm (Th) Fee: \$140  
Winter Session: 2/5-3/12; Spring Session: 3/19-4/30

## Coco Kids Yoga

Kids yoga is full of important skills that we need to help our bodies and our minds. Each class enhances inner and outer balance, improves self awareness and strengthens emotional intelligence. Parent & child class offered!

Location: CREC

**Ages: 5-8** Time: 11:15am-12pm (Sat)

Dates: 1/31-3/7 or 3/14-4/25 Fee: \$120

**Ages: 3+ w/adult** Time: 12:15-1pm (Sat)  
Dates: 1/31-3/7 or 3/14-4/25 Fee: \$175

## Play-Well TEKnologies

### Pokémon Engineering

Join our Play-Well instructors as we build and catch our favorite Pokémons, rescue Pikachu from Team Rocket, take a ride on the S.S. Anne to uncover rare and mystic Pokémons, and battle to see who will hold the title of Pokémon Master.

**Ages: 5-8** Location: CREC Fee: \$210  
Time: 4:30-6pm (Fri) Dates: 2/6-3/27

### STEM FUNDamentals using LEGO® Materials

Level up your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects. Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that even returning students get a new experience.

**Ages: 6-10** Location: CREC Fee: \$170  
Time: 4:30-6pm (Fri) Dates: 4/10-5/15

# Youth Programs

## Shining Knights Chess Club

Knights, Captures, Action! Program provides game instruction and match play to future chess aces. Class time will be spent learning game strategies and practicing them.

**Ages: 8-13**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$160  
Time: 5:30-6:30pm (Tu)      Dates: 2/3-3/24



## Rec at the CREC All Abilities Programming

### Sensory Trail Walk - Free

Explore local trails in and around Haverford Township with Hiking Hound Adventures! Enjoy monthly themed hikes like a Storybook Adventure, Puzzles, and a Creek Adventure. Explore the sights, sounds, and scents of nature on the trails. Monthly themes and trail information online.

**Ages: 15+**      Location: CREC  
Time: 12-1pm (Sat)      Dates: 2/28, 3/28, or 5/9



## Safe Sitter Courses

Is your student ready to be home alone or start searching for babysitting opportunities? Safe Sitter courses prepare students to safely care for themselves or others. Our instruction includes topics of child development, child care, and an introduction to First Aid to help them assess and respond to injuries.

Class dates will be in February, March, and April.

## Safe@Home

**Ages: 9-12**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$55  
Time: 4:30-6pm (Wed)      Dates: Check website

Is your child a Scout?  
Receive a scout badge for  
completing a Safe Sitter or  
Safe@Home course

## Safe Sitter Training

**Ages: 12-15**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$110  
Time: 9am-1pm (Sat)      Dates: Check website

## Little Explorers

Designed with children in mind, this recreation preschool-age program provides a warm and inviting atmosphere where children can be curious, develop social skills, be active and creative in our mixed aged-classrooms.

Children must be potty trained.

**Ages: 2.5 by Sept. - 5 yrs old**

Time: 9am-12:30pm (includes lunch)



Scan here to view information  
about our waitlist and program.

Director Julien Simpson - [jsimpson@havtwp.com](mailto:jsimpson@havtwp.com)  
or call 484-380-2730

January opens registration for Waitlist Families.

# Sports Programs

## Small Fry Soccer

Our program introduces your child to their first fundamental skills of soccer. We focus on fun and skill development so your child leaves loving soccer.

**Ages: 3-4 w/adult** Fee: \$95

Session 1 - Dates: 1/24-2/28 (Sat) Location: CREC

Time: 10-10:50am

Session 2 - Dates: 4/11-5/16 (Sat) Location: Grasslyn

Time: 10-10:50am

## Sports 4 Me

Basketball, soccer, t-ball, and beyond! Our team of skilled coaches creates a playful space for kids to explore new skills and grow their confidence.

**Ages: 4-6** Location: CREC Fee: \$95

Time: 11-11:50am (Sat) Dates: 1/24-2/28

## Spring Soccer

Kickstart Spring Soccer! Build coordination, teamwork, and love for the game in a friendly, encouraging environment.

**Ages: 5-6** Location: Grasslyn Fee: \$95

Time: 11-11:50am (Sat) Dates: 4/11-5/16

## Volleykids

Through age-appropriate drills and games, players develop strong fundamentals while having a blast on the court. This program will build their skills, confidence and teamwork.

**Ages: 9-12** Location: CREC Fee: \$95

Time: 1-1:50pm (Sat) Dates: 1/24-2/28



## Girls Lacrosse Clinic

Haverford High School coach Nancy McGoldrick and her team host this clinic focused on stick skills and drills. Great for players of all skill levels.

**Ages: 8-13** Location: HHS Gym Fee: \$35

Time: 10am-12pm (Sat) Date: February 28

## HoopSTARS

Introduce your little one to the basics of basketball! Through fun games and activities, kids ages 3-4 will learn beginner skills like dribbling, passing, shooting, and hand-eye coordination. Join us for a age appropriate activities that builds confidence and teamwork.

**Ages: 3-4 w/adult** Location: CREC Fee: \$95

Times: 10-10:50am or 11-11:50am (Sat)

Dates: 1/24-2/28



## Little Dribblers

A fan favorite! Kids build their dribbling, passing, and shooting skills with fun games, drills, and activities. Perfect for young players to get in the game and have a blast.

**Ages: 5-6** Location: CREC Fee: \$95

Time: 12-12:50pm (Sat) Dates: 1/24-2/28

## Girls Lacrosse Leagues

Grade 2: This program blends fun drills and games to help kids build their skill level and confidence.

Grades 3 & 4: Comprehensive program that combines skill development, game strategy, and league play.

Players provide stick, goggles, and mouth guard.

**Grade 2:** Time: 9-10:15am (Sat) Fee: \$100

**Grades 3 & 4:** Time: 9-10:30am (Sat) Fee: \$140

Time: 5:30-6:45pm (Fri)

Location: Haverford Reserve Dates: 4/11-5/16

# Sports Clinics & Leagues

## Tennis Tykes

An introduction to tennis for our youngest players. Basic movements, hand-eye coordination, and fun games are all used to teach basic tennis skills.

**Ages: 4-5**      Location: Paddock      Fee: \$105  
Time: 1-1:50pm (Sat)      Dates: 4/11-5/16



## Tennis Lessons

Players of all skill levels can improve their game during this fun, instructional clinic that focuses on forehand, backhand groundstrokes, and grip and tennis-specific footwork.

**Ages: 6-9**      Location: Paddock      Fee: \$115  
Time: 2-3:20pm (Sat)      Dates: 4/11-5/16



## Junior Tennis League

Suzanne Barr leads this league with instruction for intermediate to advanced level of play. Players will be paired with a partner of similar age and skill level.

**Ages: 9-16**      Location: Paddock      Fee: \$145  
Time: 3:30-5pm (Sat)      Dates: 4/11-5/16

## Skyhawks Sports

### Golf Tots

Join us for a unique golfing experience inspired by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. Our programs offer expert instruction in putting, chipping, pitching, and full swings, ideal for young athletes eager to master golf. Parent participation is required.

**Ages: 3-5**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$125  
Time: 12-12:40pm (Sat)      Dates: 1/24-2/14



### Beginner Golf

Swing into Skyhawks Beginners Golf, powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. Our fun, games-based approach and specialized equipment ensure early success. We teach key skills like putting and chipping through engaging activities.

**Ages: 6-10**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$125  
Time: 12:55-1:50pm (Sat)      Dates: 1/24-2/14

### Beginner Kids Pickleball

Get in the game with Skyhawks Pickleball, gateway to the fastest-growing paddle sport! This program develops and sharpens pickleball skills like groundstrokes, volleys, and serves in a fun environment while focusing on teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect. Come experience this lively sport while building confidence and appreciation for pickleball. Every child receives a Skyhawks t-shirt and glow in the dark wristband.

Location: CREC      Dates: 3/7-3/28      Fee: \$135

**Ages: 6-8**      Time: 10:15-11:15am (Sat)

**Ages: 9-12**      Time: 11:25am-12:25pm (Sat)

# Special Events

## Hoops from the Heart

**When: MLK Day - Monday, January 19**

The Recreation Department is teaming up with Ursinus coach, Bobbi Morgan, and Haverford High School Boys Varsity Coach Jake Mingey, for a basketball clinic. All proceeds will benefit needy families in Delaware County. Time: 9:30am-12pm  
Fee: \$35 (food donations welcome)

**Ages: 6-14 (boys and girls)** Location: HHS



## Kids Night Out

Parents, are you looking to get the kids out of the house? Have them join us for games in the gym, crafts, music, tournaments, themed nights and a movie. Pizza is included. Register online.

**Ages: 6-12** Location: CREC Fee: \$22/child  
Time: 6-9pm (Fri) Dates: 1/9, 2/6, or 3/13



## Spring Break

### WCSS Spring Break Soccer Camp

Join us for a week of fun and skill-building with coaches who have been teaching soccer in Havertown for 35 years! Perfect for players of all levels. Location: Haverford Reserve turf

Dates: 3/30-4/2 (M-Th)

**Ages: 4-6** Time: 9-11am Fee: \$110

**Ages: 6-14** Time: 9am-12:30pm Fee: \$155

### Baseball Camp

Topp Gunn Baseball presents this premier camp for players of all skill levels. Offers top notch instruction from highly qualified coaches to ensure that your slugger has an unforgettable week.

**Ages: 7-14** Location: Steel Field Fee: \$220  
Time: 9am-12pm (M-Th) Dates: 3/30-4/2

### RS Sports and Games Camp

This camp will introduce the athletes to different Sports that are played around the world. Athletes will learn the basic rules while engaging in free play and competitive games. Sports for World Games include: Handball, Cricket, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Wiffleball, Kickball, Soccer and more.

Location: Hill Top Prep School Dates: 3/30-4/2

**Ages: 6-14** Time: 9am-12pm (M-Th) Fee: \$210

**Ages: 7-14** Time: 9am-3pm (M-Th) Fee: \$275

### Spring Break Nature Camp

Investigate all the wonders of the Haverford Reserve this spring. Campers will get to play with bug boxes, look for frogs, and search for signs of animal life. Bring a lunch.

**Ages: 7-9** Location: CREC Fee: \$170  
Time: 9am-1pm (M-Th) Dates: 3/30-4/2

### Theatre Horizon Drama Camp

Young actors spend a week working as an ensemble to create an original play - full of drama, comedy, suspense, and one-of-a-kind characters. Everything from the setting to the play to the characters are created by campers. On the last day they perform their original play.

**Ages: 7-12** Location: CREC Fee: \$200  
Time: 9am-1:30 (M-Th) Dates: 3/30-4/2

### Play-Well Spring into STEM using LEGO® Materials

Celebrate the coming of Spring with Play-Well and tens of thousands of LEGO parts! Build chirping birds, design blossoming flowers, and take a ride on a paddle boat. Design and build as never before,

**Ages: 7-12** Location: CREC Fee: \$160  
Time: 9am-12pm (M-Th) Dates: 3/30-4/2

# Adult Programs

## Adult Volleyball League (Co-ed)

Open to all skill levels, this competitive 6v6 league brings the action indoors every Sunday afternoon. Perfect for players of all ages.

**Ages: 18+** Location: CREC Team Fee: \$830  
Time: 2-6pm Dates: Spring 2026

## Men's Basketball League

Join our Men's Basketball League with separate competitive A and B divisions. A League plays Mondays, B League plays Thursdays. Check website for more details [www.havertownhoops.com](http://www.havertownhoops.com).

**Ages: 18+** Location: CREC Team fee: \$800  
Time: 7-9pm Dates: Spring 2026

## Basketball at the CREC

Saturday Basketball - Play competitive hoops at the best basketball facility in the area. Register online to hold your spot. Dates: 1/3-27, 2/14-3/21, 3/28-5/9  
Time: 7:30-9:30am Fee: \$70-6 wk session



## Senior Night Out

Join other seniors on the 4th Wednesday of each month for a variety of activities.



**January 28** - Live Game Show Night

**February 25** - Movie Night

**March 25** - Board Game & Puzzle Night

**April 22** - Pot Luck Dinner with Trivia

Time: 6-8pm

FREE for those over the age of 60.

Registration is required. Space is limited.

*Senior Night Out is Sponsored by:*



## Beginner Pickleball Clinic

Come learn the fastest growing sport in the US! This clinic will cover the rules, scoring, positioning, game-play and a wide variety of shots to help you enjoy the game. **Ages: 18+**

Session 1 - Location: CREC Fee: \$130

Time: 10-11:30am (Sat) Dates: 3/7-3/28

Session 2 - Location: Paddock Fee: \$105

Time: 4:30-5:30pm or 5:45-6:45pm (Wed)

Dates: 4/15-5/6

## Intermediate Pickleball Clinic (3.0-3.5 level)

Take your game to the next level. Focus will be on advanced spin, shot technique, court strategy and positioning, both attacking and defending.

**Ages: 18+** Location: CREC Fee: \$150

Time: 11:30am-1pm (Sat) Dates: 3/7-3/28

## Adult Tennis Lessons

Learn the game or brush up on your skills. This clinic is for all skill levels covering the fundamentals of forehand, backhand groundstrokes, and footwork.

**Ages: 18+** Fee: \$150

Wednesday Session - Location: Elwell

Time: 7-8:20pm Dates: 4/8-5/20

Friday Session - Location: Elwell

Time: 6:30-7:50pm Dates: 4/10-5/15

Sunday Session - Location: Grasslyn

Time: 8:30-9:50am Dates: 4/12-5/17

# Adult Programs

## Retirement Planning Today®

In this course you'll learn how to: manage investment risks, use new tax laws to your advantage, make informed decisions about your company retirement plan, and adjust your estate plan to function properly under the new laws. This course blends financial education with life planning to help you build wealth, align your money with your values, and achieve your retirement lifestyle goals. This course helps you develop a personalized retirement income plan.

**Ages: 18+**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$55  
 Dates: March 9 & March 16 (Monday)      Time: 6-9pm  
 Dates: March 19 & March 26 (Thursday)      Time: 6-9pm

## FREE Medicare Planning Seminar

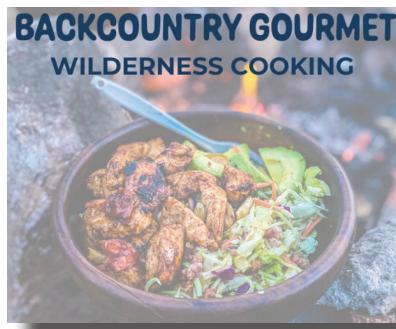
During this virtual seminar, you will learn: How Medicare works and what it covers, how Part D prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you, and the difference between Medicare Supplements and Medicare Advantage Plans. Register online at [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org).

**Age: 18+**      Location: CREC  
 Time: 6:30-8pm (Th)      Date: March 12  
 Instructed by DelVal Senior Advisors

## Chocolate Making Class

Melt into the world of chocolate making and decorating with "Lizzy's Chocolates". You'll leave class with the Dos and Don'ts of chocolate, tips and tricks for packaging and special treats that will amaze your friends. BYOB!

**Ages: 18+**      Location: CREC      Fee: \$72  
 Time: 6:15-7:45pm (Tu)      Dates: 2/10 or 3/24



## \*New\* Backcountry Gourmet: Wilderness Cooking Experience

Learn to prepare a three-course backcountry meal while mastering stove use, camp hygiene, and Leave No Trace practices.      Fee: \$40

**Ages: 16+**      Location: CREC/Haverford Reserve  
 Time: 6-8pm      Date: April 11

## Trail News

### 14th Annual Trail Summit Saturday, February 7th (8:30am-12pm) @ CREC

Haverford Township Recreation Department is hosting its 14th Annual Trail Summit. Trail enthusiasts will review progress and identify new opportunities to improve walking and biking throughout the tri-county area. Presentations by several regional planning and Township organizations will give you up to date information on local trails and proposed trails.

**FREE. Registration is required.**

### Parks & Trails Volunteer Days

We need volunteers to help us plant trees, clear invasives, and make a positive impact on our environment. Your efforts will help create a greener, healthier future. All are welcome, no experience needed. Bring your friends and family. Let's work together to make a difference! Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kyle at [kgaumann@havtwp.com](mailto:kgaumann@havtwp.com).

### Rain Garden Workshop Saturday, March 7th (9am-12pm) @ CREC

Learn how to build and maintain a rain garden for yourself or in your community. Later, you will have the opportunity to hone your skills by joining our rain garden builds or apprenticing (i.e., assessing potential locations and designing rain gardens). Presented by Darby Creek Valley Association, Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative, and Hav-a-Rain Garden who have designed and built more than 100 rain gardens in the region at parks, libraries and private properties.

### Scout Saturday Saturday, January 31 (12-2pm)

All township Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, and their family and friends are invited to walk in the woods and enjoy free hot dogs and hot chocolate at the Meadow Campground at Haverford Reserve.

# Park and Trail Improvements

## Brookline Park

Phase 1 of the Brookline Park redevelopment is nearing completion. Phase 1 included stormwater management, mass grading and the installation of the playground equipment and basketball court.



Basketball Court



Toddler Playground



Playground

Phase 1 work should be completed by the end of January and the play areas will be open for use.

Phase 2 of the development is in design, this work focuses on the perimeter of the park and includes parking, sidewalks, fencing, tree plantings and a rain garden. This work will begin in the spring of 2026. Brookline Park redevelopment was funded by American Rescue Plan funds and a Local Share state grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development.

## Darby Creek Trail

The final phase of the Darby Creek Trail extension will begin construction in spring 2026. This phase will extend the trail from Merry Place to McDonald Field. The completed trail will extend from the school bus yard to McDonald Field, approximately 1.5 miles. This phase was funded by grants from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Delaware County Greenways and a Local Share grant from PA. The anticipated completion date is late 2026.



A tire swing was installed in the fall at Veterans Field.



New play equipment and swings were installed at Preston Field.



## Summer Preview

- 1/30 - Summer staff job applications posted
- 2/03 - Popular Summer Camp information posted on our website
- 3/02 - Full Day Summer Camp (ECP) and LIT program registration at 8am
- 3/25 - The Summer HavaGood Times will be mailed to Haverford Township residents and will be posted online
- 3/29 - Playground Camp registration at 4pm
- 3/29 - Summer Camp & Program registration at 4:15pm

## Summer Camp Info Page

Check out the Summer Camp Info page on the Parks & Recreation website. This page will include information about popular programs for ages 3-12 and FAQ's. Information will be available to view starting February 3.

## Full Day Summer Camp (ECP)

Haverford Parks and Recreation offers a full day program (8am-6pm) for ages 6-12. This full day camp provides a safe, fun-filled summer with a wide variety of activities, including sports, crafts, bowling and a field trip each week. Information on dates, times and fees will be available on our website in February. Registration opens online Monday, March 2 at 8am.

## Leaders In Training Program

Become a Leader in Training this summer! Leaders will spend their summer leading/playing fun games and activities, interacting with campers, and learning important skills to become an effective leader. Each LIT will be paired with a mentor at their location. More LIT program information can be found on our website under 'Summer Camp Info'.

**Registration opens March 2 at 8am.**

**Ages: 14-15      Fee: \$50**

### Mandatory Program dates:

Program Overview: May 6 or May 14

LIT Evaluation: June 18

## Adult Co-ed Softball League

Since 2017, Haverford Parks and Recreation has offered a fun and competitive adult softball league. Games will be played M/W from mid-May through late-July at 6:45pm and/or 8:30pm. For team fee and more information check our website at [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org). Registration opens March 2.

## Camp Counselors

We are looking for applicants ages 16 & over to join our Summer Staff. If you have strong leadership skills and are enthusiastic, check the Township website ([www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org)) starting January 30 for an application. Interviews will be held in March and April.



## Park Maintenance

We are accepting applications for individuals 18 and over to work park maintenance part-time and seasonal. Work includes grass cutting, playground and field maintenance. Part-time is 29 hours/week. Seasonal is 40 hours a week. For an application scan the QR Code.



# Register for Winter/Spring Programs on January 5

## Online Registration System

Create or log onto your online account to view and register for upcoming programs.

Use the registration system to:

- Register yourself or family members for programs.
- View additional program information not featured in the brochure.
- Easy access to your family's program schedules.
- Better communication through text alerts and email.

*Follow these steps to create your account in 1-2-3!*

1. How do I create an account for me or my family?

- Go to our website [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org)
- Under Departments, Click "Parks & Recreation"
- Click "Login/Register"
- Click "Create an Account"
- Fill out your information
- Save your information and add the next family member

2. How do I register for classes or programs?

- Log onto your account using Step 1 (a-c)
- Click "Activities"
- Browse by activity name, ages or categories

3. What if I forgot my account information?

- Use Step 1 (a-c)
- If your password is incorrect or forgotten click "Forgotten"
- Enter your email address
- A temporary password will be emailed to you

**We're here to help!**

- For any questions about activities, program locations, registration or creating an account, call the Recreation Department at 484-380-2730.

*\*Only Township Residents can register the first 10 days.  
(Excludes fitness classes)\**

### \*Refund Policy\*

- There is a \$25 drop out fee for all programs if you withdraw within one week (7 days) of the program start date.
- Full refunds/credits will be issued if the Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program.
- All refunds have a \$10 service fee attached unless the refund is due to injury. There is no fee switching from one program to another unless the balance of the class is different.
- After a program starts no refunds will be given unless approved by the Program Coordinator.

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## Additional Info

Haverford Township is led by nine Township Commissioners who are elected by ward residents.

Commissioners elect their own President and Vice President at the beginning of each new year. The Commissioners appoint a Township Manager who oversees daily operations and a sizable staff.

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners frequently communicate with their constituents through emails and social media. Please contact them directly to receive their communications as well as up to date information about your ward.

Meetings are broadcast live on the Township Cable Network (channel 38 on Verizon and channel 5 on Comcast) and replay everyday at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

To access links to all broadcast meetings, sign up for Commissioners emails and more visit [www.havtwp.org/Board\\_of\\_Commissioners.html](http://www.havtwp.org/Board_of_Commissioners.html)

\*\*Please note: We do not live stream to social media. You can access these meetings on YouTube usually the day after the meetings take place.

# Haverford Police Reflect...

The Haverford Police Department is proud to highlight the dedicated service and community involvement of its officers and staff as we enter the spring season.

## Honoring Retirement & Celebrating Promotions

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our retiring officers who have dedicated decades of service to the safety and well-being of our community:

- Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan — 32 years of service
- Sergeant Shant Bedrossian — 35 years of service
- Sergeant Dennis Donnelly — 35 years of service
- Detective Michael Flynn — 34 years of service
- Detective Matthew Hufnal — 32 years of service

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and faithful service. We wish each of you many happy, healthy years in retirement.

We also bid farewell to K9 Axel, who recently retired after ten years of dedicated service. Partnered with Ofc. McDermott, K9 Axel played a vital role in numerous successful operations. We thank Ofc. McDermott and K9 Axel for their service and wish them well in this new chapter.



Additionally, the department congratulates officers on recent promotions and new assignments, including:

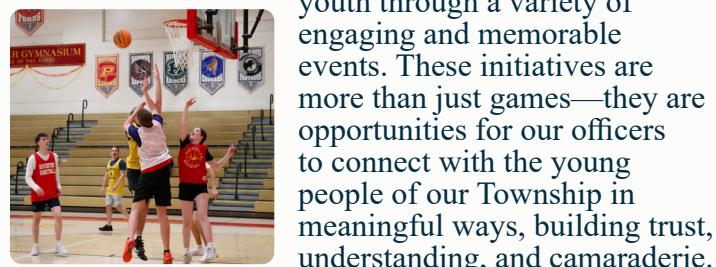
- Deputy Chief - TJ Long
- Special Operations - Sergeant Brian Coleman
- Detective Sergeant - Robert McCreight
  - Administrative Sergeant - Michael Kenny
- Patrol Sergeants - Lawrence Howard and Kimberly Huganir



Your leadership and dedication continue to strengthen the department and serve our community.

## Community Engagement

Each year, the Community Policing Unit goes above and beyond to foster positive relationships with our



youth through a variety of engaging and memorable events. These initiatives are more than just games—they are opportunities for our officers to connect with the young people of our Township in meaningful ways, building trust, understanding, and camaraderie.

During the 2025 season, the Community Policing Unit continued this proud tradition by playing Haverford High School in its annual softball game, football game, and culminating the season with an exciting basketball game. These spirited matchups not only showcase athletic talent but also serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

Each of these games encourages our officers to stand side-by-side with the youth of the Township, demonstrating their commitment to fostering positive relationships and inspiring the next generation.

## Community Events

The Delaware County Police K9 Competition is a friendly and exciting event that highlights the dedication, skill, and teamwork of our highly trained K9 units. Each year, these teams compete in a series of challenging activities, including an article search, obstacle course, closest recall, and culminates with the best apprehension.



In 2025, the competition continued its tradition of excellence and community spirit. This year's event was made possible through the generous support of local sponsors, including Videon Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram; Wilson's Secret Sauce; Schaffer Sound; and Peterson Insurance. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended. Thanks to your support, over \$2,500 was raised for the Honor Their Service Fund.

*Remember, if you see suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call 911.*

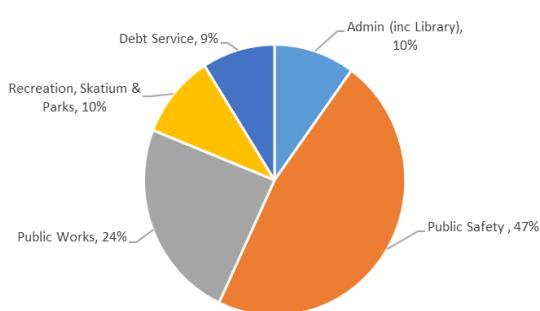
# Investing in Our Future

*At the December 8, 2025 public meeting, the Board of Commissioners passed the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets*

Haverford Township is fortunate to have a dedicated staff of employees and volunteers that continue to provide exceptional services to our residents, visitors and businesses. But like any other organization, the Township also faces significant fixed costs. With nearly 80% of our budget comprised of labor costs, debt service and insurance premiums – areas that are very difficult to trim without impacting services - our remaining operating funds are managed with great efficiency. To ensure we continue meeting the high expectations of our community, the adopted budget includes a slight increase to the Township property tax rate from 4.545 mills to 4.695 mills and to the annual trash/recycling fee from \$283.00 to \$295.00 per residential dwelling. The 2026 sewer fee will remain unchanged at \$5.15/1,000g of water used.

Tax increases are never easy, but they play a pivotal role in ensuring Haverford Township remains the vibrant, thriving community we all love. From 2020 through 2026, the Township real estate tax rate changes have consistently trailed the rate of inflation, reflecting the Township's disciplined approach to fiscal management. Through a targeted use of our reserves along with a deliberate effort to hold tax adjustments below inflation, the Township absorbs rising costs for labor, materials and insurance. This conservative approach helps maintain core services and long-term financial stability without imposing the full effect of inflation on taxpayers.

Haverford Township 2026 General Operations  
Budgeted Expenditures



## *Reminder To All Business And Rental Property Owners!!*

The Township has a business privilege and mercantile tax for all businesses (including rental property owners) operating in Haverford Township. This is a gross receipts-based tax based on receipts from the previous calendar year. Please visit the Township website for further information and contact the Township's appointed collector, TriState Financial Group at 610-270-9520 with any questions or to resolve any delinquencies. All registration and tax forms are available on its website at [www.tfgtax.com](http://www.tfgtax.com). Annual licensing and reporting is due by April 15.

## *Continued Investment in Infrastructure and Community Amenities*

The Capital and ARPA budgets will help us fund numerous transformative projects, ensuring Haverford Township continues to thrive. Here are some highlights for 2026:

- Continued development of the new Brookline Park and Darby Creek Trail.
- Delivery of previously ordered fire apparatus for Manoa, Bon-Air, Llanerch and Oakmont Fire Companies.
- Bridge repair work.
- Enhanced pedestrian improvements at Burmont & Glendale Roads.
- Interior work and deck refurbishment at the CREC and field lights at the Reserve.
- Ongoing investment in sanitary and storm sewer systems.

## *Can't find what you are looking for on the Township's website?*

Check out our "Help Button" on the Township website. Just ask us what you are looking and we will get back to you within 2 business days (or less).

# Travel Insurance for Seniors: Why It Matters

When traveling abroad, your health insurance doesn't provide coverage, making travel insurance essential. Remember, Medicare only covers healthcare within the United States.

Travel insurance can protect trip costs if something out of your control happens, such as trip cancellations, delays, or lost baggage. It also provides emergency medical and dental benefits, including ambulance services, hospital visits, or even medical flights home if needed.

Most travel insurance policies are temporary and tailored for your vacation. It's also important to review your supplemental Medicare policies for out-of-country coverage, as they vary and may only cover a portion or none at all.

For seniors, understanding your coverage is crucial—especially if you have pre-existing conditions, which may not be covered unless you have a waiver. Spending time investigating travel insurance can give you peace of mind and protect your finances during your trip.



## Exciting Updates and Events at Haverford Township Free Library

The Haverford Township Free Library's recently renovated space features a stunning multi-story entrance, new elevator, cozy Living Room with fireplace, MakerSpace, Gaming Area, Laptop Zones, and new meeting and study rooms. Dedicated areas for children and teens create welcoming spaces for all ages.

### Welcome!

Maryanne Olson joins as the new Library Director, coming from Queens Public Library in New York. Everyone in the Havertown community is encouraged to extend a warm welcome to her.

For the latest events, visit [haverfordlibrary.org](http://haverfordlibrary.org).



## Stay Informed

Keep up with community news through these quick methods:

- 1 Constant Contact: Sign up for updates on events and news.
- 2 Haverford Alerts: Get emergency and service notifications via text or email.
- 3 Social Media: Follow us on Facebook, X, and Instagram.
- 4 Delco Alerts: Receive county-wide weather and safety alerts.
- 5 Community Calendar: View upcoming events on the township website.

Visit [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org) to subscribe and stay connected!

# What is ahead in 2026.....

## Winter



### December, January & February

Look for the yearly Trash, Brush, and Recycling calendars in your mailbox. Keep this pinned to your refrigerator throughout the year to easily reference collection dates.

You will also receive your Haverford Township Real Estate Tax bill in the mail. Please note: our online payment service is for township real estate tax bills only. School and county real estate taxes are not accepted here.

Information about Summer Camps for 2026 will be released. Check the township website for all the details you need.

## March, April & May

Once spring has arrived, look for the first Large E-Waste & Shredding events to take place right here in the Township's parking lot. These events are listed on the Township's Calendar a month before each date.

Spring is also a time for community celebrations, including our annual Earth Day festivities, Memorial Day observance gathering, and the Police Department's Community Outreach Softball Game with Haverford High School.

## Spring



## Summer



### June, July & August

If you take the summer to clean out your closet, the Township will host its 2nd Annual Helpsy Clothing Drive. At the end of summer, we will also hold our final Large E-Waste & Shredding events.

## September, October & November

Fall brings exciting community events such as Haverford Township Day, the Haverford Police Department's annual Community Policing Football and Basketball games against Haverford High School, and the 11th Annual Delaware County Police K-9 Competition.

Additionally, at the end of October, check the township's website for the 2026 Leaf Collection schedule. The schedule will be featured prominently on a button right on the township's homepage for easy access.

This is also budget season for the township. Preliminary budgets will be posted in November, with the final approved budget available in December.

## Fall



# Important Notice for Residents:

## Check Your Home's Gas Capacity Before Buying a Backup Generator

As more homeowners look to improve emergency preparedness, natural gas-powered home generators have become a popular option. Before purchasing one, however, it's essential to verify whether your home's existing gas service can safely support the additional demand. This step helps prevent service interruptions, safety hazards, and unexpected installation delays.

### What is a "Load Increase"?

A load increase refers to the additional amount of natural gas your home will require when you add new gas-powered equipment—such as a standby generator. Each gas appliance (water heater, furnace, stove, dryer, etc.) uses a portion of your home's total gas capacity. If the combined demand exceeds what your current service line or meter can supply, an upgrade may be required.

### Why It Matters

Generators can require more gas than other appliances. If your system isn't sized correctly, it can lead to malfunction, safety risks, or code violations.

### What to Do Before Buying

- Contact your gas provider for a load calculation review.
- Share your generator's specifications.
- Confirm if your service can support it or if upgrades are needed.
- Schedule any upgrades early to avoid delays.

### Benefits of Checking First

- Ensures safe, reliable operation
- Helps plan costs and timelines
- Prevents overloading your system
- Keeps your installation compliant

# Honoring Brookline Fire Chief John Viola

*The Board of Commissioners recently recognized John Viola as he stepped down as Chief of the Brookline Fire Company after 43 years in the position.*



Chief Viola first answered the call to serve in 1967, beginning a career marked by leadership, bravery, and unwavering commitment. Over the decades, he rose through the ranks to become the longest-serving Fire Chief in the history of the Brookline Fire Company.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Viola operated and oversaw many fire trucks, led significant renovations to modernize the department's headquarters, and celebrated major milestones such as the 75th and 100th anniversaries of the fire company. His heroic act of rescuing a child from a house fire in 1991 earned him the Township Medal of Valor.

Chief Viola's leadership extended beyond operational duties. He mentored generations of firefighters, emphasizing fairness, integrity, and professionalism. His calm and courageous response to countless emergencies throughout Haverford Township and Delaware County has left a lasting impact.

We thank Brookline Fire Chief John Viola for his lifelong dedication and exemplary leadership, as he continues to serve as a volunteer firefighter in Haverford Township.

# Environmental Corner

## Does Haverford Township's recycling get recycled?

Yes! Our trucks take curbside recycling to a King of Prussia facility that sorts and can sell 88-90% of the materials. Please only recycle the approved items listed in Township publications or on the website.

Missing a lid for your Township-provided recycling can? Most lids are available for purchase from the Township for only \$5.

**Cardboard and Paper:** 90% of cardboard and paper is made into new products. For every ton recycled, 17 trees are spared and 70% less water is used.

**Steel and Aluminum Cans:** Over 95% of collected cans are recycled. Recycling aluminum takes only 5% of the energy needed to make new aluminum. An aluminum can has about 73% recycled aluminum content.

**Glass Bottles, Jars, and Jugs:** Curbside collection repurposes glass into landfill cover which is much better than putting glass in the trash. For an even more effective environment impact, drop off your clean bottles, jars, and jugs in the large blue bin at the gravel parking lot above the Dog Park at the Haverford Reserve, a partnership between Haverford Township and Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The PRC program ensures the glass is truly recycled into glass again.

**Plastic:** Currently, our recycled #1, #2, and #5 plastics are being sold by the recycler. It is important to note, however, that not all plastic can be recycled AND not all plastic with a recycling symbol can be recycled curbside.

## Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater is runoff that comes from lawn grasses and hard surfaces, including roofs, walkways, and driveways.

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

## Protecting Township's Shade Tree

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission is a group of resident volunteers who help protect and grow the trees that line our streets, fill our parks and shade our neighborhoods. Besides looking nice, trees cool our community, clean the air, soak up stormwater and support birds and wildlife.

The Commission recently shared that our tree canopy has been shrinking over time due to age, disease, storms, pests and development. When trees are lost and not replaced, it affects everyone. That's why they focus on protecting the trees we have and planting new ones where they are needed most.

One of our most popular efforts is the Shade Tree Giveaway Program, which provides a limited number of free trees to residents each spring and fall so families can plant trees right at home and help rebuild our tree canopy.

Last year, 2,000 new trees were planted across the Township through neighborhood tree planting and maintenance projects. Ongoing efforts along Darby Creek and Cobbs Creek help stabilize stream banks, enhance water quality, and create healthier natural habitats. If you'd like to be notified of upcoming volunteer opportunities, please email [kgaumann@havtwp.org](mailto:kgaumann@havtwp.org) or call 610-446-9397.

Together, we're growing a greener Haverford, one tree at a time.

# Protect Your Home:

## Don't Let Sewer Backups Drain Your Wallet!

Sewer backups and flooding can cause devastating property damage and are typically not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies. The majority of these claims are the responsibility of the property owner 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 which is 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 in good condition and repair.

The Township does not provide flood insurance. Check with your insurance professional about added coverages such as:

- Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps
- Flood Coverage



# Fair Housing

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from discrimination. Federal law protects people in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance. It 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. 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 visit [www.equalhousing.org](http://www.equalhousing.org)

## Bulk Trash and Brush Collection Reminders

- 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 only accept: 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

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