

# TOWNSHIP OF *Haverford* est. 1682 PENNSYLVANIA

## 2020 Spring/Summer Newsletter

### Letter from the Township Manager



Hello Neighbors,

Spring is just about here! The days become longer and the weather grows warmer. Plants come alive and flowers bloom. It's a beautiful time of year.

Still, people with hay fever and allergies often suffer more during spring. If you are one of those people, it may be a good idea to start thinking about your allergy medications before the worst symptoms hit.

Here are some other springtime tips:

- Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Tune up your bike and make sure it is safe to ride.

- Replace your air conditioner filters.
- Make sure your lawnmower is working properly.
- Clean out your medicine cabinet and dispose of expired medications properly.
- Inspect your windshield wipers. Modern wipers usually last 6 to 12 months.
- Watch for potholes. If you see anything that needs our attention, please pull over and contact Public Works at 610-446-1000 ext. 2264.

Most importantly, when the weather is nice, get outside and enjoy our wonderful park system! Thanks to the Board of Commissioners, we have a wide variety of parks and trails throughout the Township. Thanks, too, to our Parks Maintenance team. They've been working all winter to prepare for this special time of year. With dozens of facilities throughout the Township, our Parks Maintenance team covers a lot of ground to keep our parks clean and safe.

As always, if you notice anything that needs our attention, please feel free to contact your Commissioner or me with any questions, concerns or comments. We are here to serve.

*David Burman*  
Township Manager

\*\*Please note: In an effort to bring you more information in a timelier fashion, we now produce this newsletter internally!

All residents will now receive the same print version with an opening message from the Township Manager. With upcoming issues, you will have the opportunity to "opt out" of the print version and rely instead on the electronic version with a customized opening message from your Ward Commissioner.\*\*

We are also proud to present our new website at [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org) – check it out!







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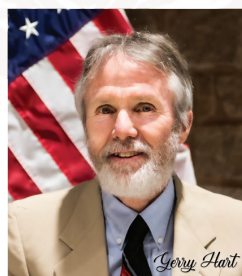
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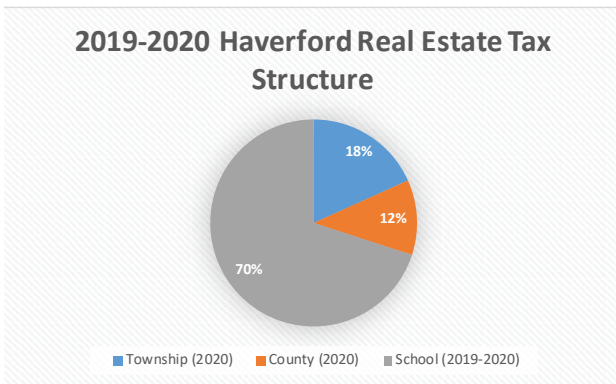


# 2020 Adopted Budget

The Board of Commissioners adopted the 2020 operating budget at its December 9, 2019 meeting. The 2020 budget for the general and sewer funds totaled \$48,011,000 and \$4,728,181, respectively. A modest 1.5% real estate tax increase was adopted, along with no change to the sewer rate and an \$18.00 per year increase to the trash and recycling fee, which now stands at \$245.00 per year. For property owners with an estimated median assessment of \$145,000, the budget increase equated to an annual increase in Township real state tax of \$19 per year. For property owners with an estimated average assessment of \$175,000, the annual increase amounted to approximately \$22 per year.

The saturated recycling market continues to be a challenge for every municipality. Still, Haverford is committed to recycling! While we had hoped the recycling market would stabilize to our benefit, we have to reconcile ourselves with its continued state and the nearly 100% increase in per ton recycling charges levied against us.

All local indicators, as well as, the nation-wide narrative lead to the same conclusion that the recycling environment will remain “as is” for the foreseeable future.



2020 will be an ambitious and exciting year for capital projects in Haverford! The capital projects fund budget of \$19,263,255 includes funding for new hybrid and electric vehicles, continued work on the Pennsy Trail, over \$1.8m in park improvement projects, over \$500,000 in planned improvements at the Skatium, additional road resurfacing, over \$100,000 in improvements planned for our historic structures and capital improvements for the Library and Brookline sites. The staff is excited to see these plans through to completion and hope residents enjoy the improvements made throughout our Township.



# 2019 Code Enforcement Report

PERMIT TYPE	ISSUED	PERMIT FEES
Building	1,627	\$ 664,264.00
Plumbing	835	\$ 59,148.00
Electrical	682	\$ 82,802.00
HVAC	347	\$ 106,034.00
Fire permits	52	\$ 8,652.00

LICENSE TYPE	ISSUED	FEES
Amusement Licenses	16	\$ 5500.00
Rental Licenses	892	\$ 135,140.00
Health	182	\$ 38,900.00
Fire Inspections	177	\$ 24,715.00

Additionally, the following contractor’s licenses were issued by the Codes Enforcement Office in 2019, with \$52,607.00 in license fees collected.

LICENSE TYPE	ISSUED
General Contractors	126
Plumbers	241
Electricians	312
Mechanical	22





## 2019 Residential Property Sales

Ward	Transfers	Total Sales	Average Sale Price
Ward 1	74	\$24,990,900.00	\$337,714.86
Ward 2	95	\$27,785,300.00	\$292,476.84
Ward 3	71	\$30,279,290.00	\$426,468.87
Ward 4	104	\$66,461,942.00	\$639,057.13
Ward 5	80	\$37,837,251.00	\$472,965.64
Ward 6	100	\$34,418,423.00	\$344,184.23
Ward 7	61	\$22,280,050.00	\$365,246.72
Ward 8	79	\$28,856,434.00	\$365,271.32
Ward 9	105	\$33,528,348.00	\$319,317.60
<b>Totals:</b>	769	<b>\$306,437,938.00</b>	<b>\$398,488.87</b>



## 2019 Commercial Property Sales

Transfers	Total Sales	Average Sale Price
19	\$10,822,500.00	\$569,605.26
<b>Total Residential &amp; Commercial Fees Collected: \$83,665.00</b>		
<b>New Business Use &amp; Occupancy Certificates Issued: 42</b>		



## Bon Air Fire Company Needs YOU!

The Bon Air Fire Company has been devoted to serving Haverford Township and our neighboring communities since 1918 and now, more than ever,

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Commonwealth has recognized the lack of volunteers as an issue in its recently published Senate Resolution – 6 report. Pennsylvania has lost over 230,000 volunteer members over the last thirty years! Volunteer fire companies save the taxpayers millions of dollars every year by donating time serving their neighbors and community. Being a member of Bon Air Fire Company has many incentives as well. A 20% Township Real Estate rebate for Township homeowners, free parking at parking meters, discounted rates at the Skatium, and free access to the

CREC to name only a few! The camaraderie of the fire service is one unlike any you will ever be a part of.

If you don't have the time, please support us in our annual fund drive! That money goes directly to gear, maintenance, and our life-saving tools that you or a loved one may need one day. For inquiries on membership, e-mail [BAFCrecruiting@gmail.com](mailto:BAFCrecruiting@gmail.com) to have your personal questions answered.

From the current and past members of the Bon Air Fire Company, we thank our entire community for their continued support and we look forward to serving you when you call.








# Billboards in Haverford Update

In 2009, a petition was filed with the Haverford Township Zoning Hearing Board by Bartkowski Investment Group (BIG), challenging the validity of the Township's sign regulations with respect to billboards. The petitioner asked the Zoning Hearing Board to find whether the ordinance improperly excluded the use and proposed to develop non-accessory advertising signs at four sites: 600 and 658 Lancaster Ave., and 1157 and 2040 West Chester Pike. The drawings filed with the petition proposed a billboard and support structure 48 feet long and 17 feet tall, with an overall height of 52 feet and an advertising surface (48' x 14') with 672 square feet. In 2012 Haverford Township Zoning Hearing Board rejected the billboards proposed.

BIG appealed the 2012 decision of the Zoning Hearing Board to Delaware County Common Pleas Court, where the Township's decision was upheld. The company then further appealed to the Commonwealth Court, which reversed the county court, and remanded the case back to Delaware County.

This December, BIG proposed signs smaller in scale, approximately 500-square-feet and 47 feet high. In January, the case returned to Delaware County Common Pleas Court for consideration before Judge Spiro E. Angelos. In anticipation, our elected officials organized two community information sessions to advise residents on the proposals and upcoming court proceedings. Judge Angelos continued the case until February 20, 2020 so at the time of this writing, no ruling has been made. We will keep the public informed via our website and social media once the Court has made a determination.



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## Recreation Department



### SUMMER HAVAGOOD TIMES

Summer edition of the HavaGood Times will be mailed to homeowners the week of

April 20 and will be viewable online.

### CAMP COUNSELORS

The Recreation Department is looking for camp counselors this summer. Must be 16 or older to apply. Interviews are held in March & April. Check our website for more information – [www.haverfordtownship.org/parks](http://www.haverfordtownship.org/parks)

### SUMMER REGISTRATION DATES

Full Day Summer Camp registration begins online March 9 at 8am.

Summer Sports Camp registration begins online March 30.

All other registration begins on April 26 at 4pm.

### SUNSET SUMMER TRAIL RUNNING SERIES

Check out May, June and July dates for our 2020 Sunset Trail Run series in the summer edition of the HavaGood Times.

(See back cover for Day Trip Dates)

Any questions, please contact the recreation department at 610-446-9397.



## Rules for Fences

Fences, walls and retaining walls may **NOT**:

- be constructed or replaced without a permit
- exceed six feet in height
- be placed in a front yard or extend into the right-of-way
- be constructed with the “finished side” facing in
- create a hazard to traffic or pedestrians
- have barbed wire, spikes or other dangerous features
- interfere with access by the Fire Department

Building permit applications must include the following:

- A diagram of the property indicating the location of the fence.** If the property is a corner lot, measurements from the center of each road must be provided on the diagram.
- A description of the proposed fence including:**

- ~ fence height from the ground to the highest portion of fence
- ~ type of fence (ex. chain link, split rail, stockade, etc.)
- ~ fence visibility (ex. spaced picket with 2” boards and 1” space) or indication that the fence is solid. If the fence includes a solid and open portion, please indicate the height of each (ex. 4’ solid with 2’ alternating board.)
- ~ linear feet of total proposed fence

Please contact the Zoning Office for further instructions and additional regulations for fencing corner lots.



## Police Department

We would like to congratulate Chief John F. Viola for completing 50 years of service with the Haverford Township Police Department. Chief Viola was hired as a Patrolman on January 16, 1970. He also serves as Chief of the Brookline Fire Company. Thank You for your service to the community!

With the spring sports season approaching, parking and traffic near our playgrounds and ballfields will increase. Please drive carefully and park

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your vehicle in a responsible manner. Parking within 30 feet of a stop sign and within 20 feet of an intersection are violations of state laws. We also see an increase in vehicle’s blocking driveways and parking on lawns. These violations decrease driver’s field of view and increase the chances of motor vehicle accidents. Please be a courteous driver.

Please be aware of suspicious calls, emails and texts you may receive. In recent weeks, we have reports of residents being victimized by scam artists using these methods to commit their crimes. Always be leery if the form of payment is electronic/gift cards/Wire Transfer. Visit [www.havtwp.org/Police\\_Department/Press\\_Releases\\_and\\_Police\\_Notices.html](http://www.havtwp.org/Police_Department/Press_Releases_and_Police_Notices.html) or contact police if you suspect you are a victim of a phone scam.

Officers from the Department were given Life Saving Commendations for actions they took that helped save 2 lives.

On Thursday, September 12, 2019 police and medics were dispatched to the YMCA. Officer Kenny arrived on scene and was led to the victim in cardiac arrest on the gymnasium floor, after playing basketball with his 13-year-old son. Officers immediately began chest compressions and recognized the need to utilize an AED. After shocking, officers continued CPR, switching off when necessary, until the arrival of Narberth Ambulance personnel. Sergeant Reynolds, Officer Fuller and Officer Kenny took direct, immediate and positive action to preserve the life of another human being who was clearly in danger of dying.

Then, only 4 days later, on Monday, September 16, 2019, police were dispatched to Citizens Bank, 160 West Eagle Road, for a report of a subject down. Officers Fuller, McCreight and Viola arrived on scene and found the victim was in cardiac arrest. Officers immediately began chest compressions and recognized the need to utilize the AED. Sergeant Reynolds, Officer Fuller, Officer Kenny, Officer McCreight and Officer Viola instinctively acted in a heroic manner and provided

lifesaving treatment at the most critical stage. These Officers are a credit to themselves, Haverford Township and the Haverford Township Police Department. For their actions, they were awarded an official Commendation for a Life Saving Event.

Great job by all the Officers involved!



## EAC Update

### Help Haverford Fight Global Warming!

Haverford Township is doing its part to fight climate change, are you? Residents and businesses must do their part to achieve our long term goals since they produce the vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions.

Go to the EAC web page and find links to videos and 1 pagers with simple advice. Search “HAVERFORD EAC” or find all of our guidelines at ([www.havtwp.org/Boards\\_and\\_Commissions/Environmental\\_Advisory\\_Committee.html](http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions/Environmental_Advisory_Committee.html))

### 3 simple things you can do to make a big impact:

- Switch to Green Power – use our “Shop for Renewable Power” guide to avoid the pitfalls or go to [www.makebenproud.com](http://www.makebenproud.com). Consider installing solar on your home or business.
- Buy a Green Vehicle – Hybrids have the lowest lifetime cost of ownership! Electrics and hybrid plug-ins – with renewable energy – keeps you on the go with low carbon emissions. Used plug-ins and EVs are cheap and you can get a tax rebate even for used EVs.

- More Meatless Meals - Live-stock, especially cattle, produce methane and represent almost one third of the greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture. If every family added one or two more meatless meals to the menu each week, it would have a big impact!

To get help from your neighbors on any of the above, email [havswitch@gmail.com](mailto:havswitch@gmail.com)!





## HRC

The Board of Commissioners established an anti-discrimination policy (Ordinance 2626, Chapter 183) in February of 2011. The Ordinance prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations (such as restaurants, stores, and banks) on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, disability, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical disability of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It also covers a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) – comprised of seven community members charged with hearing complaints alleging violations of the Ordinance – ensures that all members of Haverford Township enjoy equality and equal protection under the Ordinance. It achieves this through education, community outreach, and mediation of complaints. The HRC is non-partisan and non-profit, and there is no charge for its services.

For more information on our meeting scheduled, times check us out at [www.havtwp.org/Boards\\_and\\_Commissions/Human\\_Relations\\_Commission](http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions/Human_Relations_Commission) and for upcoming events check us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HRC.HavTwp](http://www.facebook.com/HRC.HavTwp)



## Fun Fact

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The famous Slinky toy was born from the invention of Township resident, Richard James in the 1940's. The Slinky debuted at Gimbel's Department Store and quickly found fame. James' wife, Betty became equally successful as a female CEO running the Company all the way until 1998. This past August, a PA Historical and Museum Commission marker celebrating the Slinky was unveiled near the original factory site.

Fun fact provided by:  
*Historical Commission*



## Bureau of Fire

The Haverford Township Bureau of Fire (HTBF) authorized the formation of a subcommittee called Recruitment and Retention. Each of the five volunteer fire companies invested 2 of their company's members as representatives on the roundtable committee. It's Purpose is 2-fold...

*One, Recruitment* ~to generate awareness in a community of 50,000 people that the local fire companies are a non-profit, volunteer organization AND to develop interest in the volunteer fire services that very much needs *volunteers!*

*Two, Retention*~ to develop programs, create events, and create incentives to keep the present volunteers HERE!

Our efforts resulted in receiving an award from the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS) as one of the best programs at the 2019 Int. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs symposium.

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On January 14, the Township Commissioners hosted their 5th annual volunteer firefighters recognition ceremony at the CREC. 20 volunteer firefighters comprised from all 5 companies (Bon-Air, Brookline, Llanerch, Manoa & Oakmont) were recognized for their years of service and for fire service certification courses completed in 2019.

~Recognized at 2020 Ceremony~

<b>JR. FIREFIGHTER PREFATORY CERT.</b>	
Nicholas Hand	Oakmont
<b>FIREFIGHTER 1 CERTIFICATION</b>	
Matthew Bochanski	Bon Air
Christopher Cahill	Brookline
Jason Marsh	Brookline
Kenneth Hamilton	Oakmont
Tyler Hamilton	Oakmont
Michael Talag	Oakmont
Stephen Vecchio	Oakmont

### FIRE OFFICER 1 CERTIFICATION

Christopher Viola	Brookline
Brian Orleman	Llanerch

### FIRE OFFICER 2 CERTIFICATION

William Stapleton Jr.	Brookline
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### FIRE OFFICER 3 CERTIFICATION

Stephen Poole	Brookline
Michael Cora	Manoa
Timothy Regan	Manoa
George Wade	Manoa

### FIRE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

<u>Vehicle Rescue Technician</u>	
Mary Anne Maguire	Llanerch
Liam McCullough	Llanerch
Kenneth Hamilton	Oakmont

### LIFE MEMBER – 20 YEARS SERVICE

Thomas Boran III	Bon Air
Timothy Regan	Manoa



## Do Your Part

**Help Prevent the Abuse of Prescription Drugs**



Lock your Meds and dispose of unused medication properly  
<http://www.lockyour-meds.org>

Medicine Drop Box is located in the lobby of the Haverford Township Police Station  
1010 Darby Road  
Havertown, PA 19083  
Delaware County Heroin Task Force -  
<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/heroin/index.html>





# Around Haverford

## Rain Garden Workshop ~Saturday March 21, 9 a.m.-noon

This Rain Garden Workshop will teach you how to build and maintain a Rain Garden yourself and help build rain gardens in your community. Hosted by Hav-a-Rain Garden who has designed and built more than 50 rain gardens at parks, libraries and private properties. Free, Advance Registration Required at <http://dcva.org/events>.

## Taste of the Township ~Thursday April 2, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy an elegant evening at Llanerch Country Club, featuring the best restaurants, caterers and artisan food & drink of Haverford Township! Proceeds benefit the work of Haverford Partnership for Economic Development (HPED). Details and tickets available at [www.DiscoverHaverford.org](http://www.DiscoverHaverford.org)

## Day Trip ~Wednesday April 8.

Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations. Fee: \$199. Bus leaves Glendale/ Merry Place at 7:30am. Check our website [www.havtwp.org/Parks\\_&\\_Recreation](http://www.havtwp.org/Parks_&_Recreation) for more details.

## Earth Day ~Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.-noon.

Fun, learning and service activities for all ages for those who want to make a difference in caring for our Earth. Check the Parks and Recreation web page or Haverford EAC facebook page before the event for a full schedule.

## Free Shredding Event ~ Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Haverford Township is happy to once again offer FREE paper shredding services in 2020! These events are open to Haverford Township residents only (no commercial businesses). The first event of 2020 will be held at the Township Administration building lot at 1014 Darby Road. Please note the earlier start time from previous events and follow signage and directions on the day of the event. We have two trucks scheduled so bring on the paper!

## Haverford Spring Festival ~Sunday, May 17, 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

Kelly Music for Life kicks off spring with their annual Spring Festival. This music and arts festival is a street party for the whole family. Live music, food, beer and wine gardens, a Super Fun Zone for kids and so much more. Join us on Brookline Blvd. in Havertown. \$3 donations at entry appreciated. Vendors, Crafters and Sponsors welcome.

## Anything with a Plug ~ Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"Anything with a Plug" Recycling Event held jointly with Marple & Newtown Townships at Delaware County Community College, 901 S. Media Line Road, Media, PA"

## Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage ~Sunday June 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come to Nitre Hall at 1682 Karakung Drive to celebrate our history with food, music, craft vendors and much more!

## Moonlight Dining on the Blvd. ~ Tuesday, June 16 (rain date 06/23) & September 15 (rain date 09/22).

Enjoy a lovely summer evening on Brookline Boulevard in Havertown! Dine on the street or indoors with fine dining and casual meal options available. Enjoy live music and a family-friendly atmosphere! More details are available at [www.DiscoverHaverford.org](http://www.DiscoverHaverford.org).





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## 2020 Fall Newsletter

### Letter from the Township Manager



“I can’t wait for this year to end!” Invariably, that is the response whenever I ask someone how he or she is doing. Indeed, there have been plenty of challenges this year so we need some good news!

One of the great things about Haverford Township and why it is so special, is the people who live here.

In a time of need, our residents stepped up to help when asked. One way was bringing food to the no-contact food collection program at the CREC. Donations from more than 600 residents have arrived since this started back in May. Best of all, we deliver the collection items to local food banks that assist

Haverford Township residents. This program is under the leadership of Kirsten Taylor and Jesse Hart, who work in the Parks & Recreation Department. The collection takes place every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and again from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For additional information on our no-contact food collection, please contact Jesse Hart [jhart@havtwp.org](mailto:jhart@havtwp.org) or Kirsten Taylor [ktaylor@havtwp.org](mailto:ktaylor@havtwp.org).

The Township will continue to make the best of our current situation and help residents the best we can.

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Township Manager



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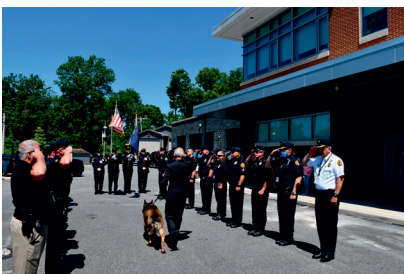
## Police

The Police Department is available 24 hours a day. If you wish to make a report, you can dial 911 for emergency and non-emergency calls, or you can stop by the Police Station at 1010 Darby Road.

Over the summer we had an increase in reported thefts from motor vehicles. Typically, these thefts are crimes of opportunity occurring during the overnight hours. Take away the opportunity by locking your vehicles and placing any valuables out of view.

Please be aware of suspicious calls, emails and texts you may receive. We have reports of residents being victimized via communication devices. One such scam involves receiving a text or email from someone you know. The person asks for money in the form of gift cards and it appears legitimate. However, criminals are hacking your device or “spoofing” a phone number to steal money by deception. We encourage you to speak to the person before any money is exchanged. Always be leery if the form of payment is electronic/gift cards/wire transfer. Visit [https://www.havtpw.org/Police\\_Department](https://www.havtpw.org/Police_Department) or contact the police if you suspect you are a victim of a phone scam.

On June 26, 2020 we celebrated the retirement of Officer Mark Semerad and his K9 partner Kato. Officer Semerad served the township for 26 years and had the honor of being the department's first K9 officer. Officers Semerad and Kato were partners for 8 years. Thank you both for your service to the residents of Haverford Township.



We would also like to congratulate Officer Thomas Murtha on his appointment to the position of Police Officer. Officer Murtha graduated from Kutztown Univ. with a degree in Criminal Justice and has three years experience as a police officer. Officer Murtha was sworn in on June 26, 2020.

The Officers of the Haverford Township Police Department have been working diligently throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to provide the consistent level of service township residents expect. During this time we have protected ourselves and the community by practicing CDC recommendations of social distancing, personal protective equipment and sanitization of equipment. We would like to thank the residents of Haverford Township for their patience and continued support.

## Finance

### COVID-19 FINANCIAL UPDATE

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, we all were faced with unprecedented concerns. The Township is a business too – a special, service-oriented business – but a business nonetheless. We too had to take a hard look at our finances and prepare as best we could as we entered an unknown. We curtailed spending where we could, reevaluated staffing, and while we had to temporarily close two of our larger revenue generating operations - the recreation program and the Skatium, all of the Township's essential services kept going strong. The news has reported that many cities and towns across the country currently find themselves with unprecedented financial challenges due to the pandemic. It's important to note that many of those cities and towns are largely dependent on a sales/wage tax or are in tourist areas of the country that heavily rely on travel/entertainment industries.

Luckily for Haverford, our economic makeup does not rely on those severely impacted revenue streams. However, we, like every other business have areas that we are closely watching. Along with lost revenue from our closed programs, we lost revenue from plummeting interest rates, suspended parking meter enforcement and general lack of most revenue generating activities for a few months. Our real estate tax collection rates are strong but we are still awaiting receipts from our business tax returns (extended until July 15 in conjunction with the IRS filing extension). We also saw strong performance in our code enforcement department and our local real estate market proved its resiliency with reduced but stronger than expected realty transfer tax returns. Business taxes account for \$2.75M of our general fund budget. Since our business tax is based on prior year gross receipts, we will see some financial impacts of the pandemic in 2020, but possibly even more so, in 2021. Our business community will continue to rebuild along with the rest of the country. While the world continues to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, we too are weathering the storm. Our healthy reserves, strong cash position, and timing of our tax calendar all played in our favor and we continue to be on stable financial ground.

### TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX UPDATE

As of September 1, the Township enters the penalty phase which was extended from June 1. Please remember that Citizens Bank is unable to accept real estate tax payments on our behalf. Please mail all township real estate tax payments to the Township building at 1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083.

### TOWNSHIP BORROWING UPDATE

Back in March as we prepared to

refund our 2014 General Obligations bonds, the Township had its credit rating evaluated by Moody's Investor Services. We are so proud to announce that the Township received a Aaa rating for the first time in the history of Haverford Township. Moody's cited our "robust and improved financial position, sizeable and growing tax base, and manageable debt burden". While it was delayed due to the daily changes in economic conditions, we were able to successfully refund our 2014 General Obligation Issue in June. This refunding will save \$1.995M dollars over the course of the debt issue.

### COUNTY REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Property owners should have received their final assessment values from the County in July. These values will go into effect on your 2021 property tax bills from the county, township and school district. Please visit the Township website, social media and YouTube for several presentations made by the Township to help property owners understand and prepare for this process.

## Parks & Recs

Fall Registration will begin online on September 14.

**THE HAVAGOOD TIMES** will be available to view online on September 14 and will be mailed to homeowners by September 21.

### FALL PREVIEW

Fall Field Hockey League  
This league blends fun drills and games to help kids build their skill level and confidence.

Grades 1 & 2, Time: 10:30-11:30am (Sun), Fee: \$70  
This league provides skilled instruction and intramural league

play for both beginners and developing players.

Grades 3 & 4, Time: 10-11:30am (Sun) and 6-7:15pm (Mon),  
Fee: \$95

Grades 5 & 6, Time: 10-11:30am (Sun) and 6-7:15pm (Tues),  
Fee: \$95

Dates: 9/13-10/18  
Location: Haverford Reserve

### HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP DAY

Due to COVID-19, Haverford Township Day will be cancelled this Fall. We will see everyone in 2021.

### THE CREC IS OPEN FOR RENTALS

The CREC at Haverford Reserve can be the perfect place for your family event, birthday party or baby shower. We will follow CDC guidelines and still give you the chance to celebrate life events.

Questions?

Email CRECRental@havtwp.org

## Historical Society

Unfortunately, due to these uncertain times, the Historical Society had to cancel our two biggest fundraisers which are the Heritage Festival and the December Holiday House Tour. We will not have the summer Sunday open houses either. We are planning to hold Octoberfest on October 2nd and a Holiday Open House on December 13th. This being said, the plans could change at any time so please follow our website (Haverfordhistoricalsociety.org) for the most updated information.

Nitre Hall and The Federal School have both gone through major restoration over the past seven months. All future events and especially, the Colonial Living program, will enjoy the complete kitchen update at Nitre Hall. We are very excited to show off our

beautiful buildings and to share them with the community.

## HADA



You will see a new bronze statue on Darby Road this fall, located where the road forks near Eagle Rd. The statue was crafted by a

CA artisan to memorialize all our friends, neighbors, and relatives of the Township, that have passed away due to the opioid crises over the past few years. A HADA team, made up of parents that lost children to the epidemic, chose the design to depict their lost loved ones as the loving children they will always be in their collective minds and hearts.

HADA also hopes the beautiful sculpture will be a reminder to the community that addiction can strike any family and we must all work together to educate our young family members about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

## Bon Air Fire

Bon Air has been devoted to serving Haverford Township and our neighboring communities since 1918 and now, more than ever,

**We need YOUR help!**

The Commonwealth has recognized the lack of volunteers as an issue in its recently published Senate Resolution – 6 report. Pennsylvania has lost over 230,000 volunteer members over the last thirty years!  
Volunteer fire companies save taxpayers millions of dollars every year by donating time serving their



neighbors and community. Being a member of Bon Air Fire Company has many incentives as well. A 20% Township real estate rebate for Township homeowners, free parking at parking meters, discounted rates at the Skatium, and free access to the CREC to name only a few! The camaraderie of the fire service is one unlike any you will ever be a part of.

If you don't have the time, please support us in our annual fund drive! That money goes directly to gear, maintenance, and our life-saving tools that you or a loved one may need one day. For inquiries on membership, e-mail [BAFCrecruiting@gmail.com](mailto:BAFCrecruiting@gmail.com) to have your personal questions answered.

From all members of the Bon Air Fire Company, we thank our entire community for their continued support and we look forward to serving you when you call.

## Historical Commission

As reported previously, the Haverford Township Historical Commission received a \$16,000 grant through the Certified Local Government program of the PA State Historic Preservation Office. The grant will be used to assist the Commission in meeting its obligation under Township Ordinance No. 2580-2009, to "Maintain and update the Historic Resource Survey and Inventory of Historic Resources." In June, after a competitive proposal process, the Township retained the professional consulting firm of Richard Grubb & Associates to update photographs of existing buildings

sites on the Historic Resources Survey (not updated since 1994!), and to identify historic resources that could be added to the Survey to promote preservation of Haverford Township's historic character. Work on this project began this summer and expected to be completed by the end of the year.

## HPED

HPED (Haverford Partnership for Economic Development) is committed to supporting local businesses, especially our family-owned businesses, during the COVID-19 crisis.

We know that Township residents are also eager to support our businesses at this time. We continue to post information about the status of businesses in the Township on our [DiscoverHaverford.org](http://DiscoverHaverford.org) website. Please use this guide to see which businesses are open, open for pick-up and delivery only, and who has outdoor dining and/or indoor dining.

Next time you need to purchase a birthday or holiday gift, give the gift of a strong community by buying a gift card to your favorite restaurant or store!

We ask that businesses email [info@HPED.org](mailto:info@HPED.org) so that we will have the most accurate and current information to post.

## Library

**Overdrive/Libby:**  
Download titles 24/7 to play on your PC, tablet, ereader or smart-phone. Maximum 7 checkouts per person at any time.

**Hoopla:**  
Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, audiobooks, comics and more. 3 checkouts per person, per month. Checkout periods: 3 weeks for books, comics & audiobooks; 1 week for music; 3 days for

movies.

### RBdigital:

Get full digital copies of your favorite magazines. With a free RBdigital account you can view magazines on your computer or mobile device.

<https://haverfordlibrary.org/books/more/>

### Virtual Programming on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube

Library programming and virtual service videos are on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. You can watch many programs on Facebook live, but you can also view them as videos anytime!

[www.facebook.com/Haverford-TownshipFreeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/Haverford-TownshipFreeLibrary)

[www.youtube.com/haverfordtownship-free-library](https://www.youtube.com/haverfordtownship-free-library)

## EAC

Haverford Township is doing its part to fight climate change, are you? Residents and businesses produce the vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions – here is how to do your part!

3 simple things you can do to make a big impact:

- Switch to Green Power – view our "Demystifying Buying Cheap Renewable Power" video (url below) to avoid the pitfalls or go to [www.makebenproud.com](http://www.makebenproud.com). Consider installing solar on your home or business.
- Buy a Green Vehicle – Hybrids have the lowest lifetime cost of ownership!
- More Meatless Meals - If everyone adds 1 or 2 more meatless meals each week, it has a big impact!

**Climate Webinar Series:** All free!  
For live events, visit <https://m.facebook.com/FriendsofHaverfordEAC/events>.

For videos, see <https://www.gotostage.com/channel/6d3a2d4f2fc-c480092eabfc9c60ad0d8>.

## EAC Cont'

All webinars focus on simple actions that can save you money or be a great return on investment.

- Conquering Your EV/Plug-In Fears
- Solar Home Virtual Tour Video and Live Q & A
- Divesting from Fossil Fuels for the Rest of Us
- Understanding the Impact of Your Food Choices
- Making Your Home More Energy Efficient

**End of Solar PV Tax Credits:** For 2020 you can receive a 26% federal tax credit paid to you on your 2021 taxes. This credit is reduced to 22% if installed in 2021 and will be gone in 2022. Don't wait! Act now! We can help you assess if Solarize Delco's selected vendor and a significant discount over market rates is right for you. Email [solarizedelco@gmail.com](mailto:solarizedelco@gmail.com) with name, address and phone or see <https://www.facebook.com/SolarizeDelco/>

**Haverford EAC Speaks to DelCo:** See the guest column in the Delaware County Daily Times. Visit [https://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/guest-column-delco-bootstraps-and-its-battle-against-climate-change/article\\_5fe5e668-9891-11ea-a3cd-4386d027e082.html](https://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/guest-column-delco-bootstraps-and-its-battle-against-climate-change/article_5fe5e668-9891-11ea-a3cd-4386d027e082.html)

**Help your Neighbors Fight Climate Change!** You can get a motivational lawn sign to help move the needle in your community. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/NtUQzrU2T4d-VTTYb7>. If any problems, send an E-mail to [havswitch@gmail.com](mailto:havswitch@gmail.com) with name, address, phone number and the subject: I want a lawn sign!

**Hav-A-Rain Garden:** Haverford residents and businesses can request a free rain garden (some sweat equity required) to "slow the flow", improve stream water quality and reduce flooding by emailing us with your address and phone

**Join EAC!** EAC encourages those with environmental skills and anyone committed to our mission help us promote environmental stewardship. To volunteer time or ideas, email [aurora.dizel@gmail.com](mailto:aurora.dizel@gmail.com) or come a monthly meeting, normally the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Township building meeting room C. During the pandemic we meet virtually - to join us email us at [Havswitch@gmail.com](mailto:Havswitch@gmail.com) for the online access link.

## Adult School

Haverford Township Adult School will be adding virtual classes to its Fall 2020 curriculum. Semester begins the week of September 21. A digital copy of our brochure is available at [www.haverfordadult-school.org](http://www.haverfordadult-school.org). Registration opens August 17.

Explore classes in the arts, history, dance, exercise, languages, and more.

Please note that registrations will only be accepted by mail, our website, [www.haverfordadult-school.org](http://www.haverfordadult-school.org). or by telephone, 610-853-5919. There will be NO walk in registrations at the Oakmont administration building on Eagle Road.

HTAS, it's the place for you to learn, grow, connect, SAFELY!

## Skatium

The Haverford Skatium has been the premier winter sports facility in Delaware County since it opened its doors in 1974. Proudly serving Haverford Township, the rink offers the best NHL regulation sized rink with year round ice hockey, figure skating, camps, clinics, skating lessons, public skating and special events.

In addition to our facilities and

programs, the rink features the Have-A-Burger restaurant and Hockeytown Pro Shop. Both features are privately owned and valuable parts of our facility.

**Fall and Winter Public Skating Hours:**

All times subject to change due to COVID-19 regulations. Please call or check our website or Facebook for the most up to date schedule.

**Prices:**

Adult: \$8.00

Child (6 & Under): \$6.00

Seniors: \$3.00

Skate Rental: \$2.00

Skate Helpers: \$3.00

Cash, Credit (Visa or MasterCard) or Check Accepted!

**Skatium Passbooks:**

10 Admission Passbook for use at any of our Public Skating Sessions

- \$65.00 for Township Residents (\$75.00 with Skate Rental)
- \$70.00 for Non-Residents (\$80.00 with Skate Rental)

**Private Ice Rental and Group Outings:**

The Skatium has ice available to rent at an affordable cost. We also offer Group Rate Pricing for Scout Troops, School and Church Groups and other organizations. For more info, please call 610-853-3252 or email us at [rturnbull@havtwp.org](mailto:rturnbull@havtwp.org)

**Learn to Skate Program:**

For private and group skating lessons please contact our Skating Director, Kristin Caparra at 610-853-2085 or email at [kc.skatium@yahoo.com](mailto:kc.skatium@yahoo.com). Lessons are offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 4pm-5pm and Sunday from 3pm-5pm. A hockey clinic is also offered on Sundays from 1:55pm-2:55pm. More information can be found on our website under the "Learn to Skate" tab.

Visit the website at [www.havtwp.org/Skatium](http://www.havtwp.org/Skatium) to more information





## Sewer Alert

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 create 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.

Our 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.

## Information

**HAVE YOU LOST INCOME DIRECTLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC & HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITY PAYMENTS?**

Haverford Township has received CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the CARES Act and may be able to provide assistance to you if you are at, or below the income limits set by

Congress listed below:

- 1 Person Household - \$54,150.00
- 2 Person Household - \$61,850.00
- 3 Person Household - \$69,600.00
- 4 Person Household - \$77,300.00
- 5 Person Household - \$83,500.00
- 6 Person Household - \$89,700.00
- 7 Person Household - \$95,900.00
- 8 Person Household - \$102,050.00

Income is the total gross income for all sources, including but not limited to wages, social security, welfare, unemployment, interest, pensions, workers compensation, and any and all income earned by household members.

The Program is administered on behalf of Haverford Township by the Delaware County Community Action Agency. Please call them at 610-874-8451 to schedule an appointment for an interview and application. You will need to provide proof of income and proof that your income loss was a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS & RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES**  
If you meet the 2020 Income Limits\* above, you may also be eligible to receive assistance with home repairs, including heater & roof replacement and other items:

\* Current total income from all sources and for all deed holders and residents.

This is a Federally funded program operated by Haverford Township. If you are eligible upon receipt of your application, you will be added to the waiting list and notified by letter.

To apply call 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.



Hockeytown Pro Shop is your stop for all ice hockey equipment needs, t-shirts, screen printing and embroidery for any team or company event.

Skate sharpening by Frank's Sharpening, performance edges, now available before & during all hockey games. Appointments available, call Frank @ 267-432-4280

Hockeytown coordinates all of our hockey leagues from Mite thru Men's leagues, HTHL, SHSHL, SHL.



Have-A-Burger  
<http://www.haveaburger.com>  
Best Burgers in Havertown!  
For birthday party information, Please call Have-A-Burger at 610-853-4637 or email @ [FreshBurgers@HaveABurger.com](mailto:FreshBurgers@HaveABurger.com)





## Multimedia Corner:

At the beginning of 2020, the IT Department launched a new website for the Township. The goal was to make things easier to find, with a more modern look and easy access to important information. Instead of having to scroll we made quick easy access landing pages for the Township Departments, Resident Resources, Business Resources and Quick Links page. So we need your feedback. If you are having problems finding things, questions or comments, please reach out to us directly at [multimedia@havtwp.org](mailto:multimedia@havtwp.org). We will respond within one business day of your email.

For a couple of quick website tutorials visit the link at:

- [www.havtwp.org/Video\\_Library](http://www.havtwp.org/Video_Library) and click on the website tutorial link

The IT Department also has launched its very own podcast. So far we have released 4 episodes with topics about COVID-19 and its effect on the Township. We got a chance to sit down and speak with the Director of EMS, Jim McCans, 8th Ward Commissioner Dr. Hart, Brian Barrett the Parks & Recreation Director and Zoning Officer Kelly Kirk.

Check out all our episodes at:

- [www.havtwp.org/Podcasts](http://www.havtwp.org/Podcasts).

And finally, we have brought the Commissioner's newsletter completely in house here in the IT Department. We have trimmed down the pages, taken out the ads, all so that you can focus on the important events, news and updates around the Township. At any time, you can opt out of getting this newsletter by going to [www.havtwp.org/Township\\_Newsletter](http://www.havtwp.org/Township_Newsletter) and select to the link under the "Help us Go Green". Electronic versions with Ward specific introductions by elected Commissioners are available on the website.

Here in the IT Department we pride ourselves on pushing the Township to new levels. We have introduced new forms of social media, our new modern website and launched our new podcast. We want our residents to know they have access to information 24/7.

We look forward to your comments or questions. Email us at [multimedia@havtwp.org](mailto:multimedia@havtwp.org).

\*\*Christina Mann-Multimedia Specialist, Webmaster

\*\* Jeff Hancock-Communications Manager



# TOWNSHIP OF Haverford est. 1682 PENNSYLVANIA

## 2020-2021 Winter Newsletter

### Letter from the Township Manager



Dear Neighbor,

Haverford Township came together this year to overcome numerous challenges. So with the winter months coming, let's take some time to prepare.

With weather forecasters predicting a snowy winter, now is a good time to prepare by winterizing our homes. Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have new batteries. Another great idea is to reverse the direction of ceiling fans in your house as this helps circulate warm air into a room.

In this issue we have provided information on the Township's codes for snow removal. Just a reminder that when possible residents should remove their vehicles from the streets as soon as the snow starts to fall. Street parking impedes the Public Work crews from being able to remove snow in a timely and efficient manner.

With times still uncertain, please visit the Township's website often for updates on mailing of the Township Tax Bills for 2021, the collection of the leaves from your neighborhood, and even when holiday trees from will be picked up. Make sure to check out the back cover where some quick links will be provided to help you access this information.

Wishing everyone good health and best wishes during the Holiday Season, New Year and beyond!

*David Burman*  
Township Manager



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# Board of Commissioners

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 then oversees 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 be placed on the communications and receive up to date information on your particular 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.

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# POLICE

In July, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission announced that our Police Department had become an “accredited” agency in Pennsylvania. Our Department is constantly striving to deliver professional police services to our residents and visitors. Essentially, an outside commission examined our policies, procedures, and headquarters to ensure we are providing services in the best way possible. Haverford is only one of 126 agencies in the Commonwealth to achieve the level of Accreditation since the program started in 2001. For more information, please visit: [www.pachiefs.org/pcpa-accreditation-program](http://www.pachiefs.org/pcpa-accreditation-program).

As we fight the opioid epidemic, the Police Department continues to carry the life-saving drug, Naloxone. So far in 2020, officers delivered the drug fifteen times and helped save thirteen lives. We encourage all residents to take part in the fight against drug abuse and accidental overdoses by discarding any unused medications in the police station lobby bin.

With winter weather approaching, please drive carefully and obey all parking regulations along snow emergency routes during winter storms.

Please remember to lock your car doors before bedtime and report suspicious activity to 911.

# SOLSMART BRONZE DESIGNATION

In September, Haverford Township received a SolSmart Bronze designation (with a Special Award for Inspections) for promoting solar development by making the process faster, easier and more affordable.

Led by the International City/County Management Association and The Solar Foundation, SolSmart is a national program recognizing cities, counties, and regional organizations that foster the development of solar markets.

According to ICMA and The Solar Foundation, unnecessary paperwork and other burdensome requirements at the local level increase costs and discourage solar companies from moving to the area. By streamlining these requirements and taking other steps to encourage solar development, these local communities become “open for solar business.”

The SolSmart designation recognizes Haverford Township for helping remove obstacles and encourage solar energy development. The program involves consultation with a mentor-expert in the solar field and evaluation in eight categories including: permitting; planning, zoning & development regulations; inspection; construction codes; solar rights; utility engagement; community engagement and market development and finance.



Haverford joins less than 400 communities in America to earn this designation and shows that Haverford Township is **“OPEN FOR SOLAR”!**

# ADULT SCHOOL

## CELEBRATING 64 YEARS OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

We wish to thank our students and faculty for their support and understanding through our first attempts at virtual classes during the Fall 2020 semester. We are currently planning our Spring 2021 semester and welcome suggestions for new classes to add to our curriculum.

You can also consider joining our volunteer board. At this time, we are seeking to expand our board membership so we can continue to provide varied and stimulating learning experiences for the adults in our community.

Go to our website, [www.haverfordadultschool.org](http://www.haverfordadultschool.org) or call the HTAS Office at (610) 853-5919 for announcements, applications for a board membership spots, or for our Spring 2021 plans as they become available.  
**Never stop learning!**

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND Q&A

The next step of our planning process is to seek public input on the future development and conservation of the Township. In March 2020, an interactive public workshop was scheduled to allow residents to walk around to various stations, directly communicating with members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to voice their input on each topic. However, due to COVID-19, this “hands-on” workshop was cancelled. We wanted to share the two most asked questions we’ve received over the past few months:

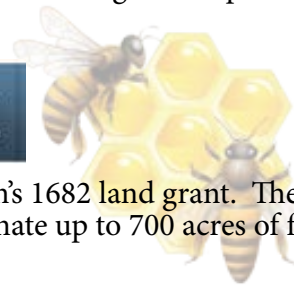
## **Why can't this workshop be held via telecommunications or other online format?**

While online options similar to the interactive format of the in-person workshop are available, we feel that these alternatives could exclude members of our community who may not have the technological knowledge or means to participate in this way.

## **When will the Comprehensive Plan move forward?**

While the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is very anxious to move forward with this project, our highest priority is to keep our community safe. Alternative options for this workshop have been discussed and will be announced once they are ready for implementation.

We know it's difficult but let's continue to be patient as we weather through the pandemic. A comprehensive plan is so important and will guide development for future generations. We also want to give this plan its due justice and include as many stakeholders as possible.



## BEES AT THE GRANGE ESTATE

Beekeeping at the Estate started with the early residents, going back to Penn's 1682 land grant. The bees, which can fly anywhere from 2 to 7 miles from the hives, were raised to help pollinate up to 700 acres of farm land on the Estate.

The remains of the original hives were found in the carriage house and restored in the spring of 1976, with the first honey product extracted in July 1977. The four restored hives are located behind the lower spring house on the northern part of the property, which is now home to a breed of Italian Honeybees. These bees are gentle and produce delicious honey with an even greater yield.

The Estate is extremely grateful for the number of volunteers who have joined the beekeeping group. Our current instructor and main beekeeper is Hazel Delikatny, who took over for Beverly Rorer.

Each July, the public is invited to visit and help in the process of extracting honey from the hives. This is a fun event for adults and children of all ages, as everyone can help with the different steps of the process. This past year, the bees (and their beekeepers) produced over 100 pounds of honey. The honey was sold on weekends from the Grange kitchen and quickly sold out -- so be sure to mark July 2021 on your calendars!

To see fun pictures from bee events of years past or to get more information about the hives, please stop by the website at [www.thegrangeestate.org/bees/](http://www.thegrangeestate.org/bees/).

## PARKS & RECREATION

**Our Winter/Spring HavaGood Times:** will be out at the end of December.

**Registration for our Winter/Spring Programs:** will begin in January.

**Registration for our Summer Programs:** Full Day Summer Camp registration will start at the beginning of March.

Summer Sports Camp registration will begin at the end of March while the rest of our program registration will begin at the end of April.

**Ski Ticket Information:** Discount Ski Tickets will be available for sale in late





# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Help Haverford Township Reduce Carbon Emissions!

Watch our webinars on how you can fight climate change: Switch to Renewable Energy, Demystifying Electric Vehicles, Solar Home and Solarize or How Diet Impacts Your Carbon Footprint: <https://www.gotostage.com/channel/6d3a2d4f2fcc480092eabfc9c60ad0d8> . Doing it already? To proudly display it, email [havswitch@gmail.com](mailto:havswitch@gmail.com) and say "I want a lawn sign"!

## Solarize Delco

Congrats to homeowners, businesses and churches that installed solar this year with below market pricing who also get a 26% federal tax credit! Too late for Solarize Delco applicants to install in 2020 but 2021 is the final year to get money back - the credit drops to 22%! The end is near - learn about Solarize Delco at: [www.facebook.com/solarizedelco/](http://www.facebook.com/solarizedelco/) or email us at: [solarizedelco@gmail.com](mailto:solarizedelco@gmail.com)

## Hav-A-Rain Garden

Residents and businesses can request a free rain garden to "slow the flow", improve water quality and reduce flooding. Email address and phone number to [havaraingarden@gmail.com](mailto:havaraingarden@gmail.com). Check out existing rain gardens at parks and over 50 homes across the township. Find out more at [www.facebook.com/HaverfordRainGardens](http://www.facebook.com/HaverfordRainGardens).

# 2021 TOWNSHIP REAL ESTATE TAX ALERT

While originally thought to be a temporary COVID mitigation measure, Citizens Bank will no longer accept Township real estate payments on our behalf at their branches. If you choose to make your Township real estate tax payment in person, the Township staff would be happy to receive your payment at the Township building, 1014 Darby Road between 8am-4pm Monday thru Friday.

## CODES

We hear the Farmers' Almanac is predicting snow and maybe even a blizzard this winter? Last year, we only got a trace of snow but with the way things have been this year, a full-blown blizzard wouldn't be too surprising.

As a reminder to residents, our Township ordinance requires snow removal from sidewalks within twenty-four hours. When focused on digging out our own cars or clearing our own walkways, we can forget that snow cannot be shoveled, plowed or discharged into the street, roadway, sidewalk or alley as this just creates dangerous obstacles for cars, school buses and emergency response vehicles.

## CHILLY TRAIL RUN



Check website for date and time.

This 5k run will take you through 3 miles of beautiful trails in the

Haverford Reserve. Great for beginners and seasoned trail runners alike!

All pre-registered runners receive a long sleeve-racing shirt.

Walk-up registration begins at 7:45am at the CREC. Race begins at 9am  
Fee: \$30 for adults - \$15 under 17

**Return to Play COVID Guidelines:** Haverford Township is committed to the safety of all participants, staff, and their families. The run could be modified or cancelled based on the global health crisis.

You can find the return to play guidelines on the program registration page which includes;  
**Face coverings - Sanitizing - Reduced numbers**

[WWW.HAVTWP.ORG/PUBLIC\\_WORKS](http://WWW.HAVTWP.ORG/PUBLIC_WORKS)

**LINK: LEAF COLLECTION**

**PLEASE GO TO THIS LINK FOR THIS YEARS LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE.**

# ADOPT A HYDRANT

## Fire Hydrants:

Be a positive force in your local neighborhood by adopting a fire hydrant this winter!

Although our fire companies have maps to identify the location of hydrants, winter storms and snow plowing can often bury them making it impossible to find in an emergency. If adopting a hydrant, make sure to dig out a 2 to 3 foot area completely surrounding the hydrant so the hydrant is easily visible to our firefighters.

When it comes to fighting fires every second counts and in the time it would take a fire fighter to dig out a fire hydrant, the fire could double in size. Let's all be part of the solution!

# MANOA FIRE

Manoa Fire Company is proudly celebrating 95 years of active service to the residents of Haverford Township.



During the August storms, our team and rescue boat were used to assist over twenty residents. After witnessing these large summer storms, several Manoa members began additional training and became certified in swift water rescue.

This past Veterans Day, Manoa took time to recognize two of its members currently serving in the armed forces.

We honor FF Jack Weber (US Air Force) and FF Ben Senss (US Army).

Finally, Manoa Fire recently welcomed seven new firefighters to our company. Our new members have already begun their training classes to become nationally certified firefighters. We are always looking to add members to our company and what a way to be a part of the community! Interested individuals should stop by Manoa Firehouse (115 S. Eagle Road) at 7pm any Monday and ask for Mike or Kevin. No experience is necessary and all training and costs are covered by the fire company.

# OAKMONT FIRE

## How to Prevent Kitchen Fires

You can do a lot to prevent kitchen fires. While you can't remove every possible source of a kitchen fire, you can minimize fire risks by removing hazards and properly maintaining your kitchen.

Follow these prevention tips to keep your kitchen safe:

- Keep appliances serviced, clean, and in good repair.
- Unplug electric appliances when not in use.
- Use caution when lighting the pilot light or burner on a gas stove.
- Don't use metal in the microwave.
- Don't overfill pots or pans with oil or grease.
- Wipe up spills and don't cook on a dirty stove.
- Always roll up long sleeves and tie back long hair when cooking.
- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Keep dish towels, pot holders, and paper towels away from the stove.

Finally, install a smoke detector close by but not in the kitchen. You don't want the small amount of smoke or steam that cooking sometimes generates to constantly trigger the alarm but you do want it to sense an actual kitchen fire.



# HPED

During the Holidays - Keep it Local!

Don't forget to support our local businesses this holiday season by shopping local!

As a way to promote shopping and dining in Haverford Township, HPED has launched a gift card program. Whether you are a resident purchasing an e-gift card for a birthday or holiday gift or a business using them to thank your customers, you are supporting our business community in a meaningful way.

These e-gift cards do not expire and can be redeemed at participating businesses, allowing the recipient to use it where they would like - a restaurant, shop, grocery store, hair salon, or with a service provider.

For more information and to see participating businesses, visit [DiscoverHaverford.org/gift-cards](http://DiscoverHaverford.org/gift-cards)



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## SEWER INFO

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 create 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.

Our 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.

## CDBG INFO

**HAVE YOU LOST INCOME DIRECTLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITY PAYMENTS?**

Haverford Township has received CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the CARES Act and may be able to provide assistance to you if you are at, or below the income limits set by Congress listed below.

- 1 Person Household - \$54,150.00
- 2 Person Household - \$61,850.00
- 3 Person Household - \$69,600.00
- 4 Person Household - \$77,300.00
- 5 Person Household - \$83,500.00
- 6 Person Household - \$89,700.00
- 7 Person Household - \$95,900.00
- 8 Person Household - \$102,050.00

Income is the total gross income for all sources, including but not limited to wages, social security, welfare, unemployment, interest, pensions, workers compensation, and any and all income earned by household members.

The Program is being administered on behalf of Haverford Township by the Delaware County Community Action Agency. Please call them at 610-874-8451 to schedule an appointment for an interview and application. You will need to provide proof of income and proof that your income loss was a direct result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you have additional questions, please contact A.J. Dunleavy Associates at 610-352-5555 or email [ajdunl@verizon.net](mailto:ajdunl@verizon.net).

## AMBULANCE

**Do you know** who responds to Haverford's medical emergencies?

Narberth Ambulance is an organization built on the countless hours of work from its volunteers and career staff, working together for over seventy-five years. Narberth Ambulance responds to over 10,000 calls a year. Today, the staff includes over 30 full time and 40 part time employees and over 70 volunteers, continuing to give time & service to the residents of Lower Merion, Narberth, Haverford, Conshohocken & West Conshohocken.

**Narberth Ambulance Sub Stations**

Manoa Fire Company, 115 S Eagle Rd., Havertown PA 19083

Haverford College 370 Lancaster Ave, Haverford PA 19041



Hockeytown Pro Shop is your stop for all ice hockey equipment needs, t-shirts, screen printing and embroidery for any team or company event.

Skate sharpening by Frank's Sharpening, performance edges, now available before & during all hockey games. Appointments available, call Frank @ 267-432-4280  
Hockeytown coordinates all of our hockey leagues from Mite thru Men's leagues, HTHL, SHSHL, SHL.



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## Website Quick Links Guide

Tis the Season! Things change so quickly these days that the Township wants to find easy ways to get our residents information fast! So below, please find a list of helpful links that we think you could use in the coming months.

**Current News:** [www.havtwp.org/Current\\_News](http://www.havtwp.org/Current_News). This page provides all the current news, announcements and events for the Township. With an easy navigation bar at the top you can find current job openings, public works announcements, a link for road work and construction and much, much more.

**REMINDER:** All closures, cancelations, updates will be on this page. So check the Current News page often.

Speaking of **Public Works** some helpful links are:

**Snow Removal:** [www.havtwp.org/Public\\_Works/Snow\\_Removal](http://www.havtwp.org/Public_Works/Snow_Removal). Here you can find all the information about clearing of streets and sidewalks, as well as the snow emergency routes.

**Brush Collection:** [www.havtwp.org/Public\\_Works/Brush\\_Collection](http://www.havtwp.org/Public_Works/Brush_Collection). This page provides a lot of information on brush collection. \*\*Reminder: any changes or updates to this schedule are located under the Public Works tab on the Current News page.

Need to make a payment for **Bulk Trash Pickup, Parking Ticket Payment or Township Real Estate Tax Payment**, visit [www.havtwp.org/Finance/Online\\_Payments](http://www.havtwp.org/Finance/Online_Payments). This page provides three blue buttons that link directly to the pages stated above.

All documents that are on the website are hosted in our **Document Library**. This is a link that is always in the upper right of the screen in the navigation bar or in the footer of the website in the lower right side.

- One document that may be helpful is our **Zoning At A Glance**. To find this, you would go to Document Library, click on the Planning and Zoning tab and you will find all documents listed in alphabetical order.

Sign up for Emergency Alerts, Constant Contact or Do Not Solicit List at [www.havtwp.org/Quick\\_Links](http://www.havtwp.org/Quick_Links).

Our **Resident Resources** page is a great page to visit. Here you can find a ton of information such as property tax information, meeting agendas, and the Township calendar. This is a great page to explore on a rainy day. You can find this page at all times in the top navigation bar or go there directly at [www.havtwp.org/ResidentResources](http://www.havtwp.org/ResidentResources).

We hope this guide is helpful. As always, we look forward to your comments or questions. Email us at [multimedia@havtwp.org](mailto:multimedia@havtwp.org) and we will get back to you within 24 hours.

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