

OFFICIAL HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Summer 2023

NEWSLETTER



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

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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.

For links to all broadcasted meetings go to havtwp.org/Multimedia_Library.html

Please note: We do not do any type of live streaming to social media. You can access these meetings on YouTube usually the day after the meetings take place.



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TOWNSHIP MANAGER CORNER

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

Comprehensive Plan Update:

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

Trails, Parks & Intersections:

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

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

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



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

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

Library Expansion & Renovation Plan:

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



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

David Burman
Township Manager



HaverfordAlerts.com

Coming in May 2023

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

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

HTPD SAFETY TIPS

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

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

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

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

REMINDER

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

Let's Keep Haverford Beautiful!





Summer Fire Safety Tips - Grilling Safety

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

SAFETY TIPS

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

CHARCOAL GRILLS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALSO

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

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

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

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

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

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

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

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

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

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

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

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

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

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

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

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

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

"Not Going to Happen to Me" Prevention Tip!

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

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

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

Can an Old House Learn New Tricks?

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

Economic Recovery Payment Program

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

IMPORTANT!

You must first qualify and **RECEIVE** the 2022 Commonwealth of PA Rebate **BEFORE** you can apply for this program.

Find more information at www.havtwp.org/HT_65_Plus_Community.html



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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

WHO IS PROTECTED?

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

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

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

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

- Refuse to rent or sell housing,
- Make housing unavailable,
- Set different terms or conditions,
- Falsely deny that housing is available. In mortgage lending, no one may take any of the following actions based on a protected class:
- Refuse to make a mortgage due to your protected class status,
- Set different terms and conditions,
- Discriminate in appraising a property.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination, CALL HUD!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Township does not provide flood insurance.

SUMMER 2023 CALENDAR

Township Events & Announcements:

• Township Brush, Trash & Recycling:

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 : NO TRASH COLLECTION - Moved to Monday, May 15, 2023
Monday, May 29, 2023 : NO BRUSH COLLECTION - Holiday
Monday, June 19, 2023 : NO BRUSH COLLECTION - Holiday
Tuesday, July 04, 2023 : NO TRASH COLLECTION - Moved to Monday, July 03, 2023

• Township Office Closed:

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

• Township E-Waste Event

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

• Township Shredding Event

Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until trucks are full)
Location: 1014 Darby Rd., Havertown
Details: 4 Box Maximum - No plastic bags, magazines, books or newspapers. Absolutely free service for Township residents only.

Parks & Recreation Events & Announcements:

• Sunset Trails Running Series 2023 :

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

Local Area Events:

• Discover Haverford's Haverfood Festival

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

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



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

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