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Exciting Developments in Haverford Township: A Vibrant Community on the Rise

Haverford Township is buzzing with excitement as several transformative projects promise to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. From infrastructure improvements to community-focused initiatives, the Township is undergoing a renaissance that is set to redefine our landscape and foster a more vibrant and accessible environment for all.

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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.

To access links to all broadcast meetings, visit havtwp.org/Media_Center.html

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



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Exciting Developments in Haverford

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One of the standout projects in Haverford Township is the long-anticipated renovation and expansion of the Haverford Township Free Library. The library is a cherished community hub, offering resources, programs and spaces for learning and connection. This project, scheduled for completion in spring 2025, will provide modern amenities, state-of-the-art technology, improved building systems and versatile spaces for gatherings and events, in addition to a new parking lot right across Mill Road. This revitalization underscores the Township's commitment to fostering a culture of literacy, education and lifelong learning.

Beyond improvements to the Library, the Township has been working on technical, operational and aesthetic enhancements at the Skatium. Recognizing the importance of efficient cooling systems and modern amenities, the Township has undertaken significant upgrades, including the replacement of chillers and cooling towers, coupled with a renovation of the locker rooms. The chillers and cooling tower play a key role in maintaining optimal ice conditions within the facility. The Skatium itself will be closed for an extended period over the summer to accommodate these improvements. Meanwhile, we are working through the design phase of the locker room renovations, a project that will elevate comfort levels, foster a sense of community and enhance the overall visitor experience. All of these projects will bolster the Skatium's reputation as a premier destination for ice sports and recreational activities.

Outdoor enthusiasts and active residents will rejoice at the news of the Pennsy Trail extension. A new pedestrian bridge will be installed across Manoa Road on or about May 18th, followed by an extension of the trail to the rear of the Llanerch Shopping Center. The project includes a sophisticated underground stormwater management system, as well as new tree and other plantings along the newly expanded trail. This addition to our trail network will provide more opportunities for walking, running and cycling, while promoting healthy lifestyles and environmental stewardship. By connecting neighborhoods to parks, schools and shopping districts, we aim to enhance

mobility and accessibility throughout the township, fostering a sense of community and well-being among our residents.

In addition, nature lovers will find much to celebrate with the extension of the Darby Creek Trail. The current phase of work, which should be complete by the time you read this, involves the construction of a short segment of trail from Burmont and Warrior Roads along the outfields at McDonald Field. Ultimately, the Township plans to connect this segment with the existing trail at Merry Place, including a short spur leading to the intersection of Burmont and Glendale Roads. The Township is working with PennDOT to improve that intersection, resulting in a safer pedestrian crossing. In that way, this project will not only preserve and showcase the natural beauty of the area, but also provide safer and more accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Phase 3 of the Darby Road Streetscape improvement project builds upon the success of previous phases, aiming to enhance aesthetics, promote pedestrian safety and foster economic vitality. Sidewalk improvements create ample space for pedestrians to stroll, shop and socialize, fostering a vibrant street life. ADA-compliant ramps ensure accessibility for all, promoting inclusivity and equal access to public spaces. Additionally, enhanced streetscape amenities such as planters and decorative lighting contribute to a welcoming ambiance, inviting residents and visitors to linger and explore the charm of Darby Road. By the time you read this article, the project will stand as a testament to the power of collaborative renewal efforts in shaping Haverford Township as a vibrant and livable community.

Ensuring the safety and accessibility of roadways for all users is a top priority for Haverford Township. Last November, the Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to CH Planning, Ltd. of Philadelphia, PA for the creation of a Township-wide Qualified Safety Action Plan under the Federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program. The goal of the Plan is to develop a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The Action Plan is a prerequisite for implementation grants under SS4A, part of the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Free Transportation for our Seniors!

To qualify for these implementation grants, the Township must first have a Qualified Safety Action Plan with projects and strategies that aim to address specific roadway safety problems. We expect CH Planning to provide a final report on this study later this summer.

Efficient parking management is essential for supporting local businesses, accommodating visitors and maintaining the vitality of commercial districts, while simultaneously respecting the quality of life of nearby residents. Back in March, the Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to CH Planning for the creation of a comprehensive study of the parking situation in our business districts. This study aims to discover valuable insights into the existing parking conditions, benchmarking against best practices, recommending innovative strategies and outlining a detailed implementation plan. Through this strategic approach, we hope to strike the right balance between convenience, accessibility and sustainability. This study should be complete by late summer, as well.

Finally, for commuters using the Norristown High Speed Line, the Township recently completed the Mill and Karakung Park & Ride Facility. This lot provides much needed parking for commuters to the City of Philadelphia and elsewhere. With easy access to the Beechwood/Brookline Station, this parking facility will streamline commuting experiences, relieve commuter parking in our neighborhoods and reduce traffic congestion, all while enhancing the township's overall connectivity and accessibility.

Conclusion: A Bright Future Beckons

As these exciting projects unfold, Haverford Township stands on the brink of a bright and promising future. From revitalized libraries to expanded trails, improved safety measures to enhanced transportation facilities, the township is undergoing a transformation that reflects its commitment to fostering a thriving, inclusive and sustainable community. With each initiative designed to enrich the lives of residents and enhance the township's appeal for visitors, Haverford Township is poised to emerge as a beacon of progress and possibility in Delaware County and beyond.

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

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

Visit their website at www.ctdelco.org and click on "Apply To Ride" and follow the prompts. If you prefer you can call Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 610-490-3960. and one of their customer service representatives will help you with the process and answer any questions you may have.

Senior Summer Fun with Surrey

Older adults can enjoy programs, clubs, exercise, lunch, and outdoor activities all year long with Surrey Services for Seniors. Escape the heat and join a cool group like the billiards players or the open art studio. Keep fit with Surrey's wide array of exercise classes for all abilities from chair yoga to line dancing.

Surrey also partners with area organizations to offer fun activities such as a bocce club at the Veterans Memorial Park bocce courts on Lawrence Road in Broomall and water aerobics at the Drexel Swim Club.

Don't feel like cooking? Surrey offers a delicious lunch daily for a reasonable \$2.50 contribution. Bring a friend or meet new ones and enjoy entrees like honey rosemary chicken and seafood salad.

Visit their website at SurreyServices.org or call 610-446-2070 to find out about their program schedule or learn about the many other services Surrey provides. Or just stop by. They are at 505 Parkway Drive, Broomall (corner of Parkway Drive and Sussex Road).

Connect with Surrey, so they can connect you.

Retirement, New Hire & More...

Haverford Township Police Department extends well wishes to Sgt. Lawrence Todd upon his retirement in March, after 34 years of service.

Sgt. Todd served in both the Patrol Division and Special Operations Unit, and at the time of his retirement was the senior Sergeant in the Patrol Division.

Haverford Police also welcomes Ofc. Patrick Marley, who was hired by the department in March after previously serving with Prospect Park Police Department.

Residents are reminded if you would like Haverford Police to check on your residence while you are on vacation you can click on the link on the Police Department website or call the station at 610-853-1298 to leave your information.

An Animal Control Officer is typically available Monday through Friday 7 am to 3 pm. The Animal Control Officer can be reached at 610-853-1298 ext. 2205. If it is after hours, and the matter is not urgent, leave a message with your name and phone number and the Animal Control Officer will return the call when back on duty. If it is after hours and you require immediate assistance involving an animal, you can dial 911. A police officer will respond as soon as possible.



Here are some helpful tips to ensuring a safe and enjoyable stay for families on-the-go this summer.

Rentals - Practice home safety in rentals just like you do at home.

Be sure:

- Everyone knows the address of the rental.
- Everyone knows two ways out of every room and out of the rental if there is an emergency.
- There are working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of the rental.

This summer, leave firework displays to the professionals. And remember, alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Save your beverages for after the show.

Residents are encouraged to take a few steps in order to better protect themselves from being victims of theft involving their vehicles. If possible, park your vehicles in your driveway. If you have to park on the street or in a public place, consider parking in areas with good lighting, remove all valuables from the vehicle, lock your doors and never leave your key or fob in the vehicle.

Have you signed up for Haverford Alerts? Haverford Alerts allows residents and business owners to easily communicate with HTPD. Download the CRIMEWATCH App on either Google Play or the App store or visit <http://www.haverfordalerts.com>. When using Haverford Alerts, you can easily submit tips, receive real time weather, traffic, and safety alerts and learn about what's going on in the community and the Police Department.



Fire Safety in Rentals & Hotels

- You can open all doors and windows that lead outside.
- You choose an outside meeting place a safe distance from the rental.

Hotels and Motels - Keep your family safe by staying in hotels and motels that have hard-wired smoke alarms and an automatic fire sprinkler system in each guest room.

After check in, you and your family should:

- Read the fire evacuation plan carefully.
- Find the two closest exits from your room.
- Count the number of doors between your room and the exits. This will help if you need to get out in the dark.

The Haverford Township Human Relations Commission (the "HRC") recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of all people. Through education, mediation, and community outreach, the HRC strives to ensure that all members of the Haverford Township community enjoy equality and equal protection under the law.

What to do if you believe you have experienced discrimination?

- **Keep a Record.**
It is important to write your experience(s) down. Document what happened, what was said, when and where the alleged discrimination occurred, and note any witnesses. Accuracy is very important!
- **Tell the Person About the Law.**
Inform your employer or other covered individual you feel is violating the law – that the law protects you from discrimination in Haverford Township.
- **Contact the HRC.**
You have the right to file a complaint with the HRC. The HRC complaint form (and related procedures) are available on the Township's website. Just click the Boards & Commission link on the home page and follow to the Human Relations Commission section.
- **Important to Note!**
All complaints must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discrimination.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Recycling Series #2: Cardboard, Paper, and Metal

Recycling curbside is very beneficial: over 90% of cardboard and paper and 95% of metal cans collected curbside are made into new products.

- **Cardboard**

Cardboard is one of the most profitable items for recycling facilities to sell on the secondary market. Recycling boxes preserves our natural resources and reduces pollution, water use, and

the need to cut down up to 17 trees per ton of boxes recycled. Unfortunately, some of our curbside collection of cardboard is contaminated with food waste or water, resulting in only 90% being recycled. Grease and coatings affect the repulping process, while soggy, wet cardboard jams the sorting process. Therefore, please keep cardboard as dry as possible. Cardboard should also be flattened with no packing materials inside to go through the sorting process correctly.

- **Paper**

Paper is also over 90% recycled. Like cardboard, recycling paper preserves our natural resources. It takes 70% less water to recycle paper than to produce new paper from fresh pulp. Each ton of recycled paper reduces the need to cut down 17 trees and reduces emissions by a ton. Napkins, paper towels, tissues, gift wrap, soiled paper, and receipts are **Not** recyclable.

- **Steel Cans**

Metal is infinitely recyclable. Over 95% of collected cans are recycled. No material properties are lost by using recycled material. Steel cans are sold to be remade into steel materials. For every ton of steel recycled, 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone are conserved. Aerosol cans are not accepted curbside. Recycle aerosol cans by taking them to the county hazardous waste collections. Scrap metal can be taken to a local scrap yard.

- **Aluminum Cans**

As with steel cans, over 95% of collected aluminum cans are recycled. Aluminum cans are highly profitable. Recycling aluminum preserves our resources, using only 5% of the energy needed to make new aluminum. Bales of aluminum cans are sold to make more aluminum cans and other aluminum products. An aluminum can has about 73% recycled aluminum content.

Thank you for properly recycling to conserve our natural resources!

Problems with Pick-Up? Contact Public Works through the Citizen Reporter at www.havtwp.org or emailing publicworks@havtwp.org.

Compost Incentive

Here in Haverford, we want to help you on your composting journey so we recently lengthened our incentive from 2 months to 4 months free!

There are two ways to start composting in Haverford Township:

1. Curbside Pick-Up: Four months of free service provided to Haverford Township residents (new customers). Contact Mother Compost or EZ Composting.
2. Do It Yourself: Compost in your backyard! \$30 subsidized compost bins available at the CREC for Haverford Township residents. Training required.

See www.havtwp.org for more information.

Library Information

The Haverford Township Free Library is continuing with the renovation and expansion during which time the temporary library is located at 1305 West Chester Pike in the Manoa Shopping Center.

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

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



What is Fair Housing?

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

Who is Protected?

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

What is Prohibited?

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

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

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

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

If you believe you have experienced discrimination, CALL HUD!

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

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

Sewer Notice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Township does not provide flood insurance.



Haverford Township Official 2024 Summer Calendar

Township Holidays:

- Township Office Closed: 05/27/2024, 06/19/2024 & 07/04/2024

***Please note:*

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

Trash, Brush, Recycling Calendar Changes:

- 05/27/2024 - No Monday Brush Collection
- 06/19/2024 - No Wednesday Trash Collection
- 07/04/2024 - No Thursday Trash or Recycling Collection
- 07/08/2024 - No Monday Brush Collection / Recycling Pick-up from 07/04/2024
**Note this will be the make-up day for Thursdays Recycling collection only from 07/04/2024

Township Events Save the Dates:

- Township E-Waste Event - Saturday 06/15/2024 - Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*
 - Shredding Event - Saturday 08/24/2024 - Time : 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- * (See website one month prior to event for more information and how to sign up)

Parks & Recreation Save the Dates:

- Sunset Trail Running Series - Wednesdays 05/8/2024, 06/12/2024, 07/10/2024
- 5/8 - Anne's Purple for a Purpose: Race Against Pancreatic Cancer

Library Save the Dates:

- Summer Reading Kick Off - Thursday 06/13/2024 - Time: 6:30 p.m.
- Sounds of Summer Music Concert Series at Merwood Park - 06/13/2024, 07/11/2024 & 08/11/2023 - Time: 7:30 p.m.

(see Library website for more details)

Other Save the Dates Around Town:

- Discover Haverford's 2nd Annual Haverfood Festival - Friday 06/14/2024

(see Discover Haverford's website for more details)

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