

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.

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 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/.

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 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/ or email us at: 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. Check out existing rain gardens at parks and over 50 homes across the township. Find out more at 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

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

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.

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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.

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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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



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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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.

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

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