

PRESENTING THE OFFICIAL HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

Connecting Our Community

FALL/WINTER 2024-2025



Stay Engaged, Stay Informed!

Haverford Township is excited to share its growth and ongoing projects aimed at enhancing community life, including the extension of walking trails that connect neighborhoods and scenic areas to promote outdoor recreation and community engagement. Renovations at the local library are making progress to ensure a modern and accessible space for all visitors, while new chillers being installed at the Skatium will greatly improve the ice skating experience for residents.

Staying informed about these developments is essential for fostering community engagement and awareness. By signing up for the Township's Constant Contact emails, following our social media, regularly checking our website, and tuning into the Township's cable channel, you can receive timely updates on events, services, and important announcements. Your participation helps strengthen our Township and keeps you connected as we work together to enrich the quality of life for all in Haverford Township!

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Board of Commissioners

To sign up for email updates from your Commissioners, visit the Township's homepage and click on the "Email/Constant Contact" sign-up link under the Community section.

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Get to Know Your Government – Part III – Meet the IT Department

In any organization, a reliable and efficient IT department is the backbone that keeps everything running smoothly. For the Township, this is no exception. Our IT department consists of four dedicated professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that all technology systems are up and running, secure, and effective.

Our technical specialists are responsible for managing and maintaining the Township's servers, online platforms, and technology infrastructure. To ensure our systems are secure, up-to-date, and running efficiently, our team prioritizes timely updates and proactive monitoring. Additionally, our help desk support team provides assistance to employees across the Township, troubleshooting technical issues, answering questions, and offering guidance on using various software applications. By collaborating closely with employees, our team resolves technical issues swiftly and effectively, minimizing downtime and ensuring everyone has access to the tools they need to excel in their roles.

Our communications experts shape the Township's image and voice by developing effective communication strategies. They manage the official news source, sharing updates on projects, initiatives, and

achievements. Our team promotes events through targeted marketing campaigns and uses a range of channels to disseminate information, including the Township's website, social media, newsletters, cable access channel, and audio-visual technologies. The communications team is responsible for designing and maintaining all of these platforms. They also broadcast Township meetings to keep residents informed and engaged. By working closely with other departments, they ensure consistent messaging and branding across all channels.

As the Township continues to evolve and grow, the Information Technology Department plays a vital role in ensuring effective communication and technological infrastructure. By staying abreast of technological advancements and communication trends, the IT Department enhances relationships with residents and businesses, ultimately contributing to a more informed and connected community.

IT Staff:

Paul – Director

Christina – Digital Media Specialist

Jeff – Audio Visual Production Specialist

Dave – Systems Administrator

Stay Informed: Explore Our Home Page for the Latest Updates

We encourage residents to make the most of our township's official website, where the home page serves as a comprehensive hub for important information and timely updates. Be sure to check back often, as we continually update it with valuable content, including:

1

News and Announcements: Stay in the loop with the latest community events, public safety news, and critical announcements that may impact you and your family.

3

Public Meetings: Access information about upcoming public meetings, including agendas and minutes, so you can stay engaged with local governance and community decisions.

2

Trash and Recycling Schedule: Find essential details about trash and recycling collection schedules, including any changes that may occur during holidays or severe weather events.

4

Weather Alerts: Our home page features important weather-related updates, such as emergency notifications, storm preparedness tips, and information on closures to keep you safe and informed.



The use of electric-powered scooters is on the rise. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends several safety tips for riding e-scooters:

- Always wear a helmet and stay alert.
- Anticipate that vehicles and pedestrians may not see you; slow down and plan your route ahead of time.
- Avoid making abrupt turns or movements.
- Ride solo; additional riders can raise the risk and severity of collisions.
- Refrain from performing stunts or jumps, as these can damage the e-scooter and create instability.
- Stay distraction-free; listening to music or talking on a cell phone, even hands-free, can divert your attention.
- Ensure your e-scooter is equipped with lights; riding at night without a headlight could prevent you from seeing hazards and being seen by others.

It's also good to remember, other motorists are expecting you to obey Pennsylvania motor vehicle laws.

Police Department Bulletin

The Haverford Township Police Department continues to receive inquiries regarding animal control and parking regulations. Did you know that you can easily access these laws online? Simply visit the Haverford Township website at <https://www.havtwp.org/> and look for the link labeled "Municipal Code Book" under Haverford Township e-code 360.

In another update, several officers have recently been certified as bicycle officers, while others have completed re-certification as motorcycle officers. You'll continue to see both bicycle and motorcycle officers patrolling the township. These officers are highly visible in the community and often enjoy interacting with residents while on their patrols.



HTPD Bicycle Officers from left to right: Ofc. Waktins, Sgt. McCreight, Det. Laughlin, Ofc. Fuller & Ofc. Gill

We are also pleased to announce that Haverford Township has been awarded another RUDD grant. RUDD stands for Reduction in Underage and Dangerous Drinking. The Haverford Township Police will utilize this grant to provide education to students and community groups, as well as to increase patrols in areas vulnerable to drinking, such as local parks. The RUDD grant is funded by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB).

The Haverford Township Police Department would like to remind residents to exercise caution by slowing down in school zones and being especially vigilant when approaching crosswalks. These areas are often crowded with children and parents during drop-off and pick-up times, so it's crucial to prioritize safety. Please reduce your speed, keep an eye out for pedestrians, and be prepared to stop if necessary. By taking these precautions, we can ensure a safer environment for our children and all members of the community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Composting Community News

Over the last year, we have been growing our composting community here in Haverford! Thanks to funding from a USDA grant, we've had over 150 households begin composting, either through a curbside service or in their backyard. As a result, we've diverted over 20,000 pounds of food waste, allowing it to enter the composting process and become nutrient-rich soil. In addition, our 2023 fall pumpkin collection diverted 16,300 pounds of pumpkins to farms for animals to eat.

By choosing to compost food waste instead of trashing it, we can preserve resources, save on trash tipping fees, and reduce climate

changing emissions.

If you are interested in joining, you can take advantage of 4-months of free curbside pick-up through Mother Compost, EZ Composting, or your preferred composting company* or purchase our \$30 subsidized backyard composting bin after attending a brief training. Contact adesanti@havtwp.org with any questions.

**New composting customers only. One incentive per household. Limit of 200. Participating companies must first register with the Township.*



Join the Hav-a-Rain Garden Team!

We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers who assist with garden installations, but we are seeking a few more committed individuals. Your help is needed with outreach, scheduling, assessment, design, plant ordering and care, as well as staging and coordinating installations. Many hands make light work!

If you're interested in joining the Hav-a-Rain Garden team or would like to have a rain garden installed on your property, please email adesanti@havtwp.org.

Vines on Trees Are Silent Killers

When vines grow thickly on the forest floor, they compete with trees for moisture and nutrients. If vines climb into the canopy, they vie for light. Additionally, they can damage tree bark, strangle limbs, and during heavy snow and ice, their weight can lead to fallen trees or broken branches. In Haverford, some common invasive vines include English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle, Asiatic Bittersweet, and Porcelain Berry.

How can you help? Ensure that trees and vines grow separately. To remove vines from your trees, cut the vines just above the tree roots and pull them out of the ground as far away from the base of the tree as possible. Next, cut the vines off the tree at the highest point you can reach and carefully remove them. Alternatively, you can allow the vines to die before pulling them off later.

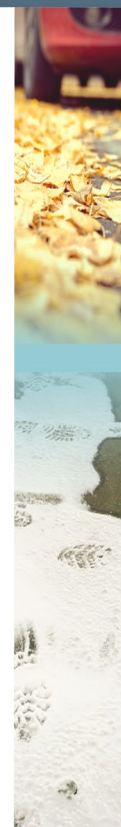
Take some time to care for your trees today!

Managing Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Keeping Our Community Safe

As autumn paints our landscapes with vibrant hues of red, orange, and gold, the falling leaves create a picturesque scene, but they also pose challenges for residents and municipalities alike. Not only do these leaves add beauty to our surroundings, but they can also create slippery conditions on roads and pathways, increasing the risk of accidents.

To ensure the safety of our community during this season, it's essential to manage fallen leaves properly. In our township, leaves must be raked in bulk to the curb area during the designated leaf collection program. Outside of this program, bagged leaves will be collected according to the Public Works rules and regulations. This organized approach not only keeps our streets clear, but it also prevents leaves from clogging drains and causing potential flooding issues.

As we transition from fall to winter, the responsibilities of property owners shift to snow and ice management. When winter storms blanket our sidewalks, it is crucial to maintain safe passage for pedestrians. According to code 138-3 Snow and ice removal from sidewalks, it shall be the duty of property owners or persons in possession of any premises in the built-up sections of this township to remove snow from the sidewalk in front of their respective premises within 24 hours after the snowfall. Furthermore, sidewalks must always be kept free and clear of snow, slush, and ice to ensure safety for all.



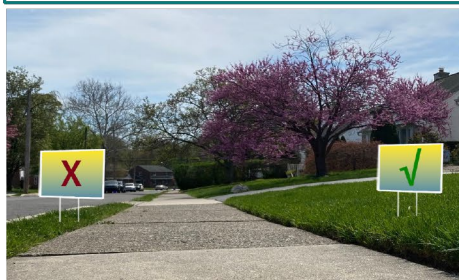
YOU ARE INVITED

SAVE THE DATE

DO NOT MISS IT!

Attention Seniors!

Don't miss out! Senior Appreciation Day 2024 is happening at the CREC on November 3rd. This fantastic event is free for our residents aged 65 and older. Join us for the Pre-Game Party starting at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Health Fair. Please note that event details may change, so be sure to check the Haverford Township Senior page on our website for the latest updates. See you there!



Reminder

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

Let's Keep Haverford Beautiful!

Historic Resource Plaque Program

Haverford Township is proud to introduce the Historic Resource Plaque Program, endorsed by the Board of Commissioners to promote awareness of the township's rich history. This initiative encourages the recognition and stewardship of historic resources—buildings that contribute to the character of our residential neighborhoods and commercial corridors.

Properties listed in the Haverford Township Historic Resource Survey can apply for a plaque to showcase their historic significance. To learn more and obtain an application, residents are invited to attend the Historical Commission's monthly meeting. The plaques measure 8" by 8" and are crafted from bronze with a blue overlay, highlighting the Historic Resource number, Township seal, and Historical Commission logo. Participation is voluntary, and we hope for enthusiastic community involvement.

FREE Parking This Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, the Township is excited to announce its commitment to a cherished tradition of supporting local shoppers and businesses. This year, residents and visitors can enjoy free parking on key shopping days:

Black Friday
November 29
Shop Small Saturday
November 30, &
Last Minute Shopping,
December 21.



The CREC is thrilled to announce the upcoming installation of a new dual port charging station, designed for convenient and efficient EV charging. This station will accommodate two vehicles simultaneously, making it easier for members to power up their electric cars.

Charging will be available at a competitive rate of just \$1.50 per hour while your vehicle is actively charging. To encourage timely disconnection, a fee of \$3.00 per hour will apply if a vehicle remains connected for more than 30 minutes after charging is complete.

These new charging stations reflect the Township's commitment to sustainability and its support for the growing number of electric vehicle users in our community.



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

Protect Your Home: Don't Let Sewer Backups Drain Your Wallet!

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.***



Fall/Winter Official Township Calendar

****Important:** Please be aware that times and dates may change, especially during this season; check the official township website for registration, details, updates, and cancellations on the dates below.**

2024+

Township Closures

09/02, 10/14, 11/11, 11/28, 11/29, 12/2, 12/24 - Closed at 11:30 a.m., 12/25, 12/31 - Closed at 11:30 a.m., 01/01/25

2024+

Brush/Trash/Recycling Changes

No Brush: 09/02, 10/14, 11/11, or 12/2 | 12/2 - Recycling will be for 11/28 only | No Trash/Recycling: 11/28, 12/25 or 01/01/25

September

Save the Dates

09/10/2024 - Haverford Police Department vs Haverford High School Football Game located behind the Haverford Middle School. Starts at 7:00 p.m.

October

Save the Dates

10/05/2024 - Haverford Township Day - starts at 8:30am (start time) 5K Race at the Middle School, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Flea Market & Craft Fair & 10:30am (start time) Parade starts at Manoa Shopping Center

November

Save the Dates

11/03/2024 - Senior Appreciation Day 2024 - runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the CREC. (see pg 6 for more information)

11/03/2024 - 9th Annual Delaware County Police K-9 Competition - starts at Noon located behind Haverford Middle School.

11/23/2024 - E-Waste at the Township building - starts at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. - Registration Required.

11/30/2024 - Discover Holidays in Haverford - Shop Small Saturday - You can find more information at Shop Small (discoverhaverford.org)

December

Save the Dates

12/07/2024 - 13th Annual Chilly Trail 5K Run at the CREC - Registration Required.

12/07/2024 - Discover Haverford's Havertown Holiday Festival - Runs from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Rain date 12/08/2024) - more information at discoverhaverford.org

12/21/2024 - Pancakes and Pizza with Santa at the CREC - Pancakes with Santa - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & Pizza with Santa - 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

12/30/2024 - Rockin New Year's Eve Bash at the CREC - Runs from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Haverford Township Official NEWSLETTER Spring 2025

Over the past few years, Haverford Township has accomplished a number of high-profile projects. Beyond that, we have been planning for a bright future. As part of this process, with the help of a consultant, the Parks & Recreation Department prepared the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2024.

The PROS Plan is a community-driven roadmap to enhance our parks, open spaces, trails, and recreational opportunities. Guided by extensive resident feedback and thorough analysis, the plan reflects our shared vision of a greener, more connected future.

The PROS Plan serves multiple purposes: it evaluates the current state of parks and facilities, identifies opportunities for improvements, and establishes a cohesive vision for the Township's recreational spaces. This forward-thinking document ensures that Haverford remains a vibrant place to live, work, and play, while also strengthening grant applications to fund these exciting projects.

Residents made their voices heard loud and clear: trails are a cornerstone of recreation in Haverford Township....

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& Commissions

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A message from the Township Manager cont.

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In surveys and public meetings, 24% of respondents identified trails as their most-used recreation spaces. Popular trails like the Darby Creek Trail and Pennsy Trail were noted for their accessibility and natural beauty.

Feedback highlighted a strong desire for more trails, better connectivity, and enhanced trail amenities like signage and shaded rest areas. Residents also emphasized the importance of linking neighborhoods, parks, and local destinations with safe biking and walking routes.

As you may know, Haverford Township is already making strides to meet these goals. Recent extensions to the Darby Creek Trail have provided new opportunities for outdoor exploration, while new sections of the Pennsy Trail are paving the way for expanded connectivity.

The PROS Plan suggests the need for further expansion of both the Pennsy Trail and the Darby Creek Trail, in addition to considering sidewalk connectors to improve pedestrian safety. These conceptual projects have the potential to connect key community hubs like schools and transit stations.

With the 2024 PROS Plan as our guide, Haverford Township is building a future where trails and open spaces bring our community closer together. Let's keep moving forward—one step, one trail, one connection at a time!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Burman".

David R. Burman
Township Manager



Stay Informed in Haverford Township: Your Guide to Community Updates

Staying connected to what's happening in Haverford Township is easier than ever! Whether you're looking for event announcements, important dates, or local updates, there are multiple ways to keep yourself informed. Here are some effective methods to stay in the loop:

1. Constant Contact

Sign up for Haverford Township's Constant Contact newsletters. This email service provides regular updates on local events, community news, and important announcements right to your inbox.

2. Haverford Alerts

Enroll in Haverford Alerts to receive text or email notifications about emergencies, service updates, and critical information affecting our community. It's a fast and reliable way to stay informed.

3. Social Media

Follow us on our social media platforms, including Facebook, X, and Instagram. Our pages are updated regularly with news and events, allowing you to engage with fellow residents and stay current on what's happening in your community.

4. Delco Alerts

Sign up for Delco Alerts to receive county-wide notifications regarding weather updates, public safety issues, and other important information related to the Delaware County region.

5. Community Calendar

Check the Haverford Township website for a community calendar featuring upcoming events, meetings, and important dates. It's a great resource for planning your participation in local activities.

By utilizing these tools, you can stay connected and engaged with the vibrant happenings in Haverford Township. Make sure you're subscribed to these services to never miss out on important community updates!

Sign up at www.havtwp.org right on the home page.



Understanding Carbon Monoxide: Safety Tips for Your Home

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a hazardous, invisible gas that is colorless and odorless, produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane. Homes can be at risk if heating and cooking appliances that rely on these fuels are not properly maintained.

Here are essential tips to protect your household from carbon monoxide exposure:

1. **Install CO Alarms:** Place carbon monoxide alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. For enhanced safety, interconnect the alarms so that when one sounds, they all do.
2. **Follow Placement Guidelines:** Adhere to the manufacturer's instructions regarding the placement and mounting height of the alarms.
3. **Responding to an Alarm:** If your CO alarm goes off, evacuate the building immediately and go to fresh air—outside or near an open window or door. Ensure everyone is accounted for and call for help from this safe location, remaining there until emergency responders declare it safe to return.

By following these safety measures, you can significantly reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning in your home. Stay safe and vigilant!

Police Department Bulletin

Haverford Township Police Department Sergeant Robert McCreight and Ofc. Brittany Afgan were recently honored for their service to the community. Sgt. McCreight has organized numerous games between Haverford High Sports teams and Haverford Officers. Ofc. Afgan recently responded to a pediatric emergency and saved a juvenile who was choking. Thank you for your service, officers! We take great pride in you!

HTPD is proud to announce our newest K9 team. Ofc. Tom Murtha and his K9 Partner Dawkins completed extensive training together and are now patrolling the streets. Thank you to the Boscia family for their generous donation in support of this Police K9 initiative.

HTPD recently held its 9th annual K9 event. Haverford's Ofc. McLaughlin and K9 Bodhi finished in second place on the obstacle course and best apprehension stations and Ofc. Patterson and K9 Winnie finished third on the closest recall contest. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to all the sponsors for their support.

HTPD wishes to remind residents to remove valuables from vehicles and lock doors at night. Call 911 to report suspicious activity.

We hope you enjoy a happy and healthy spring season!



Ofc. Murtha & K9 Dawkins



K9 Dawkins

Investing in Our Future: The 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets

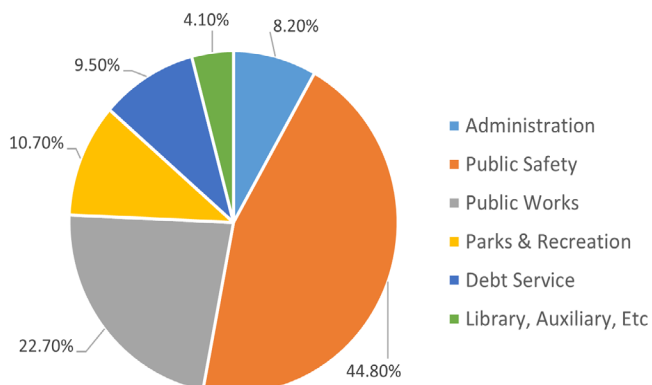
At its December 9, 2024 public meeting, the Board of Commissioners passed the 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Haverford Township is fortunate to have a loyal and hardworking staff of employees and volunteers that continue to provide top-tier services to our residents, visitors and businesses. But like any other organization, public or private, the Township also faces a tight labor market and inflationary costs. With over 75% of our budget comprised of labor costs, debt service and insurance premiums – areas that are very difficult to trim without impacting services – our other operational costs are generally very lean. To ensure we continue meeting the high expectations of our community, the adopted budget includes a slight increase to the Township property tax rate from 4.395 mills to 4.545 mills and to the sewer rate from \$4.65/1,000g of water used to \$5.15/1,000g of water used. The 2025 trash and recycling fee will remain unchanged at \$283 per residential unit.

Tax increases are never easy, but they play a pivotal role in ensuring Haverford Township remains the vibrant, thriving community we all love. The Township works diligently to manage annual cost increases, while still delivering the variety and quality of services that make our community a special place to live, work, and grow.

The chart below summarizes how our 2025

Haverford Township 2025 General Operations
Budgeted Expenditures



The Capital and ARPA budgets will help us fund numerous transformative projects, ensuring Haverford Township continues to thrive. Here are some highlights for 2025:

- Completion of the renovated and expanded Haverford Township Free Library
- Development of the new Brookline Park
- Extension of the Darby Creek Trail
- Renovations to the Skatium locker rooms
- Installation of solar panels at the Township Administration building
- Enhanced pedestrian improvements across the Township
- Finalization and implementation of the new comprehensive plan
- Ongoing investment in sanitary and storm sewer systems

Stay tuned for updates on these exciting initiatives as we continue to build a better community!

Reminder To All Business And Rental Property Owners!!

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

Happy Anniversary Haverford Township Historical Commission & Grange Estate

2025 marks the 15-year anniversary of the Haverford Township Historical Commission, which was established by the Board of Commissioners in January 2010 following passage of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The ordinance recognized that, "The preservation and protection of historic resources are public necessities and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Haverford." The goal of the ordinance is to protect those resources, "that have a distinctive character recalling the architectural, residential, commercial, aesthetic and historic heritage of the Township."

More than 100 historic sites identified in a 1994 survey of the Township are now officially listed in the Haverford Township Historic Resources Survey. Additional resources were added in 2021 with funds from a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission grant.

Change is necessary and inevitable for any community to thrive. The goal of good preservation planning is to manage that change to preserve what we value in our Township. Working with property owners to manage that change remains the Commission's ongoing mission.



In May 1974, Haverford Township purchased the Historic Grange Estate, saving it from auction. The estate's history dates back to 1682, when it was bought by Henry Lewis from William Penn. Over time, notable figures like George Washington and Ben Franklin visited the estate, contributing to its rich legacy. The Township just celebrated the 50th anniversary of its acquisition.

Visit us at : <https://www.youtube.com/@thehistoricgrangeestate> to learn more fun facts!

Smart Disposal: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost

In today's world, rethinking your waste disposal habits is vital. Many items can be reused, repurposed, recycled, or composted to help reduce landfill waste. Here's a quick guide to help you make smarter disposal choices:

Reduce

- **Mindful Purchasing:** Choose durable, high-quality products to minimize the need for frequent replacements & only buy what you need
- **Refillery Shopping:** Bring your own containers to refill soaps, detergents, sunscreens, etc.
- **Use Rechargeable Batteries:** They're cost-effective and help decrease waste over time

Reuse

- **Electronics:** Donate working flat-screen TVs (40" or less) and other electronics to organizations like GreenDrop

Recycle

- **Batteries** (alkaline, rechargeable, Li-ion): Staples
- **Small Electronics/Cords/Cables:** E-waste bins at Township Building and CREC
- **Glass:** Drop off at the Township Building to recycle into new glass products or place curbside to repurpose as landfill cover
- **Textiles:** Donate clean and odorless clothes, shoes, and stuffed animals to Helpsy
- **CFL bulbs / fluorescent tubes:** DelCo Household Hazardous Waste events

Compost

- **Curbside Collection:** Sign up for bi-weekly food scrap collection and enjoy four months free (thanks to a USDA grant)
- **Backyard Composting:** After training, get a subsidized bin for \$30 (thanks to a USDA grant)

Learn More

A full guide can be found on the Township website: <https://havtwp.org/Environment365.html>. For more information about upcoming workshops and recycling odd items like candles, scrap metal, natural cork, writing utensils, dog food bags, etc., email adesanti@havtwp.com.

Reminder about Pool Water

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection prohibits the discharge of pool water into storm sewers, even if the water has been dechlorinated. Instead, pool water, chlorinated or dechlorinated, should be slowly discharged to your lawn or another pervious surface on your own property. There are significant fines and penalties if pool water is discharged into the street/storm sewers.

Update

The Haverford Township Free Library will soon finish its renovation and expansion project and is scheduled to reopen this spring. Be on the lookout for our grand reopening at 1601 Darby Road!

Until that time, we will continue operations at the temporary Library location at 1305 West Chester Pike at the Manoa Shopping Center.

Senior Night Out

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

- Jan. 22 - Game Night
- Feb. 26 - Movie Night
- Mar. 26 - Karaoke / Sing Along
- Apr. 23 - Pot Luck with Trivia

Time 6-8 p.m.

FREE for those over the age of 60 & registration is required.

Space is limited.

See www.havtwp.org/HT_65_Plus_Community.html



Community Development Block Grant Program

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- 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

Protect Your Home: Don't Let Sewer Backups Drain Your Wallet!

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.



2025 – Official Township Calendar

****Important:** Please be aware that times and dates may change, especially during this season; check the official Township website for registration, details, updates, and cancellations on the dates below.**

2025

Township Closures

Feb. 17, Apr. 18, May 26, Jun. 19, Jul. 04, Sep. 01, Oct. 13, Nov. 11, Nov. 27, Nov. 28, Dec. 2, Dec. 24 - Closed at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 25, Dec. 31 - Closed at 11:30 a.m., Jan. 01, 2026

2025

Brush/Trash/Recycling Changes

No Brush: Feb. 17, Mar. 03, Apr. 21, May 12, May 26, Jun. 23, Jul. 07, Sep. 01, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec 01 or Dec. 29 | No Trash/Recycling: Apr. 18, May 20, Jun. 19, Jul. 04, Nov. 11, Nov. 27, Dec. 25 or Jan. 01, 2026

Save the Dates

Large E-Waste Events

Mar. 22, 2025 - Sign up starts on Feb. 21, 2025 & Aug. 23, 2025 - Sign up starts on Jul. 23, 2025.
[www.havtwp.org/ News/Havtwp_EWaste_Events_Info_Page.html](http://www.havtwp.org/News/Havtwp_EWaste_Events_Info_Page.html) - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Township Building

Save the Dates

Shredding Events

Mar. 29, 2025 & August 30, 2025
[www.havtwp.org/ News/Havtwp_Shredding_Events_Info_Page.html](http://www.havtwp.org/News/Havtwp_Shredding_Events_Info_Page.html) - Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (or until the truck is full) - Location: Township Building

Save the Dates

Police Department Events

Jun. 14th, 2025 - Summer Cop Camp - Sign up starts Feb. 18th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. - sign up and more info at www.havtwp.org/Police_Department.html - Camp for Ages 10 & 11 year olds ****Residents Only****

Aug. 05, 2025 - National Night Out - Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Location: Township Building

Oct. 26, 2025 - 10th Annual Delaware County Police K-9 Competition - starts at Noon located behind Haverford Middle School.

Save the Dates

Parks & Recreation Events

Mar. 03, 2025 - Registration for ECP (Extended Care Program) begins for Township Residents at 8:00 a.m.

Apr. 06, 2025 - Summer Camp Registration for Playground Camp starts at 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 06, 2025 - Summer Camp Registration for all other Summer Camps starts at 4:15 p.m.

All signs up for Summer Camps can be found by going to www.havtwp.org/Parks_and_Recreation.html

Oct. 04, 2025 - Haverford Township Day

****Reminder:** All Real Estate Tax bills should be received by Feb. 15th. Please call the Township for a duplicate at 610-446-1000 ext. 2242**



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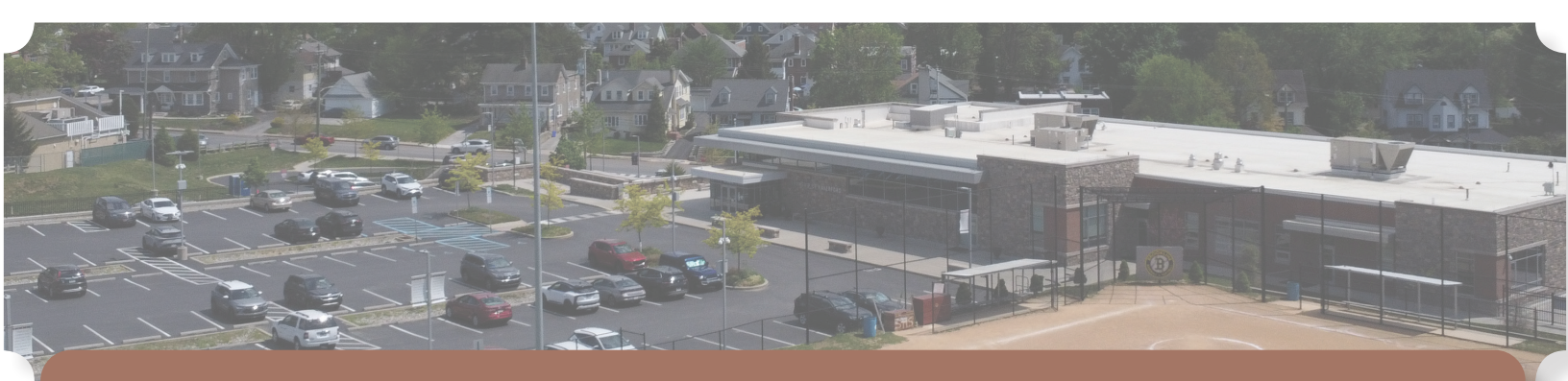
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Fall 2025



Haverford Township Day, Saturday, October 4th, 2025



Township Manager Update

Exciting News: A New, Unified Newsletter for All Things Haverford Township!

Haverford Township is pleased to announce an exciting change designed to make it even easier for residents to stay connected and informed. Beginning this fall, we are combining the Township's Official Newsletter and the HavaGood Times—our popular Parks & Recreation publication—into a single, all-inclusive newsletter.

This new, unified format means you'll now find everything you need to know about Haverford Township in one convenient place. Whether you're looking for updates on public works, community events, recreation programs, sustainability initiatives, public safety news, or important deadlines—our consolidated newsletter has you covered. We've kept the friendly and familiar layout you've come to expect, so the newsletter is still easy to read and fun to explore.

Beyond making information easier to access, this change will also help the Township operate more efficiently. By combining the two publications, we reduce printing and mailing costs—allowing us to reallocate resources where they matter most, all while reducing waste.

As always, current information is still available at your fingertips:

- Visit the Township website: www.havtwp.org
- Follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X
- Watch programming on the Township cable channels

And don't forget—you can also subscribe to our digital communication channels to receive timely updates straight to your inbox or mobile device:

- Subscribe to the Township Newsletter for event and program updates
- Sign Up for Haverford Alerts to get real-time emergency alerts from the Haverford Township Police Department
- Register for DelcoAlerts for county-wide alerts in critical situations

Thank you for reading, subscribing, and staying involved. We're excited about this next step in making local government more accessible, transparent, and connected.

Board of Commissioners

To sign up for email updates from your Commissioners, visit the Township's homepage and click on the "Email/Constant Contact" sign-up link under the Community section.



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Additional Info

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

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

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

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

To access links to all broadcast meetings, visit the more button at the bottom of the home page of the Township website.

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



Public Works

Managing Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Keeping Our Community Safe

As autumn transforms our landscape with vibrant shades of red, orange, and gold, falling leaves create a picturesque scene. However, these leaves also pose certain challenges for residents and local authorities. While they add beauty to our surroundings, they can make roads and walkways slippery, increasing the risk of accidents.

To ensure safety during this season, proper leaf management is essential. In our township, residents are encouraged to rake leaves in bulk and place them at the curb during designated leaf collection periods. Outside of these times, leaves should be bagged and collected according to the Public Works Department's rules and regulations. This organized approach helps keep our streets clear and prevents leaves from clogging storm drains, which could lead to flooding.

As we transition from fall to winter, the focus shifts to snow and ice removal. During winter storms, it's crucial to keep sidewalks safe and accessible for pedestrians. According to Code 138-3, property owners or occupants are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their premises within 24 hours of a snowfall. Additionally, sidewalks should always be kept free of snow, slush, and ice to ensure safe passage for everyone.

- ATTENTION -

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

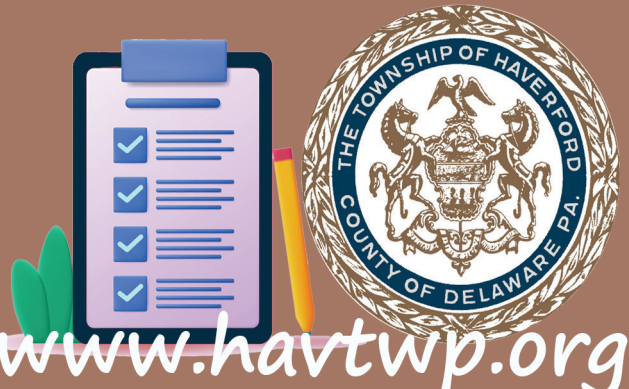
This is a reminder that owning and operating a rental property is considered a business activity for purposes of the Township Business Privilege Tax Ordinance.

In addition to the licensing requirements of our Codes Department, all property owners must acquire a business license and file annual business privilege tax returns. Rental receipts are subject to the Township's Business Privilege Tax and all questions should be directed to the Township's Business Tax Administrator as follows:

Tri-State Financial Services, LLC
PO Box 38
Bridgeport, PA 19405-0038
(610) 270-9520
www.tfgtax.com
(all forms are available on-line)

Citizen Reporter

*Haverford Township's Interactive Platform —
Your Requests, Made Easy, Anywhere, Anytime.*



Library Renovation Complete: A New Chapter for Our Community

We're excited to announce that the library's renovation project is now finished, offering an expanded and modernized space for all visitors.

Our upgraded facility features a stunning multi-story entrance and a new elevator, ensuring easy access to all three floors—including after-hours entry to the new Community Room.

The second-floor addition increases public space by over 25%, creating more room for learning and connection. A cozy Living Room with a fireplace now provides a welcoming spot for quiet reading and relaxation, a favorite request among our senior patrons.

Children, tweens, and teens each have dedicated areas to gather comfortably without overlapping, fostering a vibrant environment for all ages. Our new Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms are equipped with technology, supporting community events and small group collaborations.

The versatile Makerspace encourages hands-on projects and innovative programming for everyone.

Public computer access has been significantly expanded, with dedicated tech zones, laptop bars, charging outlets, and improved Wi-Fi coverage to keep everyone connected.

The entire building infrastructure has been upgraded with new systems, ensuring a more efficient and enjoyable experience. Plus, a new parking lot across the street nearly doubles our parking capacity, complemented by EV charging stations available to library patrons.

Come explore the new library—your community hub for learning, creativity, and connection!

Join us for our annual Dewey Decimal Dash 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 am. Individuals, teams, families and pets are welcome! For details and registration see our website at www.haverfordlibrary.org.

The Next Chapter for Every Generation Capital Campaign still has naming opportunities available!

Visit

*www.haverfordlibrary.org/capital-campaign
to support this state-of-the-art facility.*

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 10am-9pm
Tuesday 10am-9pm
Wednesday 10am-9pm
Thursday 10am-6pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

Fire Prevention

OCTOBER 5–11, 2025

Fire Prevention Week 2025 Focuses on Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced October 5–11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week, with the theme “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.” This year’s focus is on educating the public about safe handling, charging, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries, which power many household devices.



Lithium-ion batteries are found in smartphones, tablets, laptops, e-cigarettes, and more. When damaged or mishandled, they can overheat, catch fire, or explode. NFPA emphasizes three key safety tips:

- Buy only certified products with safety testing labels.
- Charge devices properly using manufacturer-approved chargers and on hard surfaces.
- Recycle batteries responsibly at designated recycling centers; do not throw them in trash or regular recycling bins.

For more information, visit www.fpw.org and learn how to stay safe with lithium-ion batteries during Fire Prevention Week. This longstanding observance aims to raise awareness about fire safety and prevention in communities across North America.

Partnering for Better Senior Dental Care

Dental health is essential for older adults, but many seniors forgo regular care because Medicare doesn't cover dental services, leading to increased health risks.

Since 2016, Surrey has partnered with CVIM to provide free dental services at its Devon location, helping low-income seniors without insurance. In 2024, this partnership expanded with a new clinic at Surrey’s Delaware County Center for Healthy Living in Broomall. “This allows us to better serve our community by offering regular dental care,” says Surrey President Jill Whitcomb.

Funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and a grant from the Foxwynd Foundation, the clinic operates three days a week, providing cleanings, exams, X-rays, and fillings. Gina Farrell, CVIM’s Dental Outreach Coordinator, manages the Broomall clinic and enjoys working with seniors, many of whom express gratitude and schedule return visits.

For more info, call Surrey at 484-451-8899 or email info@surreyservices.org.



Police Department News...

OFFICER OF THE YEAR & DEPARTMENT RECOGNITIONS



Congratulations to Officer Ryan Maguire, recently named Officer of the Year. With nine years of service, Officer Maguire is part of the Honor Guard, bike patrol, and often fills in as Officer in Charge. He is also a Field Training Officer and the department's first aid instructor. Recognized for his dependability and reliability, he is highly valued by supervisors.

Additionally, 24 other department members received commendations for their work on various incidents, from maternity cases to foot pursuits and car theft apprehensions.

RETIREMENT

After 12 years of dedicated service, Animal Control Officer Owen

O'Connell has retired. We thank him for his commitment and wish him a relaxing, well-earned retirement with his family.



Please join us in welcoming the new Animal Control Officer, Christopher Marley, who brings many years of wildlife handling experience.

Officer Marley will be out and about, maintaining the high level of service that Officer O'Connell provided.

Following Paul Miller Jr.'s tragic death in Monroe County PA, a new law makes using any handheld interactive mobile device a primary offense. This includes cell phones, tablets, and laptops.

The law bans:

- Holding or supporting a device with any hand or body part
- Dialing or answering with more than one button press
- Reaching for a device while seated and belted in



Effective June 5th, it's illegal to use your device while driving, even at red lights. Until June 5, 2026, officers will issue warnings; afterward, violations incur a \$50 fine plus court costs.

Exceptions apply for contacting law enforcement or emergency services or if you move your vehicle safely to the roadside and are stationary.

10th Annual K9 Competition Coming This Fall!

Get ready for an exciting fall! The 10th Annual K9 Competition is coming soon, celebrating a decade of showcasing our local working dogs' skills.

Stay tuned on our social media and website for more info!

Figure Skaters Unite!!

Crossroads Figure Skating Club (CFSC) is a member-based club organized under the umbrella of Haverford Township and sanctioned by USFS as Club #1107. The club provides a welcoming environment for athletes looking to be part of a supportive club to build their figure skating talents and/or move forward into competitive figure skating.

As a member of CFSC, you are part of a team of athletes and coaches that all join in seeing you succeed to the best of your ability.

Membership offers:

- paid membership in US Figure Skating
- ability to test or compete under the name of Crossroads FSC
- no capital contribution or mandatory volunteer hours
- access to exclusive ice times
- reduced rates for freestyle ice sessions and specialty clinics
- highlighting your talent at two seasonal shows - HollyBerry in December and SpringFling in April
- option of joining Team Unity, our Aspire level synchronized skating team
- and most importantly, the camaraderie of fellow members who want you to succeed, reach your goals and have fun!

For more information, stop by the Skating Office inside the Skatium or visit www.havtwp.com and click on Skatium. Club membership is processed through the EntryEeze system link.

Skatium Locker Room Upgrades Completed

In 2023, funding was secured through borrowed monies, the ARPA grant, and the CDBG grant to support major upgrades to the Skatium locker rooms.

Construction began in early spring and was completed this summer. The renovations now feature four hockey locker rooms, a dedicated figure skating locker room, and three multi-use changing rooms for all athletes. These improvements provide modern amenities and will enhance the experience for skaters and hockey players, supporting the community's vibrant sports programs.

Did you know?

The Skatium hosts several Learn to Skate sessions from September through May! This is the highly successful USFS program that has been introducing the sport to children (and adults) for decades for that initial skill building for ice hockey or figure skating.

There are 5 sessions to choose from so stop by the Skating Office inside the Skatium or visit www.havtwp.com and click on the DASH link for registration, dates and times.

Discover Holidays in Haverford Township

Join us in Haverford Township for Discover Holidays—a festive celebration of shopping locally, supporting small businesses, and bringing the community together.

Shop Small Saturday – November 29, 2025
Kick off the season by exploring local shops, boutiques, and eateries. Enjoy exclusive deals and participate in the Discover Haverford Shopping Raffle, rewarding you for supporting small businesses all season long.

On December 6, join us for the Havertown Holiday Festival. This family-friendly event is on Brookline Boulevard from 12:00–7:00 pm (rain date 12/7). Highlights include live holiday entertainment, a marketplace with local vendors, ice sculpture carving, face painting, visits from Santa, tree lighting, caroling, and delicious food from local vendors and restaurants.

More info at www.discoverhaverford.org/holiday-festival.

Haverford Township offers free parking on these dates to help you celebrate the season stress-free:

•November 29th •December 6th • December 20th

Take advantage of this special holiday perk and enjoy your shopping, festivities, and visits without worrying about parking fees!

Environmental News...

Collaborative Efforts with the Shade Tree Commission

Trees do so much more than line our streets—they cool our neighborhoods, clean our air, manage our stormwater, and create vital habitats for birds and wildlife. As the Shade Tree Commission (STC), we're proud to help preserve and grow Haverford Township's tree canopy, one tree at a time.

The work doesn't stop there though. We highly encourage residents to preserve and maintain their healthy, shade-bearing trees. However, we also recognize that the removal of diseased, dying, or dead trees is important to maintaining a safe and resilient canopy. Therefore, we strongly support replanting efforts - on your property, along the street, or in our many parks and open spaces.

Looking ahead, our Fall Tree Lottery is tentatively scheduled for late October 2025. Keep an eye on the Township website for details - and don't miss your chance to be part of Haverford's greener future!

One Resident's Solar Story

"We installed solar panels on our Haverford Township home in 2013 to generate our own electricity. Connected to the grid, we use excess power when available and draw from the grid when needed. No maintenance has been needed in 12 years."

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