



A Message from the Township Manager Looking Back With Pride, Looking Ahead With Hope

Entering the new year is a good time to look back on some of the important work we have done together. Everything we do is meant to make Haverford Township strong for today's residents as well as for our children and the families who will live here many years from now. Just as past generations built the parks, roads and neighborhoods we enjoy, we are doing our part to leave the Township even better than we found it.

One of our biggest accomplishments this past year was the grand reopening of the Haverford Township Free Library. After many years of careful consideration, the Library has been completely renovated and expanded. The Library now offers bright spaces for young children, a safe and welcoming area for teens, quiet rooms for studying, more technology and better access for people of all ages and abilities. It truly has become a place where the whole community can learn and connect.

In addition, Brookline Park is moving forward in a big way. By the time you read this, the major stormwater work and most of the site grading will be finished. These steps are important because they prepare the land for the full development of the park. Even better, the small playing court and some of the playground equipment will be open for families to enjoy while the rest of the park takes shape.

In the coming year, we expect to complete the next segment of the Darby Creek Trail Southern Expansion, connecting residents all the way from West Chester Pike to Jack McDonald Field. This project, combined with safety improvements at Burmont and Glendale Roads, will help make our Township safer, easier to get around and even more enjoyable for everyone.

We are also working on a full update of our zoning ordinance, the rules that guide how land can be used and how buildings fit into our neighborhoods. Our current rules are outdated and sometimes confusing, so we are reorganizing and updating them to make sure they are clear, fair, and consistent with our long-term community goals. This work is being led by Township staff with support from our elected officials and volunteer boards.

It is crucial for residents to be part of this process. Earlier this fall, we hosted two Introduction to Zoning sessions to explain what zoning is and why it matters. If you missed it, you can watch it here: <https://tinyurl.com/4d494xpu>. There will be many opportunities to share your thoughts throughout the project. Please visit our dedicated project website: <https://www.haverfordzoning.com/>, to learn more about upcoming surveys, community workshops and more. This zoning update, like our park and trail projects, is a long-term investment in the future of Haverford Township. It is our way of honoring the work done by those who came before us while planning responsibly for the generations who will come after.

As we enter the new year, I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited for what's ahead. Thank you for your support, your ideas and your belief in our community. I wish you and your family a healthy, hopeful new year.

Sincerely,
Dave R. Burman, Township Manager

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Haverford Police Reflect...

The Haverford Police Department is proud to highlight the dedicated service and community involvement of its officers and staff as we enter the spring season.

Honoring Retirement & Celebrating Promotions

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our retiring officers who have dedicated decades of service to the safety and well-being of our community:

- Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan — 32 years of service
- Sergeant Shant Bedrossian — 35 years of service
- Sergeant Dennis Donnelly — 35 years of service
- Detective Michael Flynn — 34 years of service
- Detective Matthew Hufnal — 32 years of service

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and faithful service. We wish each of you many happy, healthy years in retirement.

We also bid farewell to K9 Axel, who recently retired after ten years of dedicated service. Partnered with Ofc. McDermott, K9 Axel played a vital role in numerous successful operations. We thank Ofc. McDermott and K9 Axel for their service and wish them well in this new chapter.



Additionally, the department congratulates officers on recent promotions and new assignments, including:

- Deputy Chief - TJ Long
- Special Operations - Sergeant Brian Coleman
- Detective Sergeant - Robert McCreight
- Administrative Sergeant - Michael Kenny
- Patrol Sergeants - Lawrence Howard and Kimberly Hugarir



Your leadership and dedication continue to strengthen the department and serve our community.

Community Engagement

Each year, the Community Policing Unit goes above and beyond to foster positive relationships with our youth through a variety of engaging and memorable events. These initiatives are more than just games—they are opportunities for our officers to connect with the young people of our Township in meaningful ways, building trust, understanding, and camaraderie.



During the 2025 season, the Community Policing Unit continued this proud tradition by playing Haverford High School in its annual softball game, football game, and culminating the season with an exciting basketball game. These spirited matchups not only showcase athletic talent but also serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, and community spirit.

Each of these games encourages our officers to stand side-by-side with the youth of the Township, demonstrating their commitment to fostering positive relationships and inspiring the next generation.

Community Events

The Delaware County Police K9 Competition is a friendly and exciting event that highlights the dedication, skill, and teamwork of our highly trained K9 units. Each year, these teams compete in a series of challenging activities, including an article search, obstacle course, closest recall, and culminates with the best apprehension.



In 2025, the competition continued its tradition of excellence and community spirit. This year's event was made possible through the generous support of local sponsors, including Videon Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram; Wilson's Secret Sauce; Schaffer Sound; and Peterson Insurance. We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended. Thanks to your support, over \$2,500 was raised for the Honor Their Service Fund.

*Remember, if you see suspicious activity,
do not hesitate to call 911.*

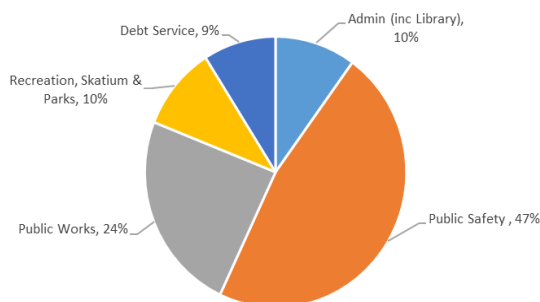
Investing in Our Future

At the December 8, 2025 public meeting, the Board of Commissioners passed the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets

Haverford Township is fortunate to have a dedicated staff of employees and volunteers that continue to provide exceptional services to our residents, visitors and businesses. But like any other organization, the Township also faces significant fixed costs. With nearly 80% of our budget comprised of labor costs, debt service and insurance premiums – areas that are very difficult to trim without impacting services - our remaining operating funds are managed with great efficiency. 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 4.545 mills to 4.695 mills and to the annual trash/recycling fee from \$283.00 to \$295.00 per residential dwelling. The 2026 sewer fee will remain unchanged at \$5.15/1,000g of water used.

Tax increases are never easy, but they play a pivotal role in ensuring Haverford Township remains the vibrant, thriving community we all love. From 2020 through 2026, the Township real estate tax rate changes have consistently trailed the rate of inflation, reflecting the Township's disciplined approach to fiscal management. Through a targeted use of our reserves along with a deliberate effort to hold tax adjustments below inflation, the Township absorbs rising costs for labor, materials and insurance. This conservative approach helps maintain core services and long-term financial stability without imposing the full effect of inflation on taxpayers.

Haverford Township 2026 General Operations Budgeted Expenditures



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.

Continued Investment in Infrastructure and Community Amenities

The Capital and ARPA budgets will help us fund numerous transformative projects, ensuring Haverford Township continues to thrive. Here are some highlights for 2026:

- Continued development of the new Brookline Park and Darby Creek Trail.
- Delivery of previously ordered fire apparatus for Manoa, Bon-Air, Llanerch and Oakmont Fire Companies.
- Bridge repair work.
- Enhanced pedestrian improvements at Burmont & Glendale Roads.
- Interior work and deck refurbishment at the CREC and field lights at the Reserve.
- Ongoing investment in sanitary and storm sewer systems.

Can't find what you are looking for on the Township's website?

Check out our "Help Button" on the Township website. Just ask us what you are looking and we will get back to you within 2 business days (or less).

Travel Insurance for Seniors: Why It Matters

When traveling abroad, your health insurance doesn't provide coverage, making travel insurance essential. Remember, Medicare only covers healthcare within the United States.

Travel insurance can protect trip costs if something out of your control happens, such as trip cancellations, delays, or lost baggage. It also provides emergency medical and dental benefits, including ambulance services, hospital visits, or even medical flights home if needed.

Most travel insurance policies are temporary and tailored for your vacation. It's also important to review your supplemental Medicare policies for out-of-country coverage, as they vary and may only cover a portion or none at all.

For seniors, understanding your coverage is crucial—especially if you have pre-existing conditions, which may not be covered unless you have a waiver. Spending time investigating travel insurance can give you peace of mind and protect your finances during your trip.



Exciting Updates and Events at Haverford Township Free Library

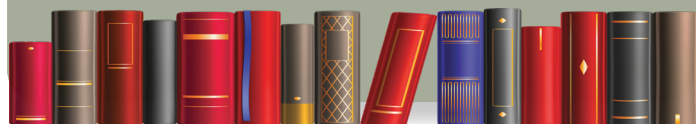
The Haverford Township Free Library's recently renovated space features a stunning multi-story entrance, new elevator, cozy Living Room with fireplace, MakerSpace, Gaming Area, Laptop Zones, and new meeting and study rooms.

Dedicated areas for children and teens create welcoming spaces for all ages.

Welcome!

Maryanne Olson joins as the new Library Director, coming from Queens Public Library in New York. Everyone in the Havertown community is encouraged to extend a warm welcome to her.

For the latest events, visit haverfordlibrary.org.



Stay Informed

Keep up with community news through these quick methods:

- 1 Constant Contact: Sign up for updates on events and news.
- 2 Haverford Alerts: Get emergency and service notifications via text or email.
- 3 Social Media: Follow us on Facebook, X, and Instagram.
- 4 Delco Alerts: Receive county-wide weather and safety alerts.
- 5 Community Calendar: View upcoming events on the township website.

Visit www.havtwp.org to subscribe and stay connected!

What is ahead in 2026.....

Winter



December, January & February

Look for the yearly Trash, Brush, and Recycling calendars in your mailbox. Keep this pinned to your refrigerator throughout the year to easily reference collection dates.

You will also receive your Haverford Township Real Estate Tax bill in the mail. Please note: our online payment service is for township real estate tax bills only. School and county real estate taxes are not accepted here.

Information about Summer Camps for 2026 will be released. Check the township website for all the details you need.

March, April & May

Once spring has arrived, look for the first Large E-Waste & Shredding events to take place right here in the Township's parking lot. These events are listed on the Township's Calendar a month before each date.

Spring is also a time for community celebrations, including our annual Earth Day festivities, Memorial Day observance gathering, and the Police Department's Community Outreach Softball Game with Haverford High School.

Spring



Summer



June, July & August

If you take the summer to clean out your closet, the Township will host its 2nd Annual Helpsy Clothing Drive. At the end of summer, we will also hold our final Large E-Waste & Shredding events.

September, October & November

Fall brings exciting community events such as Haverford Township Day, the Haverford Police Department's annual Community Policing Football and Basketball games against Haverford High School, and the 11th Annual Delaware County Police K-9 Competition.

Additionally, at the end of October, check the township's website for the 2026 Leaf Collection schedule. The schedule will be featured prominently on a button right on the township's homepage for easy access.

This is also budget season for the township. Preliminary budgets will be posted in November, with the final approved budget available in December.

Fall



Important Notice for Residents:

Check Your Home's Gas Capacity Before Buying a Backup Generator

As more homeowners look to improve emergency preparedness, natural gas-powered home generators have become a popular option. Before purchasing one, however, it's essential to verify whether your home's existing gas service can safely support the additional demand. This step helps prevent service interruptions, safety hazards, and unexpected installation delays.

What is a "Load Increase"?

A load increase refers to the additional amount of natural gas your home will require when you add new gas-powered equipment—such as a standby generator. Each gas appliance (water heater, furnace, stove, dryer, etc.) uses a portion of your home's total gas capacity. If the combined demand exceeds what your current service line or meter can supply, an upgrade may be required.

Why It Matters

Generators can require more gas than other appliances. If your system isn't sized correctly, it can lead to malfunction, safety risks, or code violations.

What to Do Before Buying

- Contact your gas provider for a load calculation review.
- Share your generator's specifications.
- Confirm if your service can support it or if upgrades are needed.
- Schedule any upgrades early to avoid delays.

Benefits of Checking First

- Ensures safe, reliable operation
- Helps plan costs and timelines
- Prevents overloading your system
- Keeps your installation compliant

Honoring Brookline Fire Chief John Viola

The Board of Commissioners recently recognized John Viola as he stepped down as Chief of the Brookline Fire Company after 43 years in the position.



Chief Viola first answered the call to serve in 1967, beginning a career marked by leadership, bravery, and unwavering commitment. Over the decades, he rose through the ranks to become

the longest-serving Fire Chief in the history of the Brookline Fire Company.

Throughout his tenure, Chief Viola operated and oversaw many fire trucks, led significant renovations to modernize the department's headquarters, and celebrated major milestones such as the 75th and 100th anniversaries of the fire company. His heroic act of rescuing a child from a house fire in 1991 earned him the Township Medal of Valor.

Chief Viola's leadership extended beyond operational duties. He mentored generations of firefighters, emphasizing fairness, integrity, and professionalism. His calm and courageous response to countless emergencies throughout Haverford Township and Delaware County has left a lasting impact.

We thank Brookline Fire Chief John Viola for his lifelong dedication and exemplary leadership, as he continues to serve as a volunteer firefighter in Haverford Township.

Environmental Corner

Does Haverford Township's recycling get recycled?

Yes! Our trucks take curbside recycling to a King of Prussia facility that sorts and can sell 88-90% of the materials. Please only recycle the approved items listed in Township publications or on the website.

Missing a lid for your Township-provided recycling can? Most lids are available for purchase from the Township for only \$5.

Cardboard and Paper: 90% of cardboard and paper is made into new products. For every ton recycled, 17 trees are spared and 70% less water is used.

Steel and Aluminum Cans: Over 95% of collected cans are recycled. Recycling aluminum takes only 5% of the energy needed to make new aluminum. An aluminum can has about 73% recycled aluminum content.

Glass Bottles, Jars, and Jugs: Curbside collection repurposes glass into landfill cover which is much better than putting glass in the trash. For an even more effective environment impact, drop off your clean bottles, jars, and jugs in the large blue bin at the gravel parking lot above the Dog Park at the Haverford Reserve, a partnership between Haverford Township and Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The PRC program ensures the glass is truly recycled into glass again.

Plastic: Currently, our recycled #1, #2, and #5 plastics are being sold by the recycler. It is important to note, however, that not all plastic can be recycled AND not all plastic with a recycling symbol can be recycled curbside.

Stormwater Runoff

Stormwater is runoff that comes from lawn grasses and hard surfaces, including roofs, walkways, and driveways.

The stormwater that leaves our properties enters the storm sewer system where it is discharged into our

local waterways. Runoff can carry pet waste, oil, fertilizer, road salt, pesticides, and large volumes of water into our streams. These lead to reduced water quality and flooding. Taking small steps to manage some or all of the stormwater on your property can improve water quality and reduce flooding.

Steps to include:

- Replacing lawn areas with native plants
- Planting trees and shrubs
- Installing rain gardens, rain barrels and/or downspout planters
- Reducing the use of fertilizers and road salt
- Picking up pet waste that can be washed into the street

Protecting Township's Shade Tree

Haverford Township Shade Tree Commission is a group of resident volunteers who help protect and grow the trees that line our streets, fill our parks and shade our neighborhoods. Besides looking nice, trees cool our community, clean the air, soak up stormwater and support birds and wildlife.

The Commission recently shared that our tree canopy has been shrinking over time due to age, disease, storms, pests and development. When trees are lost and not replaced, it affects everyone. That's why they focus on protecting the trees we have and planting new ones where they are needed most.

One of our most popular efforts is the Shade Tree Giveaway Program, which provides a limited number of free trees to residents each spring and fall so families can plant trees right at home and help rebuild our tree canopy.

Last year, 2,000 new trees were planted across the Township through neighborhood tree planting and maintenance projects. Ongoing efforts along Darby Creek and Cobbs Creek help stabilize stream banks, enhance water quality, and create healthier natural habitats. If you'd like to be notified of upcoming volunteer opportunities, please email kgaumann@havtwp.org or call 610-446-9397.

Together, we're growing a greener Haverford, one tree at a time.

Protect Your Home:

Don't Let Sewer Backups Drain Your Wallet!

Sewer backups and flooding can cause devastating property damage and are typically not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies. The majority of these claims are the responsibility of the property owner 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 which is 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 in good condition and repair.

The Township does not provide flood insurance. Check with your insurance professional about added coverages such as:

- Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps
- Flood Coverage



Fair Housing

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from discrimination. Federal law protects people in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance. It 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. 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 visit www.equalhousing.org

Bulk Trash and Brush Collection Reminders

- Pre-payment and registration is required by visiting the Township Building or can be done online.
- Collections take place on Wednesdays and can take up to 48 hours for the collection to be completed. Items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM Wednesday mornings. If items are still left by end of day, the items will be collected the following day.
- The Township's brush site CAN only accept: untreated wood products such as sticks, branches, brush or wood chips.

PLEASE NO litter, trash, garbage, bamboo, dirt/soil, leaves or grass clippings, kitty litter or pet manure. No bags (not even biodegradable bags), twine, no container in excess of 40 lbs., no branches over three feet in



A Message from the Township Manager

As we move into the spring season, I am reminded of the strength of our Haverford Township community. It did not happen by accident. Our Township was built through generations of careful planning and years of celebrating who we are. Our responsibility is to carry on those traditions.

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite - Planning for the Future

Zoning affects what gets built in our community, from the size of homes and businesses, to the amount of green space we choose to preserve. Haverford Township's zoning code has been amended many times over the decades, resulting in a document that can be difficult to navigate and, in some areas, inconsistent with modern planning practices. The purpose of this rewrite is to improve clarity, organization and usability while aligning the ordinance with today's standards and the Township's long-term planning goals.

We are currently in the second stage of this project. Stage 2 includes delivery of a reorganized, consistent and user-friendly ordinance framework for the Board of Commissioners' consideration. These early efforts focus on making the existing ordinance easier to read and use. The document will be reorganized for consistency and reformatted to improve usability. Definitions will be updated to current standards and new illustrations and tables will be added to enhance understanding. Once approved, this initial update will form the foundation for any future substantive revisions.

In the coming weeks, the Township and its consultant will publish the first draft of this new ordinance framework. At this stage, the focus is not on major policy changes, but on structure and clarity. This foundational work must be completed before any future substantive revisions can occur.

It is anticipated that the draft will be presented and discussed at the April and May meetings of the Haverford Township Planning Commission. After public comment is received and any necessary edits are made, the Board of Commissioners will convene a special public hearing, likely in late June. If all proceeds as expected, the Board may consider formal adoption at its regular July meeting.

As part of our community engagement strategy, we will send a direct mail postcard to all landowners in the Township. We will also communicate through our website, social media, Constant Contact, and commissioner email lists. Residents are encouraged to stay engaged and participate in the public review process. Zoning affects every property in the Township and thoughtful input helps ensure the final product serves the entire community well.

Celebrating who we are - Illumination 250 Festival and Drone Show

Haverford High School's football stadium will be the site of the Illumination 250 Festival and Drone Show, sponsored by Visit Delco. The celebration of America's 250th birthday will take place from noon to 9:00 PM on Saturday, August 29th.

The Illumination 250 Festival is a full-day, family-friendly event featuring live music, food trucks, inflatables, historical characters, a craft village and more. The evening will culminate with a spectacular, choreographed drone show lighting up the sky over Havertown.

A dedicated committee representing numerous local nonprofit organizations and community partners is organizing the event. Township Administration and members of the Board of Commissioners are participating alongside representatives from the Police Department, School District, Parks and Recreation, Discover Haverford, the Haverford Township Historical Society, Haverford Library, HTEAMS, Historic Grange Estate, Haverford Township Civic Council, Haverford YMCA and Kelly Music for Life. Please save the date!

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Officer Lorenzo Lluveres

Officer Lluveres graduated from Temple University and served as a police officer in Philadelphia. He currently serves as a Captain in the United States Army where he has been decorated with several commendations.

Officer Saint Lawrence Teti-Cassidy

Officer Teti-Cassidy graduated from West Chester University and served with the Mesa Police Department in Arizona. While in Arizona, he was an assistant wrestling coach at a local high school.

Officer Umar Afgan

Officer Afgan graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He served as a police officer in New York state and most recently in Philadelphia.

Officer William McGoldrick

Officer McGoldrick is a graduate of the Delaware County Police Academy and served with the City of Chester Police Department.

Services

Residents are reminded of our Vacant Home Check service. Haverford Police can check on your residence while you are on vacation. You can click 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 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 call you back when on duty. If it is after hours and you require immediate assistance involving an animal, please dial 911. A police officer will respond as soon as possible.

Safety Tips

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 vehicles in your driveway. If you have to park on the street or in a public place, consider parking in an area with good lighting, remove all valuables from the vehicle, lock your doors and never leave your key or fob in the vehicle.

Haverford Police wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!

Save the Date!

Join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6 to 8 p.m., rain or shine!

This exciting annual event brings communities together to strengthen police-community partnerships and build neighborhood camaraderie. Enjoy demonstrations from the HTPD K9 teams, explore motorcycles, bikes, drones, fire trucks, and much more.



Summer Landscaping and Lawn Mowing: Understanding Noise Regulations

As the days grow longer and brighter during the summer, residents often take advantage of the extra daylight to tend to their lawns and landscaping projects. While outdoor maintenance is a key part of summer enjoyment, it's important to be mindful of local noise regulations to avoid potential violations.

However, it's important to note that certain noises—such as those from government activities, emergency services, traffic issues, are exempt from noise restrictions at all times. These essential functions take priority and are not subject to the same limitations.

Additionally, noises from construction, repair, and maintenance of buildings or structures are also exempt, but only between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

To ensure neighbors' peace and avoid fines, residents should schedule lawn and landscaping work within the permitted hours. This way, everyone can enjoy the longer summer days while respecting the community's noise guidelines. Remember, maintaining awareness of these regulations helps keep the neighborhood harmonious during the busy summer season.

Online Permit System Update

The Codes Department is pleased to announce an update to the Township's Online Permit System. Applicants may now submit standalone Mechanical (HVAC) permits and Electrical permits through the online portal.

The online permit system provides the ability to

submit single-permit Residential Applications and contractor licenses. In addition, projects that involve both Mechanical and Electrical work may now be submitted together as part of a single online application. This provides our residents with the ability to submit select permit and license applications online from the comfort of their homes.

To submit an application, you must create an account. This allows you to see the status of your application and provides the ability for the township to communicate with you within a secure environment.

The Online Permit application portal is available on the Building and Codes webpage of the Haverford Township website.

Explore Haverford Township's Website:

Haverford Township's official website, www.havtwp.org, is your comprehensive resource for staying connected and informed about everything happening in the community.

Whether you're a resident, visitor, or business owner, the website offers a wealth of information designed to make your experience in Haverford Township easier and more engaging.

Keep up with community news through these quick methods:

Constant Contact | Haverford Alerts | Social Media: Follow us on Facebook, X, and Instagram | Delco Alerts: Receive county-wide weather and safety alerts.

Where We Are Now:

Parking Study

Haverford Township continues to work on developing a Parking Study to analyze parking management policies and operating practices, as well as zoning regulations to better respond to the community's evolving economic needs. In 2025, Haverford Township hired Walker Consultants, Inc. to complete the parking study started in 2024. Walker completed the task of gathering data on existing conditions to serve as the baseline for the study.

It is anticipated that this year, Walker will finalize the parking study and provide recommendations covering six general categories – Internal Parking Operations, Communications/Wayfinding, Curb Management, Parking Management, Zoning Requirements, and Technology.

Haverford Township Business Tax Returns are due April 15.

Business taxes apply to any business operating in Haverford Township including home based businesses and rental properties.

*For more information, please
contact the Township's appointed
collector, TriState Financial Group
at 610-270-9520 or visit
www.tfgtax.com.*

*Join us for the annual Memorial
Day observance on Monday,
May 25, 2026, at the Township
Administration Building.*

This important event honors the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. We invite residents and visitors alike to participate in this meaningful ceremony as we pay tribute to our fallen heroes.

Please stay tuned for specific timing details, which will be announced closer to the date on the township's news page.

We encourage everyone to come together as a community to reflect, remember, and show our gratitude. Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated as we commemorate this solemn day.



Safety Reminder: E-Bicycle and E-Scooter Helmet Law

As summer approaches, we want to remind everyone to stay safe while enjoying the outdoors.

Anyone under the age of 16 must wear a helmet when riding an e-bicycle or e-scooter. This rule applies to anyone operating the vehicle, riding as a passenger, or riding in an attached restraining seat or trailer.

Please remember that starting January 1, 2026, a fine will be imposed for violations of this helmet law.

*Let's all do our part to stay safe
and protect our community.*

Summer at the Skatium – Exciting Events and Activities All Season Long

*When looking for something “cool”
to do, the Skatium is the place to
be for fun and fitness on the ice this
summer!*

The season begins with spring leagues and clinics. As summer approaches, enjoy our summer hockey leagues and skill clinics—perfect for all skill levels.

In August, don’t miss our Summer Camp, with the first week kicking off early in the month. Throughout the entire season, take advantage of weekly and weekend public skate hours, along with open hockey sessions, learn-to-skate programs, adult leagues in both spring and summer, and freestyle skates—there’s something for everyone.

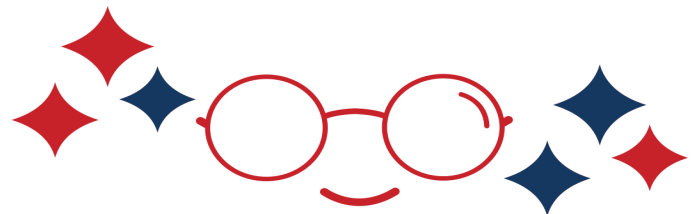
For more details on all clinics, camps, and activities, visit DASH at the Skatium on the official website: www.havtwp.org/Skatium.html.

Come out and make this summer one to remember at the Skatium!



*This year, the Skatium is hosting
the 27th Annual Finland | USA
Exchange.*

The 3-day tournament begins on Thursday, April 2, 2026, with opening ceremonies at 9:40 a.m., and concludes on Saturday, April 4, 2026. Come out and enjoy a game that brings together skaters from both nations to showcase their skills, foster friendships, and celebrate the spirit of competition. We look forward to seeing you there!



Senior Moments

Did you know?

Deed fraud is an increasing concern. To help protect your property, consider signing up for the free Delaware County Property Alert system. This computerized service sends you email alerts whenever a document—such as a deed or mortgage—is recorded on your property.

You can find instructions and sign up at www.delaware.pa.publicsearch.us. It only takes a few minutes and can provide valuable peace of mind.

Haverford Township residents aged 65 and older can ride for free to medical appointments, shopping, dining, PHL Airport, and more. To learn more or to arrange a ride, contact DELGO-Community Transit at 610-490-3977 or visit <https://www.ctdelco.org>.

The Green Corner

Join us for a series of eco-friendly events and activities throughout the spring & summer:

Earth Day Celebration

Event at Bailey Park (by the tennis courts) | April 25, 2026 | 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteer shifts will be available from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for activities such as removing invasive species, planting native plants, maintaining rain gardens, or trash pickup. This is a great opportunity to participate in eco-friendly activities and connect with local sustainability initiatives. Please note: To help reduce traffic and parking congestion, it is encouraged to bike or walk to the festival, as parking around the park on Washington Avenue is limited.

Helpsy Clothing Drive

Event at the Township Building | June 13, 2026 | 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Drop off your gently used clothing for recycling and reuse.

Large E-Waste Event

Event at the Township Building | August 8, 2026 | 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign-up begins on July 8, 2026. Registration is required to attend this event. Recycle your electronics responsibly at this community-wide e-waste collection.

Shredding Event

Event at the Township Building | August 15, 2026 | 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Securely shred sensitive documents and paper waste on-site. No registration is required; the event closes when the truck(s) are full.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events and ways to stay engaged with sustainability efforts!

Volunteer with Haverford Township Fire Companies:

Make a Difference in Your Community

Volunteering at the fire companies in Haverford Township is a rewarding way to give back to your community and help keep residents safe. Our dedicated fire departments rely on committed volunteers to assist with emergency response, community outreach, and support services.

Why Volunteer?

Becoming a volunteer firefighter or support member offers a unique opportunity to develop new skills, build lasting relationships, and make a positive impact during emergencies. Volunteers play a vital role in maintaining the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods. Volunteers who meet the service criteria also receive a 50% rebate on their Township real estate taxes.

Who Can Volunteer?

Most volunteer roles are open to residents of the township who are at least 18 years old. No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to serve and a commitment to community safety.

Bon Air Fire Company @ 610-446-6008
Brookline Fire Company @ 610-446-9955
Llanerch Fire Company @ 610-789-1363
Manoa Fire Company @ 610-446-0744
Oakmont Fire Company @ 610-446-9837

Together, we can build a safer, stronger community—one volunteer at a time.

Preserving the Past

The Haverford Township Historical Commission was established by the Board of Commissioners in January 2010, following the adoption of the Township's Historic Preservation Ordinance in December 2009.

The ordinance recognizes 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.” Its primary goal is to protect resources that reflect the township’s distinctive character, recalling its architectural, residential, commercial, aesthetic, and historic heritage.

More than 100 historic sites identified in a 1994 survey of the township are now officially listed in the Haverford Township Historic Resources Survey. In 2021, additional resources were added with grant funds from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. The purpose of the ordinance is to maintain the township’s built heritage and preserve the unique character of its neighborhoods.

While change is necessary and inevitable for any community to thrive, good preservation planning aims to manage that change—ensuring that what we value in our township remains intact. Recognizing this, the Board of Commissioners established the Historical Commission to collaborate with property owners. Together, they work to manage change and uphold the goals of the ordinance for the benefit of all residents.



Back by Popular Demand

Discover Haverford's Love Local Nights return May through October!

Join us Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., in the Oakmont District for live music, shops open late, and a vendor night sponsored by Wagner Real Estate.

Join us on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., in the Brookline District with live music, shops open late, pop-up vendors and Plant Roots' Flora event.

Visit www.discoverhaverford.org/love-local-nights for late summer & fall dates.

Shop Local. Dine Local. Enjoy Local.

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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 visit www.equalhousing.org

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- The Township's brush site can ONLY accept: untreated wood products such as sticks, branches, brush or wood chips.

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Haverford Times

Haverford Zoning Ordinance Updates

Phase 1: Ordinance Reorganization

On June 11, all six (present) Planning Commissioners recommended the Board of Commissioners approval of the proposed Phase 1 Re-Organization Regulations. In addition, they recommended 20 Amendments to the ordinance. The proposed amendments were in response to the Planning Commission and public comments received primarily during the April and May public meetings as well as any sent to the info@HaverfordZoning.com email since March. A summary of public comments received by IMEG has also been prepared. Both documents have been posted on the project website for public review.

The amendments to the current draft were sent to the County Planning Commission for a 30-day review period. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing prior to its work session on September 8, 2026. The ordinance is then tentatively scheduled for two readings: first on September 14, 2026, and second at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in October. Please check the project website for more information on the scheduling of these public opportunities.

You can also continue to submit comments via info@HaverfordZoning.com throughout the adoption process. Please note that while this inbox is continuously monitored and the project team reviews all emails, we do not respond to individual emails or questions.

Phase 2: Substantive Ordinance Changes

Public engagement opportunities are coming! Phase 2 will officially kick off in September with an online survey followed by a Public Open House and Walking Tours in late October. Please watch your inboxes and the project website for more information. In the meantime, encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to sign up for project updates!

 web: www.haverfordzoning.com

 email: info@HaverfordZoning.com

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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, sign up for Commissioners emails and more visit [www.havtwp.org/ Board_of_Commissioners.html](http://www.havtwp.org/Board_of_Commissioners.html)



Township Manager Message

Fall is one of my favorite times of year. The weather gets a little cooler, the leaves change colors and, if everything goes according to plan, several important Township projects will be finishing up.

By the time you read this, the southern extension of the Darby Creek Trail should be open, connecting McDonald Field to Merry Place and, from there, all the way to West Chester Pike. Improvements at the intersection of Burmont and Glendale Roads should also be complete, providing nearby residents with safer access to the trail.

Elsewhere in the Township, residents can enjoy the new playground and basketball court at Brookline Park, where we're also adding parking for visitors. In addition, we resurfaced the parking lot at Merry Place and continue working on improvements at Polo and Elwell Fields. Projects like these take time to plan, fund and construct, and we appreciate everyone's cooperation while the work is underway. We look forward to enjoying the results for years to come.

Speaking of pedestrians, every year someone asks a very important question: "When is Halloween in Havertown?" The answer is always October 31 here in Haverford Township.

This year, Halloween falls on a Saturday. Although the Township does not establish official trick-or-treating hours, we encourage everyone to help make it a safe evening. Drivers should slow down and expect children to cross streets in unexpected places. Trick-or-treaters should use sidewalks and crosswalks whenever possible, carry a flashlight, wear something reflective and travel with an adult or a group. Residents who are participating can help by turning on their porch lights and making sure walkways are well-lit and clear of obstacles.

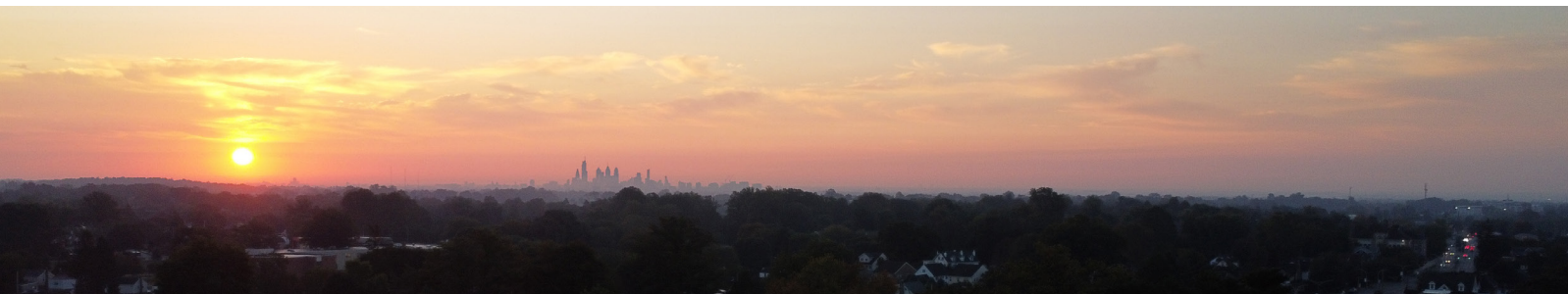
Once Halloween is behind us, our Public Works Department will be fully immersed in another fall tradition: leaf season. Wet leaves can make streets and sidewalks slippery, and leaves covering storm drains can contribute to localized flooding during heavy rain. More information about the Township's leaf-collection schedule and guidelines can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Leaf season is also a race against the weather. Our crews work hard to finish before the first snow arrives. When snow falls over piles of leaves, the result is a frozen, soggy mess. It complicates leaf collection, stormwater drainage and snow removal, all at the same time.

As the holiday season approaches, the Township also plans to offer free parking in our business districts on designated dates. Please watch the Township's website, social media pages and email updates for the final schedule. We hope you will take advantage of the program and support our local businesses throughout the holiday season.

On behalf of the Township, thank you for everything you do to make Haverford Township a great place to live.

*Dave Burman –
Township Manager*





Business Tax Program

Back in 1985 and 1972 respectively, the Township passed ordinances establishing a business privilege and mercantile tax in Haverford Township.

These taxes are assessed on every business in the Township (even rental properties). Over the past several years, our compliance and auditing efforts have been successful in both increasing annual collections and issuing audit assessments. We routinely receive questions pertaining to the topics outlined below:

◆ **I didn't know about this tax -**

Knowing regulatory filing requirements is maybe one of the biggest responsibilities (and headaches!) for business owners. Many business owners employ the services of CPAs to advise them on tax and financial matters. Please remember to ask your CPA or tax preparer about local tax requirements.

◆ **I never received a bill from the Township -**

The business privilege and mercantile taxes are self-reporting taxes so there is no standard amount due that the Township can bill.

◆ **I don't have a store and operate only from my home -**

There is no differentiation between a home-based business or a commercial store front and every business must be treated the same for tax uniformity. Every business has a legal home base. If there isn't another physical location that a business owner can call its home base, then the owner's primary residence is the home base. A taxpayer cannot formally operate a business from a vehicle or truck.



◆ **My business didn't make a profit last year so I shouldn't have to pay the tax -**

This tax is a gross receipts tax so there's no differentiation between whether a business is profitable or operating at a loss.

◆ **My business is on federal extension -**

Being on tax extension permits extension of time to file but not time to pay a tax liability. All tax amounts are due by April 15 and late remittance will generate interest and penalties (just like at the federal and state levels).

◆ **I didn't know that a rental property is a business -**

The operation of a rental property is clearly defined as "a business" for business tax purposes. A statement is printed on the rental license application that is signed by the owner each year stating that the owner understands that the operation of a rental property is subject to business privilege tax.

◆ **Who can explain the filing requirements -**

Tri-State Financial Group has been appointed our business tax collector and has served in that role for over ten years. They can be reached at 610-270-9520 and our forms are available on their website at www.tfgtax.com.

We hope readers will find these few topics helpful and remember.....business tax filings are due annually on April 15!

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.

To ensure the safety of our community this season, please manage fallen leaves responsibly. In our township, leaves should be raked to the curb during the designated leaf collection days. For safety reasons, leaves should not be raked or blown onto the roadway, as this can make roads slippery, clog storm sewers, and create hazardous conditions.

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 and at all times to keep said sidewalks free and clear of snow, slush and ice”.



Leaf Schedule

Haverford's Leaf Collection program kicks off at the beginning of November and runs through the end of December. Residents are encouraged to visit the Township's official website and click on the Leaf Collection button for comprehensive information. Be sure to review this information to ensure your leaves are collected efficiently and in accordance with the schedule.

- www.havtwp.org -

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Visit www.havtwp.org to subscribe and stay connected!



Save the date for October 25, 2026
at noon for the
11th Annual Delaware County
Police K-9 Competition behind
Haverford Middle School

Congratulations to Officer Ricky Williams and his K9 partner Maui. They recently graduated from an intensive K9 training academy program. Officer Williams and Maui are patrolling the streets and ready to serve.

2nd Annual

Summer Cop Camp

The Police Department held its second annual Cop Camp Program in June.

Twenty-six campers, ages 10 and 11, completed the week long training program which included police related academic and physical agility courses. The campers attended seminars in tactics, communications, drills, drones, first aid, investigations and safety.

The highlight of the week included a visit and talk from FBI agent Robert Lythgoe, who is assigned to the Newtown Square Office.



Congratulations, Thank You & Welcome!

Congratulations to Officers Brennan, Hines, Villanueva, Sergeants McDonald and Kenny, and Lt. Dolan who recently completed a UAV (drone) public safety course. They will now deploy drones from patrol cars to assist with search and rescue, scene documentation, and situational awareness, enhancing police operations.

Congratulations to new officers Jack Esher (#397) and Jenna Haley (#398), who recently completed training and are now assigned to patrol.

We also thank Officer Jessica Lazzaro for her five years of dedicated service and wish her the best in her next chapter.

Finally, we warmly welcome our new team members: Court Coordinator Jeffrey Dougherty and Parking Enforcement Officers Kevin O'Brien and Bridget Jenkins.



Upcoming community outreach events

HTPD vs HHS
Football Game
September 2026

Coffee with Cop
at the CREC
November 2026

HTPD vs HHS
Basketball Game
Nov/Dec 2026

.....official dates and times at www.havpd.org

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- Curbside Composting Program -

The Township's new curbside composting service is now up and running! In the first three weeks, we collected over 161 tons of food waste and yard debris. With over 2,000 buckets distributed to residents, our community has already made great strides in reducing waste and supporting sustainable practices.

Key Highlights:

- ◆ **How it works:** Place accepted food scraps and yard waste in your bucket by 6 AM on Mondays. The waste is collected and taken to a commercial composting facility.
- ◆ **What to use:** Any 5-gallon bucket with a tight-fitting lid, paper bag liners (optional but recommended), so no need for Township-provided containers if you don't have one.
- ◆ **Accepted materials:** Fruits, vegetables, grains, coffee grounds, paper plates, dairy, cooked foods, plant trimmings, and more.
- ◆ **Yard waste:** Untreated sticks, branches (up to 1 ½ inches diameter), grass clippings, weeds, and garden trimmings, placed in a trash can or paper bag.
- ◆ **Benefits:** Reduces waste sent to incineration, creates nutrient-rich compost, and helps build healthier soil.

For more details, tips, and answers to common questions, visit the Township website!



*Composting is an easy way to help the environment -
join the new curbside program today!*

Did you know that AED stands for Automated External Defibrillator?

An AED is a portable life-saving medical device used to treat someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The device automatically analyzes the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, delivers an electrical shock to help restore a normal heartbeat. They are designed to be used by the public and provide clear, step-by-step voice and visual instructions.

Haverford Township has invested in making AEDs readily accessible throughout the community by placing them in a variety of public facilities and locations. This commitment to public safety, combined with community education and rapid emergency response, has contributed to Haverford Township achieving one of the highest cardiac arrest resuscitation rates in Delaware County.

- Message from the Haverford Township Senior Citizen Advisory Council



CPR Training for Seniors – 65 and Older

Date: September 17, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: 1014 Darby Rd - Township Administration Building
Free. Registration required

For more information and to register please head over the Seniors Information page at
havtwp.org/HT_65_Plus_Community



Learn to Skate at the Haverford Township Skatium

Registration is now open for fall and winter Learn to Skate sessions at the Skatium! The cost is \$150.00 for a six week session. Each week consists of 30 minutes of on-ice instruction. Skates are included in the registration fee. Classes are available for all ages – from kids under the age of five all the way to adults.

- ◆ Fall session begins September 13, 2026
- ◆ Fall/Winter session begins October 25, 2026

Did you know Crossroads Figure Skating Club is a part of the Haverford Township family?

CFSC offers a supportive environment for skaters to develop their skills and compete. Managed by Township Skating Director Oleg Fediukov and a seven-member Board, members enjoy exclusive ice times, reduced rates, skill clinics, upgraded locker rooms, and a welcoming community focused on your success!

To learn more for both programs head to
www.havtwp.org/Skatium

10th Annual Dewey Decimal Dash Run & Walk

Join us on Saturday, November 7th for the 10th Annual Dewey Decimal Dash Run & Walk event at the Haverford Township Free Library.

This event supports the work of the Library and bring together the great community that we are so proud to call home. The Library's programs connect residents to social groups, innovative technology, continuing education resources as well as study and meeting spaces. With your support, the Haverford Township Free Library will continue to be a gateway to community connection and part of what makes this township an exceptional place to live.

To learn more about this year's celebratory 10th Annual Dewey Decimal Dash, please visit our website or reach out to Maggie Esteves, Development and Communications Coordinator at estesves@haverfordlibrary.org.

We hope to see you on November 7!



**Dewey
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Phone: (484) 276-2100

Get help with locating public health resources, addressing public health concerns and questions, and accessing information about public health clinics and environmental health services.

For more information, visit Delcopa.gov/health or email DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us.

FREE Parking

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*Free Parking on Saturday
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Happy Holidays from all of us
at the Township!

