

# TOWNSHIP OF Haverford *est. 1682* PENNSYLVANIA

## 2020 Spring/Summer Newsletter

### Letter from the Township Manager



Hello Neighbors,

Spring is just about here! The days become longer and the weather grows warmer. Plants come alive and flowers bloom. It's a beautiful time of year.

Still, people with hay fever and allergies often suffer more during spring. If you are one of those people, it may be a good idea to start thinking about your allergy medications before the worst symptoms hit.

Here are some other springtime tips:

- Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Tune up your bike and make sure it is safe to ride.

- Replace your air conditioner filters.
- Make sure your lawnmower is working properly.
- Clean out your medicine cabinet and dispose of expired medications properly.
- Inspect your windshield wipers. Modern wipers usually last 6 to 12 months.
- Watch for potholes. If you see anything that needs our attention, please pull over and contact Public Works at 610-446-1000 ext. 2264.

Most importantly, when the weather is nice, get outside and enjoy our wonderful park system! Thanks to the Board of Commissioners, we have a wide variety of parks and trails throughout the Township. Thanks, too, to our Parks Maintenance team. They've been working all winter to prepare for this special time of year. With dozens of facilities throughout the Township, our Parks Maintenance team covers a lot of ground to keep our parks clean and safe.

As always, if you notice anything that needs our attention, please feel free to contact your Commissioner or me with any questions, concerns or comments. We are here to serve.

*David Burman*  
Township Manager

\*\*Please note: In an effort to bring you more information in a timelier fashion, we now produce this newsletter internally!

All residents will now receive the same print version with an opening message from the Township Manager. With upcoming issues, you will have the opportunity to "opt out" of the print version and rely instead on the electronic version with a customized opening message from your Ward Commissioner.\*\*

We are also proud to present our new website at [www.havtwp.org](http://www.havtwp.org) – check it out!





# Board of Commissioners

Haverford Township is led by nine Township Commissioners who are elected by Ward residents. Commissioners elect their own President and Vice President at the beginning of each new year. The Commissioners appoint a Township Manager who then oversees a sizable staff.

Regular Meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Haverford Township Municipal Services Building, 1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA

Meetings are broadcast live on the Township Cable Channel (Cable TV Channel 10, Verizon Channel 38 and Comcast Channel 5) and replay everyday at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 7:00 p.m.

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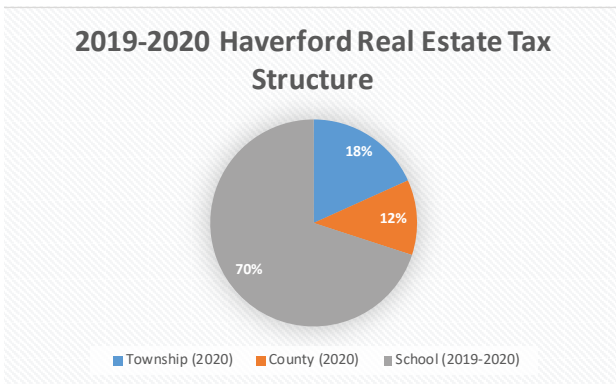


# 2020 Adopted Budget

The Board of Commissioners adopted the 2020 operating budget at its December 9, 2019 meeting. The 2020 budget for the general and sewer funds totaled \$48,011,000 and \$4,728,181, respectively. A modest 1.5% real estate tax increase was adopted, along with no change to the sewer rate and an \$18.00 per year increase to the trash and recycling fee, which now stands at \$245.00 per year. For property owners with an estimated median assessment of \$145,000, the budget increase equated to an annual increase in Township real state tax of \$19 per year. For property owners with an estimated average assessment of \$175,000, the annual increase amounted to approximately \$22 per year.

The saturated recycling market continues to be a challenge for every municipality. Still, Haverford is committed to recycling! While we had hoped the recycling market would stabilize to our benefit, we have to reconcile ourselves with its continued state and the nearly 100% increase in per ton recycling charges levied against us.

All local indicators, as well as, the nation-wide narrative lead to the same conclusion that the recycling environment will remain “as is” for the foreseeable future.



2020 will be an ambitious and exciting year for capital projects in Haverford! The capital projects fund budget of \$19,263,255 includes funding for new hybrid and electric vehicles, continued work on the Pennsy Trail, over \$1.8m in park improvement projects, over \$500,000 in planned improvements at the Skatium, additional road resurfacing, over \$100,000 in improvements planned for our historic structures and capital improvements for the Library and Brookline sites. The staff is excited to see these plans through to completion and hope residents enjoy the improvements made throughout our Township.



# 2019 Code Enforcement Report

PERMIT TYPE	ISSUED	PERMIT FEES
Building	1,627	\$ 664,264.00
Plumbing	835	\$ 59,148.00
Electrical	682	\$ 82,802.00
HVAC	347	\$ 106,034.00
Fire permits	52	\$ 8,652.00

LICENSE TYPE	ISSUED	FEES
Amusement Licenses	16	\$ 5500.00
Rental Licenses	892	\$ 135,140.00
Health	182	\$ 38,900.00
Fire Inspections	177	\$ 24,715.00

Additionally, the following contractor’s licenses were issued by the Codes Enforcement Office in 2019, with \$52,607.00 in license fees collected.

LICENSE TYPE	ISSUED
General Contractors	126
Plumbers	241
Electricians	312
Mechanical	22



## 2019 Residential Property Sales

Ward	Transfers	Total Sales	Average Sale Price
Ward 1	74	\$24,990,900.00	\$337,714.86
Ward 2	95	\$27,785,300.00	\$292,476.84
Ward 3	71	\$30,279,290.00	\$426,468.87
Ward 4	104	\$66,461,942.00	\$639,057.13
Ward 5	80	\$37,837,251.00	\$472,965.64
Ward 6	100	\$34,418,423.00	\$344,184.23
Ward 7	61	\$22,280,050.00	\$365,246.72
Ward 8	79	\$28,856,434.00	\$365,271.32
Ward 9	105	\$33,528,348.00	\$319,317.60
<b>Totals:</b>	769	<b>\$306,437,938.00</b>	<b>\$398,488.87</b>



## 2019 Commercial Property Sales

Transfers	Total Sales	Average Sale Price
19	\$10,822,500.00	\$569,605.26
<b>Total Residential &amp; Commercial Fees Collected: \$83,665.00</b>		
<b>New Business Use &amp; Occupancy Certificates Issued: 42</b>		



## Bon Air Fire Company Needs YOU!

The Bon Air Fire Company has been devoted to serving Haverford Township and our neighboring communities since 1918 and now, more than ever,

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Commonwealth has recognized the lack of volunteers as an issue in its recently published Senate Resolution – 6 report. Pennsylvania has lost over 230,000 volunteer members over the last thirty years! Volunteer fire companies save the taxpayers millions of dollars every year by donating time serving their neighbors and community. Being a member of Bon Air Fire Company has many incentives as well. A 20% Township Real Estate rebate for Township homeowners, free parking at parking meters, discounted rates at the Skatium, and free access to the

CREC to name only a few! The camaraderie of the fire service is one unlike any you will ever be a part of.

If you don't have the time, please support us in our annual fund drive! That money goes directly to gear, maintenance, and our life-saving tools that you or a loved one may need one day. For inquiries on membership, e-mail [BAFCrecruiting@gmail.com](mailto:BAFCrecruiting@gmail.com) to have your personal questions answered.

From the current and past members of the Bon Air Fire Company, we thank our entire community for their continued support and we look forward to serving you when you call.






# Billboards in Haverford Update

In 2009, a petition was filed with the Haverford Township Zoning Hearing Board by Bartkowski Investment Group (BIG), challenging the validity of the Township's sign regulations with respect to billboards. The petitioner asked the Zoning Hearing Board to find whether the ordinance improperly excluded the use and proposed to develop non-accessory advertising signs at four sites: 600 and 658 Lancaster Ave., and 1157 and 2040 West Chester Pike. The drawings filed with the petition proposed a billboard and support structure 48 feet long and 17 feet tall, with an overall height of 52 feet and an advertising surface (48' x 14') with 672 square feet. In 2012 Haverford Township Zoning Hearing Board rejected the billboards proposed.

BIG appealed the 2012 decision of the Zoning Hearing Board to Delaware County Common Pleas Court, where the Township's decision was upheld. The company then further appealed to the Commonwealth Court, which reversed the county court, and remanded the case back to Delaware County.

This December, BIG proposed signs smaller in scale, approximately 500-square-feet and 47 feet high. In January, the case returned to Delaware County Common Pleas Court for consideration before Judge Spiro E. Angelos. In anticipation, our elected officials organized two community information sessions to advise residents on the proposals and upcoming court proceedings. Judge Angelos continued the case until February 20, 2020 so at the time of this writing, no ruling has been made. We will keep the public informed via our website and social media once the Court has made a determination.



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free library [www.haverfordlibrary.org](http://www.haverfordlibrary.org)  
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## Recreation Department



### SUMMER HAVAGOOD TIMES

Summer edition of the HavaGood Times will be mailed to homeowners the week of

April 20 and will be viewable online.

### CAMP COUNSELORS

The Recreation Department is looking for camp counselors this summer. Must be 16 or older to apply. Interviews are held in March & April. Check our website for more information – [www.haverfordtownship.org/parks](http://www.haverfordtownship.org/parks)

### SUMMER REGISTRATION DATES

Full Day Summer Camp registration begins online March 9 at 8am.

Summer Sports Camp registration begins online March 30.

All other registration begins on April 26 at 4pm.

### SUNSET SUMMER TRAIL RUNNING SERIES

Check out May, June and July dates for our 2020 Sunset Trail Run series in the summer edition of the HavaGood Times.

(See back cover for Day Trip Dates)

Any questions, please contact the recreation department at 610-446-9397.



## Rules for Fences

Fences, walls and retaining walls may **NOT**:

- be constructed or replaced without a permit
- exceed six feet in height
- be placed in a front yard or extend into the right-of-way
- be constructed with the “finished side” facing in
- create a hazard to traffic or pedestrians
- have barbed wire, spikes or other dangerous features
- interfere with access by the Fire Department

Building permit applications must include the following:

- A diagram of the property indicating the location of the fence.** If the property is a corner lot, measurements from the center of each road must be provided on the diagram.
- A description of the proposed fence including:**

- ~ fence height from the ground to the highest portion of fence
- ~ type of fence (ex. chain link, split rail, stockade, etc.)
- ~ fence visibility (ex. spaced picket with 2” boards and 1” space) or indication that the fence is solid. If the fence includes a solid and open portion, please indicate the height of each (ex. 4’ solid with 2’ alternating board.)
- ~ linear feet of total proposed fence

Please contact the Zoning Office for further instructions and additional regulations for fencing corner lots.



## Police Department

We would like to congratulate Chief John F. Viola for completing 50 years of service with the Haverford Township Police Department. Chief Viola was hired as a Patrolman on January 16, 1970. He also serves as Chief of the Brookline Fire Company. Thank You for your service to the community!

With the spring sports season approaching, parking and traffic near our playgrounds and ballfields will increase. Please drive carefully and park

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your vehicle in a responsible manner. Parking within 30 feet of a stop sign and within 20 feet of an intersection are violations of state laws. We also see an increase in vehicle’s blocking driveways and parking on lawns. These violations decrease driver’s field of view and increase the chances of motor vehicle accidents. Please be a courteous driver.

Please be aware of suspicious calls, emails and texts you may receive. In recent weeks, we have reports of residents being victimized by scam artists using these methods to commit their crimes. Always be leery if the form of payment is electronic/gift cards/Wire Transfer. Visit [www.havtwp.org/Police\\_Department/Press\\_Releases\\_and\\_Police\\_Notices.html](http://www.havtwp.org/Police_Department/Press_Releases_and_Police_Notices.html) or contact police if you suspect you are a victim of a phone scam.

Officers from the Department were given Life Saving Commendations for actions they took that helped save 2 lives.

On Thursday, September 12, 2019 police and medics were dispatched to the YMCA. Officer Kenny arrived on scene and was led to the victim in cardiac arrest on the gymnasium floor, after playing basketball with his 13-year-old son. Officers immediately began chest compressions and recognized the need to utilize an AED. After shocking, officers continued CPR, switching off when necessary, until the arrival of Narberth Ambulance personnel. Sergeant Reynolds, Officer Fuller and Officer Kenny took direct, immediate and positive action to preserve the life of another human being who was clearly in danger of dying.

Then, only 4 days later, on Monday, September 16, 2019, police were dispatched to Citizens Bank, 160 West Eagle Road, for a report of a subject down. Officers Fuller, McCreight and Viola arrived on scene and found the victim was in cardiac arrest. Officers immediately began chest compressions and recognized the need to utilize the AED. Sergeant Reynolds, Officer Fuller, Officer Kenny, Officer McCreight and Officer Viola instinctively acted in a heroic manner and provided

lifesaving treatment at the most critical stage. These Officers are a credit to themselves, Haverford Township and the Haverford Township Police Department. For their actions, they were awarded an official Commendation for a Life Saving Event.

Great job by all the Officers involved!



## EAC Update

### Help Haverford Fight Global Warming!

Haverford Township is doing its part to fight climate change, are you? Residents and businesses must do their part to achieve our long term goals since they produce the vast majority of greenhouse gas emissions.

Go to the EAC web page and find links to videos and 1 pagers with simple advice. Search “HAVERFORD EAC” or find all of our guidelines at ([www.havtwp.org/Boards\\_and\\_Commissions/Environmental\\_Advisory\\_Committee.html](http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions/Environmental_Advisory_Committee.html))

### 3 simple things you can do to make a big impact:

- Switch to Green Power – use our “Shop for Renewable Power” guide to avoid the pitfalls or go to [www.makebenproud.com](http://www.makebenproud.com). Consider installing solar on your home or business.
- Buy a Green Vehicle – Hybrids have the lowest lifetime cost of ownership! Electrics and hybrid plug-ins – with renewable energy – keeps you on the go with low carbon emissions. Used plug-ins and EVs are cheap and you can get a tax rebate even for used EVs.

- More Meatless Meals - Live-stock, especially cattle, produce methane and represent almost one third of the greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture. If every family added one or two more meatless meals to the menu each week, it would have a big impact!

To get help from your neighbors on any of the above, email [havswitch@gmail.com](mailto:havswitch@gmail.com)!



# HRC

The Board of Commissioners established an anti-discrimination policy (Ordinance 2626, Chapter 183) in February of 2011. The Ordinance prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations (such as restaurants, stores, and banks) on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, disability, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical disability of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It also covers a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) – comprised of seven community members charged with hearing complaints alleging violations of the Ordinance – ensures that all members of Haverford Township enjoy equality and equal protection under the Ordinance. It achieves this through education, community outreach, and mediation of complaints. The HRC is non-partisan and non-profit, and there is no charge for its services.

For more information on our meeting scheduled, times check us out at [www.havtwp.org/Boards\\_and\\_Commissions/Human\\_Relations\\_Commission](http://www.havtwp.org/Boards_and_Commissions/Human_Relations_Commission) and for upcoming events check us out on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HRC.HavTwp](http://www.facebook.com/HRC.HavTwp)



# Fun Fact

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The famous Slinky toy was born from the invention of Township resident, Richard James in the 1940's. The Slinky debuted at Gimbel's Department Store and quickly found fame. James' wife, Betty became equally successful as a female CEO running the Company all the way until 1998. This past August, a PA Historical and Museum Commission marker celebrating the Slinky was unveiled near the original factory site.

Fun fact provided by:  
*Historical Commission*



# Bureau of Fire

The Haverford Township Bureau of Fire (HTBF) authorized the formation of a subcommittee called Recruitment and Retention. Each of the five volunteer fire companies invested 2 of their company's members as representatives on the roundtable committee. It's Purpose is 2-fold...

*One, Recruitment* ~to generate awareness in a community of 50,000 people that the local fire companies are a non-profit, volunteer organization AND to develop interest in the volunteer fire services that very much needs *volunteers!*

*Two, Retention*~ to develop programs, create events, and create incentives to keep the present volunteers HERE!

Our efforts resulted in receiving an award from the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS) as one of the best programs at the 2019 Int. Assoc. of Fire Chiefs symposium.

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On January 14, the Township Commissioners hosted their 5th annual volunteer firefighters recognition ceremony at the CREC. 20 volunteer firefighters comprised from all 5 companies (Bon-Air, Brookline, Llanerch, Manoa & Oakmont) were recognized for their years of service and for fire service certification courses completed in 2019.

~Recognized at 2020 Ceremony~

<b>JR. FIREFIGHTER PREFATORY CERT.</b>	
Nicholas Hand	Oakmont
<b>FIREFIGHTER 1 CERTIFICATION</b>	
Matthew Bochanski	Bon Air
Christopher Cahill	Brookline
Jason Marsh	Brookline
Kenneth Hamilton	Oakmont
Tyler Hamilton	Oakmont
Michael Talag	Oakmont
Stephen Vecchio	Oakmont

## FIRE OFFICER 1 CERTIFICATION

Christopher Viola	Brookline
Brian Orleman	Llanerch

## FIRE OFFICER 2 CERTIFICATION

William Stapleton Jr.	Brookline
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## FIRE OFFICER 3 CERTIFICATION

Stephen Poole	Brookline
Michael Cora	Manoa
Timothy Regan	Manoa
George Wade	Manoa

## FIRE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

<u>Vehicle Rescue Technician</u>	
Mary Anne Maguire	Llanerch
Liam McCullough	Llanerch
Kenneth Hamilton	Oakmont

## LIFE MEMBER – 20 YEARS SERVICE

Thomas Boran III	Bon Air
Timothy Regan	Manoa



# Do Your Part

## Help Prevent the Abuse of Prescription Drugs



Lock your Meds and dispose of unused medication properly  
<http://www.lockyour-meds.org>

Medicine Drop Box is located in the lobby of the Haverford Township Police Station  
1010 Darby Road  
Havertown, PA 19083  
Delaware County Heroin Task Force -  
<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/heroin/index.html>



# Around Haverford

## Rain Garden Workshop ~Saturday March 21, 9 a.m.-noon

This Rain Garden Workshop will teach you how to build and maintain a Rain Garden yourself and help build rain gardens in your community. Hosted by Hav-a-Rain Garden who has designed and built more than 50 rain gardens at parks, libraries and private properties. Free, Advance Registration Required at <http://dcva.org/events>.

## Taste of the Township ~Thursday April 2, 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Enjoy an elegant evening at Llanerch Country Club, featuring the best restaurants, caterers and artisan food & drink of Haverford Township! Proceeds benefit the work of Haverford Partnership for Economic Development (HPED). Details and tickets available at [www.DiscoverHaverford.org](http://www.DiscoverHaverford.org)

## Day Trip ~Wednesday April 8.

Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations. Fee: \$199. Bus leaves Glendale/ Merry Place at 7:30am. Check our website [www.havtwp.org/Parks\\_&\\_Recreation](http://www.havtwp.org/Parks_&_Recreation) for more details.

## Earth Day ~Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m.-noon.

Fun, learning and service activities for all ages for those who want to make a difference in caring for our Earth. Check the Parks and Recreation web page or Haverford EAC facebook page before the event for a full schedule.

## Free Shredding Event ~ Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Haverford Township is happy to once again offer FREE paper shredding services in 2020! These events are open to Haverford Township residents only (no commercial businesses). The first event of 2020 will be held at the Township Administration building lot at 1014 Darby Road. Please note the earlier start time from previous events and follow signage and directions on the day of the event. We have two trucks scheduled so bring on the paper!

## Haverford Spring Festival ~Sunday, May 17, 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

Kelly Music for Life kicks off spring with their annual Spring Festival. This music and arts festival is a street party for the whole family. Live music, food, beer and wine gardens, a Super Fun Zone for kids and so much more. Join us on Brookline Blvd. in Havertown. \$3 donations at entry appreciated. Vendors, Crafters and Sponsors welcome.

## Anything with a Plug ~ Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"Anything with a Plug" Recycling Event held jointly with Marple & Newtown Townships at Delaware County Community College, 901 S. Media Line Road, Media, PA"

## Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage ~Sunday June 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come to Nitre Hall at 1682 Karakung Drive to celebrate our history with food, music, craft vendors and much more!

## Moonlight Dining on the Blvd. ~ Tuesday, June 16 (rain date 06/23) & September 15 (rain date 09/22).

Enjoy a lovely summer evening on Brookline Boulevard in Havertown! Dine on the street or indoors with fine dining and casual meal options available. Enjoy live music and a family-friendly atmosphere! More details are available at [www.DiscoverHaverford.org](http://www.DiscoverHaverford.org).

