



4th Ward Newsletter

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Introducing www.4haverford.com Your New Source for 4th Ward News & Information

Happy New Year! As a resident of Haverford Township since 1986, and a business owner since 2005, I am pleased to represent the 4th Ward on the Board of Commissioners and am excited to be able to work with all of you. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

I am also happy to announce that www.4haverford.com, the Haverford Township 4th Ward Information Center, is online for your convenience. The website, which I hope you will visit frequently, will provide news and other information relevant to residents of the 4th Ward, and contains a wide range of helpful information, including the latest recycling calendar (downloadable in various forms), a summary of the 2009 Township budget and taxes, surveys, Township and community calendars, and lots of other things. I hope to hear from you with suggestions, comments, compliments and/or criticisms about the Township and the website.

Please feel free to give me a call or to send an email. **If you do not have Internet access, please do not worry. You will continue to receive newsletters by mail and I am happy to communicate with you by whatever method you prefer.**

I Want to Hear From You

The 4th Ward website is one of many ways (such as meetings, etc.) I plan to communicate with 4th Ward residents. Please feel free to contact me in whatever manner is most convenient:

By Email: dansiegel@4haverford.com **By Phone:** (610) 446-1117

By Mail: 1705 Marilyn Drive, Havertown, PA 19083 (Home)

By a Web Form: http://www.4haverford.com/contact_dan_siegel.html

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If you would like to receive my newsletters by email, and to receive other breaking news in your email box, please sign up for my 4th Ward newsletters at www.4haverford.com. Rest assured that your email address will remain confidential. I hope that by my communicating by email, you will receive information as quickly as possible, while saving postage, paper, and our tax dollars.

MORE 4TH WARD NEWS & OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

To reduce printing and postage costs, I have limited this Newsletter to 4 pages.

If you do not have Internet access, and need more information, please give me a call at (610) 446-1117.

Single Stream Recycling

Single Stream Recycling, which began January 1st, allows residents to mix recyclable paper, plastic, cans and glass in one container. **As outlined in the calendar you received and at www.4haverford.com, trash is now collected on Monday and Thursday, and all recycling is collected every Thursday in the 4th Ward.** This method of curbside recycling is more convenient for residents because it requires no sorting of items.

This new recycling process allows all cardboard to be included with newspapers, junk mail, cans, glass bottles (*any colors*) and jars, and plastics (#1 through #7). Cardboard materials include corrugated cardboard, pizza boxes, cereal boxes, juice cartons/boxes, milk cartons, pasta and cracker boxes and cartons from beer and soda. Containers do not have to be flattened. Large cardboard boxes may be placed next to your recycling container.

It is estimated in Haverford Township alone that more than 8,000 tons of potential recycling material is thrown into the trash annually. Adding those materials to the recycling stream will save the Township over \$200,000 a year because, in 2009, it will cost our residents \$30.00 per ton to dump solid waste. Avoiding additional trash disposal fees is only part of the benefits. Helping to protect the environment is the best part.

Take A Survey

In order to learn the opinions of 4th Ward residents, 4haverford.com includes periodic surveys. The first survey asks whether residents would prefer to reduce trash pickups to once a week, or eliminate curbside leaf collection as a way of keeping taxes lower. What is your opinion? Visit www.4haverford.com and let me know.


Snow Removal Notices Remove Parked Vehicles

Residents are reminded to remove their vehicles from the streets as soon as snow begins to fall. Street parking impedes the Public Works Crews, and delays plowing and salting.

Clear Sidewalks

All sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after snow stops falling. If a neighbor is unable to clear his or her sidewalk, consider offering your help.

Welcome Chief Pettine

The Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Carmen Pettine as the Township's new Chief of Police. Chief Pettine comes to us from Plymouth Township, where he served the community since 1974. Before becoming a police officer, Chief Pettine served four years active  duty in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour in Vietnam. He also spent two years as a Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff. Chief Pettine earned a degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, and serves on the Executive Board of the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County.

Congratulations Deputy Chief Viola

The Board is also pleased to announce that John Viola has been appointed Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Viola has served on the Township Police Department since 1970; he began his career as a patrolman, advancing to Accident Investigations, then Patrol Sergeant and finally to Special Operations Supervisor before his appointment as the Deputy Chief.

Township Moves to Acquire Bubble Gum Factory

The Board of Commissioners has voted to acquire the long-vacant Philadelphia Chewing Gum Factory property at 891 Eagle Road in Havertown by eminent domain.

The Township is also considering various options for how to best use the property, including working in partnership with the YMCA to construct an indoor recreation center with two indoor pools, indoor gyms and fitness centers, day care and community rooms.

At a recent Board of Commissioners meeting, the YMCA pledged to work with the Township Recreation Department to develop cooperative programs that best serve the community.

Library News

The Haverford Township Free Library 2009 Annual Appeal is underway. The Library, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, needs your support. All donations are welcome and help the Library continue to provide you and your family with professionally developed resources, programs, and services that enhance and enrich your lives.



All donations are appreciated, and the Library asks that you consider giving \$75.00, in honor of the Library's 75 years of service to the community.

Donations may be made online at the Library's website, www.haverfordlibrary.org or by printing the donation form located on the Library's website. In addition, if your employer has a matching gift program, you can maximize your contribution to HTFL and increase the impact of your gift.

Construction Updates

The following projects have or had been proposed, are approved, or are under construction in Haverford Township.

- Construction of the athletic fields at Haverford Reserve (the former Haverford State Hospital site) continues. In addition, the Township Recreation Department is developing plans for an indoor recreation center at the site.
- New housing construction at Haverford Reserve will continue through the next few years. Most of the roadwork at or near the entrance of the site is complete, with related roadwork at Darby and Marple Roads to commence late next spring.
- Plans for a new car dealership at the Llanerch Quarry property have been withdrawn.
- Char-Lee's Burgers has proposed a new drive-thru facilities. The plans have been reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Boards. **No decision has been made at press time.**



Freedom Playground

A group of residents, led by Ann Phillips, is planning to construct a new all-abilities playground at the Haverford State Hospital grounds.

If you are interested in working on a committee or volunteering your time, please check the Freedom Playground website, www.freedomplay.org, for more information or call Ann Phillips at (610) 446-3453. Freedom Playground is expected to open in the fall of 2009.

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