



4th Ward Newsletter

From Commissioner Dan Siegel
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Spring 2009

4th Ward Constituent Town Meeting on May 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Your Opportunity to Ask Questions & Speak Your Mind

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., I will hold a 4th Ward Town Meeting to provide *you* with an opportunity to meet with Township Manager Lawrence Gentile, Assistant Township Managers Lori Hanlon-Widdop and Tim Denny, Police Chief Carmen Pettine and me. The meeting will be held at the Quatrani Building located behind the Township Building at 2325 Darby Road in Havertown.

The purpose of the Town Meeting, which I hope to hold twice a year, is to allow 4th Ward residents to air their questions and concerns, and to receive answers to those questions. As with my website - www.4haverford.com - the purpose of

this meeting is to assure that there is an ongoing open dialogue between Township residents, Township officials, and your Commissioner.

There is no formal agenda for this meeting. Rather, those people who attend will determine what we discuss through their questions and the resulting interaction. If you cannot attend, please send me an email (to dansiegel@4haverford.com) and I will answer or forward your email to appropriate Township official for a response.

I Want to Hear From You

The 4th Ward website is one of many ways I communicate with 4th Ward residents. Please contact me in whatever manner is most convenient - *I reply to all calls and email.*

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

Sign Up For Email Newsletters, Updates & Breaking News Alerts

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, this Newsletter is 4 pages; additional content is available at my website.

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

Traffic, Lots of Traffic

Because the 4th Ward includes portions of Lawrence, Eagle and Darby Roads, I receive more calls (and complaints) about traffic and speeding throughout the Township, and especially in our Ward, than about any other issue.

The problem is very serious, because not only do cars speed on the major roads, but they also use our residential streets as “cut throughs.”

As a result, I am working with the Police Department to address your concerns. Of course, I do not know where all of the problems are, nor is it possible for the police to be everywhere all the time. But, if they learn about the problem areas, they can try to help.

Please feel free to contact me about specific problems, and I will do what I can to assist you. Remember, please do your part as well. Obey the posted speed limits so that our Township is safer for everyone, including pedestrians and school students.

Thank you!

Take A Survey

In order to learn the opinions of 4th Ward residents, 4haverford.com includes periodic surveys. The latest survey addresses the current legal challenge to the Township’s sign ordinance, which prohibits the construction of new billboards.

The Survey asks residents whether they support the existing policy or agree with the developer. I oppose the construction of new billboards.

What’s your opinion? Let me know by visiting www.4haverford.com.

Trash & Recycling Reminders From the Public Works Dept.

To assure that all of your trash, recycling and lawn waste are picked up, please remember:

- No items can be over 3 feet long
- No trash cans or bags should weigh more than 40 pounds
- Nothing should be sticking out of your trash cans, such as long branches
- Recycling cans, and cans with recycling stickers, must be used for RECYCLING ONLY, not for trash
- For all plastic recycling, if the neck of the bottle/jar is smaller than the bottom, it is recyclable; otherwise it should go into the trash

New Bulk Pick-Up Rates

The following new rates are now in effect for the removal of bulk items:

1 item	\$16.00	2 items	\$32.00
3 items	\$48.00	4 items	\$64.00
5 items	\$80.00	6 to 10 items	\$86.00

Free Notary for 4th Ward Residents

Commissioner Dan Siegel is a notary and offers free notary services for 4th Ward residents at his law office at 66 West Eagle Road, Havertown. Just call (610) 446-3457; **an appointment is required.**

The person whose signature is to be notarized must sign the document in person in the presence of the notary, and must provide proof of identity, such as a valid driver's license, photo ID card or passport. Please advise if witnesses are necessary. There is also a five document/signature limit.

A Message from the Township Manager



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all Haverford Township residents, the Board of Commissioners and our employees for their support and contributions towards the success of the new Haverford Township Single Stream Recycling program. Since its inception on January 1st, the Program has reduced total sanitation solid waste by 1,309 tons and diesel fuel usage by 619 gallons. In just two months, we have reduced the Township's operating costs by \$23,166.00.

In an effort to find additional Township savings, we have researched the feasibility of changing our leaf collection system and are developing a collaborative relationship with Marple Township, including the purchase of a leaf composting system. This new equipment, to be shared by both communities, will achieve substantial savings. Currently, the Township devotes 1000s of work-hours and spends over \$500,000.00 annually to dispose of the mountains of leaves that residents and landscapers put in the streets. Our Public Works Department uses multiple trucks, large vacuum machines and front-loaders, and burns hundreds of gallons of sooty diesel fuel to complete this job.

Each year, 100s of truckloads of leaves are picked up from our streets. The Public Works Department transports over 3,350 tons of leaves to the Delaware County Municipal Waste Facility in Chester. This year, each municipality in Delaware County must pay to dispose its leaves; this will cost Haverford Township over \$100,500.00. Leaf pickup and disposal is expensive and we believe strongly that changing the leaf collection process and implementing this new composting system will save 1000s of dollars for our residents.

Haverford Township Leaf Pick Up Costs

4000 Gallons of diesel Fuel	\$ 18,000.00
Labor - Regular Time	446,022.00
Labor - Overtime	10,000.00
Machine parts	2,000.00
New disposal fee	100,500.00
Total	\$576,522.00

As with most local governments, Haverford Township finds itself directly affected by the same economic conditions and trends impacting all Americans. For this reason, my principal goal in operating the Township is to stabilize us from both a functional and a financial standpoint. To do so, we will continually search for new opportunities to reduce municipal operation costs while improving the services to our community.

I can assure each resident that my main goal is to ensure that our community is a safe, healthy and fun place to live, which provides services in the most cost effective manner feasible.

Larry Gentile

Township Manager

About the Saint George's Church Polling Place

Residents in Precinct 4-4 have contacted me about moving the polling place from the garage at St. George's Church to another location. It is my understanding that some voters may petition the Board of Elections in Media to approve a new location, possibly for the November general election. If you have an opinion about the potential change in the polling place, please contact me.

Haverford Township Names & Dates

Haverford Township

2325 Darby Road, Havertown,

Phone: (610) 446-1000

Emergencies: 9-1-1

Police Department: (610) 853-2400

Website: www.haverfordtownship.com

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Haverford Township Free Library

Phone: (610) 446-3082

Website: www.haverfordlibrary.org

Haverford Township School District

Phone: (610) 853-5900

Website: haverford.k12.pa.us

Township Meeting Dates

Unless noted, all meetings are held monthly in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Quatrani Bldg. behind the Township Building, 2325 Darby Road

Board of Commissioners: 2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Committee: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (Annex Room, Quatrani Building)

Friends of the Grange: 1st Thursday, 7 p.m. (Grange)

Health Advisory Board: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Township Building)

Parks and Recreation: 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Advisory Committee: 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (Annex Room, Quatrani Building)

Shade Tree Commission: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Skatium: 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (At the Skatium)

Zoning Hearing Board: 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:45 p.m.