



# 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Newsletter

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## **4th Ward Constituent Town Meeting on October 14, 2009; Your Opportunity to Ask Questions & Speak Your Mind**

On **Wednesday October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**, I will hold a 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Town Meeting to provide *you* with an opportunity to meet with Township Manager Lawrence Gentile, Police Chief Carmen Pettine, other Township officials, 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, the second this year, is to allow 4<sup>th</sup> Ward residents to air their questions and concerns, and to receive answers to those questions. As with my website - [www.4haverford.com](http://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. I plan to hold Constituent meetings at least twice per year.

If you cannot attend, please send me an email (to [dansiegel@4haverford.com](mailto:dansiegel@4haverford.com)) and I will answer or forward your email to the appropriate Township official for a response.

### **SIGN UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS**

In addition to my print newsletters, I send periodic email newsletters with timely information. To sign up for the newsletter, go to [www.4haverford.com](http://www.4haverford.com) and fill in your email address in the box at the bottom of the page.

### **CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP CONTINUES**

Haverford Township residents will continue to enjoy curbside leaf pickup. There will be no changes in the manner in which leaves are collected this year. As soon as I have additional information - including the 4th Ward leaf pickup schedule - I will send an email and post the information on my website.

### **ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH POLLING PLACE MOVED TO CHURCH CHAPEL**

The polling place at St. George's Church at Ardmore Avenue and Darby Road, where residents in **Precinct 4-4** vote, has been moved inside to the Church Chapel. As I outlined in my Spring newsletter, many residents and poll workers were unhappy with the current polling place and desired an indoor, air-conditioned and handicap accessible location. Signs will be posted directing voters to the new location. I want to thank the St. George's Rectory for its cooperation in making this change possible.

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



▪ The Board of Commissioners is considering adoption of an Historic Preservation ordinance to help prevent the demolition of the Township's historic resources.

▪ The Recreation Department opened fields at Haverford Reserve and plans to open additional fields in the spring. Visit Haverford Reserve and see how beautiful the fields are.

▪ The Board of Commissioners voted to hire an architect to prepare drawings of the proposed indoor Recreation and Environmental Center at the Haverford Reserve site.

▪ Flash-flooding from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> storm washed out the bridge abutment on West Hathaway Lane, causing closure of the bridge. The Township is working with its engineers and the Pa. Department of Environmental Protection to approve a design for the needed repairs. The engineers estimate that repairs will cost about \$435,000 and that the road will remain closed for four to six months.

### Election Day News

The General Election is Tuesday, November 3. The deadline for registration at the Bureau of Elections in Media is Monday, October 5. Voters must apply for Absentee Ballots by Tuesday, October 27; Absentee Ballots must be received by the Board of Election by October 30.

If you need a Voter Registration, Absentee Ballot form, or have any other questions, including where to vote, please call me at (610) 446-1117. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Flu Shots

The Health Dept. will sponsor Influenza Immunization Clinics on October 19 & 26, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Quatrani Building behind the Township Building at 2325 Darby Road. Residents must meet at least one of the following criteria: be 65 years of age or older; have a chronic medical condition, including pulmonary or cardiovascular conditions; be an adult who provides home care to chronically ill persons or who has a high risk household member; and, women who will be pregnant during the Influenza season.

You are not eligible if you are under 18; allergic to eggs, Thimerosal, Gentamicin or prior influenza vaccines; have a systemic latex allergy; have Guillain-Barre Syndrome; or have a fever at the time of your appointment. The Township will receive the vaccine from the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, whose registered nurses will administer the vaccine. Call (610) 446-1000, Ext. 202 to schedule an appointment.

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual**

## **Haverford Township Day**

**“Keeping a Healthy Outlook”**

**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)**

[www.haverfordday.org](http://www.haverfordday.org)

[www.havtwpparksandrec.com](http://www.havtwpparksandrec.com)

Haverford Township Day, our biggest community festival, is just a few days away. Among the day's events are a parade, flea market, crafts, local food vendors, and live entertainment. Groups interested in joining the Parade (which begins at 10:30 a.m. at Manoa Shopping Center) or having a booth in the Non-Profit area should contact Tim Denny at 610-446-9397. For more information, visit the Haverford Township Day website at [www.haverfordday.org](http://www.haverfordday.org).

## A Message from the Township Manager



### Single Stream Recycling a Success

The convenience of disposing all recyclable materials in one container has resulted in increased participation by residents and has heightened environmental awareness in the Township. In addition, residents appreciate the reduced number of pickups and the ease of participation.

Since Haverford Township implemented single-stream recycling in January, our annual cost for trash disposal has dropped by \$110,000, while the rate at which residents recycle household items has soared to more than 70 percent. In addition, by eliminating separate pickups of glass, plastic, aluminum, and paper, the Township has saved on fuel costs and reduced the amount of waste sent to the incinerators, thus saving tonnage fees.

### Leaf Composting

In addition to our recycling initiatives, the Haverford Township Public Works Department is preparing for the upcoming leaf collection season. As I have previously reported, Haverford and Marple Townships are one step closer to implementing a consolidated composting program to benefit residents of both communities. We have purchased a new composting machine to compost leaves and reduce leaf collections, saving the Township over \$100,000 per year, and creating free mulch for our gardens. I am extremely excited about the many benefits this new program will create. *Please note that curbside leaf collection will continue this fall.*

### 2010 Budget Adoption Schedule

We have begun preparing the proposed 2010 operating budget. The preliminary budget, including a Capital Program, Capital Budget and three year prospective budget, will include a summary of the Budget by major category and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners by October 30, 2009. A Budget Adoption Schedule will be sent to citizens groups, Township commissions and boards, and posted in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, public areas, on the Township website, on Cable TV and in newspapers.

#### Additional Information Online

To save paper, as well as postage and printing costs, this newsletter is limited to 4 pages. Please visit [www.4haverford.com](http://www.4haverford.com) to obtain additional information about these and other topics of interest.

The deadline for Department Heads to review the budget with Committee Chairs was August 4, 2009. I will present my Township Manager's proposed Budget to the Board of Commissioners on Friday, October 30, 2009. The First Special Budget Meeting of the Board

will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Second and Final Presentation/Adoption of the Budget is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

*If you have questions about the Budget, or any other matters, please feel free to stop by the Township Building to see us. We can also be reached at (610) 446-1000.*

**Larry Gentile**  
Township Manager

## Playgrounds, Parks & Other News

### Paddock Farms News

In partnership with the Paddock Farms Civic Association, the Township has purchased new playground and other equipment for Paddock Park, which is expected to be installed by the end of September.

### Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest, the Paddock Farms Civic Association's annual fall event, will be held at Paddock Park on Sunday, October 25, 2009 from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Oktoberfest will include a costume parade for kids, music, crafts and pumpkin carving.

For more information, visit the Paddock Farms Civic Association website at [www.paddockfarmscivic.org](http://www.paddockfarmscivic.org).

### Freedom Playground

To be built at the Haverford Reserve, Freedom Playground is an accessible community playground for people of all abilities. To volunteer, please contact Maria Pardini at [maria.pardini@gmail.com](mailto:maria.pardini@gmail.com). Additional information about Freedom Playground, including designs, upcoming fundraisers, and meeting dates are posted at [www.freedomplay.org](http://www.freedomplay.org).

### Freedom Playground McBucks

Freedom Playground has partnered with McDonalds, which is donating 60% of the sales of McDonalds' Dollars to the Playground. McBucks, sold in \$1 increments, can be used like cash at seven local McDonalds; they make excellent gifts and do not expire until January 2010. You can purchase them at the Havertown Parks & Recreation Department on Glendale Road, or by contacting Sarah Antonelli at [antonelli\\_sarah@yahoo.com](mailto:antonelli_sarah@yahoo.com).