



4th Ward Newsletter

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Fall 2010

4th Ward Constituent Town Meeting on October 27, 2010; Your Opportunity to Ask Questions & Speak Your Mind

On Wednesday October 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., I will hold a 4th Ward Town Meeting to provide *you* with an opportunity to meet with Township Manager Lawrence Gentile, 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 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. I hold Constituent meetings twice per year.

If you cannot attend, please send me an email (to 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 Township news and information. To sign up for the newsletter, send an email to dansiegel@4haverford.com.

CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves will be collected in the 4th Ward on the following weeks:

Week of November 1, 2010

Week of November 29, 2010

No Leaves Are To Be Put Into The Roadway

The Above Schedule Is Subject To Change Because Of Inclement Weather

All Leaves Should Be At The Curb By Sunday Night

Signs Will Be Posted Before The Pickup

Leaves in the Road Make Roads Slippery, Clog Storm Sewers & Create Dangerous Situations

Any schedule changes will be posted at <http://www.4haverford.com/leaves.html>

Codes Department Information



Did you know that home improvement contractors:

- Are required to register with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?
- Must use a contract that contains the contractor's Pennsylvania license number?
- Must purchase only a minimum amount of insurance? The Township recommends the contractors purchase a minimum of \$300,000 of liability insurance.
- Must complete a Permit Application, provide a copy of the executed contract, and include building and plot plans (where required)?
- Must obtain a Township permit for all electric, plumbing, heating and air conditioning work, and for most construction work.

Please call the Township Codes Department at (610) 446-1000, Ext. 270 if you are unsure if a permit is needed

For Your Protection: Please do not allow any work to begin before the required permits are obtained.

Election Day News

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2. Voters must apply for Absentee Ballots by Tuesday, October 26; Completed Absentee Ballots must be received by the Board of Elections by October 29.

If you need an Absentee Ballot application, 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 18 & 25, 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.

Township Purchase of Old Rail Line

The Board of Commissioners has authorized the Township to enter into negotiations to purchase the former railroad bed that connects the Skatium property to the former gum factory site. One of the purposes of this purchase is to utilize a portion of the line to access a future Township/Police combined Administration Building, an identified need for over 30 years. A concept design was drafted, which includes the relocation of one or more fields in Veterans Field, a second access to these fields and access for a "Sally Port," a drive-in bay to deliver prisoners.

There are no plans to advance a public trail west of Eagle Road.

A Message from the Township Manager



The past few months have been extraordinarily challenging for Township employees and staff. As a result of the numerous serious storms we experienced, there has been a huge demand for the services provided by our Public Works Division. Because of the increased demand for brush, compost and recycling, we have placed additional resources into service to provide a better response to the community's needs.

Township Implements Emergency Notification System

The Township is improving its ability to respond to emergencies by implementing a new Emergency Notification System to enable our Emergency Management officials to contact residents instantly with warnings, information, and updates. In order to ensure that residents can be contacted quickly and effectively, we have begun using Global Connect's Emergency Notification System, which gives our emergency personnel the ability to call thousands of residents, staff, and volunteers within minutes.

The Global Connect system allows the Chief of Police, our Emergency Management Coordinator and me to record a message and send that message to every telephone number listed in the directory within a matter of minutes. The Global Connect Emergency Notification System uses Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) to send a message to a database of telephone numbers, email addresses, or fax numbers, and has many features that render it particularly useful during a crisis, including:

- **Instant Callback** - Residents who need additional information or require special assistance from the municipality can make a return call to a designated telephone number with the press of a single key on their telephone keypad.
- **Customized Mapping Capability** - The system can create a customized list of call recipients by selecting the area(s) affected by the emergency. Global Connect will instantly develop the list of telephone numbers for residents in that area.
- **Remote Access and Deployment** - Emergency management officials can deploy a message from any location.
- **Real-Time Reporting** - Municipal officials can see immediately which residents have been reached by telephone, and which have received messages. The system will continue to call residents who have not been reached as frequently and as many times as desired.
- **Self Registration** - We ask that you self-register your home and cell phones by completing the web-based form by visiting the Haverford Township website (www.haverfordtownship.com) and clicking onto the emergency notification system quick link. You can also reach it from the link on Commissioner Siegel's website at http://www.4haverford.com/Haverford_emergency_notification_system.html.

Larry Gentile
Township Manager

Road & Traffic Improvements Demanded

Traffic congestion, speeding and other related problems take up the bulk of my time as Commissioner. At the August 9th Commissioners meeting, I called upon the Board to pass a resolution and take other action to assure that PennDOT is aware of the problems that impact our residents daily, including traffic and speeding throughout the Township.

In addition, thanks to the efforts of Sgt. Joseph Hagan and the Township Police Department, PennDOT has already examined a number of locations in the Township, including Lawrence Road near Ellis and Darby Creek Roads. For example, PennDOT has posted 30 mph signs and arrows in an effort to slow the traffic and reduce accidents on Lawrence Road. The Township Police are also conducting enhanced enforcement on

problem roads in the 4th Ward and throughout the Township.

I will continue to fight to assure that we take whatever steps are needed to make our roads safer.

YMCA Development Continues

As reported previously, a YMCA will be built at the former bubble gum factory site on Eagle Road. The Y presented preliminary plans to the Planning Commission in September. Like most who attended, we were pleased with the overall concept. I also raised questions about the traffic impact of the facility; the Y assured the Township that it will address quality of life concerns such as traffic. For up-to-date information, visit my website:

www.4haverford.com/havertown_ymca.html.