



4th Ward Newsletter

From Commissioner Dan Siegel
(610) 446-1117 • dansiegel@4haverford.com

Late Winter 2011

4th Ward Constituent Town Meeting on March 30, 2011; Your Opportunity to Ask Questions & Speak Your Mind

On **Wednesday March 30, 2011 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, Assistant Township Manager Lori Hanlon-Widdop, Police Chief Carmen Pettine, District Justice Elisa Laccianca and 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 additional timely Township news and information. To sign up for the newsletter, send an email to dansiegel@4haverford.com.

HAVERTOWN YMCA UPDATE

Demolition has begun on the former bubble gum factory on Eagle Road, which will become home of the Havertown YMCA. Contractors have begun removing and separating interior material and fixtures that require special handling and/or disposal as hazardous material. Plans for a January demolition were delayed because of the need for special permit reviews by the EPA and PaDEP relating to the site's status as the Havertown PCP Superfund Site.

Land development plans are still pending review by PennDOT, PaDEP, the Township's Planning Commission, and the Township engineer. Finally, we have been notified by officials from the Y that it has been awarded a \$3 million grant by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in addition to the \$500,000 sponsored by State Senator Daylin Leach.

For up-to-date information about the Y, please visit my website at http://www.4haverford.com/havertown_yymca.html. I will also include updates in future newsletters.

Codes Dept. 2010 Annual Report

Building Permits

Permits	#	Fees	Construction Costs
Building	1582	\$303,481.00	\$38,322,832.00
Plumbing	466	\$39,069.00	\$2,175,411.00
Electrical	455	\$39,400.00	\$1,650,480.00
HVAC	222	\$32,577.00	\$2,073,012.00
Total	2725	\$414,527.00	\$44,221,735.00

Use and Occupancy Permits

Ward	Number of Homes	Total Price
1	69	\$18,444,900.00
2	61	15,378,800.00
3	38	12,671,900.00
4	60	31,880,170.00
5	54	26,866,400.00
6	62	15,700,100.00
7	43	12,774,100.00
8	50	15,542,111.00
9	62	17,765,851.00

2010 Property Sales

Total homes sold:	499
Total:	\$167,024,332.00
Average Sale Price:	\$334,718.10
Total Use & Occupancy fees:	\$42,025.00
Total re-inspection fees:	\$5,100.00
Commercial Property Sales:	5
Total:	\$6,275,000.00
Commercial Use and Occupancy:	49
Total commercial fees collected:	\$4,900.00

2010 Annual License Fee Revenue

Rental Fees:	\$124,055.00 (776 Units)
Contractor License Fees:	\$39,370.00 (656 Licenses)
Amusement Licenses:	\$12,850.00 (23 licenses)

Shade Trees

A public shade tree is a tree in the Township right of way, which includes the strip of grass between the street and sidewalk, as well as trees close to the other side of the sidewalk (the exact width of the right of way is determined by the Township Code and varies from street to street).

Report a Concern About Tree Work

If you have any questions or concerns about tree removal or pruning in your neighborhood, contact the Township Codes Department at (610) 446-1000 or Commissioner Siegel.

For more information, go to <http://www.4haverford.com/trees.html>.

Llanerch Quarry Development

The former quarry on Township Line Road, adjacent to Kohl's department store, is the site of a proposed 223,722 square foot shopping center, currently under review by the Township's Planning Commission. The owners are designing the facility with stone facades as a distinctive tribute to the facility's past and in keeping with the stone-faces of many surrounding homes.

Recently, the developer announced that leases have been signed for a Lowe's home improvement store and a Giant supermarket, the retail anchors for the site. Giant will feature a gas fueling kiosk with discounts tied to patron purchases. Other facilities planned but not finalized include a free-standing restaurant and a bank with drive-thru services; adjoining the Giant will be a restaurant with an outdoor seating area and several smaller retail shops.

The review process will take several months and will be followed by several months of permit reviews by both state and local agencies.

Commissioner Siegel Requests Televised Zoning and Planning Board Meetings

At the February 14, 2011 meeting, I requested that the Township begin to televise the meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission on the Township's public access channels. Because these boards make decisions important to the community ~ such as billboards, new construction, property development, etc. - I believe it is important for residents to be able to view these boards and to understand better what they do.

It is my hope and expectation that these meetings will begin to be televised shortly. I will keep you informed about this issue.

A Message from the Township Manager



Dear Resident,

Spring is right around the corner, but I would like to take a moment to reflect on a few significant events that took place in 2010 and earlier this year.

The 2009-2010 winter snow storms presented many challenges to our municipal services, from providing daily trash and recycling collections to snow removal and repairs to our roadways. Unfortunately, the cost to the Township to provide last year's snow removal and the salting of our 165 miles of roads resulted in a significant negative impact on our operating budget of over \$500,000. I am happy to report, however, that Haverford Township received a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant of \$150,000 that helped reduce the budget variance. Unfortunately, Mother-Nature has challenged us again this year with several major storms. These recent snow storms have already impacted our snow budget by over 50%. However, I am confident that we will meet the financial challenges and ensure our roadways are clear and safe for our community.

I would also like to remind residents and contractors that Haverford Township Ordinance #2599 makes it unlawful for any property owner or his or her contractor, agent or employee to shovel, plow, discharge or otherwise place snow removed from private property into any street, roadway, sidewalk or alley within the Township of Haverford. Haverford Township Police, along with the Codes Enforcement Officers, have been and will be patrolling the community and enforcing this ordinance.

On December 13, 2010, the Board of Commissioners adopted the Township's 2011 operating budget. I am happy to report the budget calls *for no tax increase and no sewer rate increase*. This 0% increase was possible only because of changes implemented by the entire workforce to reduce operating expenses and manage all Township services effectively.

In addition, we have completed the repairs and installation of the new ice rink and dehumidifier at the Skatium. The rink was reopened on October 2, 2010, and the cost for this project totaled \$1.2 million. Please bring your family and friends to experience the new renovations.

On January 10, 2011, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved \$7.4 million in bids for construction of the new indoor Recreation and Environmental Center at Haverford Reserve (the former state hospital property). This new facility will have a double gymnasium, indoor track, multi-purpose rooms, health and fitness area, and environmental nature area. The facility was contemplated as part of the development plans for the Haverford Reserve Park approved by the Board almost 3 years ago following the purchase of the former Haverford State Hospital site on Darby Road. Proceeds from the sale to private developers of approximately 40 of the 203 acres of land were applied to park improvements, including lighted fields, trails, rest facilities, and the indoor Recreation and Environmental Center.

Finally, the Township has budgeted \$2 million for another major roadway resurfacing program. The Director of Public Works has begun to inspect and categorize the roads that require repairs. Work will begin in the late spring of 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to drop by the Municipal Building and stop in to see us. We can also be reached at (610) 446-1000.

Larry Gentile
Township Manager

Haverford Township 4th Ward Names & Numbers

Haverford Township

2325 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083

Phone: (610) 446-1000

Emergencies: 9-1-1

Police Department: (610) 853-2406

Website: www.haverfordtownship.com

4th Ward Commissioner Dan Siegel

Email: dansiegel@4haverford.com

Phone: (610) 446-1117

Website: www.4haverford.com

Haverford Township Free Library

Phone: (610) 446-3082

Website: www.haverfordlibrary.org

State Representative Greg Vitali

Email: gvitali@pahouse.net

Phone: (610) 789-3900

Website: <http://www.pahouse.com/Vitali>

State Senator Daylin Leach

Email: leach@pasenate.com

Phone: (610) 768-4200

Website: <http://www.senatorleach.com>

Congressman Pat Meehan

Phone: (610) 690-7323

Website: <http://meehan.house.gov/>

Senator Bob Casey

Phone: (215) 405-9660

Website: <http://casey.senate.gov>

Senator Pat Toomey

Phone: (215) 597-7200

Website: <http://toomey.senate.gov>

Magisterial District Justice Elisa Laccianca

525 West Chester Pike, Stes. 103 & 105

Havertown, PA 19083

Phone: (610) 449-5189