



4th Ward Newsletter

From Commissioner Dan Siegel
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Fall 2011

Constituent Meeting on October 18, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. To Be Devoted to Peco & Addressing *Your* Questions & Concerns

On Tuesday, October 18, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., I (along with 4 fellow Commissioners) will sponsor a Town Meeting/Informational Forum at which you can air your concerns and speak directly with officials from Peco. The meeting, scheduled at my request, is at the Chestnutwold School on Lorraine Avenue in Ardmore. At the meeting, you can ask questions directly of Peco officials, who will set up five to six stations with various displays. The officials will address concerns such as power outages, tree trimming, and anything else on your mind.

The meeting is a direct result of the communications issues that arose during Hurricane Irene. I had criticized Peco's communications with residents and demanded that the utility meet with me and other Township officials so that we could move forward and try to avoid the problems that made a difficult situation even worse. Peco officials

contacted me, proposed this Town Meeting format, and agreed to hold two such sessions with Township residents. This session will therefore also include residents from four other Wards in the Township, with a separate session for residents of the other four Wards.

During Hurricane Irene, I responded to literally 100s of email, dozens of phone calls and text messages, and even met with residents who stopped by my law office. While residents acknowledged the severity of the storm, they also questioned why Peco provided less than helpful or accurate information, and demanded to know how this situation could be averted in the future. This is *your* opportunity to have your voice heard. This Meeting will be in lieu of my regular semi-annual constituent meeting.

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 or Peco official for a response.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLEASE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SIGN UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS</u></p> <p>In addition to my print newsletters, I send periodic email newsletters with additional timely Township news and information. During the recent Hurricane, I kept residents up-to-date by sending multiple newsletters.</p> <p>To sign up, please send an email to <u>dansiegel@4haverford.com</u>.</p> <p>Of course, you can always call me at 610-446-1117 for information.</p> |
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Recycling and Yard Waste Pick-Up Reminders

The recycling and yard waste pickup are two programs that save the Township (and you) 1000s of dollars, and are environmentally responsible. Please follow these guidelines.

Yard Waste

Branches must be no larger than 1-1/2 inches in diameter, and no longer than 3 feet. All loose debris must be placed into open trash cans or brown paper bags. Grass clipping must be left out in the regular trash.

Recycling

Please break down all cardboard boxes, and tie them into bundles weighing 40 pounds or less, and cut into three foot sections.

Please do not place plastic bags in with your recycling or place your recycling in plastic bags.

To view the recycling and yard waste schedule, go to www.4haverford.com/recycling.html.

Flu Shots

The Health Department will sponsor an Influenza Immunization Clinic on October 31, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon. The flu shots will provide combined protection against A-H1N1 (pandemic) influenza and other influenza viruses. Residents must meet at least one of the following criteria: 65 years of age or older; chronic medical, including pulmonary or cardiovascular, conditions; adults providing home care to chronically ill persons or who have a high risk household member; or 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; if you have a systemic latex allergy; Guillain-Barre Syndrome; or if you are ill with a fever at the time of your appointment.

There are approximately 275 vaccines available. Call 610-446-1000, Ex. 2202 to place your name on the list for the shots.

Future Newsletters to Have a New Look

Beginning with the Winter 2012 issue, Franklin Maps will publish the Township Newsletter. By outsourcing the Newsletter, the Township saves money, the Newsletter will be printed in full color, and will be the same regardless who your Commissioner is. If your business is interested in advertising in future editions of the Newsletter, please contact Franklin Maps:

Franklin Maps

Attn: David Amsterdam

Phone: 610-265-6277

Email: franklinmaps@aol.com

I am well aware that residents like the appearance of my newsletters, and I will continue to provide my current newsletter content on my website (www.4haverford.com) and in my electronic/email newsletters. To subscribe to the email newsletters, just send an email to dansiegel@4haverford.com.

Finance Department

Haverford Township has instituted an aggressive program to assure that every business in the Township pay the taxes it owes. Home based businesses and rental property (commercial or residential) are considered business operations subject to the Business Privilege Tax. Working with our tax collector, TriState Financial, the Township has identified businesses that owe taxes and has brought them into compliance with our tax code, and collected \$200,000 more than budgeted for this year. Tax forms are available on TriState website, www.tfgtax.com.

The Township has also begun implementing a program to collect delinquent sewer and trash fees - placing a lien on any property with outstanding sewer and trash fees. This allows the Township to collect the money due when the property sells or is refinanced. If you have any outstanding financial responsibilities owed to the Township, please contact the Finance Department at 610-446-1000 as soon as possible.

A Message from the Township Manager



Dear Resident,

It certainly doesn't seem like it, but another year has passed and the Township Administrative team is currently preparing for the 2012 operating budget. In the past year, the Board of Commissioners, administration and staff have worked hard to aggressively address the many issues facing the Township. We have focused a great deal of time on restructuring the delivery of services to our community while rebuilding the Township finances. Although there is still a lot of work to do, we are proud of the substantial progress we have made. Our expense operations are as lean as they have ever been during my 25 years with Haverford Township. Over the past three years, we have initiated new programs and services that have eliminated over 2 million dollars from the operating budget, while enhancing services and allowing us to become a more green friendly community. Our two new programs; single stream recycling and composting, will save the tax payers 1.25 million dollars each year. ***Currently, only 60% of our residents participate in the single stream recycling program and we urge the remaining 40% to utilize this great service and help with the potential for additional saving to our community.***

Our commitment to provide our residents with a safe, healthy and enjoyable place to live is paramount. Our Police, Public Works and Community Development Departments, along with our volunteer Fire and Ambulance Companies, are all dedicated to maintaining Haverford Township as a safe and healthy place to live. During these difficult economic times, our municipal services have remained constant and our focus is on improvement in the future. We understand the high expectations of our residents and realize the accountability of providing these services in the most efficient, effective and fiscally responsible manner.

Our promise is to continue to build upon improving the delivery of services while continuing to search for new programs and services to reduce operating expenses and enhance services. This winter we will debut our new Salt Brine program. Haverford Township has joined with Marple Township to implement this new and exciting initiative. The Brine program is a new tactic to pre-treat our roadways for snow and ice. Before the snow and ice event occurs, our Public Works staff will apply the brine solution to major roadways through our community. When snow or ice contacts the treated roadway, the moisture will activate the brine and help prevent the snow/ice bond from forming. This new program will reduce our current salt utilization by 30% and will save an additional \$51,000 in Township funds while providing safer roads and improving the environment. I am proud to say that Haverford and Marple Townships will be the first in Delaware County to implement this type of program and we are excited about this new partnership.

Please be assured that the Board of Commissioners, Administration and Staff members are here to assist you. 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. Have a safe and enjoyable fall and winter.

Larry Gentile
Township Manager

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