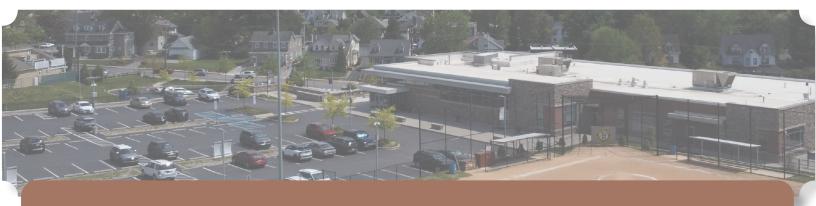


# Haverford Times



Haverford Township Day, Saturday, October 4th, 2025



# Township Manager Update



# Exciting News: A New, Unified Newsletter for All Things Haverford Township!

Haverford Township is pleased to announce an exciting change designed to make it even easier for residents to stay connected and informed. Beginning this fall, we are combining the Township's Official Newsletter and the HavaGood Times—our popular Parks & Recreation publication—into a single, all-inclusive newsletter.

This new, unified format means you'll now find everything you need to know about Haverford Township in one convenient place. Whether you're looking for updates on public works, community events, recreation programs, sustainability initiatives, public safety news, or important deadlines—our consolidated newsletter has you covered. We've kept the friendly and familiar layout you've come to expect, so the newsletter is still easy to read and fun to explore.

Beyond making information easier to access, this change will also help the Township operate more efficiently. By combining the two publications, we reduce printing and mailing costs—allowing us to reallocate resources where they matter most, all while reducing waste.

As always, current information is still available at your fingertips:

- Visit the Township website: www.havtwp.org
- Follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X
- Watch programming on the Township cable channels

And don't forget—you can also subscribe to our digital communication channels to receive timely updates straight to your inbox or mobile device:

- Subscribe to the Township Newsletter for event and program updates
- Sign Up for Haverford Alerts to get real-time emergency alerts from the Haverford Township Police Department
- Register for DelcoAlerts for county-wide alerts in critical situations

Thank you for reading, subscribing, and staying involved. We're excited about this next step in making local government more accessible, transparent, and connected.

## Parks & Recreation Community Corner

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#### **Parks and Recreation**

Brian Barrett Eileen Mottola Director Assistant Director



#### Mission

Our mission is to make living in
Haverford Township more enjoyable and
healthier for you, your family and friends by
providing top quality recreation
programs, facilities and service.



Life. Be In It.

\*People of all abilities are welcome in our programs. With your help we will do all we can to meet your needs.\*



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@Haverford Twp Recreation



With heavy hearts, we share the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Melissa Rhodes, who bravely faced a three year battle with cancer. A member of our team for over a decade, she brought wit, strength, and an unshakable spirit to everything she did. Never one to complain, even in the toughest times, Melissa remained a source of inspiration and resilience to us all. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# CREC Information

#### **Fitness Center & Walking Track**

Monday-Friday: 7am-8pm Saturday: 8am-2pm Sunday: Closed

Fall hours begin Monday, September 15

#### **Basketball Courts**

Shoot around by yourself or with friends. A great way to stay fit, work on your game or teach your child.

Times: 12pm - 5pm Monday - Friday *Times are approximate and always subject to change.* 

#### **Drop-in Fees**

Resident: \$8 & Non-Resident: \$10 Check website for updates: www.havtwp.org

#### **Indoor Pickleball starts October 6**

Days/Times: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 9am-12pm
Thurs., 11am-2pm
Evening Pickleball at the CREC
Check CREC Calendar for day/time.
Resident \$6 - 10 passes \$45
Non-Resident \$8 - 10 passes \$55

#### Main Line Health Free Blood Pressure Check

Returns on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, then the First Monday of each month October thru January, 2026 9am - 11am CREC Lobby

#### "Drop-in Policy at the CREC"

We have streamlined the drop-in procedures at the CREC. Fitness Center, Basketball Courts, Pickleball, or Fitness Class Drop-In will now require a CREC Card with a Drop-In designation. You'll scan your card, pay the drop-in fee, and you are on your way.

No more filling out the guest clipboard each time you drop-in.

#### **CREC Calendar**



#### Fitness Passes & Drop-in Fees

No Membership Fees, No Annual Fees

#### Discount passes available:

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10 passes	\$55	\$65
	Resident	Non-Resident
20 passes	\$75	\$90
	Resident	Non-Resident
30 passes	\$90	\$105
	Resident	Non-Resident
Walking	Free	\$3

Walking Free \$3 Track Resident Non-Resident

#### **Drop-in Fees**

Resident: \$8 Non-Resident: \$10

\*Discount Special\*
3 months unlimited use
\$80 - Resident
\$90 -Non-Resident

### The CREC will be closed in observance of the following holiday dates:

Mon. Sept. 1 Labor Day

Mon. Oct. 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day Tues.. Nov. 11 Veterans' Day (observed)

Thurs. Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day
Fri. Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Holiday
Wed. Dec. 24 Half Day - Christmas Eve

Thurs. Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Wed. Dec 31 Half Day - New Years Eve

Thurs. Jan. 1 New Year's Day

For CREC information go to www.havtwp.org or call 484-380-2730.

# CREC Rentals





To reserve a space at the CREC or to view a video about rental opportunities visit www.havtwp.org.





# Top 5 Reasons to hold your event at the CREC:

- Organic setting and beautiful building and easy access from I-476 and neighboring townships!
- 4. Friendly supportive, staff members—We set up the included tables and chairs for you!
- 3. Vendors and caterers are YOUR choice—no exclusive vendors!
- 2. Affordable spaces for hosting many types of events... Bridal and baby showers, birthday parties for children or adults, corporate events, business workshops and seminars, vendor fairs and more!

#### And the number 1 reason...

1. You don't have to clean your house, rent tents for your backyard, landscape, or worry about inclement weather!

# CREC Fitness

Registration is on a monthly basis. Monthly fees are based on the number of times the class meets per month.

Class descriptions and fees are available online.

To register online, go to www.havtwp.org and click Parks & Recreation.

#### Barre Fitness

Tighten, tone and sculpt with this non-impact fitness class.

Time: Mon. 6pm Instructor: Deb Saldana

\*Online option available



#### Hatha Yoga

Breathe, stretch, align, and build inner strength. Great class for beginners.

Time: Tues. 7:05pm

Instructor: Beth Ann Rush

#### Guided Strength Workouts

Small-group personal fitness training. Meets twice a

week.

**Time:** Tues. & Thurs. 2-2:50pm **Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty

Coming in September/October Free Health Program From Local Physicians & Health Care Providers

For more details, check your inbox.

Not on our email list?

Call us at 484-380-2730.

#### Fly Fit Dance

Come join this Friday Night happy hour dance party in the studio. This class is for everyone. Beginners and seasoned dancers love Marcus' classes. This class will start your weekends off right.

Time: Fri. 6pm Instructor: Marcus Tucker

#### Soul Line Dancing Beginner

Line dancing class is a wonderful way to exercise. Low impact and easy-to-follow steps. Feel the joy of moving together with others in a relaxed atmosphere and great music. **Instructor:** Kenny James

**Time:** Mon. 1pm **Time:** Wed. 7pm **Time:** Fri. 1pm

#### Dancing Divas 65+

Dance fitness class with easy-to-follow dance steps.

Time: Tues. 9am

Instructor: Elizabeth Luff



#### The POUND® Workout

Let your inner rock star shine. This class uses slightly weighted drumsticks called Ripstix to pound your way to fitness and strength. Intense cardio with squats and lunges.

**Time:** Wed. 6pm **Instructor:** Lisa Drake

# CREC Fitness

#### Adult Ballet

Basics of ballet for graceful movement, strength and flexibility. Supportive and positive atmosphere. **Time:** Thurs. 5:40pm **Instructor**: Pi Chi Yang

#### Zumba

Dance fitness at its finest. Great music, fun moves. Fitness class with a dance party atmosphere.

**Time:** Mon. 7:05pm **Instructor:** Lauren DiMartino

**Time:** Wed. 11:30am **Instructor:** Carol Fee **Instructor:** Carol Fee



#### Balance & Agility Beginner

Dynamic balance and stability training.

**Time:** Thurs. 11:30am **Time:** Fri. 11:30am

**Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty

#### Balance & Agility Advanced

More advanced dynamic balance and stability training. Must be able to jump and run. At least one month of the beginner class is required before taking the advanced class.

Time: Mon. 9am

**Instructor:** Jackie O'Doherty

The fitness classes below have a lower fee than our other fitness classes and are FREE to members who have a medicare supplemental benefit of Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Renew Active/One Pass, or Prime.

#### Chair Yoga for Arthritis

Breathing and stretching exercises in seated and standing positions, with special considerations for those with arthritis or other mobility issues.

Time: Wed. 4pm

**Instructor:** Mary Pat Hartline

#### Silver Sneakers Classic

Exercises designed to increase strength, range of movement, and activities for daily living.

Instructor: Beth Ann Rush

\*Call or email us for available class times.

#### Silver Sneakers Yoga (Chair Yoga)

A variety of breathing and stretching exercises in seated and standing positions.

**Instructor:** Beth Ann Rush

\*Call or email us for available class times.

#### Power UP 65+

Cardio, strength, and agility for everyone to stay fit at any age.

in at any age.

Instructor: Jackie O'Doherty

\*Call or email us for available class times.



### Nature Series

#### Mushroom Walk & Talk

Saturday, November 15 at 10am
Join us for a relaxing mushroom hunt through the
Haverford Reserve. The Philadelphia Mycology Club
will lead the way, teaching participants all about
mushrooms and how to identify them. Please remember
to wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather.

FREE. Registration required.



#### DelCo Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, October 11
Upper Chichester Municipal Building
8500 Furey Road, Upper Chichester, PA 19061
Register at delcohhw.eventbrite.com

#### How to Cut Fossil Fuels in Your Home

Heat Pumps, Induction Stoves, & Electrification Workshop

Thursday, October 16, 7pm (Virtual) Planning to replace your heater or AC? Heat pumps are one system that can do both and are eligible for a tax credit! Modifying our home systems, especially HVAC, to eliminate carbon dioxide emissions is a pressing need to help mitigate climate change. Local experts will discuss heat pumps for HVAC, water heating, and clothes drying, as well as induction stoves and key factors in electrification. Come and learn.

FREE. Registration required.

#### Backyard Composting Workshop

Wednesday, October 8, 7pm (Virtual) Learn how to reduce your waste by 20%, fight climate change, and make free organic fertilizer in your backyard. Gwen Nolan of Mother Compost will teach basics of backyard composting.

FREE. Registration required.

#### Impact of Your Food Choices

Monday, October 20, 7pm (Virtual) Join us to learn how your food choices impact the environment. Reducing meat consumption and food waste are two of the top solutions to climate change, so come and learn!

FREE. Registration required.

#### Pumpkin Collection November 1 - December 5

November 1 – December 5 (Orner's Garden Center)

Give your pumpkins a second purpose this year - to feed animals like pigs, sheep, and chickens. Whole pumpkins, with no paint, shellac, or varnish, will be accepted. Carved pumpkins, no paint, shellac, or varnish, are great for composting. If you aren't composting yet, ask a neighbor who is or check with Linvilla Farms.

#### Memorial Bench



Purchase a memorial bench as a meaningful way to honor the memory of a loved one - a lasting tribute in a peaceful, natural setting. Complete an application from our website. You pick the park and location (needs to be approved by Rec. Dept.) Fee: \$800 includes bench (shipping and freight), plaque and installation.

Questions? Ktaylor@havtwp.com

### Trail News

Join Parks & Rec Director Brian
Barrett For A Scenic "Walk & Talk"
Along The Darby Creek Trail
Saturday, October 18 (11am)

We'll begin at the edge of our township - Jack McDonald Field (plenty of parking) - and stroll along a first-class, multi-use macadam trail that winds past ballfields and part of Darby Creek. We will transition to a dirt path - our next exciting trail improvement project - continue on to Merry Place, and then all the way to the school bus yard.

At the turnaround point, we'll celebrate with a group high five before heading back. The round trip is approximately 3 miles.

Be sure to wear comfortable, appropriate shoes.



Trail Running Film & Community Talk Thursday, September 25 (6:30pm)
Love the outdoors? Inspired by stories of grit, beauty, and wild places? Got a thing for chasing miles?

We're screening a **stunning trail running film** that captures the heart and soul of running through mountains, forests, and open skies. Whether you're a seasoned ultra runner or just curious about the sport, this film will leave you inspired.

**Special Guest Speakers:** Hear directly from local and regional trail runners as they share stories, challenges, and what keeps them coming back to the trails. Fee: \$20

#### Adopt a Park & Trail Recognition

Join us at the October Board of Commissioners meeting as we recognize and thank the dedicated volunteer groups who have formally adopted a park or trail. Their commitment helps keep our green spaces vibrant and welcoming.

### You Make The Difference

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." Join us!

Haverford Township's volunteers have been at the heart of a year of environmental action. From our weekly Tuesday Work Days to our after-school plantings and large-scale weekend community events, volunteers have helped plant hundreds of native trees, restore vital riparian buffers, and remove invasive species across our parks

and natural areas. Our growing network of Adopt-a-Park/Trail groups has stepped up in a big way, taking ownership of trails and parks - clearing brush, removing litter, and keeping our pathways safe, clean and inviting for everyone. These efforts have improved local ecosystems, strengthened our green infrastructure, and inspired a deeper connection between residents and the natural world. Whether it's showing up with pruners on a Tuesday or caring for a favorite park or trail month after month, our volunteers are building a greener Haverford, one project at a time.





**Grace** Chapel



Darby Road closed to traffic at 7:00am between Mill & Manoa **Roads** 

Yale Road



Stage 3

Non-profit

**Chelton Rd** 









Darby Road





**Township Building** 

Rock N' Roll Racing

Rain Date: Sunday, October 5





School









**Fire House** 

Children's Rides

**Brookline Blvd** 

**Bike Corral** By Parking Lot

Marketplace

# Haverford Township Day

	Schedule of Events		
	Skatium Stage		Brookline Stage
9-11am	Newspaper Taxi's	10am-4pm	Bill Whitney
1-4pm	Philadelphia Heart & Soul	12-1pm	Kids Entertainment (Janine Kelly)
		1-4pm	The Jellybricks
	Skatium Area		
11am-3pm	Stilt Walker (Dick Rainer)		Brookline Blvd
11am-3pm	Juggler (Jonathan Perry)	12-3:30pm	Train, Moon Bounce, etc. (Children's Rides)
12-3pm	Balloon Sculptures (Silly Reba)	1-3pm	Jay Turner - Magician
	Skatium Area		Brookline Fire House
11am-3pm	Caricaturist Artist	12-12:45pm	Haverford High School (Orchestra)
12-3pm	Face Painter (Nancy the Clown)		
2:30-4pm	Free Skating at Skatium		Yale Rd. Stage
		12-4pm	The De La Salle Orchestra (Big Band Music)







### Haverford Township Day 5K Run/Walk

Competition between all Elementary Schools.

Look for more information in September at your School!



#### Haverford Township 5K Saturday, October 4 26th Annual

The race starts at 8:30am, check-in/registration begins at 7:30am. The race begins and ends at the Middle School. You will run the Pennsy Trail. Pre-registration fee is \$35 for adults and \$20 for runners under 16. Race day fee is \$40 adults, \$25 for under 16.

Register now at www.havtwp.org.

For sponsorship information contact

recinfo@havtwp.com

# Youth Programs

### Little Explorers

Designed with children in mind, this recreation preschool-age program provides a warm and inviting atmosphere where children can be curious, develop social skills, be active and creative in our mixed-age-classrooms. Children must be potty trained. Our daily routine includes indoor and outdoor play, circle activities, story time, specials, lunch and more.

Ages: 2.5 by Sept - 5 years old Time: 9am-12:30pm (includes lunch time)

Visit our website: www.havtwp.org or scan the QR code for more information about our waitlist and program curriculum.



Director Julien Simpson - jsimpson@havtwp.com

#### \*NEW\* Little Tykes Go on Hikes

Spark a love for the outdoors with an exciting series of themed, family-friendly adventures designed for children. Each guided hike blends exploration, education, and fun, encouraging young adventurers to discover nature through hands-on experiences. Check online for monthly themed hikes! Fee: \$12

Ages: 3-12 w/Adult Location: Haverford Reserve

Time: 10:45-11:45am

Dates: 9/27, 10/18, 11/15 or 12/13



## Chocolate, Candies and Goodies Galore

Calling all Swifties and chocolate lovers! You and your child are invited to a fun-filled, hands-on chocolate-making class inspired by the eras of Taylor Swift.

**Age: 6+ w/adult** Location: CREC Fee: \$80

Time: 10:45am-12:45pm (Sat) Date: 12/13

#### Tots on the Move

You and your Tot are on the move! See creativity blossom through toddler/adult cardio movements, scarf dancing and strengthening gross motor skills.

Ages: 1-3 w/adult Location: CREC Fee: \$77

Times: 9:15-9:50am or 10-10:35am (Th) Dates: 9/4-10/9, 10/16-11/20 or 12/4-1/15

(skip 12/25-1/1)

#### Coco Kids Yoga

Kids yoga is full of important skills that we need to help our bodies and our minds. Each class connects through, movement, breath, games, and a mindful relaxation. Parent & child class offered!

Location: CREC

**Ages: 5-8** Fee: \$120

Time: 11:15am-12pm (Sat) Dates: 10/11-11/15

**Ages: 3+ w/adult** Fee: \$135

Time: 12:15-1pm (Sat) Dates: 10/11-11/15

#### Krafty Kids

Have a ball while making a mess! You and your child will have fun listening to a story, painting, gluing, and coloring as you do craft projects that encourage your child's creativity and develop fine motor skills.

Age: 2-3 w/parent Location: CREC Fee: \$90

Time: 10-10:45am (Sat)

Dates: 10/11-11/22 (skip 10/25)

#### Artastic

Incorporating the basics of art, get those creative juices flowing in fun craft projects related to a new story each week.

Ages: 4-6 Location: CREC Fee: \$90

Time: 11:15am-12pm (Sat) Dates: 10/11-11/22 (skip 10/25)

#### Nature Club

Experience the fun and excitement the fall brings to the Reserve. Each week we will spend time on different themes which could include water, bugs, or trees. We will explore the trails, play games, and make crafts. Please bring a lunch.

Ages: 4-6 Location: CREC Fee: \$125

Time: 12-2:30pm (Th)
Dates: 9/25-11/6 (skip 10/2)

# Rec at the CREC All Abilities Programming

#### Sensory Trail Walk - Free

Explore local trails in and around Haverford Township with Hiking Hounds Adventures! Enjoy monthly themed hikes like Nature Bingo, Treats on the Trail and Scavenger Hunts. Experience the sights, sounds, and scents of nature while discovering new spots to share with friends and family. Trail information can be found online.

Ages: 16-36 Location: CREC

Time: 12-1pm (Sat) Dates: 10/18, 11/15 or 12/13



#### Shining Knights Chess Club

Knights, captures, action! Shining Knights provides game instruction and match play to future chess aces. Class time will be spent learning game strategies and practicing them.

Ages: 8-13 Location: CREC Fee: \$160

Time: 5:30-6:30pm (Tu) Dates: 10/14-12/9 (skip 11/11) Play-Well Teknologies



#### Minecraft Engineering using LEGO® Materials

Venture into Minecraft and the endless possibilities of LEGO. Build your base, craft your tools, and harvest raw resources to battle and stop the Ender Dragon.

Ages: 8-12 Location: CREC Fee: \$215

Time: 4:30-6pm (Fri) Date: 10/3-12/5

### Haunted House Workshop using LEGO® Materials

Can your LEGO Minifigure make it through the haunted house without getting scared?! Engineer your own traps and bring your spooky designs to life.

**Ages: 8-12** Location: CREC Fee: \$38 Time: 10-11:30am (Sat) Dates: 10/25

#### Winter Wonderland using LEGO® Materials Winter Break Camp

Create a Winter Wonderland in this mini-camp.
Build motorized contraptions like snowmobiles and gondolas or a hilltop village with slopes for LEGO® skiers and sledders. Design. Build. Create!

**Ages: 8-12** Location: CREC Fee: \$115 Time: 9am-12pm (M-W) Dates: 12/29-12/31

#### Safe Sitter Courses

Is your student ready to be home alone or start searching for babysitting opportunities? Safe Sitter courses prepare students to safely care for themselves or others. Our instruction includes topics of child development, child care, and an introduction to First Aid to help them assess and respond to injuries.





#### Safe@Home

**Grades: 4-6** Location: CREC Fee: \$55 Time: 4:30-6pm Dates: check website

Is your child a Scout?

Receive a scout badge for completing a Safe Sitter or Safe@Home Course

Safe Sitter Training

**Ages: 12-15** Location: CREC Fee: \$110 Time: 9am-1pm (Sat) Dates: check website

### Sports Clinics & Leagues

#### HoopSTARS

Our trained staff provides an engaging basketball experience focusing on skill development and fun through a series of games and activities.

**Ages: 3-4 w/parent** Location: CREC Fee: \$90 Time: 10-10:50am (Sat) Dates: 10/25-12/6

#### Little Dribblers

One of our most popular programs, Little Dribblers introduces basketball to boys and girls through fun games, drills, and activities.

**Ages: 5-6** Location: CREC Fee: \$90 Time: 11-11:50am (Sat) Dates: 10/25-12/6

#### Basketball Clinic

During this 6-week clinic, we will emphasize dribbling, shooting, and passing with fun drills and games that will be sure to have your child excited about basketball and ready for our Havertown Hoops 2nd-4th grade instructional league.

**Ages: 7-8** Location: CREC Fee: \$90 Time: 1-1:50pm (Sat) Dates: 10/25-12/6

#### Havertown Hoops (Grades 2-4)

This instructional league is a great way for beginners and developing players to learn the game. Instruction focuses on individual skills, positions, and team strategy. Players will be evaluated and placed on teams. Separate league for boys and girls. Fee: \$160

#### Havertown Hoops (Grades 4+)

Separate winter leagues for boys in grades 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 and for girls in grades 5-6, 7-8.

Evaluations will be in November.

Check our website for more information.

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$120 Regular Registration Fee: \$140

#### Field Hockey Clinic

Haverford High School field hockey team will host this clinic focused on stick skills and drills. Great for players of all skill levels.

**Ages: Grades 3-8** Location: HHS Fee: \$35

Time: 12-2pm Date: 9/13 (Sat)

#### Small Fry Soccer

Small Fry Soccer introduces your child to the first fundamental skills of soccer. The curriculum focuses on fun and skill development so your child leaves loving soccer.

Ages: 3-4 w/parent Location: CREC Fee: \$90

Time: 10-10:50am (Sat) Dates: 10/25-12/6

**Sports 4 Me**This program combines a fun-filled introduction to different sports each week such as basketball, soccer, and football through age-appropriate games and activities.

**Ages: 4-5** Location: CREC Fee: \$90 Time: 12-12:50pm (Sat) Dates: 10/25-12/6

#### Volleykids (Coed)

This program uses a lower net, lighter ball, and smaller court to give every player a chance to succeed. Players will be grouped by age and ability.

Ages: 9-11 Location: CREC Fee: \$90 Time: 1-1:50pm (Sat) Dates: 10/25-12/6

#### Golf Tots

Join us for a unique golfing experience inspired by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. Our programs offer expert instruction in putting, chipping, pitching, and full swings, ideal for young athletes eager to master golf. Parent participation is required.

**Ages: 3-5** Location: Haverford Reserve Fee: \$115 Time: 4:30-5:10pm Dates: 9/9-9/30 or 10/14-11/4

#### Beginners Golf

Swing into Skyhawks Beginning Golf, powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences. Our fun, gamesbased approach and specialized equipment ensure early success. We teach key skills like putting and chipping through engaging activities.

**Ages: 6-10** Location: Haverford Reserve Fee: \$115 Time: 5:20-6:20pm Dates: 9/9-9/30 or 10/14-11/4

#### Girls Flag Football

This program teaches passing, receiving, kicking, and flag pulling. Participants gain confidence and learn life lessons like teamwork and leadership in a fun, supportive environment. Location: Haverford Reserve

Dates: 9/11-10/2 or 10/16-11/6 Fee: \$100

**Ages: 5-8** Time: 5-5:50pm (Th) Ages: 9-12 Time: 6-6:50pm (Th)

### Adult Programs

#### Basketball at the CREC

**Saturday Basketball** – Play competitive hoops at the best basketball facility in the area. Register online to hold your spot.

Time: 7:30-9:45am (Sat) Fee: \$65-6 wk session

Dates: 10/4-11/15, 11/22-12/27

#### Adult Golf Lessons

Learn to hit the ball straighter and further. This clinic covers the fundamentals of swing, stance, chipping, and putting. First three sessions on the range and the last is on the course.

Location: Paxon Hollow Fee: \$145

Men's Golf Clinic -

Time: 5:30-6:30pm (Mon) Dates: 9/8-9/29

Women's Golf Clinic -

Time: 5:30-6:30pm (Wed) Dates: 9/10-10/1



#### Adult Volleyball League (Co-ed)

Open to all skill levels, this competitive 6v6 league brings the action indoors every Sunday afternoon. Perfect for players of all ages.

**Ages: 18+** Location: CREC Team Fee: \$750 Time: 2-5pm (Sun) Dates: 10/5-11/16 (skip 11/9)

#### Men's Basketball League

Join our Men's basketball league with separate competitive A and B divisions. A league plays on Mondays and B league plays on Thursdays.

Ages: 18+ Location: CREC Team Fee: \$750

Time: 4-7pm Dates: 10/6-11/24 (skip 10/13)

#### Beginner Pickleball Clinic

Come learn one of the fastest growing sports from experts in the game! This clinic will cover the rules, scoring, positioning, and game-play. Players should try to provide their own paddle, we will provide paddles for those who do not have one.

**Ages: 18**+ Location: CREC Fee: \$130 Time: 4:45-5:45pm (Wed) Dates: 10/8-10/29

#### Intermediate Pickleball Clinic

Take your game to the next level. Focus will be on advanced spin, shot technique, court strategy and positioning, both attacking and defending.

Ages: 18+ Location: CREC Fee: \$140

Time: 6-7pm (Wed) Dates: 10/8-10/29

#### FREE Medicare Planning Seminar

During this seminar, you will learn how Medicare works and what it covers, the difference between Medicare supplements and Medicare Advantage plans, and how Part D prescription cards work and how to pick the right one for you. Register online at www.havtwp.org.

Time: 6:30-8pm (Th) Location: CREC

Date: 9/25 **Instructed by the DelVal Senior** 

**Advisors** 

#### Senior Night Out

Free for those over 60. Registration required. Space is limited.

> Wed. September 24 - 6-8pm Soul Line Dancing

Wed. October 22 – 6–8pm Puzzle Night

Senior Night Out is Sponsored by:



### Adult Programs

#### Retirement Planning

In this course you'll learn exactly how to plan for retirement, organize your finances, and manage investment risks. Additionally, you will learn how to develop a personalized plan that empowers you to reach your long-term goals. Whether you're self-employed, have a corporate career, or work with a government agency, you'll get the answers you need. Couples may attend together for a single registration fee. Class sizes are limited so register today.

Dates: September 29 & October 6 (Mon)

Time: 6-9pm

Dates: October 16 & 23 (Thurs)

Time: 6-9pm

Location: CREC Fee: \$49

#### Chocolate Making Class

Melt into the world of chocolate making and decorating with "Lizzy's Chocolates". You'll leave class with the Do's and Don'ts of chocolate, tips and tricks for packaging and special treats. Your friends will be amazed! BYOB!

**Ages: 18**+ Location: CREC Fee: \$66 Time: 6-7:45pm (Tu) Date: 10/28 or 11/18



### Day Trips

#### Radio City Christmas Show

Join us on our annual holiday bus trip to New York City to see the famous Radio City Rockettes Holiday show. Trip includes free time in New York City and great seats to the holiday matinee show.

Date: Wednesday, December 10 Fee: \$225 Time: Bus leaves Glendale Park at 7:30am and returns at approximately 7:30pm.

#### New York on Your Own

Visit New York City during the holidays! Spend the day shopping and looking at decorated store windows, see a show, or visit a museum.

Date: Wednesday, December 10 Fee: \$95 Time: Bus leaves Glendale Park at 7:30am and

returns approximately 7:30pm.



We will email a trip itinerary one week prior to the trip. Trip times are subject to change.

Trip refunds: We will gladly give you a refund up to 4 weeks prior to your trip. After that we will only issue a refund if someone fills your spot. Any questions, call the Rec Dept at: 610-446-9397.

### Special Events

### Pancakes and Pizza with Santa

Saturday, December 20

Bring your family to the CREC for a delicious breakfast or pizza lunch with Old St. Nick. You'll get a chance to sit with Santa and tell him your Christmas wishes. Don't forget to bring your camera! Parents, learn more about a Magical Surprise online.

All family members attending must be registered. Registration opens September 8.

Pancakes with Santa

Time: 9-11am Location: CREC

Fee: \$25 per person (Children under 2 are free)

Pizza with Santa Time: 12-2pm

Fee: \$20 per person (Children under 2 are free)

#### Monster Bash

Celebrate Halloween with some ghoulish fun! We will decorate pumpkins, play spooky games, enjoy a nighttime trail walk, and roast marshmallows by a fire. Bring a flashlight! **Recommended for ages 3-10.** 

Date: Saturday, October 25 Time: 6-8pm Fee: \$15/child; \$8/adult; or \$40/family

Location: CREC

All attendees must register.

#### 13th Annual Haverford Music Festival Saturday, September 6, 2025

Time: 12-9pm Location: Eagle Rd & Hathaway

Festival produced exclusively by HTEAMS

https://haverfordmusicfestival.org/

#### Coffee with a Cop

Children and Adults Welcome! Come out to the CREC for coffee and donuts and to chat with some of Haverford Township's Finest - our Police Officers. This is your chance to meet the officers and find out what's happening in Havertown.

Date: Saturday, November 15 Time: 9:30-11:30am

#### Chilly Trail 5K Run

14th Annual Chilly Trail Run - All pre-registered runners receive a shirt. Light refreshments served after the race. Walk-up registration begins at 7:45am in the CREC lobby.

This 5k run will take you through 3 miles of beautiful trails in the Haverford Reserve. Great for beginners and seasoned trail runners alike.

Race begins at 9am.

Ages 17 & under: \$20

Ages 18+: \$40

Date: Saturday, December 6



#### Kids Night Out

Parents, are you looking to get the kids out of the house? Have them join us for games in the gym, crafts, tournaments, theme nights and a movie.

Pizza is included.

Ages: 6-12 Location: CREC Fee: \$22/per child

Time: 6-9pm (Fri)

Dates: 11/21, 12/12, 1/9, 2/6, 3/13

#### Glow Disc Golf Tournament

Grab your glow discs and head into the woods! The First Annual Haverford Reserve Golf Tournament will light up the night. The unique 18-hole charity event aims to raise funds for the Community Recreation and Environmental Center (CREC) and improvements to the local disc golf course. Whether you're a seasoned player or trying disc golf for the first time, come enjoy an evening under the stars - all for a great cause.

Ages: 8-12 w/adult Fee: \$15/adults, \$5/kids

Time: 5-9pm

Date: Saturday, November 8

Location: Haverford Reserve Disc Golf Course

# Park Improvements

#### Brookline Park Update

Work continues on the development of Brookline Park. By fall the township will have completed the grading and storm water work on the site. The next step will be the installation of the play equipment, basketball court and rain garden. We expect all this work will be completed by late this year or early 2026.

The next phase of the project will include parking improvements along Sagamore, new sidewalks along Earlington and Sagamore, perimeter fencing and tree planting. This work will begin in early 2026. The Brookline Park master plan can be viewed on the Township website at www.havtwp.org.



New playground equipment for Brookline Park coming in the Fall.

#### Hilltop Basketball Court

Pictures of the newly resurfaced basketball court at Hilltop Park.







#### Darby Creek Trail

An extension of the Darby Creek Trail was finished this spring.

The new section runs through Merry Place. The final piece of the Trail is scheduled for completion in 2026.

# Register for Fall Programs on September 8th Online Registration System

Create or log onto your online account to view and register for upcoming programs. Use the registration system to:

- \*Register yourself or family members for programs.
- \*View additional program information not featured in the brochure.
- \*Easy access to your family's program schedules.
- \*Better communication through text alerts and email.

#### Follow these steps to create your account in 1-2-3!

- 1. How do I create an account for me or my family?
  - a. Visit our website www.havtwp.org
  - b. Under Departments, Click Parks & Recreation
  - c. Click the Register Now/Log-in, then Sign-In/Up
  - d. Fill out your information
  - e. Save your information and add the next family member
- 2. How do I register for classes or programs?
  - a. Log onto your account using Step 1 (a-c)
  - b. Click *Activities* at the top of the page
  - c. Browse by activity name, ages or categories
- 3. What if I forgot my account information?
  - a. Use Step (a-c)
  - b. If your password is incorrect or forgotten click "Forgotten"
  - c. Enter your email address
  - d. A temporary password will be emailed to you

### We're here to help!

For any questions about activities, registration or creating an account, call the Recreation Department at 484-380-2730.

### \*Refund Policy\*

- All refunds have a \$10 service fee attached unless the refund is due to injury. There is no fee switching from one program to another unless the balance of the program is different.
- Full refunds/credits will be issued if Parks & Recreation cancels a program.
- After a program starts, no refunds will be given unless approved by the Program Coordinator.

# Board of Commissioners

To sign up for email updates from your Commissioners, visit the Township's homepage and click on the "Email/Constant Contact" sign-up link under the Community section.



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# Additional Info

Haverford Township is led by nine Township Commissioners who are elected by ward residents.

Commissioners elect their own President and Vice President at the beginning of each new year. The Commissioners appoint a Township Manager who oversees daily operations and a sizable staff.

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Commissioners frequently communicate with their constituents through emails and social media. Please contact them directly to receive their communications as well as up to date information about your ward.

Meetings are broadcast live on the Township Cable Network (channel 38 on Verizon and channel 5 on Comcast) and replay everyday at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

To access links to all broadcast meetings, visit the more button at the bottom of the home page of the Township website.

\*\*Please note: We do not live stream to social media. You can access these meetings on YouTube usually the day after the meetings take place.



#### Managing Fall Leaves and Winter Snow: Keeping Our Community Safe

As autumn transforms our landscape with vibrant shades of red, orange, and gold, falling leaves create a picturesque scene. However, these leaves also pose certain challenges for residents and local authorities. While they add beauty to our surroundings, they can make roads and walkways slippery, increasing the risk of accidents.

To ensure safety during this season, proper leaf management is essential. In our township, residents are encouraged to rake leaves in bulk and place them at the curb during designated leaf collection periods. Outside of these times, leaves should be bagged and collected according to the Public Works Department's rules and regulations. This organized approach helps keep our streets clear and prevents leaves from clogging storm drains, which could lead to flooding.

As we transition from fall to winter, the focus shifts to snow and ice removal. During winter storms, it's crucial to keep sidewalks safe and accessible for pedestrians.

According to Code 138-3, property owners or occupants are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their premises within 24 hours of a snowfall.

Additionally, sidewalks should always be kept free of snow, slush, and ice to ensure safe passage for everyone.

### - ATTENTION -

# RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

This is a reminder that owning and operating a rental property is considered a business activity for purposes of the Township Business Privilege Tax Ordinance.

In addition to the licensing requirements of our Codes Department, all property owners must acquire a business license and file annual business privilege tax returns. Rental receipts are subject to the Township's Business Privilege Tax and all questions should be directed to the Township's Business Tax Administrator as follows:

Tri-State Financial Services, LLC PO Box 38
Bridgeport, PA 19405-0038
(610) 270-9520
www.tfgtax.com
(all forms are available on-line)



# Library Renovation Complete: A New Chapter for Our Community

We're excited to announce that the library's renovation project is now finished, offering an expanded and modernized space for all visitors.

Our upgraded facility features a stunning multi-story entrance and a new elevator, ensuring easy access to all three floors—including after-hours entry to the new Community Room.

The second-floor addition increases public space by over 25%, creating more room for learning and connection. A cozy Living Room with a fireplace now provides a welcoming spot for quiet reading and relaxation, a favorite request among our senior patrons.

Children, tweens, and teens each have dedicated areas to gather comfortably without overlapping, fostering a vibrant environment for all ages. Our new Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms are equipped with technology, supporting community events and small group collaborations.

The versatile Makerspace encourages hands-on projects and innovative programming for everyone.

Public computer access has been significantly expanded, with dedicated tech zones, laptop bars, charging outlets, and improved Wi-Fi coverage to keep everyone connected.

The entire building infrastructure has been upgraded with new systems, ensuring a more efficient and enjoyable experience. Plus, a new parking lot across the street nearly doubles our parking capacity, complemented by EV charging stations available to library partrons.

Come explore the new library—your community hub for learning, creativity, and connection!

Join us for our annual Dewey Decimal Dash 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 am. Individuals, teams, families and pets are welcome! For details and registration see our website at www. haverfordlibrary.org.

The Next Chapter for Every Generation Capital Campaign still has naming opportunities available!

Visit

www.haverfordlibrary.org/capital-campaign to support this state-of-the-art facility.

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 10am-9pm Tuesday 10am-9pm Wednesday 10am-9pm Thursday 10am-6pm Friday 10am-5pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm

# Fire Prevention OCTOBER 5-11, 2025

Fire Prevention Week 2025 Focuses on Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced October 5–11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week, with the theme "Charge into Fire Safety<sup>TM</sup>: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." This year's focus is on educating the public about safe handling, charging, and disposal of lithiumion batteries, which power many household devices.



Lithium-ion batteries are found in smartphones, tablets, laptops, e-cigarettes, and more. When damaged or mishandled, they can overheat, catch fire, or explode. NFPA emphasizes three key safety tips:

- Buy only certified products with safety testing labels.
- Charge devices properly using manufacturer-approved chargers and on hard surfaces.
- Recycle batteries responsibly at designated recycling centers; do not throw them in trash or regular recycling bins.

For more information, visit www.fpw.org and learn how to stay safe with lithiumion batteries during Fire Prevention Week. This longstanding observance aims to raise awareness about fire safety and prevention in communities across North America.

## Partnering for Better Senior Dental Care

Dental health is essential for older adults, but many seniors forgo regular care because Medicare doesn't cover dental services, leading to increased health risks.

Since 2016, Surrey has partnered with CVIM to provide free dental services at its Devon location, helping low-income seniors without insurance. In 2024, this partnership expanded with a new clinic at Surrey's Delaware County Center for Healthy Living in Broomall. "This allows us to better serve our community by offering regular dental care," says Surrey President Jill Whitcomb.

Funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and a grant from the Foxwynd Foundation, the clinic operates three days a week, providing cleanings, exams, X-rays, and fillings. Gina Farrell, CVIM's Dental Outreach Coordinator, manages the Broomall clinic and enjoys working with seniors, many of whom express gratitude and schedule return visits.

For more info, call Surrey at 484-451-8899 or email info@surreyservices.org.



## Police Department News...

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR & DEPARTMENT RECOGNITIONS



Congratulations to
Officer Ryan Maguire,
recently named Officer
of the Year. With nine
years of service, Officer
Maguire is part of the
Honor Guard, bike
patrol, and often fills in

as Officer in Charge. He is also a Field Training Officer and the department's first aid instructor. Recognized for his dependability and reliability, he is highly valued by supervisors.

Additionally, 24 other department members received commendations for their work on various incidents, from maternity cases to foot pursuits and car theft apprehensions.

#### RETIREMENT

After 12 years of dedicated service, Animal Control Officer Owen



O'Connell has retired. We thank him for his commitment and wish him a relaxing, well-earned retirement with his family.

Please join us in welcoming the new Animal Control Officer, Christopher Marley, who brings many years of wildlife handling experience.

Officer Marley will be out and about, maintaining the high level of service that Officer O'Connell provided.

Following Paul Miller Jr.'s tragic death in Monroe County PA, a new law makes using any handheld interactive mobile device a primary offense. This includes cell phones, tablets, and laptops.

#### The law bans:

- Holding or supporting a device with any hand or body part
- Dialing or answering with more than one

button press

• Reaching for a device while seated and belted in



Effective June 5th, it's illegal to use your device while driving, even at red lights. Until June 5, 2026, officers will issue warnings; afterward, violations incur a \$50 fine plus court costs.

Exceptions apply for contacting law enforcement or emergency services or if you move your vehicle safely to the roadside and are stationary.

#### 10th Annual K9 Competition Coming This Fall!

Get ready for an exciting fall! The 10th Annual K9 Competition is coming soon, celebrating a decade of showcasing our local working dogs' skills.

Stay tuned on our social media and website for more info!

# Figure Skaters Unite!!

Crossroads Figure Skating Club (CFSC) is a member-based club organized under the umbrella of Haverford Township and sanctioned by USFS as Club #1107. The club provides a welcoming environment for athletes looking to be part of a supportive club to build their figure skating talents and/or move forward into competitive figure skating.

As a member of CFSC, you are part of a team of athletes and coaches that all join in seeing you succeed to the best of your ability.

#### Membership offers:

- paid membership in US Figure Skating
- ability to test or compete under the name of Crossroads FSC
- no capital contribution or mandatory volunteer hours
- access to exclusive ice times
- reduced rates for freestyle ice sessions and specialty clinics
- highlighting your talent at two seasonal shows - HollyBerry in December and SpringFling in April
- option of joining Team Unity, our Aspire level synchronized skating team
- and most importantly, the camaraderie of fellow members who want you to succeed, reach your goals and have fun!

For more information, stop by the Skating Office inside the Skatium or visit www. havtwp.com and click on Skatium. Club membership is processed through the EntryEeze system link.

# Skatium Locker Room Upgrades Completed

In 2023, funding was secured through borrowed monies, the ARPA grant, and the CDBG grant to support major upgrades to the Skatium locker rooms.

Construction began in early spring and was completed this summer. The renovations now feature four hockey locker rooms, a dedicated figure skating locker room, and three multi-use changing rooms for all athletes. These improvements provide modern amenities and will enhance the experience for skaters and hockey players, supporting the community's vibrant sports programs.

### Did you know?

The Skatium hosts several Learn to Skate sessions from September through May! This is the highly successful USFS program that has been introducing the sport to children (and adults) for decades for that initial skill building for ice hockey or figure skating.

There are 5 sessions to choose from so stop by the Skating Office inside the Skatium or visit www.havtwp.com and click on the DASH link for registration, dates and times.

# Discover Holidays in Haverford Township

Join us in Haverford Township for Discover Holidays—a festive celebration of shopping locally, supporting small businesses, and bringing the community together.

Shop Small Saturday – November 29, 2025 Kick off the season by exploring local shops, boutiques, and eateries. Enjoy exclusive deals and participate in the Discover Haverford Shopping Raffle, rewarding you for supporting small businesses all season long.

On December 6, join us for the Havertown Holiday Festival. This family-friendly event is on Brookline Boulevard from 12:00–7:00 pm (rain date 12/7). Highlights include live holiday entertainment, a marketplace with local vendors, ice sculpture carving, face painting, visits from Santa, tree lighting, caroling, and delicious food from local vendors and restaurants.

More info at www.discoverhaverford.org/holiday-festival.

Haverford Township offers free parking on these dates to help you celebrate the season stress-free:

•November 29th •December 6th • December 20th

Take advantage of this special holiday perk and enjoy your shopping, festivities, and visits without worrying about parking fees!

### Environmental News...

Collaborative Efforts with the Shade Tree Commission

Trees do so much more than line our streets—they cool our neighborhoods, clean our air, manage our stormwater, and create vital habitats for birds and wildlife. As the Shade Tree Commission (STC), we're proud to help preserve and grow Haverford Township's tree canopy, one tree at a time.

The work doesn't stop there though. We highly encourage residents to preserve and maintain their healthy, shade-bearing trees. However, we also recognize that the removal of diseased, dying, or dead trees is important to maintaining a safe and resilient canopy. Therefore, we strongly support replanting efforts - on your property, along the street, or in our many parks and open spaces.

Looking ahead, our Fall Tree Lottery is tentatively scheduled for late October 2025. Keep an eye on the Township website for details - and don't miss your chance to be part of Haverford's greener future!

#### One Resident's Solar Story

"We installed solar panels on our Haverford Township home in 2013 to generate our own electricity. Connected to the grid, we use excess power when available and draw from the grid when needed. No maintenance has been needed in 12 years."

If you're interested in producing your own free electricity, contact a local installer or Solarize Delco.

# Protect Your Home:

Don't Let Sewer Backups Drain Your Wallet!

Sewer backups and flooding can cause devastating property damage and are typically not covered by standard homeowners' insurance policies.

The majority of these claims are the responsibility of the property owner except under limited/special circumstances provided by the PA Municipal Immunity laws. Township residents should review their homeowner's flood and sewer backup insurance coverage with their agent/insurance companies in order to properly protect their personal residence which is the most valuable tangible asset that we all have.

Article I, Section 149-3, subsection C
(2) Sewer Service Regulations of the
Township Code states that all sewer service
laterals connected to the Township system,
regardless of location, are the property of
the customer and/or owner and shall be
maintained in good condition and repair.

The Township does not provide flood insurance. Check with your insurance professional about added coverages such as:

- Coverage for Sewers, Drains and Sump Pumps
- Flood Coverage



## Fair Housing

Fair housing is the right to choose housing free from discrimination. Federal law protects people in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending, and insurance. It is the key to all people having the roof they want over their heads.

#### Who is Protected?

The Fair Housing laws protect discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender/sexual orientation, disability or familial status. These are known as Protected Classes.

#### What is Prohibited?

In the sale and rental of housing, it is illegal to take any of the following actions based on a protected class:

- Refuse to rent or sell housing,
- Make housing unavailable,
- Set different terms or conditions,
- Falsely deny that housing is available. In mortgage lending, no one may take any of the following actions based on a protected class:
- Refuse to make a mortgage due to your protected class status,
- Set different terms and conditions,
- Discriminate in appraising a property.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination, CALL HUD! 1-800-669-9777(voice) 1-800-877-8339(TTY)

For additional info and resources, visit the website at www.equalhousing.org

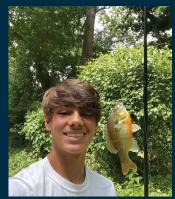
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