

# **Haverford Township**



## **2024 Annual Report**



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# A Letter from the Township Manager

Dear Board of Commissioners,

As we reflect on calendar year 2024, we are reminded of the remarkable spirit and dedication that defines Haverford Township. 2024 was marked by meaningful progress, strategic planning, and a shared commitment to enhancing our community's well-being.

Looking back on our collective achievements, I am confident in the strength of our organization and the lasting impact of our efforts. It was a year of growth and momentum, positioning us well for continued success in providing exceptional services to our residents.

As we look to the future, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. With the dedication of our employees, your leadership, and the unwavering support of our volunteers and residents, we will continue to enhance the quality of life in Haverford Township and ensure a bright future for all.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the hardworking employees of Haverford Township. Their professionalism, creativity, and perseverance are the driving forces behind our Township's success. From maintaining essential services to advancing new initiatives, their contributions have been instrumental in keeping Haverford Township a safe, welcoming, and thriving community.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support. Together, we will build upon our successes and create an even stronger future for Haverford Township.

Very truly yours,



David R. Burman  
Township Manager/Secretary







# Administration

## Community Development

### Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funding has been provided to Haverford Township by the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for 33 years. The amount of funding each year is determined by the Congressional Budget. These funds are meant to assist low and low/moderate income Township residents in a variety of ways, including but not limited to street improvements, park/playground improvements, and assistance to homeowners for housing rehabilitation. In 2024, Haverford Township was awarded **\$799,884** in CDBG funding to support authorized improvements.

## Open Records Requests

As part of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, any U.S. resident can request information from public agencies, such as Haverford Township, through the Right-to-Know Law. In 2024, Haverford processed over **300** of these requests.



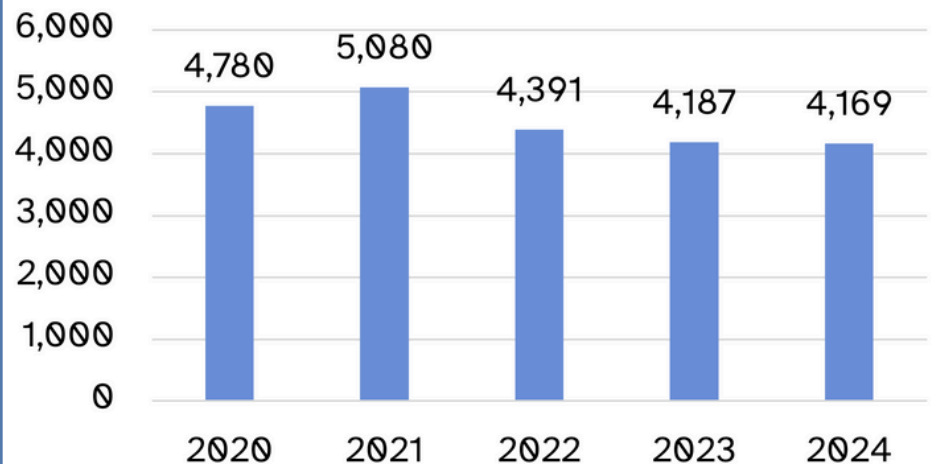
# Codes & Zoning

In 2024, the Codes and Zoning Department welcomed Jaime Jilozian as the new Director of Community Development and Jonathan Mount as the new Zoning Officer. Additionally, a full Stormwater Ordinance update was completed in 2024.

## 2024 By the Numbers

Code Violations: 338  
Commercial Permits: 150  
Curb/Sidewalk/Driveway Permits: 434  
Dumpster/Pod Permits: 37  
Excavations/Road Openings: 156  
Fence Permits: 166  
Fire License: 83  
Plumbing Permits: 102  
Rental Licenses: 42  
Resident Consultations: 78  
Residential Permits: 1,739  
Roofing Permits: 78  
Shed Permits: 33  
Use & Occupancy Permits: 700  
Other Permits: 33

Number of Permits Filed  
Per Year



# American Rescue Plan Act Funds

In 2024, the Township wrapped up the obligation stage of its \$19.8m award from the American Rescue Plan Act. The Township will continue to report quarterly activity to the U.S. Department of Treasury as we complete and pay for those formally obligated projects through the end of 2026. Below is a summary of the major spending categories.

## Public Health (\$4,731,902)

- Brookline Park redevelopment
- Darby Creek Trail extension
- Lights at McDonald and Karakung Fields
- New sports facilities
- Fencing at various parks
- Safe Streets for All Study
- Programming for seniors
- Sidewalk installations

## Negative Economic Impacts (\$3,976,833)

- Aid to local businesses
- Parking Study
- Streetscaping projects
- Premium pay for essential Twp. employees

## Infrastructure (\$2,499,357)

- Stormwater Management
- Erosion Management
- Sanitary Sewer
- Streetscaping
- Parking lot

## Premium Pay (\$323,742)

## Administrative ( \$206)

## Revenue Replacement (\$8,308,250)

### Additional Funding For:

- Expanded parking at library
- ADA pedestrian improvements
- Safety and solar tinting at administrative building
- Skatium locker room renovations

### Public Works Investments:

- New roll-off truck
- Multi-hook system with snow plow
- Leaf vacuum
- Asphalt recycler
- Street sweeper

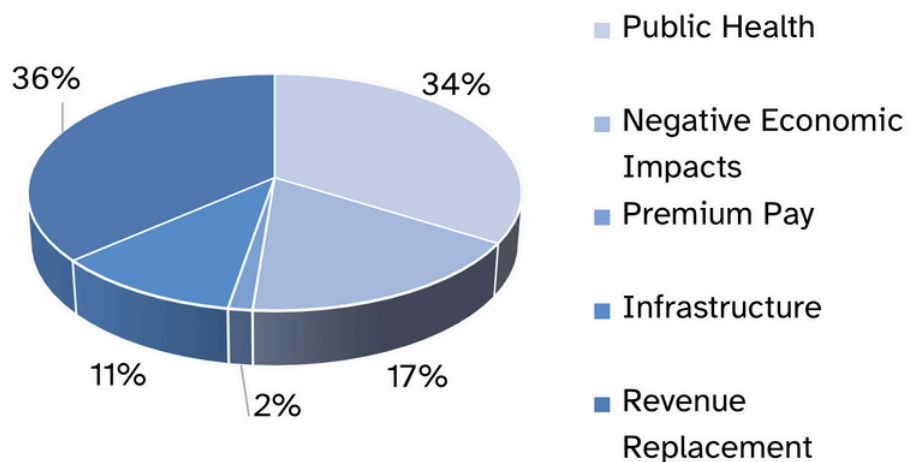
### Public Safety Investments:

- Police
  - Body cameras
  - Bicycle units
  - Vehicle recording systems
  - All-terrain vehicle
  - Speed trailers
  - Electric vehicles
- Fire
  - New fire apparatuses
  - New oxygen tanks

### General Government:

- Citizen Reporter
- New permit software

ARPA Fund Spending by Category





# Finance

While all departments with Haverford Township play important roles in the services the Township provide to residents, visitors and businesses, the Finance Department plays a special role and is entrusted with proper care and control of the community's financial resources. The dedicated staff of 4 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee wear many hats, and their success is attributed to their willingness and ability to work as a team. While most municipalities have an elected tax collector, here in Haverford Township, the Finance Department performs that function in-house. In January 2024, the Township issued 17,959 real estate tax, sewer and trash bills totaling \$37,171,740, with a collection rate of 99.1%!

**Average Tax Bill for 2024**

	Township Tax	County Tax	School Tax (2024-2025)	Total Tax
<b>Average Residential Assessment (\$346,434)</b>	\$1,525	\$1,091	\$6,546	\$9,162

## Where do my Township Tax Dollars Go?

The depth and quality of services provided to residents, visitors and businesses are largely funded through the general fund. Municipal services are shown below in relation to how much of the general fund is allocated to each category.

### Administration:

Administration, Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology

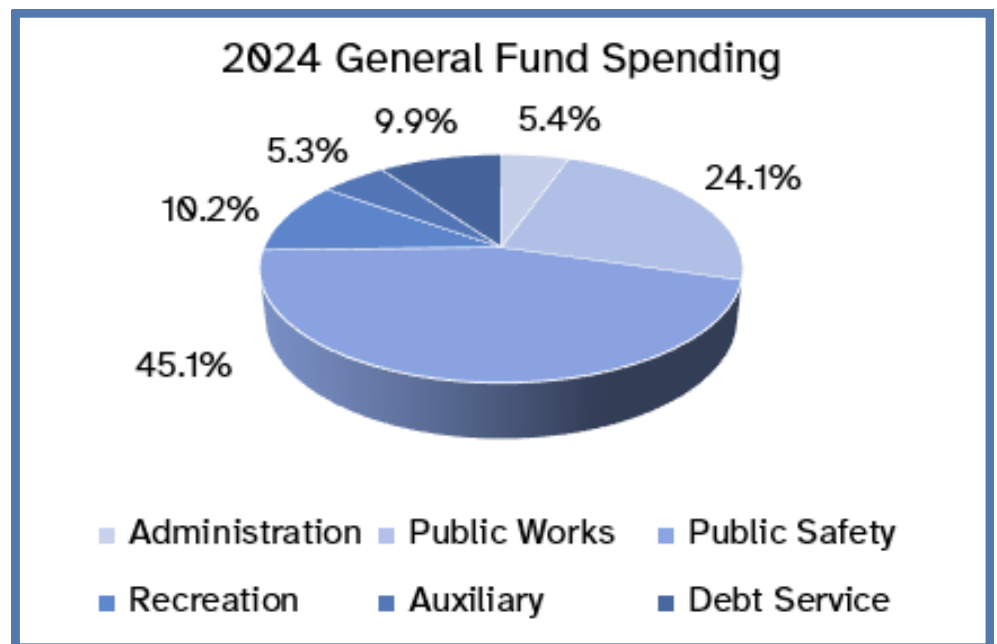
**Public Works:** Facilities, Highway, Sanitation, Street Lighting, and Snow Removal

**Public Safety:** Police, Fire, Ambulance, Code Enforcement, and Zoning/Land Development

**Recreation:** Parks, Recreation, and the Skatium

**Auxiliary:** Library, Historic Properties, Civilian Retiree/COBRA Health Costs, and Interfund

**Debt Service:** Principle and Interest Payments



## 2024 Financial Performance

In addition to property tax collection, department staff coordinates all capital financing, banking, revenue collection, vendor relations (processing over 7,500 invoices), and manages the business tax collection efforts in partnership with the Township’s appointed collector, Tri-State Financial Group. The combined efforts along with the entrepreneurial success of Haverford Township’s local businesses increased business tax collections in 2024 by 5.2%. Staff also manages the Township’s three pension plans covering over 375 retired and active, civilian and uniformed township employees.

Audited budget versus actual results for the general and sewer funds as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:

General Fund			
	Budgeted 2024	Actual 2024	Variance
Revenues	\$ 54,026,487	\$ 54,405,968	\$ 379,481
Expenditures	\$ 54,026,487	\$ 52,831,822	\$ 1,194,665
Net Fund Performance		\$ 1,574,146	
Sewer Fund			
	Budgeted 2024	Actual 2024	Variance
Revenues	\$ 5,199,167	\$ 5,499,614	\$ 300,447
Expenses	\$ 5,199,167	\$ 5,309,705	\$ (110,538)
Net Fund Performance		\$ 189,909	

Positive fund performance in the general fund was largely a result of better than expected investment returns, realty transfer tax, recreation program revenues, and business tax collections coupled with less than expected expenditures in major equipment due to continued supply chain issues, winter snow storms, and labor.

Positive fund performance in the sewer fund was also largely a result of higher than anticipated investment returns and higher than expected water usage which resulted in increased annual billings. On the expense side, treatment fees passed through Upper Darby Township increased dramatically over 2023 due to a new treatment agreement with the City of Philadelphia. Fortunately, both the use of ARPA monies for allowable construction projects, along with the capitalization of large scale purchases reduced expenses to end with a net positive for 2024.





# Emergency Medical Services

The Department of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continues to provide exceptional care to the residents of Haverford Township—and increasingly, to our neighboring communities. In 2024, the Township made significant investments to enhance EMS capabilities, ensuring faster, safer, and more effective emergency responses.

## Key Investments in EMS Equipment and Training

This year, there were 52 pieces of equipment purchased, from patient cots to Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). MICU 108A, one of the ambulances, was also refitted with more up-to-date technology. Finally, 20 CPR classes, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act monies, were held to empower the community with lifesaving skills, as a quick intervention during a cardiac emergency is key in survival.

## Improvements in Cardiac Arrest Survival Rates

The impact of these advancements is reflected in the significant improvements in cardiac arrest survival rates. With the deployment of CR2 AEDs, enhanced police training in Bag Valve Mask (BVM) respirators, and the continued implementation of high-performance CPR, our EMS staff are achieving remarkable results:

- 29.4% rate of Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC)
- 17.6% rate of Survival to Hospital Discharge (SHD)
- 33.3% SHD rate when CR2 AEDs were used

## A Commitment to the Future

Haverford Township continues to lead the way in emergency medical care, not only supporting our own residents but also assisting neighboring communities in need. With ongoing investments in EMS personnel, training, and equipment, we reaffirm our commitment to saving lives and providing the highest level of pre-hospital emergency care. By standing strong in the face of regional challenges, we ensure that Haverford Township remains a model for excellence in emergency medical services.





# Bureau of Fire

The mission of the Haverford Township Bureau of Fire is to minimize the loss of life and property through effective and efficient response to natural and man-made emergencies. This is achieved through planning, prevention through public education, pre-emergency assessment, and the effective use of human resources, technology, and equipment. The Haverford Township Bureau of Fire is made up of 5 fire companies: Bon Air, Brookline, Llanerch, Manoa and Oakmont.

In 2024, the Bureau of Fire responded to 911 total emergency incidents: 712 within Haverford Township and 199 in neighboring municipalities (mutual aid). This means that over 20% of calls were out of the Township. In all of 2024, there were only 32 days with no reported incidents!

## Total Calls by Station

Oakmont: 343

Llanerch: 278

Brookline: 326

Bon Air: 201

Manoa: 452

Note: the total calls by station reflects more than one station responding to the same alarm.

## Types of Alarms

Fire: 175

Explosion: 6

Rescue/EMS Assist: 39

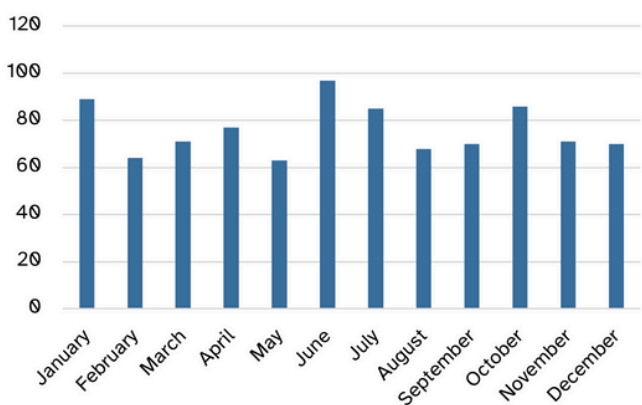
Hazardous Condition: 137

Service Call: 47

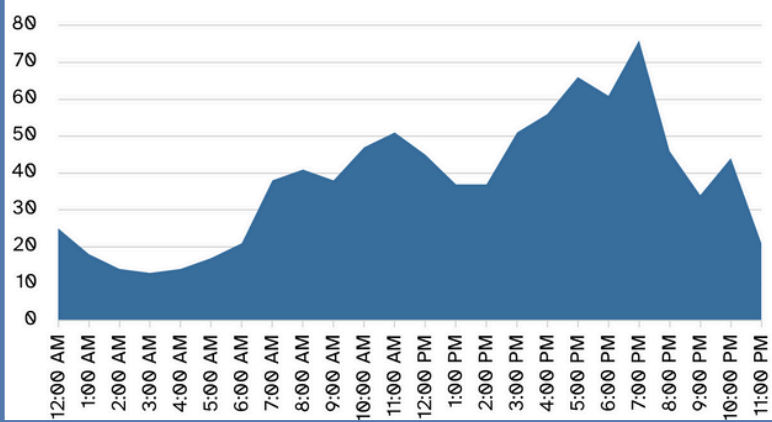
Good Intent: 181

False Alarm: 326

Total Calls by Month



Total Calls by Hour



In 2024, the Bureau of Fire dedicated 15,925 volunteer hours to emergency incidents and 7,938 volunteer hours to training. A total of 23,863 volunteer hours were spent away from family and friends to protect the residents of Haverford Township. In gratitude, the Township provides a 50% refund of annual Township property taxes paid by our volunteer firefighters.

## Fire Companies

Brookline Fire Co.  
Station 35

Founded in 1914  
Chief John Viola  
Pres. Herb Schmidt  
1315 Darby Rd.  
brooklinefire.org

Manoa Fire Co.  
Station 56

Founded in 1925  
Chief Michael E. Norman  
Pres. Robert Kane  
115 S. Eagle Rd.  
manoafire.org

Llanerch Fire Co.  
Station 34

Founded in 1913  
Chief William Baker  
Pres. Chris Connell  
207 W. Chester Pke.  
llanerchfire.org

Bon Air Fire Co.  
Station 58

Founded in 1918  
Chief Ed Irizarry  
Pres. Tom Boran, I.  
541 Royal Ave.  
bonairfire.org

Oakmont Fire Co.  
Station 38

Founded in 1912  
Chief William Hatton, Jr.  
Pres. Michael Kelly  
23 W. Benedict Ave.  
oakmontfire.org



# Police Department

This year, officers had members of Elwyn's Mobile Crisis Unit ride along with them, responding to calls and providing support to residents through mental health services. The crisis workers rode in the afternoon and evenings multiple times a week, and also were available to respond to scenes when they were not riding with an officer. The Mobile Crisis Unit continues to work with Haverford Township Police through a grant in conjunction with the Delaware County District Attorney's Office.

In May, Haverford Township Police began utilizing electronic ticketing software which not only reduced paper usage, but also increased efficiency of services by wirelessly transmitting information to court. This software is used for moving violations such as traffic stops.

In June, a Cardinal Foley student was honored as Police Chief for the day after winning a local contest. The student received a station tour with family and interacted with officers, but not before receiving some pretty cool police department swag.

Additionally, in June, several officers were certified as bicycle officers, and several others were re-certified as motorcycle officers. 2 electric police bicycles were placed in service along with the police bicycles already in use. Both bicycle and motorcycle officers are highly mobile and visible components of the department frequently interacting with members of the community.

National Night Out was held on August 6th, 2024, in the upper parking lot of at the Township Building. Hundreds of residents and citizens from surrounding communities interacted with local emergency service workers and got to check out emergency vehicles while enjoying local food, treats and games.

In September, Officer Anthony Patterson and his K9 Partner Winnie responded to Lower Merion Township for an armed carjacking. They recovered a gun which was discarded in the bushes at a home where numerous kids toys were in the yard close by. Officer Patterson and Winnie were later commended by Lower Merion Township for their response.

On September 11th, Sergeant Robert McCreight and Officer Brittany Afgan were honored for their service to the community by Philadelphia Phillie Kyle Schwarber's Neighborhood Hero's Team, an organization which honors local first responders. Sgt. McCreight has organized numerous games between Haverford High teams and Haverford Officers. Officer Afgan recently responded to a pediatric emergency and saved a juvenile with an airway obstruction.

In late September, Officer Thomas Murtha and his K9 Partner Dawkins completed extensive training and began patrolling the streets. Haverford Police Department thanks the Boscia family for their generous donation to establish this Police K9.

## Community Outreach

Haverford Township Police Department's Community Policing Unit (CPU) members and other department members participated in numerous events including 6 Coffee with a Cop Meetings, 2 YMCA block parties, 10 Cub or Girl Scout Station Tours, 2 career fairs, 2 adult classes, 3 summer camp visits, the National Night Out, and 2 Trunk or Treat Events. Additionally, members of the CPU instructed 64 classes at Cardinal Foley, SS Colman-John Neumann, and Sacred Heart School. Department members played Haverford High School Students in softball, football, and basketball games.

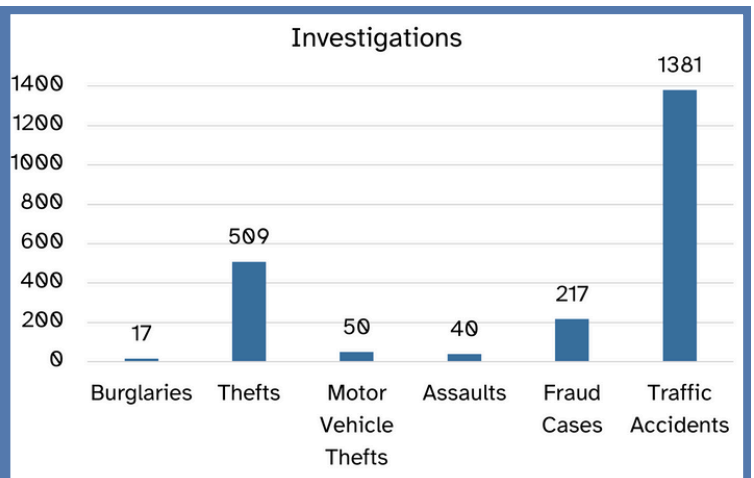
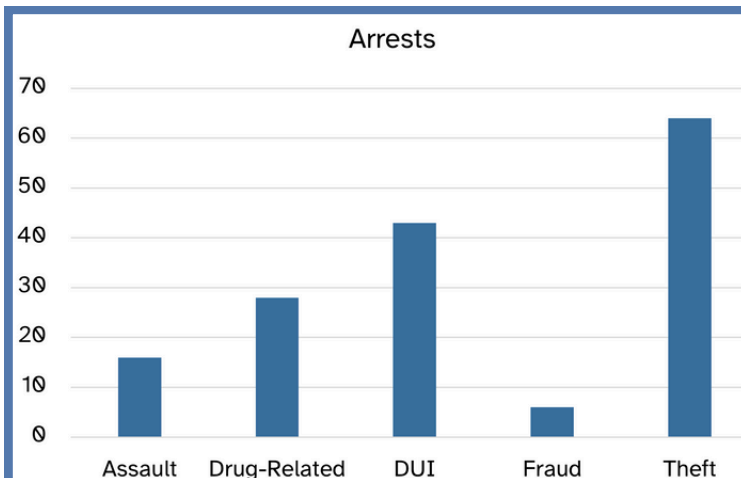


## Training

Members completed 6,453 training hours including mandatory firearm qualifications, defensive tactics, and annual Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) training.

The Township invests time and financial resources in our police training. Additional training sessions included Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and DUI checkpoint training, police cyclist basic training, K9 handler basic training, mobile phone technology and social media investigations, motorcycle officer recertification, and taser instructor recertification.

The SWAT Team trained with the Philadelphia Police Aviation Unit and the MIRT team (Major Incident Response Team) trained at Valley Forge National Park in Field Force Operations (Crowd Response and Control).



In 2024, the Haverford Township Police Department responded to 76,906 calls for service. HTPD also issued 1,801 e-tickets both in-person and through the mail.





# Parks & Recreation

## Recreation Department Programs

130 seasonal programs are offered for people ages 2 to 99. Programs include adult fitness classes, environmental programs, youth sports clinics, camps, and leagues, summer playground programs, nature and adventure camps, preschool programs, and special events.

- Summer playground program served 4,420 campers at seven locations
- Little Explorers preschool program had 54 students
- Special events— Haverford Township Day, which included a parade, 5K, marketplace, food courts, and bands on three stages. Other events included Earth Day, trail runs, and seasonal events – such as Pancakes with Santa, Monster Bash, and Hop n’ Hike

## Community Recreation & Environmental Center (CREC)

- The fitness center, walking track, and basketball and pickleball courts had 43,808 visitors
- CREC recreation programs had 12,759 participants
- CREC facilities held 243 private events, including birthday parties, weddings, showers, and anniversary parties
- Facilities also held 256 rental events for organizations, businesses, community groups, and service corps

## Parks, Trails, & Open Space

Haverford Township has 35 parks and open spaces that cover 479 acres. These parks include 32 ball fields, 22 playgrounds, 17 basketball courts, 18 pickle ball courts, 9 pavilions, a disc golf course, a dog park, and 15 miles of trails. 18 community organizations with 3,710 total participating residents used township fields for t-ball, baseball, softball, football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey. 354 student-athletes from the school district used the facilities at Haverford Reserve for varsity field hockey, soccer, softball, and lacrosse.

## Adopt-a-Trail/Park Program

In 2024, the Parks and Recreation Department started a volunteer program that allows the public to be active participants in preserving the beauty and recreational value of trails and parks within Haverford Township. Volunteers help us keep parks and trails clean, safe, maintained, and looking great so that everyone can enjoy them.

Community organizations, church groups, businesses, families and individuals all answered the call for help. Participants select an available park or trail, then we guide them and help plan the work.

Sincere thanks to Nolan Painting for giving back to the community through volunteer work with Pennsy Trail Adoption. Also, we want to thank various Civic groups for their contributions.



# Public Works

The Haverford Township Public Works Department carries out a variety of functions that can be divided into the following: facilities, sanitation, highways, sewer, mechanics, trees, and electrical. These divisions describe just a fraction of the department's role to make Haverford the clean, beautiful, and safe community we know and love.

## In 2024, our Sanitation Crew Collected...

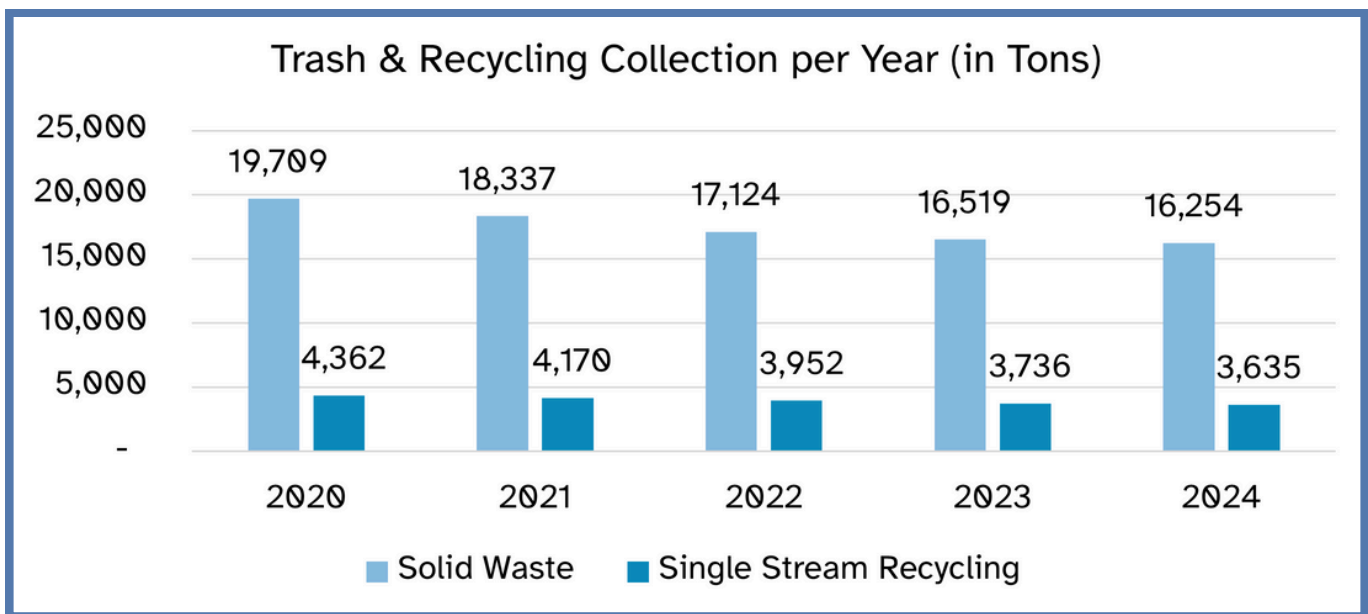
378.46 tons of brush

3.67 tons of bulk items

162.5 tons of leaves

3,634.9 tons of recycling

16,253.91 tons of trash





# Sustainability

## Climate Action Plan & Energy Audit

- Advanced plans for HTPD's solar installation
- Purchased 2 Chevy Blazer Electric Vehicles
- Installed 5 new dual-port charging stations for the Police Department and 2 for CREC
- Expanded specialty recycling opportunities, including, but not limited to, e-waste, paper shredding, glass, oral care, and bread bag tags
- Continued to provide numerous composting opportunities for residents with grant-funded projects
- Improved bikeability
- Worked with Penn State University Local Climate Action Plan to update Greenhouse Gas Inventory

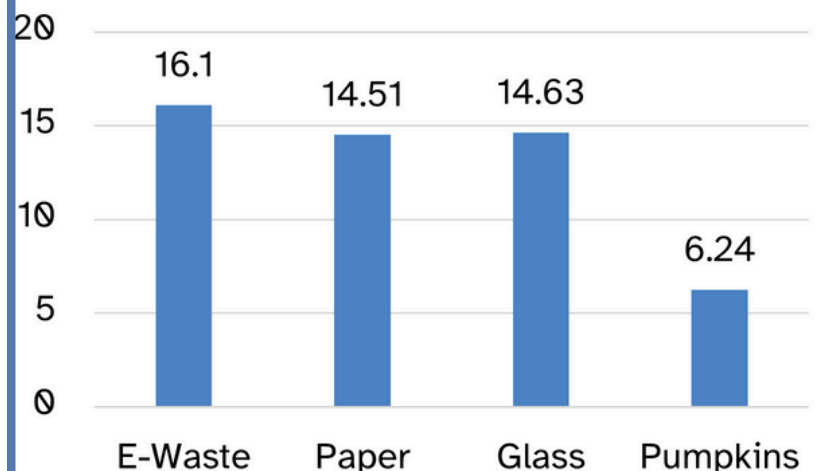
## Grant-Funded Projects

- Composting and Food Waste Reduction Grant - \$111,454
- Community and Watershed Forestry Grant - \$101,902
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - \$110,660
- Regional Trail Workshop Grant - \$4,050
- Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant - \$78,240
- Trees for Watersheds Grant - \$8,644
- \$12,475, and \$4,023 (\$25,143 total)

## Conservation Team

- Watershed Restoration
  - Completed 95% of the required planting for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community and Watershed Forestry Grant
  - Implemented 3 Trees for Watersheds Grants
  - Continued maintenance of existing riparian plantings
  - Began restoration of 4.1 acres along the Darby Creek/Darby Creek Trail
- Land Care
  - Expanded acreage of open space
  - Planted 8 "Native Nooks"
  - Installed living privacy screen along Pennsy Trail Extension
- Community Engagement
  - Held 14 Adopt-a-Park/Trail volunteer events
  - Hosted Earth Day Celebration
  - Hosted year-round events for both students and the community

## Specialty Recycling Collection (Tons)





# 2025 Important Dates

May 20 – Primary Elections

May 26 – Closed for Memorial Day

June 14 – Helpsy Clothing Drive

June 19 – Closed for Juneteenth

July 4 – Closed for Independence Day

August 5 – National Night Out

August 23 – Large E-Waste Event

August 30 – Summer Shredding Event

September 1 – Closed for Labor Day

October 4 – Haverford Township Day

October 13 – Closed for Columbus Day /

Indigenous Persons Day

November 4 – General Elections

November 11 – Closed for Veterans Day

November 27-28 – Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24 – Half Day for Christmas Eve

December 25 – Closed for Christmas Day

December 31 – Half Day for New Year's Eve





# Boards & Commissions 2025

## **Civil Service Commission**

Bernard McCabe  
Kathy Dawson  
Mark O'Connor  
Monet Reilly (alternate)

## **Human Relations Commission**

Melissa Chargel  
Jen Kegerise  
Jim Blumenstock  
Marie Occhiogrosso  
Rosalind Spiegel  
Sylvan Hurewitz

## **Senior Citizens Advisory Council**

Carla Rodgers, M.D.  
Christine McLaughlin  
Margaret Lang  
Peggy Murr  
Alan Letofsky  
Bruce Yasgur  
Diane Amadio  
Rita Waters  
Victor Barsky

## **Shade Tree Commission**

Doreen Alvarez-Saar  
Felicia Hurewitz  
James Stephens  
Pano Kalogeropoulos  
Edmond Krasniqi  
Andrew Mink  
Lindsey McMonagle

## **Library Board (Township Appointed)**

Deb Cella  
Deb Morely  
Phil Goldsmith

## **Health Advisory Board**

Peter Brodfuerher, PhD.  
Vaishali Bora, D.O.  
Kristen Hickerson  
Joe Bernstein, M.D.  
Katie Mechler, M.D.  
Susan Rubinstein  
Linda Mitchell  
Joseph Panzera, D.O.

## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

Noel Smyth  
William Hitchcock  
Joy Baxter  
Melisa Romano  
Victor Barsky  
Colette Bannan  
Peter Puglionesi  
Hank Schwab

## **Parks & Recreation Board**

Marc Merdinger  
Richard Caroto  
Christopher Bobbitt  
Steve Laughlin  
Sebastian Gressier  
Michelle Alvare  
Steve Young  
Paul Davit

## **Zoning Hearing Board**

Jesse Pointon  
William Rhodes  
Edward Magargee  
Jessica Vitali  
Robert Kane

## **RHM Sewer Authority (Township Appointed)**

F. Graham Lee  
Michael Stevens

## **Ice Rink Advisory Board**

Robert Cohen  
Kate Stickel  
Scot Lindelow  
Jeremy Beha  
Jason Brinn  
Adam Hayes  
Christine Seewagen  
Chris Viola  
Andrea Isaacson

## **Friends of the Grange (Township Appointed)**

Joe Rastatter  
Andrea Daniels  
Lisa Marie Camacho

## **Crossroads Figure Skating Club (Township Appointed)**

Christine Seewagen  
Sara Rochette  
Cassandra McNulty

## **Historical Commission**

Anthony Assetto  
Stacey Mattox  
Mark Hoffman  
Matthew Roy  
Keith Swift  
Bryan Ramona  
Suzanna Barucco  
Tim Lucci

## **Planning Commission**

Louis Montresor  
David Chanin  
Angelo Capuzzi  
Maggie Dobbs  
Stephen Welsh  
Victor Cortese  
Kimberly Juszak



# Your Representatives

## **U.S. Senators**

Sen. John Fetterman  
Sen. David McCormick

## **U.S. Representative**

Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon

## **PA Senator**

Sen. Amanda Cappelletti

## **PA Representative**

Rep. Greg Vitali

## **Delaware County Council**

Dr. Monica Taylor, Chair  
Richard R. Womack, Vice Chair  
Kevin M. Madden  
Elaine Paul Schaefer  
Christine A. Reuther

## **Haverford Township**

### **Board of Commissioners**

1st Ward: Brian Gondek, Esq.  
2nd Ward: Sheryl Foste-Grupp, PhD.  
3rd Ward: Kevin McCloskey, Esq., Vice President  
4th Ward: Judy Trombetta, President  
5th Ward: Laura Cavender  
6th Ward: Larry Holmes, Esq.  
7th Ward: Conor Quinn  
8th Ward: Gerard Hart, M.D.  
9th Ward: Michael McCollum



