

Haverford Township

Senior Citizen Advisory Council Meeting

Haverford Township Building (Room B), 1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA 19083

March 17, 2026 – 7:00-8:30 pm

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Peggy Murr, Vice Chair, Senior Citizen Advisory Council (HTSCAC)

Roll Call

Present: Council Vice Chair: Peggy Murr (Ward 4), Council Members: Maggie Burke-Maritsis (Ward 3), Alan Letofsky (Ward 5), Christine McLaughlin (Ward 2), Carla Rogers (Ward 1), Rita Waters (Ward 8), Bruce Yasgur (Ward 6); Eileen Mottola (Township Staff Liaison and Assistant Manager of Parks and Recreation), Conor Quinn (Commissioner - Ward 7)

Absent: Victor Barsky (Ward 9), Council Chair; Diane Amadio (Ward 7)

Public Comment – there was no public comment

Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2025 Meeting – Motion to approve / Seconded / Approved Unanimously

Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2026 Meeting – Motion to approve / Seconded / Approved Unanimously

Chairperson's Report – Vice Chair - Peggy Murr

Overview of Agenda

2026 Calendar of Haverford Township Senior Citizen Advisory Council Meetings (to be posted to HTSCAC website page) – January 20, February 17 (no quorum), March 17, April 21, May 19 (no meeting due to elections), June 16, July 21, August (no meeting), September 15, October 20, November 17, December (no meeting) – Motion to approve / Seconded / Approved Unanimously

Due diligence prior to endorsing any person or organization. It was repeated to be mindful of the necessary steps to be taken.

Old Business

Senior Night Out – Movie Night (February 25) at the CREC – HTSCAC did not move forward

with sponsoring the food for this event as there was not a quorum to approve the budget expense at the February HTSCAC meeting.

Property Alert article in HavaGood Times March publication (by Peggy Murr). Under the heading “Senior Moments”, the article highlighted the increasing concern of Deed fraud for senior citizens. Instructions for how you can register your property and sign up for e-mail alerts can be found at www.delaware.pa.publicsearch.us.

Narberth Ambulance Emergency “File of Life” medical information cards. Peggy Murr will coordinate with Victor Barsky to obtain these. Peggy suggested that Officer McCann (EMS) would likely be a source for these cards. They should be distributed at functions such as senior citizen events, CPR training, etc.

ElderNet opportunity in Haverford Township – Victor Barsky had discussed this with the ElderNet Director, who is willing to raise this request again at their ElderNet 3/17 Board Meeting. At tonight’s 3/17 HTSCAC meeting, the attendees felt that this had already been raised a number of times and Conor Quinn noted that there is not any budget currently available for this possibility and will discuss with Victor. Peggy Murr is on an advisory council to COSA, which is a similar organization that already serves Delaware County.

New Business

Short and long-term project planning – topics, budgets, subcommittees – for example: senior community outreach (activities, events, communications, needs). Looking back at HTSCAC survey results. – This was not discussed as a comprehensive standalone topic but integrated with other individual topics.

Havertown Township Free Library – The new Library Director, Maryanne Olson, will attend the April 21 HTSCAC meeting to discuss activity suggestions for seniors. It was noted that despite many offerings at the library, few were tailored to male interests. HTSCAC members noted that there does seem to be good male attendance at other township events, like Discover Haverford restaurant outings, movie showings and senior nights out at the CREC.

Senior Night Out – Board Games and Puzzles (March 25, 6-8pm) at the CREC – HTSCAC decided to defer sponsoring food at a Senior Night Out until the Fall. Motion to approve Seconded / Approved Unanimously

Senior Night Out – Pot Luck Dinner and Trivia at the CREC (April 22, 6-8pm) – as this is a pot luck dinner there is not a need for HTSCAC to sponsor food for this event.

Branding the HTSCAC activities and accomplishments – Maggie Burke-Maritsis raised the topic of awareness of the brand of HTSCAC. The members discussed some ways to consistently represent who we are. Author name and council name should be included and appear together for articles, etc. Graphics should also be tied to the name of the council. When printed articles are shortened due to space constraints, such as those from Peggy Murr and Carla Rogers, a hyperlink to the full articles should be encouraged to provide seniors the full benefit.

Sponsorships or activities generated by the HTSCAC should also be highlighted by including

the council's name. Members are considering future topics for articles in HavaGood Times including a possible article about COSA. The next article is due in July.

Area of general concern – ICE action on January 30, 2026 – Carla Rodgers updated the council about recent ICE activity on the Lower Merion Township side of the border with Haverford Township, near Penn Wynn Library. Eight ICE agents detained 2 individuals in a truck. Lower Merion Police advised that ICE must have a judicial warrant, but they do not have to show the warrant. They must have a search warrant to enter a home. It was recommended by LM Police to record an incident, call 911, and police will intervene between an individual and ICE. Pennsylvania Senator Amanda Cappelletti is working on this issue overall. Of note, 300 individuals have been arrested in Delco so far. There was a representative from Capelletti's office who said they need more lawyers because everyone represented in 3rd district federal court has gotten relief when represented by an attorney. The representative emphasized it was 100% relief, but attorney access is difficult. Peggy Murr noted a good resource on Facebook to follow for information is Project Libertad, which is run by an immigration lawyer.

Emergency CPR Training for seniors – HTSCAC members would like to discuss training sessions with Officer McCann (EMS) and hold the training at either the CREC or the Haverford Township Building. Certifications would be provided and the Narberth Ambulance "File of Life" should be available for distribution at this event. Motion to approve / Seconded / Approved Unanimously

Haverford Township Day – October 3, 2026 – The HTSCAC members felt that manning a solo booth is too labor intensive but would like to partner with the Commissioners' booth to include pamphlets or materials for senior attendees to pick up. Motion to approve / Seconded / Approved Unanimously

Downsizing belongings for senior citizens – The HTSCAC supported paring this with other township activities, such as electronics disposal and paper shedding, but not as a standalone effort.

Social Media groups – Though harsh or negative comments on local social media sites may impact the willingness of seniors to engage, the HTSCAC noted that individuals posting such comments have the right of free speech.

HTSCAC member change – Carla Rogers advised that she will be joining the Haverford Township Healthcare Advisory Board and that the HTSCAC April meeting will be her last meeting with this group. Commissioner Gerry Hart has asked Carla to serve as a Healthcare Advisory Board liaison to the Senior Citizens Advisory Council. Carla will come to HTSCAC meetings once or twice a year to update the Council and get suggestions. Congratulations to Carla!

Cross-generational outreach – Alan Letofsky suggested engaging with students to teach about career opportunities. For example, Alan would be willing to give a talk about his expertise in corporate law. It was noted that anyone can attend school board meetings to raise such a topic.

Discover Haverford – It was noted that there is a page on the township website that reflects discounts available to seniors in the township, but it appears it needs to be updated with additional offerings.

Main Point Documentary at the Kelly Center – The recent two shows at the Kelly Center were sold out and feedback is that the documentary was very well received. Peggy Murr advised that she has spoken with the Kelly Center about possibly partnering with HTSCAC for another showing and will come back to the council with future information. This documentary resonates with senior citizens.

The meeting was adjourned by Peggy Murr at 8:14 pm. Motion to adjourn / Seconded / Approved Unanimously