



# Haverford Township Historical Society



## OLDEST HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP INSTITUTIONS

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Here we present a list of currently active organizations and entities that have had a long history in Haverford Township. The first section below lists and numbers institutions, starting with the township itself, that have been here for a century or more. The sections following the first sections list in date order “up and coming” organizations of which we are aware.

This list is most likely not complete – if you want to nominate a still-active Haverford Township institution that you believe qualifies to be added, please contact the Historical Society and provide the name and historical information that you have.

### 100 Years or More (1922 or earlier)

1. Township of Haverford (1682) (established by William Penn) (incorporated as First Class Twp. 1912)
2. Old Haverford Friends Meeting (1688) (first building of worship built in township)
3. St. Dennis Church (1825) / St. Denis Church (1865) (first permanent Roman Catholic church in Delaware County)
4. Bethesda Methodist (1832) / Ebenezer Methodist (1942) / Hope United Methodist Church (2004)
5. Haverford School Association (1833) / Haverford College (1856) (first Quaker institution of higher education in U.S.)
6. Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad (1834) / Pennsylvania Railroad (1857) / Penn Central Railroad (1968) / Amtrak (1976)
7. Haverford Friends Meeting (Buck Lane) (1834)
8. Haverford Township School District (1834?)
9. Friends School Haverford (1885)
10. Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Co. (1895) / Philadelphia Suburban Transportation Co. (“Red Arrow Lines”) (1936) / Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) (1970)
11. Merion Cricket Golf Club Association (1896) / Merion Golf Club (1941)
12. Delaware County Country Club (1901) / Delaware County Field Club (1904) / Bon Air Country Club (1914) / Llanerch Country Club (1919)
13. Eureka Light, Heat and Power Co. (1901) / Counties Gas and Electric Co. (by 1915) / Philadelphia Electric Co. (PECO) (1929)
14. Citizen’s Water Company of Haverford Township (1901) / Springfield Water Co. (1901) / Phila. Suburban Water Co. (1925) / Penna. Suburban Water Co. (2002) / Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. (2004)
15. Trinity Lutheran Church (by 1902)
16. Philadelphia & Western Railway (1907) / Philadelphia Suburban Transportation Co. (1954) / Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) (1970)
17. Grace Chapel (1908)
18. Llanerch Presbyterian Church (1909)
19. Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania (1907) / Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania, Inc. (1994) / Verizon Pennsylvania (2000)
20. Oakmont Fire Company No. 1 (1912) / Station 38 (2008)

21. Llanerch Fire Company No. 2 (1913) / Station 34 (2008)
22. Brookline Fire Company No. 3 (1914) / Station 35 (2008)
23. Brookline Methodist Episcopal Church (1916) / Union Methodist Church in Brookline (1945) / Union United Methodist Church (1968)
24. Temple Lutheran Church (1916)
25. Penfield Civic Association (1916)
26. Haverford Township Bureau of Police / Police Department (1916)
27. Bon Air Civic Association and Fire Company (1918) / Company No. 4 (1936) / Station 58 (2008)
28. American Legion Nunan-Slook Post 338 (1919)

75 Years up to 100 Years (1923-1947)

29. St. Denis School (1924) / Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary School (1928) / Cardinal John Foley Regional Catholic School (2012)
30. Eagle Precinct Fire Association (1925) / Manoa Fire Company No. 5 (19xx) / Station 56 (2008)
31. Sacred Heart Church (1927)
32. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (1927)
33. Haverford Township Fire Chiefs Association (1928)
34. Sacred Heart Catholic School (1928)
35. Stretch Funeral Home (1928/1930)
36. American Legion Manoa Post 667 (1929)
37. U.S. Post Office Department (1929 Llanerch & 1946 Havertown - both branches of Upper Darby) / U.S. Postal Service (1971)
38. Wagner Real Estate (1930)
39. Nevil Memorial Church of St. George (1932)
40. St. Faith Episcopal Church (1932)
41. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (1934)
42. Haverford Township Free Library (1934)
43. The Church of God in Christ of Montgomery and Delaware County / Memorial Church of God in Christ (1934)
44. Main Line Art Center (1937)
45. Haverford Township Historical Society (1939)
46. Westgate Hills Civic Association (1939)
47. Manoa Community Church (1940)
48. Haverford Township Civic Council (1941)
49. Bailey & Izett, Inc. (1946) / Izett Golf (19xx)
50. Bon Air Fire Company No. 4 (1947) / Station 58 (2008) (formerly part of Bon Air Civic Association)

50 to 75 Years (1948-1972; list presumed to be incomplete)

51. Bethany Evangelical Church (1949)
52. Manoa Shopping Center (1949)
53. Coopertown Civic Association (1952)
54. Llanerch Civic Association (1952)
55. Iacobucci Formal Wear (1954)
56. Taddeo's Greenhouses (1954)
57. Blessed Raphaela Mary Retreat House / St. Raphaela Center (Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) (1957)
58. Haverford Township Adult School (1957)
59. Wynnewood Lanes (1962)
60. Hilltop Civic Association (1963)

61. Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church (1964)
62. Karakung Swim Club (1964)
63. Bryn Mawr Terrace Convalescent Center (1966)
64. St. John Neumann Parish (1967)
65. Ss. Colman-John Neumann School (1967)
66. Radnor-Haverford-Marple Sewer Authority (1967)

Church of the Holy Apostles (Beechwood)  
Havertown Seventh-day Adventist Church (Township Line Road)

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