



# Haverford 7<sup>th</sup> Ward EXTRA!

From Larry Chrzan for 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner

## Hello 7<sup>th</sup> Ward!

As I sat in the January 2011 Commissioners meeting and saw current 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner Jim McGarrity do everything he could to try to stop or delay the anti-discrimination ordinance, I knew that I wanted to be represented by a Commissioner who would stand **against** discrimination and **for** the civil rights of all our residents. And I knew it would be worth the time and effort to try to be that Commissioner.

In case you didn't know, the anti-discrimination ordinance did pass, I spoke in favor of it, and McGarrity voted against it.

## Campaign Finance Challenge

At the March 2011 Commissioners meeting, I issued a challenge to all Commissioner candidates to refuse both direct and indirect campaign contributions from people who do business with the Township and from outside political action committees (PACs). While these contributions are not illegal, I believe they undermine the spirit of fair elections and good government, especially on the local level. Not taking such contributions eliminates all perception of pay-to-play so that no Commissioner is indebted to any contributor when it's time to award a contract or a job.



**I pledge that I will not take money from these sources and if elected, I never will.**

20 year incumbent Commissioner McGarrity did not respond directly to this challenge, but he has a long, documented track record of taking contributions from people who do business with Haverford Township and outside PACs. See [www.larrychrzan.com/voterinfo](http://www.larrychrzan.com/voterinfo) for details.



As your 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner, the main action items that I will work on are:

- **Planning** - Now and for the Future
- **Fiscal Oversight** - Use Your Tax Dollars Effectively
- **Upgrade & Modernize our Township Services & Constituent Services**
- **End "Business-as-Usual"** - Stop Cronyism, Favoritism, "Pay-to-Play"

Many of you supported me in 2007 and I thank you for your support. In 2007 there was a huge turnout and I received more votes than the winners in some of the other Commissioner races that year. This time, I'm running again, to be the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner who will work for a better future and help use your tax dollars more effectively. **I ask for your vote and your support** to do that.

Thanks,  
Larry

## Want to Help the Chrzan Campaign?

There are a few simple things that you can do that will be very helpful, effective and greatly appreciated:

- **Put up a Chrzan lawn sign in October** - let me know if you want a lawn sign. We deliver the signs and pick-up the day after the election.
- **Help distribute literature** - Can you do 3 or 4 blocks in your neighborhood? It takes about an hour of your time.
- **Walk with me to knock on your neighbors doors.**
- **Be a greeter** at the polls on Election Day.
- **Make a contribution** - all of my support comes from people like you, not people who do business with the Township or PACs. It's easy:
  - Contribute online at [www.LarryChrzan.com/Contribute](http://www.LarryChrzan.com/Contribute)
  - Send a check made out to "Chrzan for the 7th Ward" to 408 Strathmore Road, Havertown, PA 19083



Contact Larry at [larry@larrychrzan.com](mailto:larry@larrychrzan.com) or call 484-410-9597 if you would like to help in any way.

## Haverford Democrats Annual Picnic Featuring a Pig Roast and Softball Game



**Saturday Sept 10, 2011**  
4:30 - 9:30 PM

317 Merrybrook Drive, Havertown near Paddock Park  
\$35/family, \$15/adult

Visit [www.HaverfordDemocrats.com](http://www.HaverfordDemocrats.com) for more details or  
Call Larry at 484-410-9597 for tickets.

**Save the Date -  
Haverford Township Day is Saturday Oct 1!  
March in the parade with the  
Chrzan for Change campaign supporters**

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## From the Larry Chrzan for 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner Campaign



### What's A Commissioner Supposed To Do?

When I tell people who are not from Haverford Township that I'm running for Commissioner, they ask me: "What does a Commissioner do?" And I've been involved in local politics for the past 10 years and I keep trying to figure out - What is a Commissioner in Haverford Township supposed to do?

As I see it, the job of a Commissioner has three main priorities:

- Planning for the Future of our Township
- Overseeing the Township Finances
- Constituent Services - Making Sure that Township Services System are Effective and Efficient

What I've seen a lot of - from the current 20-year incumbent 7th Ward Commissioner McGarrity and other Commissioners - is almost a complete focus personally delivering and taking credit for constituent services.

### Planning

What I have seen in the past decade is a lot of ad-hoc activity and tactics, but little in the way of planning and strategic action. A recent exception to two decades of lack of attention is the June 13, 2011 Master Facilities Plan in the Report of the Property Committee of the Haverford Township Board of Commissioners June 13, 2011. This report describes the deterioration of the Township's buildings - particularly the Township Administration building, the Police building and the Public Works facilities. Further, the recommendations of previous plans have been ignored - that's why our Township's buildings have been in bad shape for decades!

**Why do you care? The cost of maintaining deteriorating facilities is very expensive and is more expensive in the long run.** Commissioners must have the courage to make good long-term decisions that will benefit taxpayers now and in the future.

Commissioners who are elected by ward have to have a Township-wide view, not just tunnel-vision in their own ward, worried about their own re-election.



**The Haverford Township Plan was created over 20 years ago**, in 1988 to be exact. And while it may have been updated to fulfill the letter of the law, a comprehensive strategic plan for Haverford Township has not been effectively used.

According to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code (Act of 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247 as reenacted and amended),

"A municipal or multi-municipal comprehensive plan (MPC) shall be reviewed at least every 10 years and sent to contiguous municipalities, the Center for Local Government Services, and the county planning commission."

The MPC has many purposes: to accomplish coordinated development; to guide uses of land, structures, streets, and public facilities; to promote preservation of natural and historic resources; to encourage revitalization of urban centers; to promote the conservation of energy through the use of planning practices and to promote the effective utilization of renewable energy sources; to encourage consistency of plans and zoning, to promote small business development and a business-friendly environment; to

encourage consistency of comprehensive plans and land use regulations, and more.

View the Haverford Township Master Facilities Plan documents on <http://4haverford.com>. Visit the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code website at <http://mpc.landuselawinpa.com>.

### Finances

Haverford Township has about a \$35 million annual budget. **Financial planning and oversight of this budget is a critical function for Commissioners.** The Township has financial professionals and administrators on staff to handle the day-to-day operations of the Township. **But it's up to the Board of Commissioners to set the tone and direction for Township finances.** Commissioners award contracts that have a financial impact on the taxpayers. Commissioners approve the budget and set the tax rates. All of these things have a direct impact on the Township and its taxpayers.



To be able to do this, a Commissioner has to have financial skills to be able to understand these financial activities and make good decisions. And a Commissioner has to be able to tie these financial skills with the long-term planning skills to effectively guide the township. Finally, a Commissioner must act on best judgment and not be influenced by campaign contributors or political machines that inherently act primarily in their own interest, not the interest of the taxpayers.



### Constituent Services

Haverford Township has a good staff to provide services to residents. But for years, Haverford Township Commissioners have made it their business to personally control the dispensing of Township services, then take credit for the delivery of those services, thus insuring their own re-election. This is self-serving and deceptive - the taxpayers have already paid for and deserve the services without having to go through a Commissioner to get them. Taxpayers should get the services they have paid for without having to be registered in any political party and without having to pledge loyalty to a Commissioner. And if a Commissioner is getting services for some residents that they shouldn't get, then the rest of the taxpayers are subsidizing those "favors". Those recycling bins aren't free!



**What a Commissioner should work on is making sure the Township's SYSTEMS for delivering services are equitable, operate in a cost effective manner, and work efficiently.** A Commissioner should make sure Public Works is managed well but not try to manage it himself. A Commissioner needs to get involved if someone is not getting the services they deserve and pay for with their taxes, not be the first point of contact to request those services.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Debate Challenge - Want to see your candidates debate in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward?

In 2007 I challenged Jim McGarrity to a debate with just us two 7<sup>th</sup> Ward candidates. He refused.

I issue the same challenge for a 7<sup>th</sup> Ward debate in 2011.

If you see Jim McGarrity, ask him to debate the issues with me this fall.