



# TOWN OF HAVERHILL

A Publication from the  
Town of Haverhill

**MARCH 2009**

**!!! Save this Date !!!  
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

**Event:** Annual Town Picnic  
**Where:** Haverhill Picnic Area  
Town of Haverhill  
4585 Charlotte Street  
Haverhill, FL 33417  
**Start Time:** Beginning @ 11:00 AM to ???



**Come for the food, the games and the prizes but above all come for the social aspect; meet your Town Council, Town Staff, new neighbors and/or re-acquaint yourself with those you already know. Visit the community booths and come for the pure enjoyment!!!**



***This event is free to all Town of Haverhill Residents***

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**Go to our renovated  
website for more  
Election information.**

**[www.townofhaverhill-  
fl.gov](http://www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov)**

**We welcome your  
comments on the new  
website.**

## Town of Haverhill Municipal Election Tuesday, March 10, 2009

The Town of Haverhill will hold its **Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 10, 2009** to elect a Council Member for Seat 5 (Seat V) for a (2) two year term. Electors of precincts 2052, 2053, 6122, and 6124 are qualified to vote in the Municipal Election.

**The polls will be open from  
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
4585 Charlotte Street  
Haverhill, FL 33417**

Voters will also be asked to vote on the following referendum question:

### Town of Haverhill Charter Amendment Council-Administrator Form of Government

Shall the Town of Haverhill amend its charter to provide for a Council-Administrator form of government whereby a Town Administrator would handle the administrative duties of the Town and the Mayor and Vice-Mayor shall be appointed from among the five Council Members?"

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### QUESTIONS?

If you still have questions about the Charter Referendum, Town Council Members will be available during the March 7, 2009 picnic to answer questions. At 12:30 p.m., Council will hold an open forum in Council Chambers to explain the amendment in detail.

*(Please see page 2 for more information.)*





## VOTE Tuesday, March 10, 2009

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, voters of the Town of Haverhill will have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the Town's present Charter. The referendum question on the ballot will read as follows:

### REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

#### TOWN OF HAVERHILL CHARTER AMENDMENT COUNCIL-AMENDMENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT

**SHALL THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL AMEND ITS CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHEREBY A TOWN ADMINISTRATOR WOULD HANDLE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES OF THE TOWN AND THE MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG THE FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS?**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES                      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

In an effort to help you understand the effect of this amendment, the Town Council has prepared the following:

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

##### Why do we need this change?

In the present Charter, the Mayor serves as the Chief Administrative officer for the Town. History has proven that because all Mayors were part-time, the bulk of the Administrative tasks were left to the Town Clerk. Realizing this, the Town Council felt it time to amend the Charter to reflect how the Town has been operating. The day to day operations of the Town of Haverhill should be in the hands of an experienced Administrator based on their ability and not on an elected official based on politics.

##### How will the residents of Haverhill benefit?

The residents will have a Chief Administrative Officer that has experience and the expertise to run the day to day affairs of the Town. There would also be an annual savings of \$12,000, the amount paid to the elected Mayor.

##### I prefer to elect my own Mayor – will I still be able to voice my opinion to the Town Council?

Yes! Even more so, although an elected position, the current Mayor for the Town of Haverhill is unable to vote on any matters that come before the Town Council. By dealing with the Town Council directly, you will have voting representation on the Town Council.

##### Will the Town of Haverhill still have a Mayor?

Yes. If the Charter change is approved, the present title of Council President would become Mayor, and the Vice President would become Vice Mayor, appointed annually among the five Council Members. The Mayor would preside over Town Council meetings and would serve as the ceremonial representative of the Town.

##### Will the Town save money?

Yes. In addition to saving the annual salary of \$12,000, savings will be realized in reduced operation costs, increased efficiency and productivity, improved revenue collection and effective use of technology.



### The Town of Haverhill

#### Building Department and Permits

Hours are

**1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### Garage



### Sale?

Permits must be obtained from the Building Department for all Yard and Garage sales. There is no fee but only three sales are allowed each year.

#### **VOTER EDUCATION**

Stop by Town Hall for an opportunity to try the voting equipment prior to Election Day. Cast a sample ballot for a demonstration on the optical scan unit!!

#### GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town Council would like to encourage our residents to be involved with one of the following committees:

- Annexation Committee
- Beautification Committee
- Charter Review Committee
- Comprehensive Land Use Committee
- Emergency Management Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Safety Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Zoning Commission Committee

If you are interested, please contact the Clerks Office at (561) 689-0370 ext 22.



### PROTECT YOUR PERIMETER

Advice from Palm Beach County Sheriff's office



- Secure windows/doors
- Keep perimeter well lit
- Lock vehicles in driveway
- Motion sensors/alarms
- DO NOT hide spare keys outside
- Timers for interior lighting
- Security cameras
- Use deadbolts Grade 2 or higher
- Trim hedges/shrubs
- Don't advertise your absence
- Plant thorny shrubbery near window

## VIAL OF LIFE

**Councilman Jerry Beavers** recently obtained information about a program that is available to all residents, which might literally save your life - or the life of someone in your household. The name of the program is "Vial of Life". This program was developed specifically to assist emergency medical caregivers in the event that the person was unable to speak or speak coherently (such as in the case of a stroke) to provide the information himself.

There is a form on which you list critical medical information such as allergies, current prescriptions you are taking, and any other information that would be of immediate help to paramedics or emergency room personnel concerning your treatment. This form goes into a clear zip-lock bag, and hangs on your refrigerator via a magnet. The form is in a PDF format and it can be filled out on line and printed. It is in English and Spanish and will soon be available in Creole. The web site link is:

[http://www.pbcfr.org/vial\\_of\\_life.asp?form=YES&locale=en](http://www.pbcfr.org/vial_of_life.asp?form=YES&locale=en) English version

[http://www.pbcfr.org/vial\\_of\\_life.asp?form=YES&locale=es](http://www.pbcfr.org/vial_of_life.asp?form=YES&locale=es) Spanish version

You can also find it by going to Fire Rescue's home page which is: [www.pbcfr.org](http://www.pbcfr.org), select "Information about the Community", then on the left side under "Helpful Links" select "Vial of Life". That will take you directly to the form.

**BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS—CLUB ROAD SIDEWALK**

The Town Council is moving forward with the first phase of a town wide pedestrian walkway system that will interconnect residential neighborhoods with the Haverhill Park and other thoroughfares throughout the Town.

Phase One will be taking place on Club Road. The design phase is just about completed and we are looking forward to pre construction activities. The proposed walkway will run along the south side of Club Road from Haverhill Road to the entrance of Club Road Estates. There will be a cross walk from the south to the north side of Club Road at the southern access to the park.

These improvements will provide a safe walkway for the children along Club Road to and from the bus stop at the intersection of Club Road and Haverhill Road. It will also provide a looped walkway along Club Road, Haverhill Road, Belvedere Road, through Haverhill Park and back to Club Road.

The next phase of this project calls for the beautification and streetscape of this path as it meanders along Club, Belvedere and Haverhill Roads. In addition to funding this project with Capital Improvement funds set aside in each budget year, the Town is applying for grants through the State of Florida.

For more information, or to review the proposed plans, please stop by the Town Hall, or contact the Clerk's office at 689-0370.



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Note: For more information on other events around the County visit the PBC Convention & Visitors Bureau at:  
[www.palmbeachfl.com](http://www.palmbeachfl.com)