



## Human Relations Commission Agenda August 26, 2025

As we plan for distribution of our new HRC information cards, we should anticipate and prepare for any indifference, defensiveness or hesitancy. To start our discussion, I made a list of things to think about and information to include when we share the cards.

- who HRC is and what we do (I think we can paraphrase the language Paula has on the card)
- what/why of card distribution:
  - We are distributing to all businesses & places of worship in the borough as a service for everyone
  - All info a person needs is on the card - you need not get involved
  - We know you and your staff are always courteous so this is not personal - a person may feel discriminated against elsewhere in the borough then see the card at your business, so you're providing a service
  - please keep and/or post in a visible location
  - Questions?
  - Thanks!

I have tried unsuccessfully to get an accurate list of businesses, services and places of worship in the borough. The lists on the borough website are fractured and inaccurate (I got a list of 65, with many places missing). If you want to have a look, go to [boroughofnewtown.com](http://boroughofnewtown.com), go to the Community tab and choose Links.

I found a couple of Borough maps: one is [here](#) and another on page 2 [here](#).

Also, how do we want to get information and cards to the police department? As a courtesy, should we start with the chief and tell him what we're doing? Then give him cards and let him direct his team to refer people to our material?

Since our whole point is to be inclusive, should we also talk to the fire department? People may not report discrimination to them, but they may experience it... Anyone else?

I noticed that the old form is still on the Borough of Newtown website, still buried under the link for Forms. We need to either have the link deleted, or replace the form with our new one. Once we decide, whom do we contact for this?