

THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

April 2002

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Township School Election for new board members and for the 2002-2003 budget** is scheduled at the Municipal Building (Kirby Hall) for **Tuesday, April 16 from 2 PM to 9 PM**. Please see School Board report below for details.

The **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE** will be discussing the proposed ordinance for the **regulation of accessory residences and structures at its next meeting, Wednesday April 17, 8 PM**. If possible, please attend. The Township Committee wants to let you know about the proposed changes to the law and its implications to the Town. Your attendance is encouraged, as major changes are coming, including enforcement of the current law.

The current ordinance permits an accessory residence in the R-1 zone of at least 6 acres, restricted to immediate family members domestic employees and/or temporary guests. However, the Township Committee and the Planning Board are aware that occupancy restrictions are not currently enforced. No special township approval is needed beyond the building permit. The proposed ordinance would treat accessory residences as a conditional use, and impose a 1200 ft² and max 2-bedroom size; they would fall under the site plan review and approval powers of the Planning Board. One major concern to the Township is the enforcement of any changed ordinance to new and existing residences. Due to the lack of enforcement of the current statute, residents may not be aware of the restrictions that apply to accessory residences, and the Township hopes that publicity to the issue will encourage voluntary compliance with the existing code. The Township has a legal opinion that accessory residences are not "grand fathered" unless they were in existence prior to 1930.

Pedals for Progress Bicycle Collection, Sunday April 14, 12 noon to 3 PM

sponsored by the New Vernon Presbyterian Church and Harding Boy Scout Troop 43. Bring your used bikes, any size, to the church parking lot. If you need help, call the Bechts, 973 425 9119.

Calling all Dreamers, for a Harding Women's Softball Team Here's a great opportunity to do what you've been promising yourself and have a good time too. A Harding Women's Softball Team is organizing, practice to begin in early June, will meet every Tuesday 5:30-8 PM, to first week of August. Flexibility regarding your vacation schedule, but you must **call 973 455 0455, Colleen Ercole to sign up, by April 21.**

The Garden Club The New Vernon Garden Club will present a "Patriotic" Standard Flower Show on **Tuesday, May 14 from 12 to 3** at the Church of Christ the King in New Vernon. The show is entitled "God Bless America, God Bless our Gardens." A "standard flower show" is the official title of a flower show conforming to standards established by the National Garden Clubs, Inc.. Both design and horticulture will be on display. The public is invited. Admission is free. Donations will help support the work of the New Vernon Garden Club in the community. For further information, please call 973-644 3687. Please read about the other Garden Club activities in this issue, below.

The Harding Township Republican Club and the Republican Committee invite Harding residents to tour the Barbara Ridder Irwin Canine Training Center on West Hanover Avenue, Morris Township on **Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 PM**. Sheriff Ed Rochford and officers in the Emergency Services Unit will conduct the tour of the new facility named for Harding's Barbara Irwin. Guests will also see a demonstration by the officers and their highly trained canines. Directions: Speedwell Avenue to Morris Plains, left onto West Hanover Avenue. Proceed to entrance of County facilities on left. For information, please call 973-377-3048.

The Deadline for the Harding Township Civic Association Essay Contest 2002, is FRIDAY May 3 2002 The theme for the contest: ***What makes a Hero and Why?***

All resident school age children are eligible to enter, not only those attending Harding School. The essay which can be 1-3 pages, should be sent to the Civic Association, Box 72, New Vernon NJ 07976. The winners are selected from among the elementary and middle school age groups: Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. Each winner will receive a US Savings Bond, and will be asked to read his/her winning essay at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Don't forget the Memorial Day Parade, May 27, 9:30 AM The Township's Annual Celebration The Civic Association, together with the community and government of Harding Township invites any interested Township group or organization to participate in this year's Harding Township Memorial Day Parade. For more information, please contact the parade Coordinator, Lynne Hughes, 973 605 8929. The **HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY** holds its annual community Memorial Day Open House following the Town parade, between 10 am and noon, at the Tunis-Ellicks House

Board of Election workers needed! The **Primary Election will take place on June 4, 2002**, and Harding has openings for Election workers. The pay is \$200 for the day which begins before six in the morning and finishes shortly after eight in the evening. Since all districts vote in the same room at Kirby Municipal Building you will see lots of your friends and meet many new people. It is a wonderful way to get acquainted if you are new to town. There is great camaraderie among the workers and this is the most worthwhile civic endeavor! You will be required to attend a training session in the last weeks of May,

but there will be several choices of dates and places. You must be registered to vote! You can register at Town Hall or at the County Court House during regular office hours.

In order to volunteer: If you are a Republican please call Betty Donegan at the Board of Elections at 973-285-8350. Democrats and Independents please call the Morris County Board of Elections and leave your name and tell them you want to work in Harding Township. Any questions please call Betsy Holdsworth, 973-377-8773, after April 15, 2002. Your help will be very much appreciated! It is the wonderful workers that make the election process run smoothly and allow everyone to perform their civic duty in a timely and efficient manner.

THE LIBRARY *We don't want our books to get dog-tired, so please don't dog-ear the pages!* A number of books have been returned recently with turned-down pages. The Library has a bountiful supply of bookmarks for our borrowers' use. If we neglect to slip one into your book when you check it out, please ask!

Storytime Schedule: April 2 & 5, *No Storytimes*; April 9 & 12, *Music Tells a Story!*; April 16 & 19, *Art and Color*; April 23 & 26, *The Giving Tree and other tree stories*; April 30 & May 3, *Three Little Pigs and other pig stories*. Preschoolers meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., toddlers meet on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Green Village United Methodist Church, Spring Valley Road.

Children's Book Clubs: one Thursday per month, 5:00 p.m. at the Library. **3rd & 4th grade** meet on **April 11** to discuss *Frindle* by Andrew Clements (May 9: *The Case of the Gaspig Garbage* by Michele Torrey). **5th & 6th grade** meet on **April 18** to talk about *Silverwing* by Kenneth Oppel (May 16: *Circle of Three* by Erica Farber and J.R. Sansevere).

A Summer Reading Program, *It's Reading Cats and Dogs!*, is still in the planning stage, but the Library anticipates holding two story programs during the summer for children of all ages. We will be handing out bookmarks—one for picture book and one for chapter book readers—on which children can fill in the titles they have read. Look for more information soon!

Donations for the book cart and Election Day Book Sales are welcomed during Library hours. All books should be in good condition with clean dust jackets, unbroken spines, and appealing to buy. *Please, no dated computer books, textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, or magazines.* We are grateful for your contributions that make our Book Sales possible. We will be happy to give you a number-of-books received card for tax purposes.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Letter to the Editor

In a Letter to the Editor received March 25, Richard Walter, a member of the Shade Tree Advisory Committee, requested a correction of the report last month: "I am writing to note there is an error in the subject article regarding the proposed amending of the Tree Conservation Area requirements presently included in the Township's

respective zoning regulations (Chapter 105, Land Use and Development).

“The report suggests that the shade Tree Advisory Committee unanimously supported the proposal. However, while there may have been a majority accord, the support was not unanimous. I personally did not support the proposal given that I did not have an opportunity to peruse the amendment’s language.

“Subsequently, I did review the proposed amendment and I have gone on record with both the Shade Tree Advisory Committee and the Township Committee opposing the dimensions of the proposed Tree Conservation Areas. Quite frankly, I believe that they are excessive in terms of their application in the R-2, R-3 and R-4 zones; and in particular, the frontage depths.”

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD

The New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad hosted a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support course on Saturday and Sunday February 9 and 10, 2002. The course provided ongoing education for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics when responding to trauma emergencies. More than half the class were members of the New Vernon Squad. Other attendees attracted to our course included members of the New York City Fire Department and the first aid squads of Chatham, Millburn and Basking Ridge. The course was taught by instructors from the Atlantic Health System. Two Squad members Hess Allocco and Sue Sameth enhanced the two day event with refreshments and lunches that delighted and rejuvenated everyone. The two days were spent in classroom lectures and in hands-on practical experiences that included extricating "victims" from a car in a simulated motor vehicle accident.

Coincidentally, soon after this course, the Squad was called upon to use these renewed skills in caring for four victims who were involved in a serious motor vehicle accident.

We need you!!! The squad is looking for new members to fill the gaps created when people retire from the squad or move from the area. Free training is provided for newcomers to the field. If you have the time and a compassionate heart, you can help your neighbors. Please give our membership chair Geoff Dobson a call at 973-326-1996 or e-mail him at gmdobson@aol.com.

Safety tip from the Squad: When you are outside enjoying the good weather, remember to walk/jog against the motor vehicle traffic and bike in a single line (not 2-3 across) with the traffic. And drivers, remember to share the road so everyone gets home safely.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE- FEBRUARY

The following resolutions were introduced and passed:

Public hearing and adoption of Ordinance No. 1-02, which amends Chapter 105

(Land Use and Development). This change in the R-3 and R-4 zones was proposed by the Planning Board to align with the goals of the Township's Master Plan. The Township's current R-4 zone includes the Mt. Kemble Lake neighborhood, parts of Millbrook Road in New Vernon, and Village and Dickson's Mill roads in Green Village.

Township Planner Susan Kimball informed the Committee that the Planning Board has recommended adoption of the ordinance as introduced. Under the ordinance, the maximum building area for the R-4 zone will be 2,100 square-feet, with a maximum building area of 15%. Provisions of the ordinance would allow a homeowner to build a residence up to 2-1/2 stories. The ordinance requires a maximum building area for the R-3 zone of 15% and 1,500 square-feet for lots less than 15,000 square-feet. For lots between 15,000 and 37,500 square-feet, the maximum building area will be limited to 10% and 2,250 square-feet. The building area limits in the township's R-1 and R-2 zones have also been lowered in the past two years.

The Township Health Administrator Garry Annibal spoke on well and septic concerns in reference to the smaller R-3 and R-4 zoned lots, explaining how the ground water replenishes streams and the swamp. He then answered questions concerning health issues and the impact construction of larger buildings might have on Mt. Kemble Lake.

Committeeman Murray remained opposed to the ordinance as introduced. He explained that he was not questioning the reasonableness of the R-4 regulations; he was, however, questioning its applicability to a unique area such as Mt. Kemble Lake. This ordinance would render 1/3 of the Mt. Kemble Lake lots non-conforming. He felt that the Lake and its governance structure could handle the administration of unique regulations for the Lake. In particular, he indicated his opposition to the 2,100 foot maximum building area regulation in the ordinance.

Committeewoman Farrell felt that the regulations were feasible even in reference to the Mt. Kemble Lake area.

Committeeman Lanzerotti spoke in favor of the R-3 Zone changes. Regarding the R-4 Zone changes, he referred to the data supporting the 2,100 square foot regulations and stated that he felt that these regulations were warranted. He noted that of the 173 lots in the R-3 zone, 26 have homes larger than 2100 square feet. 14 of those are in Mt. Kemble Lake. He also supported the Planning Board's review of the Mt. Kemble Lake situation with an eye towards creating a separate zoning district.

Representing the Environmental Commission, Mt. Kemble Lake resident David Dietz said that the Commission strongly supported the adoption of the ordinance. He expressed his concern that the existing regulations would enable the over-development of some of the Lake lots.

Mt. Kemble Lake resident Newton White spoke against the ordinance. Blackwell Avenue resident Rick Kirkinis questioned the need to include an R-3 zoned area that has public sewer and water services under the new restrictions; he felt the restrictions should be fine-tuned to be more sensitive to actual lot size. The township planner explained that

the restrictions were not just generated by the environmental factors of sewer and water. Mt. Kemble Lake resident Sherry Sweeney also opposed the ordinance, feeling that the Lake residents had successfully maintained the character of their area under the existing ordinance. Lake resident James Irwin supported setting up the Lake area under a different zone. In his capacity of responsibility for the monitoring of the water supply at the Lake, he had not witnessed any deviation over the years. Millbrook Road resident Linda Stehlgens spoke in support of the ordinance, referring to the impact of larger homes on her area. She was worried about the number of "McMansions" proposed in an area which includes smaller cape cod and ranch style homes. Some of the area's older homes pre-date the Revolutionary War. She felt that new homes should be in keeping with the area. Her other concern was the amount of impervious coverage and runoff from lots behind her property. Millbrook Road resident Jane MacDougall expressed concern with development in the area. Citing environmental and visual issues, Millbrook Road resident and former Environmental Commission and Historic Preservation Commission member Ann Granbery spoke in support of the ordinance.

Sandra Mateo of the firm Sterns and Weinroth, represented Brad and Robin Jacobson, owners of Block 17, Lot 12 on Millbrook Road. She expressed concern with the ordinance as it would affect her clients' building plans, and stated that she felt the committee should implement a grandfather provision, exempting anyone who has current zoning approval or a pending building permit. However, pending applications will be subject to regulations in effect at the time of approval.

Mr. Dinsmore, Mr. Lanzerotti, Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Prendergast were in support of adoption. Opposed was Mr. Murray, who explained that he supported the intent of the Ordinance, but was concerned about its affects of the Mt. Kemble Lake area.

Authorization of Operation of Limousine Service by the Harding Private Livery Service. It was noted that there have been no expressed complaints, and that this is an annual license renewal.

Approval of change order No. 2 for the Bayne Park pond dam. \$5,179.76 will be spent on piping for the rinks and to repair the spillway and footbridges.

Appointment of electrical inspector Robert Gingerelli, a state licensed electrical contractor.

The following resolutions were introduced and unanimously passed:

Introduction of Ordinance No. 2-02, which amends subsection 105-77G of the Harding Township Land Use and Development Ordinance relating to road names.

Young's Road resident Vernon Condon spoke on the drought situation and the need for a water conservation ordinance with some teeth in it. While we're experiencing the worst drought in 70 years, he felt that watering lawns and shrubs should be prohibited, in addition to the typical car washing and pool filling. Recommending stiff fines, he suggested that the police could monitor while on patrol. He stated that one well has already gone dry, and the Board of Health is investigating a 2nd. He felt that the Township Committee should adopt an ordinance to regulate items, especially the

watering of lawns. After further discussion, the Committee instructed the attorney to draft an ordinance for introduction.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The **school election** is scheduled at the Municipal Building (Kirby Hall) for **Tuesday, April 16 from 2 PM to 9 PM.**

Board incumbent Robert Matthews, a 24-year resident, Peachcroft Rd, elected to the board last spring to fill the one-year unexpired term of Candace Weeks, is seeking re-election for a three year term. Nora Peyton, Lees' Hill Rd, a 13-year township resident is also running for a three-year term; incumbent Helen Duffy did not seek re-election. Evelyn Douglas of Sand Spring Rd is running for the unexpired one-year term of Peter Muratore, who resigned in February.

The proposed budget will result in a slight tax increase if approved by voters. **Error! No bookmark name given.** The \$6.6 million budget will result in an increase of 2.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation or \$22 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. An owner of a home assessed at \$400,000 would see an \$88 increase in taxes while the owner of a home assessed at \$600,000 would see a \$132 increase in taxes. However, officials could not project a tax rate for 2002-03 until the impact of this year's revaluation is considered.

The tax levy for the budget is \$6.1 million. The district's debt service dropped to \$531,000 this year from last year's \$537,000. One of the largest spending increases occurred in the area of special education. Also impacting the budget was a 25 percent increase in health benefits for school employees. The school received no increases in state aid from last year.

The board awarded a contract to Misko Construction Company to excavate and construct infields, replace existing drainage grates, dig a trench drain, and prepare the softball and baseball fields for the spring season. The previous contractor, Crain Construction laid out a Little League sized ball field when it should have been a regulation-sized field.

The principal search process is continuing. Parents and staff members are participating in the screening process.

Janet Owen has requested retirement and Denise Donohoe has decided not to return from maternity leave. Both resignations, effective June 30, 2002, were approved with regret.

PLANNING BOARD, March 25

#1-02, Healey, Bl 5, lot 4, Van Buren Rd (Crestley), for 4-lot subdivision. This had been approved in 1998, #2-97, but expired before final approval. This application is a substantial duplicate of that of 1997. Now additional variances are needed, as the proposal needs to meet any ordinances passed since 1998, including bulk and set back limitations. One of the proposed lots is 55 acres, including wetlands; two of the other lots

have buildings, and a 4th lot has 3.5 acres.

Frank De Motte, #4-02, Block 16, lots 25 and 26, a lot line adjustment requested with variances for existing non-conformity.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, March 21

New Appln #4-02, Martin and Barbara Wasserberg, Glen Alpine Rd, BI 49, Lot 13. Variance requested for side yard setback, less than 100 ft on easterly side. Building area conforms to 3%. Addition on west side would not affect set back required. Approved as proposed

New Appln #5-02, Michael and Maryanne Janson, Spring Valley Rd, BI 3, Lot 4.02. Originally requested variance in 1999, which had been approved for 2 car garage with breezeway. This application an adjustment for a 3 car garage. Board requested new set of drawings with final and accurate numbers for setback and lot coverage, carried to next meeting.

New Appln #7-02, George and Cynthia Kuchler, Primrose Tr., BI 36, Lot 16. Plan is 50% bigger than zoning ordinance allows. Kuchlers started construction unaware of new ordinance. Building permit might have been issued if not for soil and erosion report. Site inspection set for April 8, 6 PM

21-01, Jepson, amendment for additional 4 feet for garage due to space issue, approved.

Resolutions memorialized at this meeting included:

Travers, to permit enlargement of non-conforming residence with construction of 1-story addition, front entry addition, and rear deck with min setback in front of 81' and setback of 73' in side, BI 9, lot 24, 5 Douglas Rd.

North, Lees' Hill Rd, BI 49, lot 2, to permit a fence not less than 20' from center line of road.

O'Connor, Bailey's Mill Rd, BI 46, lot 5, to allow enlargement of nonconforming residence with 69' front setback.

Apruzzese, Spring Valley Rd, at Kitchell Rd, BI 2, lot 13.01, to permit enlargement of applicants' nonconforming residence with addition in the north end with total building area of 5685ft², and a building area ratio of 3.54%, notwithstanding the absence of a 150' front setback from Spring Valley Rd; the actual setback being 108' in front.

Fitzpatrick, Baileys Mill Rd, BI 46, lot 12, to permit an existing residence to remain temporarily while new residence on property being built, subject to specific time limits. Variance granted to permit retention of existing barn at a location in front of the new principal residence.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, APRIL 2, 2002

Well Survey – The Environmental Commission has retained the services of an intern to review, check and reconcile the township data with the state data. There had

been inconsistencies in the past that needed to be straightened out in order to have reliable data.

Fence Survey – in the initial phase of setting up baseline data, it was reported that there were 19 properties with high fences close to the street on Village Road.

There will be a Lighting Ordinance presented to the Township Committee that will place limitations on a number of light bulbs one can have outside of their homes, the wattage of these bulbs and limits on lighting that overflows onto other property. There can be no yard lighting unless you're in the yard, and no uplighting. Residents will have 6 months to rectify any lighting designs that violate the ordinance.

There was discussion of the Township's Water Emergency Ordinance. Indoor water conservation, while voluntary, will be highly suggested. Based upon the level of emergency there could be a complete ban on outdoor water usage including, but not limited to, watering and sprinkling of lawns and plants, filling of pools and washing of cars and driveways. Hand watering of plants would be permissible. Penalties for a first offense would be a fine up to \$100. Second offense, a fine up to \$500 and/or imprisonment for up to 10 days. Third and any subsequent offenses would carry a fine of up to \$1000 and/or 30 days imprisonment.

The Civic Association and the Environmental Commission would like to remind those residents with automatic sprinkler systems to please turn them off if you'll be away on vacation. It is extremely wasteful to have a sprinkler system running if we do happen to have rain.

Look in the not-to-distant future for an update of *Grassroots*, the Environmental Commissions newsletter. Articles on recycling, water conservation and the benefits of open space will be included.

The Commission also discussed the Scudder Property. This is a nearly 10-acre tract that will likely be purchased by the Trust for Public Land. The Harding Land Trust, the Audubon Society and the township are joining in the effort to purchase this property to preserve it in its natural state.

Finally, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection has approved a grant for the Environmental Commission to update Harding Township's natural resource inventory.

Historic Preservation Commission, March 7, 2002

Old Business:

1. Block 13, Lot 9, Pleasantville Road: Questions were raised regarding the total square footage of the planned building.
2. Update of the Township Historic Districts Survey: The Commission anticipates that the historic districts will be completely outlined in the next few weeks.
3. Members were informed by Dr. Cassie that the R-3 and R-4 zoning ordinance was passed, but that discussions are under way to have separate zoning regulations for the Mount Kemble Lake Historic District. Also, it is being proposed that the Shade Tree Ordinance be extended to the R-3 and R-4 zones.

4. The traditional Weichert Realtor sign has been installed in front of the firm's new office in New Vernon and a letter has been sent by Penny Hinkle, acting for the Commission to express its concern.

New Business:

1. Block 52, Lot 3, Pleasant Plains Road, (Bockhoven Farm) 48 acres. Owner Lynn Jayson Kurdzialek is proposing to subdivide this property into three parcels: one of 6 acres, one of 15 acres with an 18th century farmhouse and outbuildings and one 27 acre parcel. Her intentions are totally in accord with the goals and purposes of the Historic Preservation Commission. Members applauded her plans and offered their full cooperation and support.
2. Penny Hinkle reported that Open Space Funds can be used for maintaining and renovating historic properties.

THE GARDEN CLUB is celebrating its 20th anniversary in March 2002. The purpose of the club is to promote learning in all areas of horticulture and to encourage practices that add to the beautification of our environment and its preservation for future generations. It holds monthly meetings from September through June at the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, for more information call 973 539 5807.

In fulfilling its purpose, the club has had many projects through the years. Current ongoing projects include the following:

Pauline Berry Education Center. Two educational seminars will be held on good horticultural practices in conjunction with the open houses of the Historical Society. The George Washington Bicentennial Triangle Park features drought and deer resistant plant material, and is maintained by club members with the help of the Dept of Public Works. Memorial Rock Park was renovated in 2001 by the club. On Memorial Day, it will be planted with red, white and blue flowers. Tubs of flowers at the Municipal Building and the town center are planted seasonally.

The Tunis-Ellicks Parlor Garden is maintained weekly during the growing season, and Sarah D. Ortman Park, a woodland garden containing many native NJ plants and wildflowers, with plant inventory, is also maintained.

Bayne Park, with the cooperation of the Dept of Public Works, Friends of Trees, the Shade Tree Commission, and the Environmental Commission, is being refurbished in a multi-year project.

The club also has the multi-year goal of documenting all gardens in town at the millennium and to present the report to the Historical Society.

The club has donated books on horticulture and gardening to the Township library, and also provide seasonal flower arrangements there. In addition, seasonal floral gifts are presented to Senior Citizens, as well as providing fall flower arrangements for a local nursing home. Flower arrangements are also provided for patients, commons rooms, and the chapel at the Lyons Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

A favorite project is that for Junior Gardeners, in which children K-2 learn basic

appreciation of gardening, floral design and nature. Monthly meetings are held from October through May.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Plant Material not Favored by Deer

The following list was prepared in collaboration with members of the New Vernon Garden Club and reflects the experience of gardening in Harding. Residents might find it helpful in planning their spring plantings.

Deer in our area rarely damage the plants listed. Nevertheless, they will browse at any plant, if no alternative food is available. In addition, each deer herd is different. The young deer eat what their mothers eat, and eating habits may vary from herd to herd. Deer will usually not eat any leaf which is gray and/or furry. Many herbs fall in this category.

<u>Trees</u>	<u>Perennials</u>	<u>Shrubs</u>	<u>Groundcover</u>
Cedar	Daffodil, Jonquil	Leucothoe	Pachysandra
Fir	Foxglove	Andromeda	Lamium
Maples, including ornamentals	Hellebore	Boxwood	OrnamntalGrasses
Spruce	Lavender	Cotoneaster	Ajuga
Dogwood	Iris, Lilly of the Valley	Skimmia	
American Holly	Ferns	Juniper	
	Bleeding Heart		
	Cimicifuga, Fairy Candle		

The Harding Township Civic Association voted to amend its Bylaws at the meeting on April 1, 2002, The major changes that were approved are:

Art. IV, Sec. 1: The annual meeting is no longer required to be held in November but must be held no later than March 31.

Art. IV, Sec. 3: A quorum is no longer 15 Association members but is a majority of the Council members.

Art. V, Sec. 3; Art. VI, Sec. 8: The position of Assistant Treasurer has been eliminated.

Art. V, Sec. 5: Notice of Council meetings may no longer be given by telegram but may be given by e-mail.

Art. VI, Sec. 4: In the event an opposition slate of candidates to the Council is nominated, notice no longer shall be mailed to Association members but shall be posted on the HTCA website.

Art. VI, throughout: Gender based references have been replaced by neutral descriptions.

Art. VIII, Sec. 1: Association dues are no longer fixed at \$15.00 but shall be determined by the Council.

A complete text of the amended bylaws is on the HTCA website.

The text of the amendments to the bylaws can be found on the website,
<http://www.hardingcivic.org>.

RECYCLING: Commingled recycling of plastics, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard and household batteries at Municipal Garage every Wed, AM-Noon; and 1st and 3rd Saturdays 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/8, 6/22 from 9-12 AM. Residents are requested NOT to leave recyclable materials if the center is closed.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: THE DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT TWO ISSUES OF THE THUMBNAIL ARE April 29 and May 30, respectively. If you have any information to be included, please send to the editor, Hesna Pfeiffer. Most preferred format is by E-mail, **email hesnaj@aol.com**, as we don't have to re-type, but fax is also acceptable, to the editor's fax, 973 605 1127,. You can send items early! Call the editor if you have any transmission questions, 973 540 8911.

DATES TO REMEMBER, meetings at 8PM, unless as noted.

Municipal Court (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	6 PM	4/16, 5/7, 5/21
Environmental Commission (1 st Tuesday)	7:30 PM	5/7, 6/4
Seniors (2 nd and 4 th Thursday)	11 AM.....	4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23
Planning Board (4 th Monday)	8 PM.....	4/22, 5/20, 6/24
Hist Preservation Comm (1st Thursday)	8 PM	4/4, 5/2, 6/6
Board of Health (2 nd Thursday)	8 PM.....	4/11, 5/9, 6/13
Board of Education (2 nd and 4 th Monday)	7:30 PM....	4/9, 4/23, 5/13
Board of Adjustment (3 rd Thursday)	7:30 PM....	4/18, 5/16, 6/20
Township Committee (1 st and 3rd Wed)	8 PM.....	4/17, 5/15, 6/19
Shade Tree (2 nd Monday) 3 PM	4/8, 5/13	