

## THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

June 2002

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Township annual Memorial Day parade was held May 27. The Citizen of the Year, John Bocchi,** was honored posthumously. John had been the Civic Association president when he died in the September 11 terrorist attacks. He was active in the Township reaction association, as well as a baseball and soccer coach in Harding and Florham Park. He was a member of Christ the King Church where he was a member of the advisory council and taught religious education to a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. He was also responsible for creating the Harding Township Civic Association web site, <http://www.hardingcivic.org>. His wife, Michelle Bocchi attended the event with her four sons, Matthew, Nicholas, Michael and Paul and accepted the award on John's behalf.

**The Winners in the Harding Township Civic Association Essay Contest 2002** were announced at the Memorial Day Parade. They are **Duke Fredrickson, 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Andrew Flatley, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; William Brundage, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and Lauren Delorenzo, 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** The theme for the contest: ***What makes a Hero and Why?*** The Civic Association salutes all the fine young people who worked hard to enter the contest, and congratulates the winners, who will be receiving a \$100 savings bond as their prize.

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Health Department has coupons good for discounts on mammograms and osteoporosis screenings at local health facilities. The coupons are available at the Health Department offices on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Residents can call 973 455-7296 for more details.

The Health Department conducts blood pressure screening and monitoring twice a month. The testing is done just before the Harding Seniors' Meeting at the Presbyterian Christian Education Building at 10:30 AM on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. You do not need to be a member of the Seniors' group to have your blood pressure checked.

Residents are reminded that with the warm weather we can expect increased mosquito activity and the chance of increased transmission of West Nile Virus. To reduce the risk of mosquito bites, residents are advised to wear pants and long sleeve shirts when outside; use insect repellent in accordance with label instructions; eliminate standing water around the outside of the house, especially in flowerpots, birdbaths, buckets, pools and roof gutters; repair window and door screens and avoid outdoor activities at dawn, dusk and evening hours. As in years past, the prevalence of West Nile will be monitored through dead crow surveillance. Residents are asked to report any dead crows or kestrels to the Health Department. Reporting of other dead birds such as songbirds, starlings or grackles is not necessary. Further information about mosquitoes

and West Nile Virus is available on the state website, [www.state.nj.us/health](http://www.state.nj.us/health) or from the Health Department at 973 455-7296.

### **THE LIBRARY**

It's going to be a terrific summer at the Library with two new programs! The **first** is a **Summer Reading Program**, *It's Reading Cats and Dogs*, with plenty of dog and cat stories (and lots of others as well!) for your children to enjoy. We have coordinated book lists with the Harding Township School Library: **any books read for our program will also count for the School's summer reading program**, and vice versa. **Here's how our program works**...bring your young reader to the Library at the end of this school year. If your child is reading picture or Easy Reader books, he will receive a colorful Garfield reading record with 16 spaces on which to record book titles; if reading chapter books, she will receive a Harry Potter book record with five spaces to fill. When your child returns with a full reading record, s/he will receive a prize, activity booklet, sticker, and at the end of the summer, a certificate from the New Jersey State Library. Books from the Harding School Library will augment HTL's collection. Our thanks to Margaret Lamb for her help in setting up this program.

**Second**, the Library—through special coordination with Margaret Lamb at the Harding Township School Library, the Harding Township Education Foundation, and the Morris Museum—will display two special exhibits from the Morris Museum's School Loan Collection. Check with the Library for exhibit titles and dates.

**Storytime Registration** for the fall program will be held from **Monday, August 19-Thursday, August 29, 2002**. Storyteller Jill Fitzpatrick will return to the Green Village United Methodist Church on Thursdays at 10 a.m. for Harding Township Library's Storytime Fall Session: September 5-November 11, 2002. Children ages 20 months-5 years are welcome *but must be registered with the Library*. The Library will accept registrations from August 19-August 29 by telephone (973) 267-8000, email [hardinglibrary@netscape.net](mailto:hardinglibrary@netscape.net), or fax (973) 267-6221.

**Children's Book Club Registration:** Because of their popularity, Children's Book Clubs will resume in the fall with extended programs, again offered once a month. *The Library will host one club for Grades 2 & 3, two clubs for Grades 4 & 5, and one club for Grades 6 & 7 with a limit of 12 children in each.* Lynn Hughes will conduct Book Clubs on Thursdays at the original 5:30-6:30 p.m. time. These Clubs endeavor to foster a love of reading through discussion of "fun" books that young people enjoy. No homework or book report is assigned; we require only that your child read the book prior to coming to Book Club. **Registration is required on Monday, September 9-Friday, September 13, 2002.** The Library accepts registration by telephone, email, or fax. Parents may be asked to assist with snacks.

**The Police Department** will hold its **annual Hunter Safety meeting on August 22 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Municipal Building. A report will be presented on the results of the

2001/2002 hunting season, deer/motor vehicle accidents and other pertinent data. Also, the program for the 2002/2003 season will be presented. See more information in the Wildlife management committee report below.

**Save The Date -- HTEF Golf and Tennis Events**

The Harding Township Educational Foundation will host the following:

\* **2nd Annual Tennis Event and Luncheon held at The Morristown Field Club on Friday, September 20.** Invitations will be mailed to all Harding School families during the late summer. Please contact event co-chairs Donna Miller (973) 644-9389 or Kim Zsitvay (973) 425-0755 with questions or to receive an invitation. All are welcome and encourage to play.

\* **5th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner held at The Somerset Hills Country Club on Monday, October 21.** Invitations will be mailed to all Harding residents. Please call golf chair George Hanley at (973) 540-0825 with any questions and/or to volunteer.

**The New Vernon Presbyterian Nursery School** is accepting applications in the 2 1/2, 3 and 4 year old classes for enrollment during the 2002-03 school year. For further information please call 973-326-9839.

If you missed the **HTRA fall soccer sign-up** on June 8th at the Harding Township School, don't hesitate to visit <http://www.hardingsoccer.com> to register and find program information. A final sign-up will be held on **September 7th 9-11 AM** at Barrett Field, but it would be helpful to receive your registration as early as possible. If the web site above does not answer your questions, please contact Bill Wraith (973-425-1015, [bwraith@wraiths.com](mailto:bwraith@wraiths.com))

**Harding Township is planning a Memorial Tribute for those in town who lost their lives on September 11th.** Your donations for the design and development of the Memorial would greatly be appreciated. Please send your tax-deductible donations to: "Harding Township 9/11 Memorial Fund" c/o Lisa Holck, 1 Willow Acres Lane, Morristown, NJ 07960

**On September 11, 2002, the First Presbyterian Church and the Church of Christ the King** invite the entire community to a **Service of Remembrance at 7 PM**. The service will be held at the Presbyterian Church and led by local religious and lay leaders. A community choir will sing. After the ceremony, a community reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Community organizations wishing to commemorate the occasion are invited to participate. Call the Presbyterian Church, Pam Klurfield, secretary, at 973 538 8394 for more information.

### **NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

It was with great pride that The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department debuted its new tanker at the Harding Township Memorial Day Parade. The department took delivery of the tanker on May 16. Our old tanker had many problems and was in desperate need of a complete overhaul. The Department determined that the investment for refurbishment would be excessive given the age of the cab and chassis (almost 14 years old).

Pierce Manufacturing, a highly regarded manufacturer of fire apparatus built the new tanker. The tank system is mounted on a Kenworth T800 Heavy Duty Cab and Chassis. It is powered by a 450hp Cummins diesel engine and has a 5-speed automatic transmission. The elliptical stainless steel tank has a 4501-gallon capacity and is equipped with a 500 gallons per minute pump for water transfer, drafting from a pond or cistern and other fire ground applications.

The truck has many state-of-the-art accessories and the Department is confident that this upgraded tanker replacement will further enhance our volunteers' response capability.

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

June 6, 2002 (**Regarding the School Budget**) to EDITOR:

On behalf of the school board and administration of the Harding Township School, I would like to express our appreciation for the spirit of cooperation that pervaded the recent discussions regarding the defeated school budget. It is clear that the Township Committee shares our concern for our children's education and maintaining academic excellence. Several issues have come to our attention in recent weeks upon which we would like to comment. The school district is contractually obligated by the negotiated agreement with the Harding Teachers Education Association to maintain a particular level of medical, dental, and prescription coverage. The budgeted increases are in line with those being faced by our peers around the state. In fact Harding Township, despite our size, has been a leader for the past six years in negotiating cost containment provisions in this particular area. The budget summary published in "Connections" was accurate, was reviewed by the Morris County Superintendent of Schools, and matches the information submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education. Our biggest concern lies in the area of communications. Notices of the public hearing on March 25 appeared in the Observer-Tribune, Daily Record, and Star Ledger, as well as being posted in both the New Vernon and Green Village Post Offices and the Municipal Building. The proposed budget was also published in the Observer-Tribune prior to the hearing. The one notice that was not timely was the school brochure, "Connections," which is probably the town's principal source of information. Unfortunately, there were significant problems with the postal services' bulk mailing. As a result, a number of residents either received it late or not at all. Next year, we will mail the budget brochure

first class. We urge you all to call us with your concerns. Better yet, come to our board meetings. Please see what is happening in our schools and what our children are doing.  
**JOEL HARRIS, President, Harding Township Board of Education**

June 6, 2002, to EDITOR: (**Regarding the Proposed Lighting Ordinance**)

In the Harding Township Civic Association's April 2002 community newsletter, "The Thumbnail," the Environmental Commission's report contains, in my estimation, a disturbing announcement; that is, their proposed lighting ordinance. I believe that certain forms of lighting, such as high-wattage flood or spotlights spilling over a property line and into a neighbor's residence, are clearly inappropriate. However, do we need more government to control a problem that should be resolvable between neighbors? This proposed legislation would limit the number of lights that can be placed on the exterior of a residence, yard lighting could only be used when the resident's family is in the yard, uplighting would be prohibited and residents would only have a six-month window within which to comply. What about security lighting or yard lighting needed for the safe entry into one's home upon return? **RICHARD F. WALTER, Pleasantville Road**

#### **TOWNSHIP NEWS** **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Republican Party nominated Louis Lanzerotti and John Murray, both running unopposed, for the November general election for three-year terms on the 5-member township committee. 15% of the Harding registered voters went to vote at the June 4 primary election.

Since early April, members of the Committee have been involved in meetings with members of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Committee. Design and location are two of the outstanding issues still under discussion.

In May the Committee held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. 5-02, which authorized the appropriation of monies for the acquisition by of Block 32, Lot 13. On May 9<sup>th</sup> Edward and Lucretia Scudder sold the 11-acre property on Post House Road to The Trust for Public Land, which in turn transferred title to the Audubon Society. This was a collaborative effort by the town, environmental groups and residents to buffer the existing sanctuary from development. The \$550,000 purchase price included \$100,000 from the Twp. Committee, \$50,000 from residents neighboring the land, \$200,000 from the Audubon Society and \$200,000 from the TPL. The acreage will be added to the adjacent Scherman-Wildlife Sanctuary, completing a two-decade initiative to preserve the Passaic River watershed.

A resolution certifying the general fund tax levy for the Board of Education was unanimously passed. They voted to cut \$28,088 from the school's budget after a budget review process between the Committee and school board. The revised budget included the deferring of the purchase of computers & equipment, the elimination of the purchase of cleaning equipment, a reduction in hours for a library and clerical aide, and the

elimination of a summer custodian. Committeeman Lanzerotti stressed the “less than ideal communication with the community”. He said ‘Connections’ was received late, and in some instances it was not received at all. Superintendent Pallozzi explained that the board had little time to inform the public because state aid figures were released so late this year but that the Board of Education would certainly make every effort to improve the communications with residents in the future.

With the exception of Epsy Farrell, all members were in attendance for the June 5, 2002 meeting. Adopted were the following:

Ordinance No. 6-02 which had been introduced in April and opened for public discussion in May. The ordinance amended Chapter 105 (Land Use & Development) regarding accessory residences. The Committee members’ primary concern was limiting the size of an accessory residence (not structures) in the R-1 zone on a lot of at least six acres. The changes now include treating these residences as a conditional use, and a 1200 SF and maximum two-bedroom size limit. These residences would require site plan review and Planning Board approval.

A resolution approving liquor licenses for Pierre’s Restaurant, MBN Associates, Inc. (the deli on Route 202), the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, and the Mt. Kemble Lake Association. Committeeman Lanzerotti abstained from the vote on Pierre’s Restaurant; Committeeman Murray abstained from the vote on the Mt. Kemble Lake Association.

A number of ongoing discussions included:

According to Committeeman John Murray, for several years US Post Office officials have requested the use of numbering for those people in Harding requesting residential delivery. Recently the Township received a letter from the Morristown Post Master asking the Township to institute a logical numerical numbering process for all Township residents who have or would like to have mail delivered to their homes. Lack of numbers were cited as contributing substantially to delayed and misdirected mail, most notably when a new or replacement mail carrier is handling the route. Cost control was also cited as an important reason for the request.

For even longer, the Fire Departments (both New Vernon and Green Village) have requested that the Township have a logical numbering process in place to enable them to react even more quickly to emergency situations. In a recent incident, it was necessary to send a family member to the end of the drive to flag down the First Aiders who were trying to find the house where further delay could have had serious consequences.

Over the summer, a system will be developed that, where practical, assigns numbers to all lots based on distances from a major intersection. Through the system, it will be possible to dispatch an emergency vehicle to a location identified within plus or minus 50 feet, enabling precision response from police, first aid and fire units. Short term, this system will make it possible to replace the manually updated system in place now. Longer term, dispatching may be possible linking GPS information to lot numbers.

Township officials stress that numbers are optional and will not be required, especially where residential postal delivery is not an issue and health and safety concerns are handled in some other way.

-Upcoming capital budget projects, including road overlaying and seal coating, and interior and exterior painting of the Municipal Building.

-Recycling. Are you aware that you can help to greatly reduce our community's costs simply by smashing your cans & plastic bottles before bringing them to the recycling center? We are charged on volume, not weight.

-Harding Twp.'s participation in Morris County's honoring of Korean War veterans. The Twp. Committee is attempting to identify all the men and women, living and deceased, from Harding Twp. who served active duty during the Korean War. Each of them or their family members will be presented with a distinguished military service medal at a municipal ceremony in partnership with the 39 towns in Morris County. To be eligible, a person must have been or must now be a Harding Twp. resident, must have served on active duty between June 23, 1950 and January 31, 1955, and must have received an honorable discharge. Veterans or their family members may register by calling the Morris County Department of Human Services at 973-326-7286. Discharge papers will be required for proof of service.

Ordinance 7-02 was passed on first reading on May 15 and was considered for final passage at the meeting on June 19. This ordinance consolidates various parcels owned by governmental and public entities into the land use category "Public Land Zone", to include all land owned or later acquired by the US Government, the State of NJ, the County of Morris, the Harding Township, or the Harding Twp Board of Education.

### **SCHOOL BOARD NEWS**

At the meeting of the Madison Board of Education meeting on June 18, Joel Harris, Harding Twp representative to Madison, announced that Harding Township is considering pulling out of the sending relationship with Madison High School for the contract that ends June 2004. Currently Harding sends 85 students to Madison at \$12,400 each, for slightly more than \$1,000,000 total. Harding has sent its HS students to Madison for about 25 years, prior to that to Morristown HS. Harding must officially notify Madison of its desire to leave the relationship no later than December 31 2002.

The Township Committee voted to cut \$28,088 out of the School Budget for 2002-2003, following the defeat of the school budget at the polls last month. The School budget is \$6.6 million annually, and was defeated with a voter turnout of 9% of the registered voters. The School Board accepted the revised numbers and the revised budget is to be submitted to the Morris Co Board of taxation and the state.

On June 17, 2002, the Board meeting began in the new gymnasium with a wonderful performance by the Kindergarten children, "I Like School," orchestrated by the music teacher, Diane Pivarnik. The children sang and signed (using true American sign language) several beautiful songs. After the performance an award was presented to a

fourth grade student, Allison O'Keefe for her spectacular design for the "Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program!" Her unique design was displayed, and Eileen Scally, art teacher, spoke of how proud she was of Allison's achievement being this was a National Award.

The meeting reconvened in the music room, Eileen Scally gave an excellent presentation on the Art Curriculum this year and displayed via video, some of the children's Art work from all grades K-8, throughout this past school year. Her passion for Art Education was readily apparent. She also discussed the fact that correlates with the classroom teachers, educating the children on the same topics being studied in the classroom. She complimented her assistant, Amy Norris and her contributions to the Art program as well. She also spoke of the benefits of having a new art room and Kiln, and what a positive impact it has had on the entire program, and the children.

Next Diane Pivarnik gave a presentation on the music curriculum. She talked about her choice of the word, "Movement" rather than "Dance," and that all of the children thoroughly enjoy movement, as well as learning notes and singing. She thanked the Board for the new music room and how the fact that she is not in a classroom any longer makes a big difference in usage of the instruments, being the location is much more sound proof. She was complimented by a parent for her teaching of sign language while teaching various songs to children, as young as five year olds. She was also complimented for the patriotic concert she organized in the beginning of the year when the fourth and fifth graders were extremely enthusiastic about singing each and every song.

Next Dr. Pallozzi spoke of the fact that the funding for the second year teacher's mentoring program is no longer available, however he recommended that they continue to survey the non-tenure teachers as part of a needs assessment.

A parent survey was distributed a few weeks ago regarding the school curriculum and not many have been returned and Dr. Pallozzi explained that he is encouraging parents to return them as soon as possible, because they will be useful for the teachers on subjects such as homework.

To date Dr. Pallozzi has held exit interviews with parents of eight (8) children who are leaving the school to attend private or parochial school next year.

The Harding School dedicated the John P. Bocchi Memorial Field and the Matthew Sellitto Gymnasium on June 17. The Harding Township Civic Association and the Recreation Association donated the funds for the signage and plaque.

#### **PLANNING BOARD**, May 20, 2002

The Bank of New York application for renovation of the former Talbot's, more recently Waverly, on Rt. 202, approved for variances for signage and lighting.

Kurdzialek (Jayson), Pleasant Plains Rd, for subdivision into 3 lots of 6, 15 and 27 acres. The smallest lot (3.03) has an uninhabitable house that would require set back



variances. Applicant withdrew request for larger house footprint on 3.03. Farrell was uneasy about the future of the old house structure on 3.03. Approved.

Premier, for permission to relocate road. This subdivision on Brook Dr North dated back over 30 years ago when a 4-lot subdivision was approved. One of the lots has been rendered unbuildable by revised EPA/wetlands designation, and application designated that to wetlands, but relocation of access road was necessitated. Cistern for fire dept and placement of it debated. Application approved.

Also discussion about proposed new conditional use ordinance, and for another new ordinance relating to lighting, with language not yet published.

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, May 16, 2002**

New Applications #9-02, Gerald and Kimberly O'Loughlin, 10 Shalebrook RD, BI 32, lot 1.05. For renovation and addition of new master bath and bedroom suite. Site has narrow building envelope. Addition almost entirely within except for a small triangular piece of garage. Even with proposed addition lot coverage is under the 3% allowed. Approved.

#10-02, Leon and Evelyn Desbrow, Miller Rd, BI 13, Lot 3.01. For new bedroom on non-conforming lot, on main floor where existing garage is presently located. Seeking to reposition garage, also to expand kitchen and family room. 3 foot encroachment of set back at rear with new patio. Approved.

#11-02, James Bistis and Jennifer Niketakis, 16 Jenks Rd, BI 25, lot 23. Request to enclose existing patio area to create solarium. Variance needed to increase total coverage from 10 to 13.1% Site inspection set.

#12-02, Steven and Debra Adler, and Arthur Kurz, Pleasantville Rd Block 15, lot 23.01 Applicants requesting combination of two lots at corner of Wildlife Run and Pleasantville, total will be more than 6 acres when combined. There are two frontages. An accessory structure would be constructed for tennis courts and 1-bedroom apartment. The new accessory ordinance now before the Planning Board would impact the necessary variances

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, June 4, 2002**

- The extensive Well Survey is almost 50% completed. The Commission has hired an intern to continue the comparison of the state data to the township data.
- The Commission is applying for a grant extension for their conservation easement program.
- The Fencing Issue was discussed at length. There were two guests at the meeting; Karl Meister talked about the aesthetics of the fences, and how they are ruining the character of rural Harding. Mr. Meister and Hal Scaff talked about wildlife management and how the fences contribute to damage done by deer. When a fence holds deer out of a particular property, the surrounding properties can suffer more damage because of a higher density of animals. The same is

true if a fence 'corrals' deer in.

- The fence discussion led to a discussion of wildlife management in more general terms. There is still considerable damage being done by the overabundance of deer. Besides deer/vehicle accidents being on the rise (Mount Kemble Avenue is where many of these accidents occur), there are concerns of crop, garden, and young tree damage, as well as issues related to Lyme disease. Mr. Meister and Mr. Scaff are hopeful that another successful hunting seasons, with more property owners allowing hunters access to their property will help keep the population under control.
- The Commission discussed the Friedman property on Brook Drive North; there will be three lots, two buildable, with conservation easements on both lots.

#### **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Hunter Safety Meeting to be held on **August 22** at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. A report will be presented on the results of the 2001/2002 hunting season, deer/motor vehicle accidents and other pertinent data. Also, the program for the 2002/2003 season will be presented. This is a good opportunity for residents to meet with hunters. Last season, a total of 62 hunters registered with the Police Department. Of these 38 found a property to hunt while 24 did not. This represents an opportunity to make further progress in reducing the excessive deer population in Harding.

#### **HARDING LAND TRUST**

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Harding Land Trust on May 23, conservation biologist Emile DeVito, Ph.D., of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, made it very plain: it is our own lifestyles that have brought overwhelming number of deer and invasive plant species into our natural environment; our large areas of mowed, manicured, fertilized and herbicided lawn are potentially harmful to the quality and quantity of our drinking water, the water in our brooks and the Great Swamp; our human habit can be improved to encourage a greater diversity of birds, plants and animals to thrive in our community.

Deer thrive on the year-round food we provide with early-greening turf grass and evergreen shrubs. [In areas with less abundant food, in the depth of winter, does will miscarry at least one of their twin fawns.] The huge deer population is preventing regrowth of native shrubs and tree seedlings in our woods. We can help the situation by experimenting with fenced "enclosures" in our woods, to provide nursery areas for woodland plants. Allowing some of our lawn areas to grow into meadows will encourage butterflies, birds and other creatures. Fields planted with warm season grasses are wonderful wildlife habitat for game birds and other field-nesting birds and, since the grass does not "green up" until April or May, they do not provide winter fodder for deer.

The Harding Land Trust has begun a warm season grass area at the rear of its fields to the East of James Street. For information on habitat improvement projects, visit the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program web site:

<http://www.fws.gov/r9dhcpfw/>. For information on native warm season grasses, visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service site: [www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/giti/homepage.html](http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/giti/homepage.html).

### **Historic Preservation Commission, no report this month**

**THE GARDEN CLUB** has once again been recognized by the Garden Club of NJ for its horticultural and design contributions both locally and statewide. The following trophies were presented at the recent annual meeting: **Elizabeth Hood Silver Trophy** for a garden education center that has contributed the greatest service to its community, **Jane Riley**, project chairman. The **Community Garden Club of Hunterdon Co Silver Trophy** for the establishment of the Pauline Berry Garden Education Center, **Jane Riley**, project chairman. The **Bernardsville Garden Club Trophy** for beautification of Memorial Rock Park, **Louise Thorpe**, project chairman. The **Garden Club of NJ Special Award** for a fifteen-year ongoing project of beautifying and decorating the Village of New Vernon for the holidays, **Caron Menger**, Project chairman. **Certificate of Merit for an Excellent Yearbook**, **Pam Sharples**, project chairman. **Certificate of Merit for Garden Clubs participating in the NJ Patio and Flower Show**, **Caron Menger**, Project chairman.

Three members of the NV Garden Club serve on the Board of the GCNJ. Justine Kovacs is finishing her term as Landscape Design School Chairman; Caron Menger will succeed her. Suzy Moran has been chosen to head the Christmas Decorations Committee at Drumthwacket.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 9-12 AM, July 13, Aug. 3 & 17, Sept. 7 & 21. 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** August 29 and September 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](mailto: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.

Thank you for the favorable notice taken of the new addition to **Thumbnail, the "Letters to the Editor"**. This section will not appear every month, but only when letters

that are received are deemed worthy of publication. The Civic Association reserves the right to decide what to publish, but signed submissions on topics of general civic interest will be considered for publication. The opinions represented do not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the Thumbnail or of the Civic Association. This section is intended to provide a public forum for thoughtful citizens to reflect and respond to current civic issues.

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

Municipal Court (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	6 PM	
Environmental Commission (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday)	7:30 PM	8/6, 9/3
Seniors (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)	11 AM.....	7/25, 8/8, 8/22
Planning Board (4 <sup>th</sup> Monday)	8 PM.....	7/22, 9/23
Hist Preservation Comm (1st Thursday)	8 PM	8/1, 9/5
Board of Health (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	8 PM.....	8/8, 9/12
Board of Education (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday)	7:30 PM....	9/9, 9/23
Board of Adjustment (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)	7:30 PM....	7/18, 8/15, 9/19
Township Committee (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3rd Wed)	8 PM.....	8/7, 9/4, 9/18
Shade Tree (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday) 3 PM	4/8, 5/13	8/12, 9/9