

September 2002

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Fire Department Auction Saturday, September 28th

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Annual Auction on **Saturday, September 28th** at the Firehouse on Village Road.

Volunteers from the Fire Company, First Aid Squad and Auxiliary have been busy for weeks organizing the special items that will be brought to the auction block. In addition to the auction ten individual areas at the sale contain sporting goods, bicycles, clean used clothing, books and tapes, flea market, white elephant and a food concession.

The auction begins at 9:00 AM sharp, rain or shine, with an auction preview beginning at 8:00 AM. Parking will be open at 6:30 AM and grounds will open at 7:00AM. All proceeds from the auction benefit the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer First Aid Squad. Donations of sale items are gratefully accepted. For information on donating items please contact J. Miller at 973-267-2514.

Harding Township Annual Curbside Clean-Up

The Harding Township Committee announced that the annual curbside clean-up will commence on Monday, September 30th. Materials that will be collected include furniture, refrigerators (doors must be removed), rugs, small appliances and toys. Materials that will not be collected are tires, building material, garbage, stones, concrete, soil, brush, yard debris, toxic chemicals, propane bottles and tanks, 55 gallon drums (empty or full), oil tanks and oil based paints.

Lawn mowers and other gasoline powered equipment must have the gas and oil drained. Hot water heaters and water conditioners must be drained. Swing sets and similar equipment must be dismantled. Pipes and single pieces of lumber must be cut or bent into sections four (4) feet or less in length. Latex paint cans must be open with any paint dried out. Resident may place items at the curbside in front of their property no sooner than 10 days prior to the 9/30 collection date.

THE LIBRARY AND HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

will jointly sponsor a special program on **Thursday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m.** The actor and historic interpreter, Jim Cooke will present *Calvin Coolidge: More Than Two Words*. This will be an evening of personal and historical anecdotes about the lives of President Warren Harding, for whom the town is named, and Vice President Calvin Coolidge, who succeeded to the presidency after Harding's death in office. This is a celebration of the 80th anniversary of Harding Township. ***Because of the enthusiastic response, the venue has been changed from the Firehouse to the new gymnasium at the Harding Township School.*** Call Anita Cole (973-539-7784) or Joan Humphrey (973-425-4108) to ensure a seat. Admission is free of charge. History and humor combine to promise a

lively entertainment.

BOARD OF HEALTH

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

While a shortage of flu vaccine is not expected this year, there may still be delays in production and distribution. As in the past the Health Department will offer flu shots free of charge to eligible residents, however the dates cannot be determined until the delivery of the vaccine. We are anticipating holding the flu shot clinics late in October. Once the dates are determined, the health department will post notices in the Municipal Building, at the Post Office and on public bulletin boards in establishments around town. Notices will also be sent to the *Thumbnails*, the *Daily Record*, the *Observer-Tribune*, and the *Star-Ledger* or you can call the Health Department after October 1, 2002 at (973) 455-7296.

Flu shots are offered to all residents sixty-five years or older. Also, residents at high risk for flu due to chronic disease or those who are sole caregivers to the elderly or high-risk individuals may get a flu shot. High-risk residents must provide a note from their doctor, authorizing the vaccine, before the Health Department can administer the shot.

WATER RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE

The severe drought is having a direct impact on Harding residents. To date, eight wells in town have either "gone dry" or are producing less water than is needed. Harding Township relies almost exclusively on ground water as a water supply, most from private wells. Ground water levels are not visible, like reservoirs, ponds and streams, but the levels have been dropping. When the ground water level drops below the depth of a well, the well is dry. Short of drilling a new well or deepening the existing well, there is little that can be done. Therefore it is imperative that all residents conserve this most precious of resources. The Township Committee has reinstated all of the water emergency regulations that were originally imposed by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in March. In general:

No watering of grassed areas is permitted with the exception of some limited watering of areas newly seeded or sodded as a result of new construction activity. The exemption that allows the use of water to wash in fertilizer, pesticide or herbicide is limited to once every six weeks.

Plants, trees, shrubs and vegetable gardens may be watered by means of a bucket, can or hand-held hose equipped with a nozzle which will shut off automatically when dropped. Any watering under this provision is not encouraged. Washing of vehicles, pavement, buildings or other surfaces is not allowed. Water may not be used for outdoor residential recreational or ornamental purposes.

Also, residents are encouraged to find and fix all leaks in the plumbing system, not to let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth, and to keep a pitcher of water in

the refrigerator so you won't be tempted to let the water run to get a glass of cool water. More water saving tips and a copy of the complete administrative order detailing the restrictions are available at the NJ DEP website: www.njdrought.org or at the Harding Municipal Building.

THE LIBRARY

Book Club News...The Library hosts an active book club for adults. The *Afternoon Book Club*, open to all who love to read and engage in stimulating discussions, meets in the Conference Room of the Kirby Municipal Building on the third Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. The selection for September 16 is *Artemisia* by Alexandra Lapierre and for October 21, *The Year of Jubilo* by Howard Bahr. Ask at the Library for a list of titles for the year.

There are four *Children's Book Clubs* led by Library staffer, Lynn Hughes: Second & Third Graders, Fourth & Fifth Graders (two clubs), and Sixth & Seventh Graders. Each club meets one Thursday per month at 5:30-6:30 p.m. from October through May and has a limit of 12 children. Parents may be asked to assist with snacks. *Registration is required* and will run from Monday, September 9-Friday, September 13. Call, fax, or email the Library to register your child. Telephone: 973-267-8000 (ask for the Library); fax: 973-267-6221; email: hardinglibrary@netscape.net.

Storytime Fall Session Filled...Registration for the Fall Session (September 12 - November 28) of *Storytime* has been completed. You may still put your child's name on the waiting list, however, by calling or visiting the Library. *Storytime* is held on Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock at the United Methodist Church in Green Village. Registration for the Winter Session will take place in early November. Watch future *Thumbnail* issues for details.

Notice of Closings: On Wednesday, September 25 the Library will close at noon. On this day, we honor our hard-working volunteers at an annual meeting and luncheon. On Auction Saturday, September 28, the Library will be closed.

Harding Township Historical Society

The first Open House of the season is off to an exciting start with **Antiques Appraisal Day at the Tunis-Ellicks House on Sunday, October 6 from 1 - 4 p.m.** Meredith Limmer of Brass Keys Acres Antiques in New Vernon and David Cowell of Lovely Living Antiques in Caldwell, will offer their expertise in appraisals throughout the afternoon. Visitors are limited to three pieces per person. A donation of \$5.00 is requested.

Interested in participating in an **ORGANIC AND NATURAL FOODS co-op** for weekly delivery 9/19-11/21? Call 973 451-1097 or e-mail betsychina@aol.com (RE:

organic) for more information.

**The Harding Township Educational Foundation: Tennis ,Golf Fundraising Events
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 Harding Township Police wants to inform our residents of the dates of the hunting seasons: **Fall Bow and Arrow**, September 7- October 25, 2002.

Permit Bow and Arrow, October 26- December 31; closed 11/25-11/29.

Permit Shotgun, November 25-29, December 9-14 and 18-20; January 4-February 15,

Six day Firearm Season, December 9-14, 2002.

Permit Muzzleloader Season, November 25-29, December 2,3 and 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31; and January 1-February 15, 2003.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER COOPERATION NEEDED TO COPE WITH DEER PROBLEM!

Residents interested in helping with deer control, and whose property can be used for hunting or for drives, should call the township Police Department ((973) 455 0500 to have hunters referred to them. Ask for Sgt Daniel Irons.

SUPPORT Homeless Solutions, Inc.

(Formerly the Morris Shelter)

& SAVE \$ SHOPPING AT SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE SHOPS ON THE COUNTRY MILE IN HARDING

Homeless Solutions, Inc. is a private, non-profit provider of homeless services in Morris County. For 18 years we have helped thousands of your neighbors, working poor families, as well as single men and women transition from homelessness to independent housing. You can help support Homeless Solutions while saving \$ at your favorite stores here in Harding. **Here's how you can help:**

- Purchase a \$12.00 ticket to the Special Shopping Days (Oct 4, 5 & 6). THE ENTIRE \$12.00 IS DEDICATED TO Homeless Solutions, Inc. On those special shopping days, tickets can be purchased at participating establishments on The Country Mile (see list below) **or to save time, purchase through the mail by using the form below.**
- Upon presentation of the ticket, the purchaser is entitled to special offers or designated discounts at The Garden Cottage, The Prince's Knoll, Four Seasons of New Vernon; Bedrosian's of Harding, Anson Newton, The Depot, Flowers from Hannah, Coverings, The Eagle's Nest, The Rose Trellis, Giorgio's Pappas Furs; Country Mile Gardens, Pierre's, Jolie Moi Salon, F. Gerald New, Robert Fountain Antiques, Bayberry in the Cottage, The Minuteman, Talbots, The Country Store, Noteworthy, Paradise (Entirely Lily Pulitzer) and J. McLaughlin . **A special note: F. Gerald New, Anson Newton and The Country Store are also donating a generous percentage of their weekend's receipts to Homeless Solutions, Inc. so don't forget to stop in!**

Please return this portion no later than Friday, September 20th

Yes, count me in! I want to enjoy three days of discounts while supporting Homeless Solutions, Inc. Please send me ____ticket(s) at \$12.00 per ticket. I understand the entire amount will go to Homeless Solutions, Inc. **Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to Homeless Solutions, Inc.** Please mail my ticket(s) to:
Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Mail your check and this form to: Mary Van Kirk (973) 425-01145
38 Lake Trail West, Morristown, NJ 07960

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Township Committee

The Twp Committee is exploring the possibility of hosting a ceremony to recognize Korean War vets who reside in Township. This is in response to the Morris Co Freeholders who have a project to identify all such vets, living or deceased, from Morris Co, and to present either them or their family members with a medal, to be presented at municipal ceremonies throughout the year. To be eligible, a person must have been or is now a Morris Co resident, on active duty between 6/23/50 and 1/31/55, and have received an honorable discharge. Registration is by calling Morris Co Dept of Human Services, 973 326 7286.

In July, issued bonds for \$1,714,000 for purchase of land on BI 51, lot 34.

In August, amended Land Use Ordinance, #11-02 by consolidating various checklists applicable to subdivisions and site plans. Passed, Ordinance #10-02, which accepts a gift of an easement on Bailey's Mill Rd, BI 46, lot 4, for purposes of preservation, restoration and maintenance of the Bailey's mill race.

Planning Board

July 2002, memorialized approval of Lakeshore Co (#8-02) for minor subdivision with variance, BI 36, lot 1, approved. (Mt Kemble Lake, Bailey's Mill Rd and Primrose Tr). In June, approved Kurdzialek, Pleasant Plains Rd for minor subdivision; and Premier for modification of major subdivision, Brook Dr N. No August meeting.

Board Of Adjustment

June 2002. The Chair, Mr. O'Loughlin, called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM on 6/20/02. Present were members Cameron, Eichler, Holdsworth, Montgomery, Scalera, and Viola, along with Board Attorney Gary Hall, Esq.

Approved, with minor editorial corrections, were Applications #9-02 (O'Loughlin), #10-02 (Desbrow), and #11-02 (Bistis-Niketas).

Pending Application #7-02, (Kuchler) was adjourned for an additional month.

Application #12-02 (Adler)-Block 15 Lot 23.01 and 23.02, which was the first request under the new Township ordinance controlling family member-non-rental-Accessory Residences, was approved; allowing a tennis court and accessory residence in front of the proposed new principal residence, on Pleasantville Rd

New Application #13-02 (Zonobini-Bakst)-Block 12 Lot 16 was given conditional approval.

New Application #14-02 (O'Connor)-Block 8 Lot 9 was approved, to allow enlargement of non-conforming residence by construction of a one-story addition increasing the total building area to 4,667 ft², notwithstanding the absence of a 150' setback on Village Rd.

July 2002. Approved the site plan for expansion of the Morris Animal Inn (#3-99) to a total of 14,800 ft² in order to accommodate 56 new units for larger dogs. Twp Engineer Fox concluded that the site plan and storm water management plan complied with the Board recommendations from earlier meetings.

August 2002 Request for amended variance approval, Tawnya Kabnick, Beach trail, BI 38, lot 7. The original variance had granted a 25' setback for patio. Amendment requested for deck that covers patio and which is raised to height of kitchen floor. Site inspection date set.

New application #17-02, Forgione, Long Hill Rd, BI 50, lot 8.01, request for C and D variances on new home, swimming pool, tennis court and detached garage. Proposal is for 14.7% impervious coverage, as opposed to the 10% allowed on the lot. Board asked applicants to return with a modified proposal.

New Application #18-02, Eichler and Mcfadyen, Blue Mill Rd, BI 9, lot 9 (formerly Goetz), request for variance to renovate existing house and add family room and kitchen to rear. Variance required because existing house is outside building envelope and street frontage is less than 300'. Proposed building would be in building envelope. Application approved.

Approved application of Clew, BI 19, lot 10 for enlargement of non-conforming residence for rear patio, spa, with minimum west side setback of 92' and minimum east side set back of 62', property on Blue Mill Rd.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The State is no longer providing money for mentoring first and second year teachers. Dr. Pallozzi is recommending that they go back to the way they used to fund the mentoring, (approx. \$500) the teacher's used to fund this through deduction of their payroll.

New Teacher Orientation is on 8/29/02.

This week they will be mailing actions plans for the goals this year. \$4600.92 will be applied to professional development and teacher materials. A research and writing project will be implemented. Title Five Drug Free "Project Alert" will be implemented for the middle school, cost is \$150.00 including activities, and assessments.

The Board has decided that children identified in each classroom as advanced academic achievers, will be given enrichment learning materials beginning with Math. Dr. Pallozzi proposed this, from the feedback which he received from the parents. Pam Fry has been hired as the new enrichment educator; she is a MA step eight and experience with gifted and talented programs.

The fourth grade Math ESPA results were just received and have not been reviewed yet. School will begin five minutes earlier this upcoming year; therefore the bus routes have all been rearranged to accommodate the required earlier time of arrival. There will be no exceptions for driving into streets and turning around when it is not necessary, unless

there is a Kindergartner on the street.

The PTO funded playground is complete, and will be ready for use on the first day of school. The B.O.E. will also be contributing money toward the grounds around the playground.

Railings are expected this week and will be ready by the first day of school as well.

The new control system that is being replaced will help conserve energy as well.

The third floor construction is going very well and is almost complete. The new construction company has been working out very well and right on schedule.

Dee Klikier the new Principal, will be overseeing the incorporation of the curriculum in every classroom.

Madison High School renewal contract decision is due 12/31/02. This date can be extended if the need be. Discussions between Madison and Harding are continuing and Dr. Palozzi has met individually with the Superintendent of Madison, Dr. Travlos as well. A letter is going out to all community members this week to inform the community of what the status is, and to invite all members of the community to attend the next meeting on October 14, 2002.

**The 75th Anniversary Book of the Harding Township School is still available for only \$25, your contributions would help fund many different projects at the school. The book has pictures going back to the first days of the inception of the school including a picture of the 1926-1927 school year staff, when the entire faculty consisted of the Principal, and three teachers! Their are also poems included, written by the children expressing their feelings immediately following Pearl Harbor in 1942 as well as poems written following the WTC attacks in 2001. You can view a picture of each graduating class through 2001 as well as a beautiful picture of Meryl Mary Louise Streep from her Harding Township Yearbook, and in her own words she tells of her interests, likes and dislikes! Please contact Bob Matthews on the B.O.E., if you are interested in purchasing this wonderful commemorative book (973) 267-6398.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

HARDING LAND TRUST

HARDING TREE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

No reports this issue

Civic Association Call to Action!

Are you interested in participating in the Civic Association?- we welcome new members to the executive committee, which covers and reports on civic affairs. None of us are "professional" reporters, just citizens doing a service for all of us who cannot attend meetings due to other commitments. Thumbnail was started over 50 years ago, in response to the lack of civic news coverage in the "regular" press, and the problem still

exists. Please write The Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976. We also thank you for your support of the Civic Association, in both your interest and comments, and with your financial contributions through dues.

The Civic Association has honored at least one "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" every year for over 30 years. Some were relatively unknown outside Harding, others have had national recognition. Our criteria for selection has been very broad, this should be a resident who is not an elected official, and who has made a contribution to the town worthy of note, perhaps which otherwise would be uncelebrated. If you have a name to suggest, please let us know. You should be an advocate for the person, providing a brief bio and reasons for your choice. We would especially ask that those of you who have been honored in the past, help us with nominations. The names of those selected in the past will be posted on our 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 from 9-12 AM Sept. 7 & 21, Oct 5 & 19. 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 September 30 and October 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.

Don't forget 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 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	6 PM	
Environmental Commission (1 st Tuesday)	7:30 PM	10/1
Seniors (2 nd and 4 th Thursday)	11 AM.....	9/12, 9/27
Planning Board (4 th Monday)	8 PM.....	9/23
Hist Preservation Comm (1 st Thursday)	8 PM	10/3, 11/7
Board of Health (2 nd Thursday)	8 PM.....	9/12, 10/10
Board of Education (2 nd and 4 th Monday)	7:30 PM....	9/23
Board of Adjustment (3 rd Thursday)	7:30 PM....	9/19, 10/17, 11/21
Township Committee (1 st and 3 rd Wed)	8 PM.....	9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16
Shade Tree (2 nd Monday) 3 PM	4/8, 5/13	9/9, 10/14