

February 2007

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Civic Association News**

The annual meeting of the Harding Township Civic Association was held February 5. New members of the Board of Trustees: are: Kara MacKenzie, Art Williams, and Janet Pearce. Following the brief business meeting, Dr. Lou Lanzerotti, Chair of the Township Committee, presided over a "Town Meeting" Q&A session. Issues addressed included: changes to NJ state policies creating uncertainties relating to home rule; the need for the Township's direct responsibility for Glen Alpin to cease (in this regard, a committee is looking into ways to accomplish this, alternatives will be presented to the Township Committee later this winter. Lanzerotti commented that the redevelopment of the "New Vernon village" has been successful so far, but that he felt any potential for walking paths had not been investigated thoroughly, and consequently that issue was on the "back burner". There was a citizen discussion as to pros and cons of sidewalks generally in the Township. There were also questions regarding the best ways to prioritize any future open space purchases, and to obtain timely and complete information without needing to make decisions in haste. The timing of the library project was also discussed; although this is not a town project, being financed privately, a spokesperson for the library commented that ground breaking might be in the spring.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP ON CLUSTER ZONING**

The Harding Township Planning Board invites the public to attend a workshop session on the topic of cluster zoning to be held at the Harding Township Municipal Building at **7:30 PM, Monday, February 26, 2007**. The Board will be considering whether cluster zoning or other regulations would promote the township's planning goal of preserving its traditional character. An excerpted report on the subject, entitled Creative Development Techniques: Cluster Subdivisions is included in this Thumbnail as a public service; the full report is posted on the Civic Association website, <http://www.hardingcivic.org> available during normal business hours at the Planning Board Offices located in the Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road, Harding Township.

### **T-BALL SIGN-UPS, AGES 5&6 ONLY**

Fir those interested in T-BALL, Registration will be held on Saturday, **February 24th and Saturday March 3rd** in the Harding School Gym between the hours of

9:00 and 11:00. T-ball is for ages 5 & 6 only. Any child over the age of 6 years old that wants to play ball this spring must contact the Farm League representative at the Madison Recreation Dept. Coaches, asst. coaches and team parents are needed. If you would like to sponsor a team, please contact Aimee Bloom, [aimeebloom@msn.com](mailto:aimeebloom@msn.com), or Jerry O'Loughlin, [topdown911@yahoo.com](mailto:topdown911@yahoo.com).

The fantastic art show and sale, **ART IN BLOOM** will take place on **March 11 and 12, 2007** at Christ the King Church. This is a benefit for the Library. The gala Opening Night is scheduled for Friday, March 11 from 6-9 pm. Admission is \$25.00 per person and we have many new artists, crafters, potters and jewelry makers. We look forward to seeing you there! For information please call Carol Conger Vellekamp at 973-539-9531.

#### NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Soup Contest** - It's time once again for the Auxiliary sponsored "Home-made Soup Contest"

Date: **Sunday March 25**

Time: 5:00-6:00 PM

Place: Fire House, Village Rd.

Cost: \$5.00 for soup, bread, coffee

Homemade desserts and soda will be available for sale. Come early! Vote for your favorite soup. Prizes will be awarded. If you would like to enter a soup in the contest, entry is free. Please contact Pat O'Reilly 973-301-2151 or Connie Cherrillo, 973-539-9383.

#### Notes from Your First Aid Squad

New standards for CPR were established worldwide. A defibrillator purchased before October 2005 might require updating in order to work effectively with the current standard. Call John Thomas for assistance at 973-267-9424, or e-mail [jwtant19@verizon.net](mailto:jwtant19@verizon.net).

Please consider joining the Squad. Our organization offers free training and uniforms as well as a super group of dedicated people with whom to work. We're sure you will find the Squad a highly rewarding volunteer opportunity! Contact Kate Crowley (973-656-0488, or [kkcrowley@patmedia.net](mailto:kkcrowley@patmedia.net)) for details.

#### THE LIBRARY

**Exciting New Feature!**...as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, your Harding Library card has even more oomph! The Library is now offering internet access to downloadable e-

audiobooks. All you need is a Windows Media Player-compatible portable device (no iPods), a PC, and a free NetLibrary account. Bring yourself and your borrower's card to the Library, and we will be happy to set up an account for you, thus providing you access to a rich collection of over 1,500 titles. For further information, check our Web site [[www.hardinglibrary.org](http://www.hardinglibrary.org)].

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club...**meets **Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Join this highly engaged group of middle schoolers in a lively book discussion. This season's theme is *Villains in Literature!* Roald Dahl's classic, *The Witches*, is our next title. A copy of the book may be obtained at the Library. **Spin a Yarn at the Library: Sunday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** Spend a fun Sunday afternoon learning to crochet, make pompoms and more at the Library. The whole family can join in this activity and take home the beginnings of a special project. Registration required, please, as space is limited. \$3 materials fee requested.

**Evening Book Group...Wednesday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m.** We read and discuss a wide variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. This month's title is the acclaimed novel, *Suite Francaise*, by Irene Nemirovsky. Set in World War II France, the book depicts life, love, and survival during a turbulent and dangerous time. Please join us!

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL NEWS**

**PTO** The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harding Township School Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Spring Brook Country Club from 11:00-2:30. The theme of this year's Luncheon, Fashion Show and Auction is "Escape to Summer". Proceeds will support continued development and improvements of the school athletic fields, used by both school teams and HTRA groups. Tickets will be available in early March. For further information, please contact Christina Butler at (973) 539-3199.

The **HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL** proudly presents "Disney's High School Musical". There are three shows, **Friday March 23** at 7:30 PM, **Saturday March 24** at 7:30 PM and **Sunday March 25** at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.00 and they may be purchased by calling Mrs. DeCotiis at the school at 973-267-6398, ext. 147, picking up a ticket form at the Middle School office or visiting our website at [www.hardingtwp.org](http://www.hardingtwp.org). All seats will be assigned. The show will be presented in the Matthew C. Sellitto Gymnasium at the Harding Township School on Lees Hill Road, New Vernon.

**Child Car Seat Safety Inspection** - the Police Department will provide a free safety inspection service of your child's car seat on **Tuesday, March 13** at the New Vernon Fire Department from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The safety inspection is jointly sponsored by the Harding Township Police Department and Safe Kids-New Jersey organizations. Please stop by for this free service.

**HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CANCER SCREENG PROGRAMS** The **male cancer detection** program will be held on Tuesday, **March 13** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The **female cancer detection** program will be held on Thursday, **March 29** from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Municipal Building. The programs include: testing, examination, and education.

**ADULT HEALTH CLINIC** will be held on Thursday, **April 26** from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at the Municipal Building. This program will include blood pressure; fasting blood chemistries - including cholesterol typing; and information on nutrition. An optional Respiratory Assessment, including Spirometry will be performed by Morristown Memorial Hospital free of charge.

**Registration** for both clinics is open to Harding Township residents, eighteen years of age and older. There is no fee. You can register in person at the Health Department offices on the second floor of the Municipal Building or by calling (973) 267-8000 ext 125 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

**Harding Alliance for a Drug-Free Community:**

*What is Harding Alliance?*

Harding Alliance is a community-based organization that promotes alternative activities to substance abuse. The organization receives its funding from the county and the township (Total 2007 Budget: \$11,328). The Alliance includes township and school professionals, and citizens concerned with issues surrounding substance abuse. Our website is [www.hardingalliance.com](http://www.hardingalliance.com)

Harding Alliance is a grass-roots organization and therefore you are a key component to its success. **There is no fund raising involved!** We have recently launched a **Parent Networking Group** with a chance for parents to exchange ideas. If you would like further information on this group, please contact Jane Williams at [janewilliams@patmedia.net](mailto:janewilliams@patmedia.net). Regular quarterly meetings are open to the public and are in the Guidance Office of the Harding Township School at 8:45 AM on April 18, June 6 and September 19, 2007.

## **TOWNSHIP NEWS**

### **Township Committee – January 17, 2007**

#### **Downtown New Vernon**

The new Post Office and Sunrise Market deli/ restaurant have been completed. Initial reports on the development including parking and traffic flow have been positive. The Township will put up 100 feet of fencing to shield the view of the DPW from the Conine property. Pine trees planted by the Township many years ago for this purpose have grown too high and are not effective.

#### **Library Update**

Lotte Newlin presented a timeline for the Library project with design and engineering work scheduled to begin this January with construction continuing through 2008. The Township is to provide cost estimates for the elements of the project that are Township responsibilities.

#### **Affordable Housing Funding Options**

Gail McKane and John Murray discussed a new ordinance being drafted by Susan Kimball, the Township Planner that would change the formulae to calculate development fees on new construction. The new formula is intended to better match the fees imposed on developers to the obligations of the Township to provide affordable housing generated by such development. The issuance of tax exempt bonds by the Township to fund the costs of the Farm at Harding was discussed.

#### **Eggert Property**

The Township received a letter from the National Park Service in support of the Township's purchase of the Eggert property adjacent to Jockey Hollow that the Township is considering purchasing. Later in the meeting, Vern Condon asked if a second appraisal on the property had been received and was told that it had not been received.

#### **Highlands Regional Master Plan**

John Murray recommended that it was premature for the Township to opt into the Highlands Plan. According to John Murray, many details that could have an impact on the Township are yet to be determined and that there was no advantage to make a decision now. Ned Ward commented that only a small area of Harding was actually in the core of the Highlands area. He said that he thought that the plan had been unfavorably received by Bedminster, Lebanon and Tewksbury. Mr. Ward suggested that doing business with a regional planning group such as the Highlands was difficult and he compared it to municipal consolidation. Mr. Murray noted that none of Harding was in the "preservation" area of the Highlands (where towns must comply) but that all of

Harding was in the “planning area” where towns had the option to opt in or out of the Highlands Plan.

Chris Allyn said that Harding had previously made the decision to be classified as a “Highlands Community” even though only a small area of the Township is in the Highlands area. He went on to say that Harding will probably be 90% compliant with the final Highland regulations without any changes to existing rules on development.

Ned Ward said he was in favor of a Harding Township referendum on whether to join the Highlands Plan.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

#### ***Ordinance 1-0 7 Budget Cap Increase***

This Ordinance would increase the maximum increase in budgeted Municipal operating expenses (with some exceptions) to 3.5% from 2.5%. The Ordinance gives the Township greater flexibility in case of unexpected financial needs and does not mean that operating expenses will necessarily increase by the higher percentage.

#### ***Ordinance 3-07 – Meyersville Road Speed Limit***

This Ordinance would decrease the speed limit on Meyersville Road and was suggested by at least one resident, Mr. Carlson. The decrease from 35 mph to 30 mph is less than that suggested, but it represents the maximum decrease possible without referral of the matter to the State Department of Transportation. If referred to the State, they would run tests and determine the speed limit which could be higher or lower than the current limit.

### **PLANNING BOARD**, January 22

At the next meeting, Feb 26, a public presentation and discussion about “Cluster Zoning” will be held. This is a “creative development” technique which might be useful to promote the Township’s land use goals. The following is ***excerpted from the report prepared by Susan Kimball, Township planner, to be presented:*** (For the complete report, please see the Civic Association website, <http://www.hardingcivic.org> , or go to the Planning Board Offices located in the Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road, Harding Township during normal business hours).

### **“CLUSTER SUBDIVISIONS**

“In concept, clustering should be especially conducive to promoting the Master Plan goal of preserving highly visible large open space areas along public roads. It would do this in exchange for a reduction of lot sizes and the arrangement of

dwellings. To a degree, this is similar to lot size averaging in that a reduction of the minimum lot size is permitted in exchange for preserving other larger areas of undeveloped land. The important difference is that residential lots in cluster subdivisions tend to be uniformly small.

“Many municipalities with planning objectives similar to Harding’s permit clustering including Mendham, Chester, Bedminster, and Tewksbury townships. In Mendham Township, clustering was permitted on the 300+ acre Schiff Estate to create the “Brookrace” development.

“Chester Township allows the cluster option on 50-acre tracts in their cluster zone. A cluster development is located along north side of County Route 510 just west of the township’s border with Chester Borough. It advanced the township’s goal to preserve its rural character by essentially making the development invisible to the passing public by preserving a large area of open space along the County road in one of the most highly visible areas of the township.

“The Bedminster “SFC-RD” cluster zone was enacted to preserve a valued “viewshed” by permitting a maximum of 25 units on 10,000 square foot (quarter-acre) lots on a 63-acre tract of land, thus providing for the preservation of more than 50 acres of the tract. Tewksbury allows clustering on any 25-acre tract of land in its low density (5 acres/unit) district.

#### **“PRACTICAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH CLUSTER ORDINANCES**

“Although the concept of clustering is simple, experience has shown that there are a number of practical issues that can make its implementation difficult. In order to achieve Harding’s planning goals, these issues need to be addressed in any ordinance. Clustering should only be enacted if the Board and Township Committee determine they can be successfully addressed in Harding’s context.

**“Calculation of the permitted number of units.** Because minimum lot sizes may be reduced in a cluster subdivision, an ordinance allowing this development technique should include provisions to determine the number of lots that will be permitted in a cluster development. There are essentially three methods that may be used to make that determination:

1. The simple numerical calculation: dividing the total tract size by the density of the zoning district.
2. The adjusted numerical calculation: subtracting a specified percentage from the lot acreage prior to dividing it by the density of the zoning district, to account for typical development constraints that would normally reduce a conventional subdivision’s lot yield.

3. The conventional subdivision yield plan: requiring the preparation of a conforming subdivision plan to determine the maximum number of lots permitted in the cluster development.

**“Why Developers Might Utilize the Cluster Option.** The reduced infrastructure costs associated with cluster subdivisions are often cited as an incentive for developers to opt for a cluster subdivision. In Harding this is likely to be a very small (if any) incentive because land costs are very high and infrastructure costs relatively low. In addition, there is a perception among developers in the area that there is a strong preference among potential buyers for large privately-owned lots as compared to relatively smaller lots associated with cluster subdivisions even if surrounded by commonly-owned open space. These issues could be addressed by making clustering mandatory where the township determines that particular areas contain special qualities, or by allowing the development of more lots than would be permitted based on a conventional subdivision yield plan. The Master Plan and Reexamination Report are silent on these issues, but any substantial increase in density would not generally be consistent with Master Plan goals absent some compelling reason.

“The township may conclude that either the simple numerical calculation of tract size divided by the zone district’s minimum lot size (e.g. 25 acres divided by 5 acres/unit = 5 lots), or the adjusted numerical calculation, subtracting a factor to account for typical constraints (e.g. 25 acres less 15% = 21 acres divided by 5 acres/unit = 4 lots), is an appropriate method of determining the density in a cluster subdivision. The township may conclude that the benefits of clustering outweigh what may be a modest increase in the number of units compared to a conventional subdivision, even in areas with severe constraints. The adjusted numerical calculation may well result in a yield sufficient such that developers would opt for a cluster arrangement. In either case, permitting a numerical calculation without a requirement to prepare a conforming subdivision plan beforehand, would save time in the planning process.

“If the township concludes, however, that the number of lots in a cluster development should be based upon the same number of lots that would have been permitted in a conventional subdivision (conventional subdivision yield plan), it must be recognized that there would be little or no reason for a developer to then opt for a cluster arrangement. In this case, to support the cluster option the township could consider permitting a modest number of lots to be added to the “base number” of (conventional subdivision) lots. An argument for allowing an increase in the number of lots that is consistent with Master Plan goals would be to relate the number of additional lots to the amount and/or location of

preserved open space or to requiring greater variety in housing types than would normally be expected from conventional development. The following options could be considered:

1. The simplest way to support the cluster option would be to develop a formula that permits additional lots in relation to:
  - A greater set-aside of open space than would otherwise be required by the cluster ordinance. Consideration could also be given to requiring public access or conveyance of open space to the township.
  - A set-aside of modestly priced or low/moderate income housing.
  - Limiting house sizes/impervious coverage significantly below that permitted in conventional developments.
2. “Density transfers” could be permitted whereby a developer would buy a conservation easement on another developable property in exchange for transferring its development rights (the number of lots that would have been possible on the eased property) to the developer’s property, provided it is developed as a cluster subdivision. This alternative requires cooperation between two property owners and may not be financially viable for the developer.
3. A variation of the density transfer would be to allow the developer to make a monetary contribution to the township to be used toward the purchase of open space elsewhere in the community in exchange for increased density in a cluster subdivision. In this example, the township would have control over open space acquisition or the purchase of development rights. A formula would have to be developed to correlate the monetary contribution with the increase in permitted density. Again, financial viability would be key to whether this option is realistic.
4. The township could consider designating “special preservation areas” as an overlay within a particular zone. These could include highly visible areas of special beauty or other community significance where clustering could be required or, if not mandatory, where additional lots could be offered to support cluster development, so as to preserve particular portions of a site.

“Any method of lot calculation should be carefully considered in light of Master Plan objectives. If clustering is allowed as a development option in existing residential zones, the total number of lots permitted should not exceed that which is based on the density of the district compared to the total tract size.

Alternatively, an entirely new zoning district could be established in a particular

area or areas, but such an approach would necessitate an amendment to the Land Use Plan element of the Master Plan.

**“Location of open space.** A common complaint in the design of cluster subdivisions is the location of open space. Typically, developers will choose to locate the open space in back of the new building lots where it primarily benefits the new owners. In order for the township’s planning goals to be achieved, the preserved open space should be in the highly visible areas along public roads or address some other township planning goal. Any cluster ordinance should contain standards to ensure that the Master Plan’s goals are advanced.

**“Bulk standards.** If clustering is permitted as a development option in existing zones the township should consider whether it will establish a minimum tract size as a prerequisite. The tract size should be sufficient to enable appropriate distances between new development and adjoining properties and the preservation of open space. As noted earlier, several nearby towns allowing the cluster option require 25 to 50 acres as a minimum tract size. Some communities have chosen to rezone particular large tracts of land for cluster development to achieve specific planning objectives.

“Any cluster option will need a new set of bulk standards including reduced minimum lot size requirements, setbacks, and minimum open space requirements. As with any set of bulk standards, they need to fit together collectively. Two considerations should guide decisions on this issue. First, the smaller the minimum lot size, the larger the minimum open space requirement can be. Second, the minimum lot size should not be smaller than necessary for individual wells and septs on each lot unless alternative systems are possible. The Planning Board and Township Committee should seek recommendations from the Township Health Administrator on this issue, particularly with regard to any innovative systems that may permit additional development flexibility.

#### **HARDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, January 22, 2007**

A. Mid-Year Quest/Enrichment Update (Gifted and Talented Program):  
Every school district is required by law to provide a program for academically advanced children. This is an unfunded mandate. Harding’s identification system has three parts: (1) end of year test scores; (2) teacher identification; and (3) report card grades.

B. Special Legislative Update presented by Senator Thomas Kean and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick

1. Senator Kean (R-D21) and Assemblyman Bramnick (R-D21) reported on legislative happenings in Trenton as of January 22<sup>nd</sup> and in particular three

pieces of key property tax legislation that were of concern to Harding residents.

a. Sen. Kean reported that part of a proposed bill (A4) that would have created a county super-superintendent with oversight over local school board spending and the power to require school districts to enter into sharing arrangements or consolidate was “essentially dead.”

b. A proposed bill (A8) to establish a “pilot program” consolidating school districts or services in one unnamed county failed in the Senate and was, according to Senator Kean, “dead.” *To the contrary, however, a subsequent Star Ledger article said this issue is still open.*

c. The Senate passed a bill (S12) to establish an independent commission (similar to the panel used to close military bases) to study which “local units” (e.g., towns, school districts, fire departments, etc.) ought to merge to save money. The state will pay for the commission’s research. The local units which are recommended for merger will vote on the proposal. The state will also pay for the cost of a vote. A local unit, however, will not be penalized if it votes against merger. Sen. Kean noted that the Senate weakened the bill to eliminate mandates for merger or penalties for voting against merger. This bill will be returned to the Assembly for a final vote.

2. Senator Kean identified two pieces of property tax legislation that are in the wings and that would be of interest to Harding residents: (1) a cap on annual property tax hikes; and (2) a new formula for distributing \$7 billion in state school aid.

a. [Eds. Note: According to the 1/27/07 Star Ledger, the Assembly introduced a bill (A1) on 1/28/07 that would provide \$2 billion in tax credits ranging from 10 to 20 percent for homeowners earning up to \$250,000 a year. It would also impose a 4 percent limit on year-to-year growth in the amount local governments can raise through property taxes.]

b. As to school funding, Sen. Kean noted that the state’s school funding has been flat for the last 5-6 years despite inflation, increased special education costs, etc. In Harding, Dr. Pallozzi explained that local property taxes fund 92% of the school budget with the state providing only 4% of the aid (the federal government provides the final 2%). Dr. Pallozzi expressed concern that the cost of special education services will be based on Harding’s ability to pay for those services, what Sen. Kean described as “wealth waiting costs.” Sen. Kean observed that state law requires that any cost over \$40,000 for special education services is to be funded by the state, but that this law has been ignored.

3. Senator Sen. Ken and Assemblyman Bramnick encouraged residents to call or email them (or any other District 21 legislators) with their concerns about

any pending legislation. [Their emails are [senkean@njleg.org](mailto:senkean@njleg.org); [asmbramnick@njleg.org](mailto:asmbramnick@njleg.org). Both can also be reached at (908) 232-3673.] Assemblyman Bramnick stated that his office will provide updates on legislation and press releases. He also recommended that residents write letters to the editors and/or email reporters at the Star Ledger and Daily Record. Finally, residents can follow the path of legislation on the New Jersey Legislature site. [[www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us)]

4. Mr. Angelo Santoro commented that the defeat of A4 and A8 was good news for a small school district like Harding.

5. One member of the public questioned whether Harding, because its state funding is so low, should investigate becoming a charter school. Ms. Evelyn Douglas answered that the Board of Education had never looked into becoming a charter school because it does not have the power to do so. Mr. Santoro observed that an outside group would have to propose a charter school and that the public school would still continue to exist.

#### **Board of Adjustment, January 18, 2007**

The following items were on the agenda:

##### **Request for Minor Amended Approval**

Application #2-05 James Cleave, Applicant; Ortmans Garage LLC (Owners)  
12 Village Road, Block 17 Lot 61 , B-1 Historic Village District

##### **New Applications**

Application #30-26 Michael Petillo; 80 Youngs Road, Block 48 Lot 1.01;

'C" Variance; Request by Applicant to carry to February 15, 2007 meeting.

Application #31-06 Earl and Erin Shaw, 145 Bailey's Mill Road, Block 46.02 Lot 3; Request for "C" Variance

Application #32-06 Chris and Dave Alvey,, 17 Lake Trail West, Block 38 Lot 4; Request for "C" Variance

Application #01-07 John and Christine Tonzolo

85 Sand Spring Road, Block 25.02 Lot 10; Request for "C" and "D" Variances

#### **Civic Association**

**Please send the editor any information regarding changes to the Harding Township Directory to be published later this year.** If you have responsibility for a listed service or organization, please take a moment to review and update your listing. Send an Email to the editor, **NOTE NEW email**

**address: *hesnaj@verizon.net***, or write The Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976. ***Remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that your organization's listing is correct.***

**DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are March 2 and April 6**, respectively. ***Announcements should be complete and concise to help the editor.*** Current and past issues of Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are posted on our Website- check it out: <http://www.hardingcivic.org>. Send questions or comments about Thumbnail to editor, ***email address: hesnaj@verizon.net***, or the Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976.

**RECYCLING:** Commingled recycling of plastics, aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles/jars, mixed paper, corrugated cardboard and household batteries at Municipal Garage every Wednesday, 7AM-Noon, (7AM to 9AM self service); and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays from 9-12 AM. Please do NOT leave recyclable materials if the center is closed.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**, meetings as noted.

Municipal Court (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)	4 PM
Municipal Court (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday)	11AM
Environmental Commission (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)	7:30 PM
Seniors (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)Chrst KingCh	11 AM
Planning Board (4 <sup>th</sup> Monday)	7:30 PM
Hist Preservtion Comm (1stThursday)	8 PM
Board of Health (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	8 PM
Board of Education (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday)	7:30 PM
Board of Adjustment (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)	7:30 PM
Township Committee(1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)	8 PM
Shade Tree (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)	3 PM
Harding Twp Civic Association	7:30 PM