

June 2007

Commuter Survey Included in this Issue! Please take a few moments to complete and return the Commuter Parking Survey **on the last page (p. 11) of this issue**. The Township Committee is working with the surrounding towns to assess the commuter parking needs of Harding residents and your responses to the survey will assist in that effort. Please return your completed survey to Cindy Phillips at Town Hall by **July 1**.

Harding Township Municipal Offices Summer Hours Schedule: Effective July 1st through August 31st, the Harding Township Municipal Offices will be open 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. on Friday.

Township Annual Memorial Day Celebration

James Halsey was cited as Citizen of the Year, for his 30 years of service to the community. Winners of the essay contest were Emma Shipley, Joseph Goret, Olivia O'Laughlin, and Meredith Claytor.

THE LIBRARY

Get a Clue @ Your Library! Summer Reading 2007

This year's summer reading theme covers mysteries, puzzles, mazes, and conundrums in all their guises. We encourage all school children to visit the Library and sign up for the program. We have Reading Logs, incentives, activities, reading lists, and librarians ready to suggest great books for everyone.

Evening Book Group...Wednesday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of stimulating discussion. The book selection for June is J. Maarten Troost's *The Sex Lives of Cannibals*, a hilarious and thought-provoking memoir of two years spent in the Equatorial Pacific. The book may be obtained at the Library. All are welcome.

4th-5th Grade Book Club ...Special Event, Monday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a special Percy Pizza Party to discuss *The Curse of the Titans*, the latest installment in the wildly popular Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan. All Book Club members and their friends are welcome.

New on the Shelves...*An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning*, by former Vice President Al Gore, is an excellent documentary on the real and present danger of global warming...a MUST SEE film of the year.

Enriching Our Community Capital Campaign updates can be found on the Library Web site: hardinglibrary.org.

Summer Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. until noon.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CHILD HEALTH: Child Health Services are available free to the Harding resident children (5 years of age and younger) of residents who are uninsured or whose health insurance does not cover this activity. This service consists of vaccinations and periodic "well-baby" examinations by a physician. Residents who are interested in this program should contact the Township of Harding Health Department at 973-267-8000, ext 148 and ask for the Public Health Nurse.

MERCURY THERMOMETERS The Township of Harding Health Department participates in the Morris County Mercury Thermometer Collection Program.. Residents may bring in their mercury fever thermometer for proper disposal to the Health Department on the second floor of the municipal building, during business hours.

FLU CLINICS. Influenza vaccination clinics will be held in the late fall. Up-dated information will be available after September 1.

First Aid Squad Membership Drive

For more than thirty years the New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad has responded to calls for emergency help in our community. In order to continue our much-needed services please consider enlisting as a First Aid Volunteer. You will serve in one of the most important town organizations, which offers opportunities for learning, meeting new friends, and gaining personal satisfaction. The membership chairperson, Sue Sameth at 973 267-0552 or suesameth@aol.com, the Captain, Susan Godfrey 973 425-6491, and President Kate Crowley at 973 656-0488 look forward to hearing from you and answering any of your questions.

Harding-Madison Ice Hockey 2007-08 Season Signups

The Harding-Madison Ice Hockey Association (HMIHA) registration is from 6/9 to 7/15. Open to Harding and Madison residents ages 5-17; the program is for the recreational-level player and coached by parent-volunteers who have completed USA Hockey (USAH) In the upcoming fall-winter 07-08 season, the teams will participate against other Morris County recreational teams. Most games and practices will be in ice rinks in Morristown area. Need based full and partial scholarships are available through the Alex Bloom Memorial Scholarship Fund. All inquiries for scholarships are confidential; please contact Fund Trustees Ted Remig (tremig@yahoo.com, 201-213-8650) or Jeanne McCabe (jeannemccabe@gmail.com, 973-879-5352). For more information or registration forms, contact Peter Collier (pcollier@sprintmail.com) or Pat Burke at (patandlisa1@aol.com) or go to the following web site: <http://eteamz.active.com/hmihahockey>.

WANTED: The Harding Township Historical Society is looking for volunteers with basic computer skills to input data, direct messages, and refer questions to the archivist, a few hours a week. Personal instruction, but no pay. An interest in local history is a plus. Please respond to hardinghist@patmedia.com

PRIMARY ELECTION results: Jim Rybka won the Republican primary election contest,

with 317 votes over 188 votes for Phil Rosenbach (unofficial count), a turnout of 40%.

Wildlife Management Report Bear sightings continue. You can help prevent bear damage by keeping garbage, pet food and bird food in secure locations. Never feed or approach bears. Please report to Harding Police, 973 455 0500, and to NJ Wildlife research Unit, 908 735 8793.

The **Harding Township Educational Foundation annual meeting** is scheduled for Thursday June 14, 7 PM, Harding School Library. Information about grants to Harding School will be discussed. If you want more information, or want to be more involved in the grant and fundraising activities, please call Elaine McHale 973 765 9205.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

PLANNING BOARD, April 23, 2007 and May 21, 2007

The most startling application in the **May 21** meeting was the request from "Primrose Preserve" for a **rezoning of 127 acres on Brook Drive South**. This land goes up to the ridge above Baileys Mill Rd. The applicants have options to purchase the properties, now held by three owners. Current Zoning requirements, in the RR zone are 5 acres per house, but there was some testimony that only 15 units could be supported even under the existing zoning, due to wetlands, flood plain, and other environmental constraints along the Primrose Brook watershed. The Applicants are requesting a change in the zoning to permit 42 dwelling units (including 6 COAH units) in at least 24 separate buildings, some multistory with elevator access, some single dwelling units. The applicants have said this would be an market rate, age-restricted development, with somewhat smaller floor plans for each residential unit than that for "normal" single family housing. The project would provide a waste treatment system for the entire development as a whole, and water supply would be by new wells. The ultimate responsibility for decision of this request for rezoning is the jurisdiction of the Township Committee, but the initial hearing is before the Planning Board for its recommendation. **This hearing will be continued at the July 23 meeting of the Planning Board.**

This application is not for "cluster zoning", but is requesting a much more intense land use. *"Cluster zoning" is a concept that permits a subdivision to group, or "cluster" housing units, provided the total units do not exceed the number permitted by the zoning laws on that property.* In other word, assuming a permitted 4-lot subdivision of a 20-acre property in a 5-acre zone, under cluster zoning rules, all 4 houses would be built closely together with more common open space. The "Primrose Preserve" applicants are seeking to triple the number of potential dwelling units on the land in question

A new flag lot ordinance was proposed and sent to the Township committee. See May 16 Township Committee report, below, for more details.

Jeffrey and Barbara Miller were granted Flood Hazard Development Approval for Block 12, lot 6, 16 Woodland rd. Structures within the existing flood lines will be eliminated, and a new single family house built, but the existing driveway will be used.

The Crimi subdivision required extensive time, as well as continuing into May and June meetings. The applicant is on Welsh Lane, "New Vernon Heritage" subdivision, BI 49, lots 36 and 37. Originally 2 conforming lots, the lots were merged for a total acreage of 10.24 acres; the current zoning is 3 acre minimum. In the proposed new subdivision, since the existing house is large, this would be on 6.5 acres, and the new second lot would be 3.6 acres; however, the new lot as proposed lacks the space required for the building box 100'x100' and its frontage is about 4' short of the required 300'. Applicant is arguing that the subdivision presents no substantial detriment to the public good. The surrounding neighbors are vigorously opposing this argument.

The Land Use Plan element in the master Plan was proposed to be amended, to incorporate the summary of the New Vernon Village Report, including incorporation of the map delimiting the Village.

Hearing started and will be continued on the Hillside LLC (Blanchard) proposed subdivision, on 2 existing properties on Glen Alpin Rd, Lot 8.02 and Lot 15. Four building lots would be created, all exceeding the 5-acre minimum required.

Board of Adjustment, May 17

Mayfield Partners (Hartley Farms) granted a variance from the 35' height limits to permit construction of a new residence having a height of 40.27', and a max over-all height of 37.45', property located at 593 Spring Valley Rd, Block 4, lot 23.

James Cleave (dba Sunrise Market), granted variance to allow existing sign, and for a 2nd sign for a combined sign area exceeding the limits, 12 Village Rd, Block 17, lot 61. W. *Anita Schroeder*, granted amended approval to classify the undersized flag lot as conforming, the condition 3 was deleted, that the variance would expire unless construction was commenced within one year, 34 Glen Alpin Rd, Block 21, lot 15.02.

Tonzola, granted variances to permit renovation and enlargement of an existing accessory residence, to increase living space to 1892ft², and maintain existing nonconforming height and rear set back, 85 Sand Spring Rd, Block 25.02, lot 10.

Harding Open Space Trust (HOST) Committee , May 8, 2007

Financial and Stewardship - History of HOST Acquisitions provided by Gail McKane was reviewed; it contains historical data about all previous acquisitions using HOST funds since 1996. Eventually to be provided to the public, the scope, accuracy and level of detail was discussed. The funding for a baseline study for future stewardship of previous HOST acquisitions was discussed. A professional survey by John Linson would record boundaries, describe details of properties, assess condition and health of vegetation and include photographs.

Township Committee – (the following are summaries from both the May 16, 2007

and June 6, 2007 meetings)

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution TC-07-96 – DPW Appointments was approved unanimously. The action appointed Kenneth Noetzli to foreman – Fleet; James Miller to foreman – Streets & Roads and Gary Rauter to foreman – Buildings & Grounds (all effective June 1, 2007). The appointments were part of a reorganization in response to the retirements of Gary Wilshaw, Superintendent (June 1) and Jon Miller (January 2008) and that appointments of the three individuals to foreman positions would free up time for Tracy Toribio, Superintendent, to attend to other work. The financial impact of the increase in the salaries of three foremen and three new hires, is expected to be fully offset by the salary saved from the retirements. (May 16)

Resolution TC 07-100 accepted a DPW resignation and authorizing the DPW Superintendent to hire replacement personnel. Currently there are two DPW personnel vacancies. Mr. Ward proposed that the DPW initially hire only one replacement and wait to see if a 2nd hire was needed. Ms. McKane responded that DPW is currently understaffed and needed to fill both positions. There was a discussion that currently there are 4 DPW foremen and only one workman. Ms. McKane said that the Township intends to changes this to 3 foremen and 5 workmen. 07-100 was passed 3 votes in favor and Mr. Ward abstaining. (June 6)

Resolution TC-07-97 – Appointment of Secretary of Environmental Commission and Historical Preservation Commission was approved unanimously. Amy Doherty was appointed and will receive \$150 per meeting and preparation of minutes. While Ms. Doherty is a Township employee, this work will be done in her off hours as an independent contractor.

Announcements

Mayor Lanzerotti announced that Michael Meade had agreed to serve as Chairman of an ad hoc Committee to study and make recommendations concerning Bayne Park. The Committee will include input from the Garden Club, Shade Tree, HTRA, Environmental Commission and the Fire Department. The Committee has a deadline of 2008 to do their work.

Mr. Lanzerotti said he received a very nice letter from the New Vernon Garden Club. The letter noted the Garden Club's historical role in donating the landscape master plan for the park in 1995 and the Club's ongoing efforts to maintain the grounds despite significant challenges from water run-off, goose droppings and random plantings. The letter pointed out that despite some complaints from residents, Bayne Park had won many, state, local and national awards in recent years.

Ms. McKane reported on county "shared services" meetings recently. She noted that Harding did very well in holding its health insurance cost increases in the past year to 0% while many towns saw a 10% increase. She said Harding should expect double digit increases in the future.

The Township's legal counsel advised the Committee that new regulations from

the NJ State Department of Environmental Protection required that municipalities near the Passaic River to enact a fertilizer management ordinance in the future.

Mr. Lanzerotti acknowledged receipt of a petition presented by Roberta Shields and signed by 367 Harding residents. The petition signers stated that they “oppose any 2007 roundup and kill of Canada geese in Harding Township”.

Ned Ward discussed correspondence regarding a proposed ban of Stage 1 or 2 aircraft at Morristown Airport; these are older and noisier aircraft that are responsible for most of the noise complaints.

Shade Tree Committee Proposed Tree Survey

Caron Menger, chair of the Shade Tree Committee, and John Linson, the Township forester, gave a presentation concerning a proposed “drive by” inspection and survey program of all Harding properties except Farms. From Ms. Menger’s handout at the meeting: “The survey would include the trees within the fifty foot protective conservation area. Any dead or dying trees will be identified. The homeowner will then be notified, by mail, of our findings. Each homeowner can then use the information provided to either remove or not remove the effected trees. It is our intent to provide a service to the homeowner and not a mandate for removal.” Ms. Menger said that the inspection proposal did not involve any new ordinances. Letters to residents would be reviewed and approved by the Township Committee and Township attorney.

One of the stated objectives of the program is to help reduce power outages due to falling trees. There was substantial discussion about this issue, including questions about who is responsible for removing trees impacting utility lines or roads. For example, in the case where a tree is involved with a power line, according to the discussion, the homeowner is not supposed to remediate the situation themselves but should contact the power company.

According to Ms. Menger, the proposed inspection program is part of an overall Township Forestry Management program that the Shade Tree Committee is drafting. According to Mr. Linson, New Jersey recommends that municipalities implement such programs which, among other benefits, help reduce municipal liability. Liability issues were discussed during the presentation.

Mr Lanzerotti commented after the meeting, “The purpose of the presentation was to make sure that all such discussions in town are open to the public as widely as possible. The township approved some one or two years ago of the application for the "encouragement" grant (\$3000) to work on a forestry plan. This drive-by (there is only a "conservation area" of 50 feet for trees on the front of a property; the 25 foot areas on the sides have no relevance in this drive-by) is part of the over-all long-term development of a plan, and it is my understanding that this can come before an entire plan, whatever its ultimate form or whatever other elements might be in it (if any) are developed. As was stressed the other night, our lawyer(s) will be reviewing the plan, including the drive-by plan and any letter regarding this before anything occurs, so as to have a complete understanding of any and all legal issues, including all liability issues for public and

private entities. Hence, no drives are imminent, and no imminent drives were implied the other night. It was thought that it is best to have a discussion of any ideas even in a rudimentary form in order to keep the public aware of thinking in this area rather than just spring some fully-developed initiative on the public.”

Eggert Property

Progress is being made on the transfer of the property to the Harding Land Trust or the National Park Service. Mayor Lanzerotti said that transfer of the property to a third party would relieve the Township from responsibility for maintenance and any obligation regarding the historical aspects of the property. At the June 6 meeting, Ordinance 06-07, was introduced, asking for approval of this acquisition. According to Mr. Lanzerotti, Rep. Frelinghuysen is working on federal legislation to have the Eggert property become part of Jockey Hollow. A public hearing of this ordinance is scheduled to be held at the **July 18th Township Committee meeting.**

Skaff Family Farm. John Murray thanked the Skaff family for their work to preserve the Skaff Family Farm through participation in the Farmland Preservation program as well as their other contributions to Harding.

Flag Lots. The Planning Board is recommending the reinstatement of Flag Lots into the zoning of the Rural Residential (RR) Zone. Marshall Bartlett explained that by allowing Flag Lots, the Township would promote development consistent with the Master Plan and avoid cul-du-sacs with uniform lots. Discussed were issues of calculation of lot coverage ratios, taxation, sharing of maintenance of the “staff” including the impact on access for fire equipment. **At the June 6 meeting, Ordinance 05-07, for new zoning regulations for flag lots was introduced. A public hearing is to be held at the July 18th Township Comm meeting.**

The 2007 Proposed Capital Budget was presented, see below, discussed at the June 6 meeting. Questioned about the addition to the recycling building, the repairs to the tennis courts, and improvements to the Gatehouse property building, Ms. McKane said that an addition was necessary to protect recycling materials from weather; wet materials lower the payment the Township receives from the recycler. According to Mr. Murray, Harding’s recycling program broke even two years ago and now operates at a profit.

Mr. Ward asked about the proposed \$65,000 cost to repair the tennis courts. Ms. McKane said that most of this cost would not be spent for some years, but that some repairs were necessary as the courts were becoming a hazard. Mr. Ward asked whether or not the HTRA used to maintain the courts in the past, but no one knew the answer to this. Mr. Ward asked about the proposed improvements to the Gate House property, which includes the installation of public water and ADA related improvements. (Note to readers: the Gatehouse is a relatively recent Harding Open Space purchase that has a building on the property which serves as the office for the Harding Land Trust.)

PROJECT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	FUNDING AMOUNTS PER BUDGET YEAR					
			2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total possible	\$ 2,520,500		\$ 542,500	\$ 778,000	\$ 545,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 105,000
Morris Township Sewer Capacity Payment	\$ 75,000	2008	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500				
Communications -- Fire & Rescue (Equip./Building)	\$ 125,000	2007	\$ 125,000					
Municipal Building								
Maintenance (i.e., Pillars, Shutters, Gutters, Downspouts, Steps, Chimney, Roof)	\$ 150,000	2007	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	25000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
ADA evaluation / compliance modifications	\$ 14,000	2007		\$ 4,000	\$ 10,000			
HVAC system Municipal building	\$ 270,000	2009	\$ 20,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000			
Building Renovations (Library Area)	\$ 30,000	2009			\$ 30,000			
Tennis Courts	\$ 65,000	2008	\$ 15,000			\$ 50,000		
Parking Lot Improvements (Municipal Building)	\$ 350,000	2008	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000				
Gatehouse Improvements	\$ 15,000	2008	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000				
Firefighting lines/hydrants	\$ 75,000	2009			\$ 75,000			
Vehicle Replacement								
Health Department	\$ 23,000	2008		\$ 23,000				
Vehicle Replacement Police - 4 wheel dr.	\$ 30,000	2011					\$ 30,000	
Health								
Furniture and office equipment Health Dept.	\$ 9,000	2008	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,500				
Public Works								
Driveway and Village Parking lot	\$ 40,000	2007	\$ 40,000					
Road Improvement Seal coat, crackseal, curb repair	\$ 300,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Road rebuilding program:Overlay, patching, re-constructon	\$ 52,000		\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Heating Oil Tank (above ground @ DPW)	\$ 10,000	2007	\$ 10,000					
Vibratory Plate	\$ 2,500	2007	\$ 2,500					
Mason dump truck	\$ 50,000	2008		\$ 50,000				
Jet Vacuum	\$ 175,000	2008		\$ 175,000				
Sweeper	\$ 300,000	2010				\$ 300,000		
Mini- Pickup	\$ 28,000	2008		\$ 13,000				\$ 15,000
Two tailgate sand/salt spreaders	\$ 15,000	2007	\$ 15,000					
Gravely utility machine	\$ 9,500	2008		\$ 9,500				
New storage building	\$ 30,000	2008		\$ 30,000				
Full size pick/up truck	\$ 35,000	2009			\$ 35,000			
Salt Dome	\$ 120,000	2008			\$ 120,000			
Fuel dispensing and monitoring system	\$ 30,000	2009			\$ 30,000			
Recycling								
Addition to recycling building	\$ 30,000	2007	\$ 30,000					
Recycling boxes	\$ 10,000	2009		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			
Court								
Magnetometer	\$ 5,000	2007	\$ 5,000					
Police								
Speed trailer	\$ 7,500	2008		\$ 7,500				
Computerized Fingerprinting Machine Police	\$ 25,000	2009			\$ 25,000			
Police Computer Equipment/software upgrades	\$ 15,000	2009		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000

Capital Improvement Fund

Balance \$ 268,066
2007 Budget \$ 350,000
Cash Capital -- 2007 Budget \$ 100,000

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$ 718,066
PROJECTED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES \$ 542,500

CAPITAL BALANCE \$ 175,566

HARDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, May 21, 2007

Summer School Project Plans and Status Report: The following maintenance projects will be undertaken this summer: (a) the replacement of the columns in front of the school; (b) the installation of air conditioning on the third floor of the middle school; (c) the repair of the drainage outside the boiler room and maintenance shed near the bird park; (d) an approximately \$10,000 painting project, probably the cafeteria with the balance going to some classrooms in the elementary school; and (e) typical summer maintenance.

Schools in New Jersey are now required to implement a **new school nutrition policy** by September 2007. This policy covers students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and limits fat and sugar content in all foods offered in school. Governor Corzine mandated these standards for all schools. Harding has no option to modify or deviate from the model policy. The school will communicate the policy to parents this summer as well as put it on the school's website.

I. School Staffing Update: Dr. Pallozzi reported that a new full-time teaching staff position has been created that has two assignments: (a) teaching mathematics in the morning; and (b) co-teaching in the afternoon to assist with instruction for a student with learning difficulties. A part-time teaching assistant for 2nd grade was also created to assist with reading and mathematics instruction in the morning. This assistant will complement the full-time teaching assistant already on staff who will be working with the 2nd grade. The Board also created a Summer Reading Program and Summer Mathematics Program.

II. President's Comment: Ms. Douglas reported on a school policy review service, which (a) reviews a school's policy manual, updates and revises the manual; and (b) provides on-line alerts for policy updates. Ms. Douglas reported that the service costs \$10,000 and that there is enough in this year's budget to start the process with the service and finish it the following year. Dr. Pallozzi recommended using this service since it will keep the school manual up-to-date and in line with the law. According to Dr. Pallozzi, the state rarely provides model policies to schools (as it did with the school nutrition policy); ordinarily, schools have to develop policies with little guidance.

Communication Plan for the Schools Attuned Program: Dr. Pallozzi announced the "All Kinds of Minds" program, to be introduced in the fall to accommodate students' different learning styles by: (a) providing copies of the book "All Kinds of Minds" and DVDs in the school library and the Harding Township Library; (b) writing an explanatory letter to parents over the summer; (c) providing a parent link on the school's website; (d) putting information on Channel 14; and (e) giving regular updates to the Board.

Dr. Pallozzi's comment follows:

"The Harding Township School is pleased to announce the arrival of the *Schools Attuned Program* in the district, funded by a generous donation from the Harding Township Educational Foundation. *Schools Attuned* is based on the work of noted

pediatrician Mel Levine who has synthesized years of brain research to develop a program that includes tools and a common language for educators to help children with differences in learning achieve success.

"The purposes of the *Schools Attuned* program is to equip educators with new knowledge, skills, and strategies so that sound judgments can be made about instructional practices with struggling learners. The *Schools Attuned* program embraces the philosophy and principles of the All Kinds of Minds Institute, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the understanding of differences in learning.

"*Schools Attuned* is a comprehensive, year-long professional development program whose curriculum is based on the study and application of the eight neurodevelopment constructs that affect learning. The design of the program incorporates the following: Videos featuring Dr. Levine and demonstrating the neurodevelopmental content at work in classrooms; Readings from books and articles by Dr. Levine and other experts; Small group work to provide for active assimilation of content and practice of skills; Case studies to help participants understand the constructs and the composition of a unique learning profile of specific strengths and weaknesses; Online learning, resources, networking, and study groups during the year; and Classroom embedded practicum experiences.

"The first phase of staff development will occur on 6/21-22. The second phase will be 9/ 5-7, prior to the opening of school in the fall. All professional staff and all teaching assistants are being trained in the *Schools Attuned* model. For more information, visit the *All Kinds of Minds* website at www.allkindsofminds.org."

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

Commingled Recyclables: consists of all aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, and only plastic bottles and containers with the Recycling symbol, and #1 or #2. Try to crush plastic bottle to conserve space. Please remember no plastic or paper bags.

Commingled Mixed Paper recycling; consists of all paper, cardboard, newspaper, office paper, magazines, and books. Please put loose or shredded paper in paper bag. Please flatten all boxes or fill with other paper products. **Other accepted items are** Batteries; automotive (car) and household (rechargeable accepted); Computers and all related peripherals, i.e. printers and monitors; Automotive and light truck tires, (on or off rim) and Propane tanks (BBQ size only) **The Hours of operation are every Wednesday** from 7AM. to 12noon (7– 9AM self service); and **Saturdays:** June 23, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18, Sept 8 and 22.

Civic Association: THE DEADLINE FOR THE next issue OF THE THUMBNAIL is SEPTEMBER 1. After the June issue, the next issue is September. 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.

Commuter Information Needed for Park & Ride Improvements!!

Harding Township is seeking the help of its residents to identify parking needs at commuter rail stations. Please fill out the form below and either drop it off at Town Hall or mail it to: **Cindy Phillips, Township of Harding, P.O. Box 666, New Vernon, NJ 07976, e-mail: cphillips@hardingnj.org**

1. Do you utilize parking facilities at rail stations in the surrounding area?
Yes _____ No _____ (skip to Question 3)

2. If "yes," which Park & Ride facilities do you use? # Days Per Week

Chatham	_____	_____
Convent Station	_____	_____
Madison	_____	_____
Morristown	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____

3. If "no" and you currently commute but do not use the train, would you use it if parking facilities were offered?
Yes _____ No _____

Name & Address
(optional) _____

DATES TO REMEMBER, meetings as noted.

Municipal Court (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	3 PM
Municipal Court (2 nd and 4 th Friday)	11AM
Environmental Commission (1 st Monday)	7:30 PM
Seniors (2 nd and 4 th Thursday)Chrst KingCh	11 AM
Planning Board (4 th Monday)	7:30 PM
Hist Preservation Comm (1stThursday)	8 PM
Board of Health (2 nd Thursday)	8 PM
Board of Education (2 nd and 4 th Monday)	7:30 PM
Board of Adjustment (3 rd Thursday)	7:30 PM
Township Committee(1 st and 3 rd Wed)	8 PM
Shade Tree (2 nd Monday)	3 PM
Wildlife Management	Aug 21, 5PM
Harding Twp Civic Association	7:30 PM