

October 2007

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Date: **Sunday, October 21**
Time: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Place: Fire House, Village Road
Cost: \$6.00 for soup, bread, coffee

Homemade desserts and soda will be available for sale. Vote for your favorite soup. Prizes will be awarded. If you would like to enter a soup in the contest, admission is free, please call Pat O'Reilly (973 301-2151) or Connie Cherrillo (973 539-9383).

The Annual Children's Halloween Parade will be held **Tuesday, October 30, at 7 PM**, at the Fire House, Village Road.

Please join the **Harding Township Educational Foundation (HTEF)** on **Friday, November 2, 2007**, 7 PM, for "An Evening with Friends", a dinner/auction at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park, NJ. Price \$135.00 per person. All proceeds to benefit The Harding Township School. If you would like to attend or want more information, please call Kim Caldwell 973 539-9533. Donations are welcome and can be directed to Kathleen Spero, 973 425-2908 or Kim Caldwell.

The Harding Township Historical Society hosts the **24th Annual Antiques Show & Sale** at the Tunis-Ellicks House starting with the Preview Party on **Friday evening, Nov. 9** from 6 -9PM., continuing on **Saturday, Nov.10** from 10 AM-5PM, and concluding on **Sunday, Nov.11**, 11AM-4PM. Judith Applegate of Applegate Appraisals will be present on Saturday from 11 to 2. Guests at the Preview Party will enjoy a hearty buffet and wine bar and first look at the wares of 24 dealers, several of whom are new to the show. HTHS members have received invitations with which to make reservations. Non-members will be charged \$30 per person at the door. Everyone is welcome! Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$6 or \$5 with show card or newspaper coupon.

From the Harding Township Tax Collector

The last day for Harding Township tax collection without penalty is **Nov 13, 2007**. Veteran's Day is Sunday Nov 11th so the offices are closed on Monday Nov 12; from Kathleen W. Silber, Tax Collector, 973-267-8000 X143.

THE LIBRARY

Library Receives Generous Challenge Gift!

An anonymous benefactor has pledged to match all new and increased original campaign gifts up to a total of \$500,000!! Thanks to the generosity of a Harding couple, Phase III of the *Enriching Our Community* Capital Campaign is off to a sound start. This final phase aims to secure those *gifts that keep on giving*: funds to ensure that the Library is built on a solid financial foundation, in the form of an endowment, to keep it operational well into the future. *Our goal is to raise \$250,000-\$500,000 by 12/31/07, using the challenge match to double year-end giving.* The Campaign Committee will be happy to talk with you. Please leave call-back messages at the Library: **973-267-8000 x 132.**

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Storyhour Start-Up! Storyteller Lynn Hughes has planned an interactive, exciting series of weekly Storyhour adventures for two- and three-year-olds focusing on our community and environment. Registration required; please call the Library at 973-267-8000 x 132. **October dates are:**

Wednesday, October 17. Launch Event at the New Vernon Firehouse. Meet our local firefighter heroes and learn about fire safety. Meet at Memorial Park, directly across from the firehouse. **Wednesday, October 24.** What Kind of Critters Live in the Pond? Meet at Bayne Park parking lot. **Wednesday, October 31.** Do the Monster Mash! Wear your Halloween costume to Storyhour, and go trick or treating in the Municipal Building. Meet in the Court Room.

Back by Popular Demand: Family Fun-filled **Sunday Crafternoons.** Local artists and crafters share their skills at the Library on select Sundays. **Sunday, October 21** from **3:00-4:30 p.m.** *Color My Diary Red* with **Tine Graham** for ages 9-12. Creative book-making for budding artists and writers who love color. Registration is required.

Evening Book Group...Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of book discussions. This month's selection is *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. This is an engaging novel of a circus elephant and her keeper on the lam in depression-era USA. All are welcome.

Watch for news in November about two book clubs: 4th grade and 5th-6th grades. *Check at the Library and on the Web (hardinglibrary.org) for up-to-date information.*

From the Friends of the Library: Harding Township Library to benefit from the sale of Justine Westhead's art. La Galerie du Bel Event, the impressionist art gallery of New Vernon, will be donating 20% of the purchase price of every work of art sold through December 31st to Friends of the Harding Township Public Library. The works of artist Justine Westhead have been showcased with the Societe Nationale des Beaux Arts at their annual Salon at the Louvre. Additional information can be found by inquiring at the Library, La Galerie du Bel Event, or by visiting www.beleventgallery.com. The gallery is located at 4 Village Rd; phone 908-451-5738.

HARDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH

FLU CLINICS: the **influenza immunization clinics** are scheduled **Tuesday, October 30, 2007**, and **Wednesday, November 7, 2007**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The flu shots are available free of charge to Harding Township residents who are at least 65 years old and residents who are at high risk for flu due to chronic disease as defined by the CDC criteria. High-risk residents must provide a note from their doctor authorizing the vaccine before the Health Department can administer the shot. The Health Department cannot give the flu vaccine to persons under 18 years of age. Parents who wish to have their children vaccinated should contact their pediatrician.

Residents, 65 years and older, who wish the pneumonia vaccine must call the Health Department at 973/267-8000, extension 148 to make an appointment. For future clinic information, please call the **Flu Hotline at 973/267-8000, extension 190.**

Eyeglass Collection:

The Harding Township Health Department will again be sponsoring an eyeglass collection this fall. The eyeglasses will go to the Lions Club for distribution to those in need. All types of eyeglasses and sunglasses, prescription/non-prescription, including reading glasses, will be accepted. The eyeglasses may be dropped off during our flu clinics or brought to the Health Department located in the Municipal Building on Blue Mill Road. For more information call, 973/267-8000, extension 148.

RABIES CLINIC SATURDAY, Nov. 3, 2007 From: 10:00 to noon

Harding Township in cooperation with the New Jersey State Department of Health and the Morris Township Health Department, will again offer a free Rabies Vaccine Inoculation for cats and dogs **at the Morris Township Woodland Road Firehouse, at 20 Dwyer Lane.** (Dwyer Lane is off South St.) Dogs whose rabies vaccination expires before October 31, 2008 must be vaccinated before a license can be issued for 2008.

Harding Alliance Against Substance Abuse Announcements

Our new website is <http://hardingalliance.hardingnj.org>. On it is our meeting schedule, mission statement, useful links to substance abuse prevention websites, current programming and more. Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 21-26; this began as a way to honor the life of DEA Agent Kiki Camarena, who was kidnapped in the midst of a drug investigation. Red Ribbons are worn as a pledge to lead a drug-free life.

With the support of the Board of Education and the Township Council, Harding Alliance is sponsoring a community-wide **"Family Day- a Day to Eat Dinner with your Family in Harding Township" on Wednesday evening, October 24.** HTS activities will finish by 5:15 and homework will be assigned to facilitate a 'night-in' for families; to raise awareness of the importance of family time as a deterrent to substance abuse.

Save the date for our **Expert Panel: "Empowering Parents with Knowledge and Skills"** to culminate Red Ribbon Week, on **Friday evening, October 26th, 7:30PM for a 7:45 start**, at the Harding Township School. Free. The Panel will include detectives from

the Special Enforcement Unit of the County Prosecutor's Office, DARE Officer Erik Heller, and Licensed Substance Abuse Professionals, working in college counseling and recovery programs. This is concurrent with the Middle School Halloween Dance. Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers, Community Leaders, and Educators are all welcome to attend. *Harding Alliance meetings are always open to the public. Questions? email Judymotown@patmedia.net. Our next meeting will be in the Guidance Office of the Harding Township School at 8:45 AM on January 16, 2008.*

WHAT'S A FREEHOLDER ? WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ?

This *special Thumbnail article* from the Harding Civic Association is to provide you information about elected officials who serve you. A *Freeholder* is an elected Morris County government representative who serves on the *Board of Chosen Freeholders*. Morris County has seven freeholders who are elected at-large to serve three-year staggered terms. New Jersey is the only state whose elected county officials are called *freeholders*.

The freeholders get their powers from the NJ state legislature. The defined mandatory areas of responsibility include welfare, law enforcement, education, roads and conducting elections. Permissive areas of our county responsibilities include county parks, libraries, planning and certain social services. The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders sets policy for the Departments of Finance, Human Services, Law and Public Safety, Public Works, Senior, Disability and Veteran Services and Planning, Development and Technology.

Currently, the County taxes property owners in Harding Township for Open Spaces and a general County Tax. It has an annual budget of over \$283,290,000. The Board currently includes: Margaret Nordstrom – Director; John Inglesino – Deputy Director; Douglas R. Cabana; William J. Chegwidan; Gene F. Feyl; John J. Murphy; and Jack J. Schier. Cabana and Schier are standing for re-election this November 6 Election Day and will be joined as candidates by Mr. James Murray (two of the three to be elected). There is much more detailed information about your county government on website: <http://www.co.morris.nj.us>. This excellent website provides information about current incumbents, county spending and services, contact information and Board meetings. Additionally, you may request to receive a monthly email which is an update of County government news. For phone contact: 973 285 6015.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Township Committee, Sept 5th and Oct 3rd 2007 Meetings

Future Meetings

- During the October 17th meeting, there will be a public hearing on the new proposed Flag Lot Ordinance. The Civic Association has posted the entire text of the ordinance on our website www.hardingcivic.org under "Thumbnail & Reports".
- The 2nd meeting in November will be held on Monday, November 19th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed during the September 5th meeting:

07-142	Authorizes the purchase of Anderson property Tempe Wick Rd, by the Township as an Open Spaces property.
07-143	Authorizes deer hunting on Township owned properties. The resolution is for bow hunting only. Mr. Ward raised questions about safety issues concerning where the deer might go if wounded or chased. Hal Scaff, a member of the Wildlife Committee, responded that the hunting areas have planned carefully by the Wildlife Committee in conjunction with the Harding Police Department with public safety in mind. According to Karl Meister, also of the Wildlife Committee, bow hunting is conducted from platforms in trees and therefore the shots are directed downwards.
07-144	Authorizes a contract to hire a special attorney for Glen Alpin project with a not to exceed amount of \$7,500. The Township's current attorney cannot advise the Township on Glen Alpin matters due to a conflict of interest with Morris County. The special attorney will advise the Township Committee and the Glen Alpin Strategy Committee with matters involving any disposition or use of Glen Alpin considered by the Township including but not limited to lease, sale, or tenant sublease of the property. Justine Kovacs, a member of the Glen Alpin Conservancy, said that this attorney work had nothing to do with preserving Glen Alpin and should be tracked separately from any other Glen Alpin expenditures. Mr. Lanzerotti responded that the attorney work would be required for any use of Glen Alpin including a potential lease of Glen Alpin to the Glen Alpin Conservancy.

Ordinances

The Township Committee took action on the following ordinances during the September 5th and October 3rd sessions:

11-07	Capital Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$25,000 for Bayne Park skating pond improvements. Mike Meade, chair of the Bayne Park Committee, explained that the improvements will primarily be to replace the drainage system for the two skating rinks. This will improve the quality of the skating ice during winter, and also drainage in the Spring and Fall when the rinks are used for soccer practice. Mr. Meade noted that it is too late to start the work this year, but instead work will start next Spring. The ordinance was introduced September 5 th and passed October 3 rd .
13-07	Ordinance 13-07 is a minor amendment of the zoning map. This ordinance was previously introduced but has to be reintroduced due to inadequate notice issues.

Announcements & Presentations

The following were discussed during the September 5th and October 3rd meetings:

Mt. Kemble Plaza Complex

Gail McKane discussed the request from Morris Township regarding potential zoning changes for the proposed recreation area to be built on the Mt. Kemble Plaza Complex. The recreation area will contain 3-4 lighted fields plus walking and bike paths.

Commuter Parking

Marshall Bartlett updated the Township on Karl Meister's and his efforts researching the issues related to Harding residents' lack of NJ Transit train parking. According to Mr. Bartlett, it is very difficult to get parking at the NJ Transit stations used by Harding commuters, including Madison, Convent Station, and Morristown. NJ Transit is sympathetic to this issue, but as the parking lots are mostly owned and controlled by the local municipalities, it does not have much ability to help with a solution. NJ Transit would help sponsor a "park and ride", but Mr. Bartlett did not think that this would be practical in Harding. Currently Morristown is the best bet as it has the most parking available. Convent Station and Madison have almost no monthly parking available for out of town residents. Mr. Bartlett noted that Madison was considering building a new parking garage and might be interested in working out a deal with Harding to reserve a certain number of spaces for Harding residents. A full version of Mr. Bartlett's report may be found on the Civic Association's website, www.hardingcivic.org, under "Thumbnail & Reports".

Five Mile Route 202 Traffic Detour through Harding

The NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) notified the Township of their intention to detour Route 202 traffic through Harding Township. From December 2007 through November 2008, from 10 AM to 8 PM, NJDOT proposes to close Route 202 North Bound traffic between Sand Spring and Spring Brook Roads while they repair approximately six retaining walls. Although this section of Route 202 is in Morris Township, the detour is through Harding and will be disrupting to Harding residents. NJDOT proposes the five mile detour to go from Glen Alpin Road to Blue Mill Road, Blue Mill Road to James Street, and James Street to Harter Road. When the detour was raised with the Township at an earlier date, the Township rejected a resolution supporting the detour. Instead it requested NJDOT not to detour traffic into Harding but instead to implement alternating traffic patterns on Route 202. According to Dr. Lanzerotti, the Township will follow up with another letter. Morris Township unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the construction and the detour. NJDOT is holding a 'Pre-Construction Public Information Center' meeting at the Morris Township Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue on Wednesday, October 10th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Mr. Murray and Mr. Ward plan to attend the meeting.

Executive Session:

During the two meetings, there were executive sessions regarding personnel matters, potential litigation related to a property on Pleasantville Road, the Glen Alpin Roof contract changes, and the HT Library lease.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

The Civic Association was not able to have a reporter at the meeting. The following information was obtained from a reading of Ordinance 12-07 the “Flag Lot Ordinance” and information from the Clerk’s office. The Ordinance is scheduled for a public hearing at the October 17th meeting.

The Civic Association has posted the entire text of the ordinance on our website www.hardingcivic.org under “Thumbnail & Reports”.

Ordinance No. 12-07

The proposed Ordinance is intended to allow a “creative” development technique to “...foster greater variety in lot sizes and shapes and avoid the negative effects of “cookie cutter” development...” The Planning Board found the proposed Ordinance consistent with the Master Plan at their September 24th meeting. Interested persons are encouraged to read the actual Ordinance and not rely on the summary below.

Summary: The proposed Ordinance allows development of Flag Lots in the Rural Residential Zone subject to several conditions. Flag Lots are defined as lots that do not satisfy the standard minimum road frontage requirement. Flag Lots created on or before May 6, 1985 would be considered conforming lots for the purpose of satisfying the minimum lot frontage requirements (frontage of at least 250 feet but less than the new proposed 300 feet). Flag Lots must be in compliance with minimum lot size, minimum set backs and other requirements. The minimum lot size and lot coverage calculations will not include the land between road lines or land comprising the “flag staff” portion of the Flag Lot.

The Ordinance was approved for introduction with ayes from Mr. Murray, Mr. Lanzerotti and Mr. Dinsmore. Mr. Ward and Mr. Bartlett abstained from voting on the advice of Township attorney Ms. Nergaard as they reside on Flag Lots.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, Sept. 20.

1 Great Oaks Road, Block 6 Lot 7; Andrew Boszhardt is granted variance approval to reconstruct the accessory residence at the existing nonconforming front yard location;; a variance is granted to allow a replacement barn at a location in front of the Principal residence.

8 Sycamore Farm Road, Block 21 Lot 5. Matthias and Katherine Sheeleigh are granted a temporary use variance to permit an existing residence to remain temporarily, while a new residence and related accessory structures are constructed on the applicants’ property; a temporary variance is granted to temporarily allow a maximum building area ratio of 3.4% during construction; Conditional use and site plan approvals are granted to permit construction of an accessory residence.

16 Pleasant Plains Road, Block 52, Lot 2.04, Alberto and Yolanda Mendez are granted a variance to permit construction of a new residence with a maximum building height of 36.4’ as calculated based on the average existing grade.

18 Maryknoll Drive, Block 17, Lot 36.02; Beaumont 20 Investments, LLC is granted a variance to permit a one story rear addition that will increase the total building area to 3,923.5 square feet notwithstanding a minimum front setback of less than 150’.

Harding Township Environmental Commission

In this issue of the Thumbnail, the Harding Township Environmental Commission (HTEC) begins a series of three articles highlighting technologies and methods homeowners can use to conserve and save \$\$\$. These articles will discuss the following topics: 1) energy-efficient lighting; 2) energy-efficient heating; and 3) conservation-minded (L.E.E.D.) building methods/technologies. The series begins with the subject of energy-efficient lighting.

“With the advent of new technologies and the rediscovery of some traditional conservation practices, there are many ways that homeowners can conserve resources and reduce impact to the environment.

Energy-Efficient Lighting According to a recent report by the Department of Energy, lighting accounts for 20% to 25% of all electricity used in the US. In a typical household, 5% to 10% of annual expenditures are dedicated to lighting, and 50% or more of the energy in a typical fixture is wasted by obsolete equipment, inadequate maintenance or inefficient use. To increase efficiency, the DOE suggests that homeowners: 1) reduce the wattage of fixtures; 2) reduce the amount of time the fixture is on; 3) use day-lighting where possible, by replacing lights with natural light; and 4) perform simple maintenance on fixtures. While methods associated with 2, 3 and 4 haven’t changed much (and are fairly common sense); the technology associated with the wattage of fixtures has changed significantly in recent years.

“When compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs were first released into the market in the 1990s, consumers bought them in quantity, but were quickly disappointed by the poor light quality and the bulk of the bulbs. Recent advances in technology, however, have greatly improved the quality of the light and decreased the bulk of the bulbs. Quoting from a recent article in Popular Mechanics (The Best Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs: PM Lab Test, May 2007 by Emily Masamitsu): ‘All the old benefits of CFLs are still significant – more so, in fact. They can use less than one-third the electricity of incandescent bulbs of equivalent brightness and last up to nine years. The new bulbs are smaller and far cheaper (about \$5 each) than their predecessors, and more powerful than ever. Top-end 24-watt CFL bulbs promise brightness equivalent to that of a 150-watt incandescent.’ In addition, recent tests have shown that light quality has improved and is as good as or better than incandescent bulbs. The technology of CFLs has also eliminated some of the annoying traits of traditional fluorescent bulbs, such as flickering and buzzing. In addition, the bulbs are available in a variety of shapes, sizes, levels of brightness, and light quality and can be used indoors and outdoors. CFLs do contain a small amount of mercury, however, and should not be disposed of in the trash. The bulbs should be recycled at an appropriate facility.”

The Environmental Commission is interested in your response to this general topic. Please let us know what you thought of this article and what you think of the series. Please also tell us whether you would be interested in a public seminar on general topic, possibly with commercial vendors of some of the options available. You can reach us at environmental@hardingnj.org or 973-267-8000 x139.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24, 2007

BOARD GOALS ACTION PLAN: The Board of Education finalized its Board Goals Action Plan, which was presented by Dr. Dennis Pallozzi. The following 4 points were discussed: (1) Improving teaching and learning through a re-designed curriculum by looking at the scope of offerings, comparing what the school does vs. what it should be doing, looking at model programs and services, looking at whether the curriculum is consistent with the Schools Attuned Program and using the Schools Attuned Program to develop and implement activities that focus on social cognition, etc.; (2) Developing a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of students with disabilities, including an exploratory process for bringing out-of-district students back into the district and the feasibility of an on-site preschool and transitional kindergarten; (3) Developing a comprehensive communication plan, including a marketing plan to encourage local parents to make Harding their school of choice; and (4) Focusing on operating and financial practices, including using money wisely for energy conservation.

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE: Dr. Pallozzi reported that the cafeteria has been painted; a new hot water heater installed; the bird garden completed; the stone wall by the kindergarten taken down and re-landscaped; work on the air-conditioning started; and the drainage project outside the boiler room/maintenance shed will start pending approval from the Department of Education.

LEADERSHIP SEARCH UPDATE: Because Dr. Pallozzi, Mr. Peter Pearson and Ms. Fraida Yavelberg are leaving Harding at the end of the school year, the Board is engaging in an extensive analysis before filling those positions to determine whether the current leadership structure is best suited to meet the needs of Harding students or whether it should adopt another structure. The Board has analyzed the goals it would like met and is now looking at what different structures are in practice throughout the state. To that end, a number of Board members and Dr. Pallozzi have been talking to other N.J. school districts as to their administrative frameworks. Ms. Regina Egea collected these reports and presented the Board with 4 umbrella frameworks grouping together the many different structures devised by other school districts. Option 1 would be to keep the status quo in Harding, e.g., 4 positions consisting of (1) a Superintendent of Schools; (2) a Director of Curriculum/Principal; (3) a Business Administrator; and (4) a Supervisor of Student Services. Option 2 would maintain the 4 positions listed above, but would add refinements as to each person's roles and responsibilities (e.g., the Superintendent might control day-to-day affairs and student activities). Option 3 is a "building-specific" option. In some small districts, roles are defined by the building in

which the administrator serves, e.g., in a school district with two buildings, the superintendent might also be the principal for the first building, and there might be a principal who also serves as the director of curriculum in the second building. Option 4 is for Shared Services, e.g., sharing services with another school district. The Board agreed that, among other things, it would continue to gather information from other school districts and would work on delineating administrative responsibilities for Option 2 and would contact other school districts that might be interested in sharing services as in Option 4. No decisions have been made as to which option the Board may choose.

PLANNING BOARD, September 24

The **Crimi** subdivision hearing continued, Welsh Lane, “New Vernon Heritage” subdivision, BI 49, lots 36 and 37. The surrounding neighbors are vigorously opposing the application.

The **Library site plan** was given final approval.

The **“Primrose Preserve”** application for a favorable recommendation to the Township Committee to **rezone 127 acres on Brook Drive South** is to be discussed at the **October 22** meeting.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, September 2007

James Street & Sand Spring Lane, Frelinghuysen – The application received from the Planning Board concerns a major subdivision of about 160 acres, Block 22, lots 2, 3, 4, 4.01 and 5. These are contributing properties in the Silver Lake Historic District. The demolition delay ordinance applies to structures on these properties. The HPC had the following comments: flexibility and creativity should be used in the planning of this subdivision in order to preserve the environment, streetscape, open space, and topography of the existing land, all of which are important to Harding Township’s historic rural character. It is suggested to review other subdivisions, including Hartley Farms and Wilkerson subdivisions.

HPC suggested the following proposed site plan changes:

Minimize entrances from the street; an internal road system with one entrance to the road is suggested, instead of 2 roads with cul-de-sacs. Eliminate proposed lot 4.01 in order to preserve the existing open field. Restrict development close to the roadway in order to minimize the impact on streetscape; use preservation deed restrictions to preserve the existing historical structures; add tree buffer and conservation easements, as well as any bridle path easements. There are several historic structures on these lots. A plan that preserves and incorporates these structures and key open spaces into the overall subdivision plans are encouraged. Applicant should consider limiting the size of the houses that can be built on these lots and use of a proactive “review board” to ensure that rules and regulations relating to construction standards are met.

These lots contribute to the rural streetscape of Harding along Sand Spring Lane and James Street. They are on the edge of the Silver Lake District, separated from the

rest of the district by several non-contributing properties and vacant land. An element of the viability of a historic district is the contiguity of contributing properties. If the streetscape is changed as the result of development, these lots will no longer be considered contributing; this may have significant impact on the boundaries of the Silver Lake Historic District.

The following application was received from the construction office:
6 Meyersville Road, Flanagan – This is a contributing property in the Green Village Historic District. The home is a vernacular Italianate style house and was probably built between 1840 and 1868. The HPC had the following suggestions: Height: Historically, barns are usually longer and wider than they are high. Therefore, for the dimensions of the existing footprint (20' x 16'), the Commission recommends the barn have a height *less than 20 feet*. Materials: The corbals used on the proposed front overhang should be similar to those used on the existing front porch. The railing used for the proposed deck should also match the existing front porch. The existing shutters for the front round headed window should match the existing shutter on similar windows on the sides of the house. Other: The detailing borrowed from the house is not suitable for a barn. Also, the barn should have barn doors and the windows proposed for the second floor should be smaller. The HPC would like to meet with the owners of this property, at their convenience, to discuss these recommendations.

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**: Oct 20, Nov 3, 17, Dec 8 and Dec 22.

Civic Association News and Announcements

Civic Association: **THE DEADLINE FOR THE next two issues OF THE THUMBNAIL is November 2 and December 7**. Current and past issues of Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are posted on our Website- **Also on the website is a town-wide events calendar**. 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER, meetings as noted.

Municipal Court (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	4 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)	7:30 PM
Shade Tree (2 nd Monday)	3 PM
Harding Twp Civic Association (1 st Monday)	7:30 PM