Harding Township Cibic Association

THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

February 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS *Civic Association News*

A report on the annual meeting of the Harding Township Civic Association as well as a reprint of Mayor Lanzerotti's remarks, is found within this Thumbnail issue.

COMMUTER PARKING IN MADISON---THE BOROUGH OF MADISON HAS OFFERED HARDING residents 15 non-resident commuter parking permits, at a cost of \$1,000 per year. The Township is putting together a list of interested persons. To be included on the list, please email Cindy Phillips at <u>cphillips@hardingnj.org</u> by March 1, 2009.

THE LIBRARY

Tuesday morning Story Time continues for children ages 1-3 at 10 a.m. **Feb. 24:** *Fairy Tales;* **March 3:** *Dinosaurs;* **March 10:** *Dr. Seuss;* **March 17:** *St. Patrick's Day.* **Fairy Tale Forest** will be held on Sunday, **March 1** – note the change of date. All are welcome, but we ask that you register in advance.

Pirate Party! Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. for children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Join Jennifer Carlin in stories, crafts, and games. Sign up at the Library or call 973-267-8000 x 132.

Evening Book Group: Wednesday, February 25 at 7:30. We will discuss *Three Cups of Tea*, a non-fiction account by Greg Mortenson of his struggles to fund and build schools in Pakistan and, especially, to promote education for girls in a male-dominated culture

Web glitch. We apologize that the Library site is behindhand in its updates because of a "fatal error" in the administrative system. We are working to rebuild the site and ask for your patience during this process.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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...are delighted to announce *Art in Bloom 2009* will be held on Friday and Saturday, **May 8 and 9**. It is always a happy occasion when the community comes together to enjoy fine art, tasty food, and good fellowship. **Wanted! a**

host of eager helpers. (Newcomers, this is the perfect opportunity to meet your fellow Hardingites!) Please call Carol Conger Vellekamp at 973-539-9531 if you are able to lend a hand with this biennial fundraiser.

ENROLLMENT HAS OPENED FOR THE HTRA SUMMER DAY CAMP For more information, contact (973) 605-5866 , e-mail to

promano59@comcast.net or website www.hardingtownshipdaycamp.com (JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Anyone entering grades 7 and 8 wishing to be a CIT or anyone age 14 and older looking for a counselor position should contact Pat Romano or obtain job application forms on our website).

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold a Female Cancer clinic on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and a Male Cancer clinic on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Harding Township Health Department will hold an Adult Health clinic on Thursday, April 30, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building. This program will include, blood pressure, fasting blood chemistries; including cholesterol typing and information on nutrition.

Registration for all 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 office located on the second floor of the Municipal Building or by calling 973/267-8000, extension 125 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

<u>THE HARDING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT</u> has hired a new police officer, David Selecky. Mr. Selecky is twenty nine years old and a graduate of the John Stamler Union County Police Academy. Prior to joining the Harding Township Police Department he served in the New York City Police Department (NYPD) for three years. During his tenor with the NYPD his primary patrol area was the Bronx. Mr. Selecky was born and raised in New Jersey and will be a great addition to the Harding Township Police Department.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE announced at its last Committee meeting the tentative timeline for the public discussions of the Township's 2009 budget. Given the unique economic conditions, there is heightened citizen interest in this year's Township budget and budget process. Following is the tentative schedule. **02/18/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Address changes, if needed, to temporary Township budget; Public hearing on CAP ordinance; Introduction of ordinance for 2009 employee salary ranges **03/18/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Public hearing on ordinance for 2009 employee salary ranges **03/18/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Introduction of 2009 budget **04/15/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Introduction of 2009 budget ordinance; Discussion of potential 2009 Township capital expenditures **05/20/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Public hearing on 2009 budget ordinance; Introduction of ordinance for 2009 at a potential 2009 Township capital expenditures **06/17/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Public hearing on 2009 budget ordinance; Discussion of ordinance for 2009 capital expenditures **05/20/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Public hearing on 2009 budget ordinance; Introduction of ordinance for 2009 capital expenditures **06/17/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Public hearing on 2009 budget ordinance; Introduction of ordinance for 2009 capital expenditures **06/17/2009: Regular Township Committee meeting:** Public hearing on ordinance for 2009 Township capital expenditures

The Township Committee encourages public discussion and participation in all of its meetings. The Committee especially encourages those residents interested in the 2009 budget process to attend and participate in one or more of the above Township Committee meetings as the 2009 budget is discussed and finalized. Harding Township Committee.

The following is a reprint of DR. LOUIS LANZEROTTI REMARKS UPON CONTINUING AS CHAIRMAN Made at the Civic Association annual meeting February 9 2009

I am honored that the citizens of Harding supported in November my continuation on the Township Committee. I hope that I can live up to their expectations for my service to our community during my next term. I am also deeply honored that my Committee colleagues asked me to serve another year as Chair of the Committee. I actually think that they have done this in order to give me a final chance to fix all of my mistakes from the last two years. Whatever the motivation, I pledge that I will use my abilities as best as I can to serve again as the Committee's Chairman. Thank you, colleagues.

It was forty-two years ago that my wife and I purchased property in Harding to build our home. We are very glad that we came to Harding, and that we stayed, and that our two children could grow and thrive in the woods and along the streams and ponds of Harding. The greatest satisfaction that has resulted from service on our town's Board of Education and Township Committee over these last decades has been the opportunity to meet so many residents, many of whom I would not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet and to exchange ideas with.

John Murray retired at the end of last month after serving nine years on the Committee. John led many initiatives for the betterment of Harding. During his last year on the Committee he led the effort to define the town's response to the requirements of the State Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). Through the efforts of the sub-committee that he chaired, the town was able to do a comprehensive analysis of affordable-housing options and to submit our community's plans to COAH by the year-end deadline. John will continue next year as a member of the Open Space Trust Committee and will be the liaison with the very important Harding Land Trust. We expect to recognize further John's service in a few weeks.

We welcome a new member to the Township Committee this year, Regina Egea. Regina comes to the Committee with a business background in AT&T and service on the Harding School Board. All of us continuing on the Committee look forward to working with Regina for the benefit of our town. Given the state of the economy and the economic pressures on taxpayers, the financial background that Regina brings to the Committee, and thus to Harding, is very welcome. Regina, a sincere welcome to the Township Committee; we all look forward to collaborating with you.

Before I continue, I would like to ask if any of my colleagues would wish to speak on their own behalf as we begin a new Township year. I encourage my Committee colleagues – and all Township citizens – to advise me as to how I might do better or differently as time passes this year. As I noted earlier, one of the personal benefits of serving on the Committee and as the Chair has been the opportunity to meet residents that I had not previously had the opportunity to know. To a person, everyone has been most interested in their town and its well being, and most helpful in providing suggestions and advice for our town's welfare.

Important issues that will require close attention by your Township Committee in 2009 include:

• <u>Economics.</u> The most difficult issue facing Harding in 2009 is the crafting of our town's budget in the context of the economic pressures on Harding taxpayers. Over the last several years your Township Committee has continued to encourage the Township administration to evaluate assiduously all discretionary spending and all personnel levels to ensure that tax dollars are being employed well. As has been discussed in Township Committee meetings, budget and personnel changes have been made to achieve savings, changes

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which are reflected in our continuing enviable tax rate. Prudent use of tax dollars must continue to be the prime objective for the Harding Township budget as we progress through 2009. Shared service opportunities will continue to be used vigorously and pursued whenever they make fiscal sense.

• <u>Glen Alpin.</u> A continuing budgetary expenditure from Open Space resources and from Township administration efforts is on the Glen Alpin house. The Township Committee agrees that the Township's direct responsibility for the Glen Alpin house must end quickly and efficiently. While some progress has been made, the complete transfer of responsibility has not occurred as expeditiously as I, and indeed as all of us, had hoped. I personally have to try to work much harder on this matter this year.

• <u>Town and School Consolidations.</u> In the last two years I have commented on the implications to Harding of the policies that are being discussed, and may potentially be implemented, by the Governor and legislature that could seriously undermine our desire for self-determination, home rule, and sense of community in Harding. My concern has been on the possible undermining of responsible home rule and sense of community in small municipalities and school districts that could occur in the guise of changes in the governance and mergers of public schools and in the forced merger of towns less than a certain population size.

The issue of coerced school consolidations remains very real, as discussions that I continue to have with our school superintendent make clear. Active citizen involvement with our state legislators is needed to ensure that any state legislation does not harm the education of Harding students, and that Harding taxpayers are not penalized on behalf of school districts that are much less well-governed that is ours.

• <u>COAH.</u> Harding submitted its response to COAH's requirements prior to the end-of-December deadline. We now await COAH's response, expected perhaps in mid-year. We also will monitor closely any modifications or changes that might occur in COAH regulations as the year progresses.

• <u>Highlands Act.</u> The open public discussions and examinations of the Highlands Act that the Township Committee has had in the last year have led us to not opt in to the Act, and to proceed with our COAH filing, as noted. The Committee is convinced that at this time our actions are consistent with our objective of controlling Harding's destiny ourselves. The Committee will remain very active in following issues related to the Highlands Act, will continue to convey relevant information to our residents, and will evaluate participation in any legal challenges to the Act that may be led by other municipalities.

• <u>Public Safety.</u> The Township Committee will continue to work closely with the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and the New Vernon Volunteer First Aid

Squad as these exemplary citizen volunteers carry out their important public responsibilities. In particular, the Committee will continue to work with the Fire Department to ensure adequate water sources for fire personnel and general public safety.

• <u>Citizen participation</u>. One of the outstanding qualities of Harding is the active involvement and participation of citizens in civic issues and activities via Township boards and committees, in the Civic Association, and in other non-governmental volunteer organizations. The Township Committee has continued its outreach effort to enlarge the pool of interested citizens for its boards and committees. This has been a success, and will be continued.

• <u>Library.</u> Happily the independent Harding Library is a-building as the heavy equipment outside testifies, and the close collaborative relationship that exists between the Library and the Township Committee will continue.

• <u>Open Space.</u> Protection of its environment and of its open spaces has been a hallmark of Harding even before the Great Swamp was saved in the early 1960s. The Harding Open Space Trust Committee continues to work on priorities for maintenance and for acquisition of open space to ensure that limited volunteer time and limited public resources are devoted to the highest priority projects. Hard prioritizations regarding open space will be of especial importance during this coming year of economic stress.

• <u>Township employees.</u> The Township Committee will continue to encourage and empower the Township's administrator and all Township employees to provide cheerful and helpful service to citizens.

In the end, all of us citizens working collaboratively together with good will and common sense are all that will be required to handle these tasks for the benefit of Harding Township in 2009. Thank you, Louis J. Lanzerotti

Following the remarks, there was a Q&A and Discussion. (This report provided by the Civic Association reporter.) Lanzerotti highlighted three important issues for 2009:

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(1) Economics – fiscal pressure on Harding and its taxpayers. Certain pressure comes in several forms. First, a possible cut to state aid which is down to only \$51K. Second, a likely increase in non-collectible taxes. Third, less interest earned on cash balances. Less likely but still worrisome, is the risk of a cut to the \$500K that Harding gets from the the State from a utility tax rebate. These rebates used to go directly to the towns but now go through the State and it is prudent to wonder if this money will be grabbed by Trenton, a significant amount in a \$9mm budget.

(2) Glen Alpin – effort to transfer responsibility from Harding to another

entity. Because of the cost involved to restore this property and because of the multiple stakeholders, solving this problem has taken far longer than intended. (3) Town & School Consolidations – effort by Trenton to force the merger of schools and towns. Harding has been "aggressive" in cost containment and voluntarily sharing services with other municipalities (ex. high school with Madison and emergency dispatch service). However, it is clear that the current state administration wants to force towns and school districts to consolidate. This is of immense concern as it would most certainly disadvantage Harding – taking away local control and fiscally penalizing towns like Harding that have been well-governed historically. As radical as this seems, Lanzerotti warns that this is not a theoretical discussion. Clear evidence is that there is now a Morris County Superintendent of Schools, a new position.

More Q&A from the meeting:

- The State Pension "Can" to Be "Kicked Down the Road"? Lanzerotti discussed a proposal from Trenton that would give municipalities a moratorium on making their pension contribution this year...all in the name of budget relief. This would be a band-aid for a town or city with a severely unbalanced budget. However, municipalities cannot collect the funds as usual via taxes (about \$400K) and put it aside for when it is finally called, since municipalities are not allowed to run a big surplus. So instead, a sound municipality will either have to spend the money unwisely or cut taxes to eliminate the phony surplus. Then when the money (plus 8% interest) is finally called, taxes will have to be raised sharply. The TC is strongly against this idea.
- 2. Will the Library ever be a drain on HT finances? Will it become another Glen Alpin? No, not with the TC as presently constituted. The Library is funded with private donations. All monies to build the library are in hand. Funds for an endowment to maintain and staff the library are either pledged or being pledged.
- 3. **Property Taxes**...Harding has won most all tax appeals.
- 4. Are taxes being paid on newly constructed but unoccupied properties? This was not clear, and this may be a revenue opportunity for the town as some of these "may slip through the cracks". Promised to research this issue.
- 5. Does Harding get sufficient value for the 25% of our property taxes that go to Morris County? Another 6% that goes to county open space taxes. Do we get fair value for this significant sum (greater than the amount that goes to Harding) or is this an intra-county redistribution scheme? This will be researched as well.

6. **Parking Spaces Surprise!** Committee member Marshall Bartlett revealed that he got a surprise call offering 15 precious parking spots to be used by Harding commuters, see information above about getting on the list.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 21, 2009

Attending: Bartlett, Egea, Lanzerotti, Rybka, Ward

The Township Committee will meet only once per month in the future on the third Wednesday of the month.

Resolutions awarding contracts for professional services were passed. The contracts are available for the public inspection at the Township office.

The Township received numerous compliments from residents to the Department of Public Works regarding recent improvements to the skating rink and sledding hill.

Mt Kemble Fields: Lights Out!

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Background: At a November meeting, the Township Committee approved the rezoning of the Mt Kemble fields property **subject to** drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU would precisely define the design and future usage of the athletic fields.

Since the resolution was passed in November, the Township received four documents:

- 1. A letter from the Morris Township (MT) attorney addressed to the HT attorney noting the passage of time, which was making the seller anxious and asking Harding to pursue the zoning change and the MoU at the same time.
- 2. A response from Morris Township to the items on the draft spreadsheet to be included in the MoU.
- 3. A letter from the residents asking to revisit the resolution based on the new composition of the HT Committee.
- 4. Additional items to be included in the MoU with e-mails from residents expressing their views.

While the Township Committee did not want to revisit the November resolution, they did agree that circumstances had changed since the resolution was passed. The two most important items were (1) the deed restriction on the 25 acre parcel next to the proposed park that Morris Township promised has not yet been provided; and (2) the lighting scheme, the most contentious feature of the design, had changed since the October demonstration and November resolution. In the Morris Township response, their engineer noted that the original lighting scheme presented was incorrect by half since it was the quantity for only one field and both fields need lighting.

The Committee's then discussed how to proceed. Several members wanted to get the deed restriction on the 25 acres done before moving forward. Another member said the TC should decide if **any** MoU that agreed to lighting could be passed by the current TC before spending anymore time and effort to draft an agreement. So the TC was polled to determine their thoughts on the lights and how they would vote on any MoU that contained lights. Marshall Bartlett and Jim Rybka said they would be in favor of the lighting with restrictions. Ned Ward, Regina Egea, and Lou Lanzerotti said they would not vote for any MoU contained lights.

Committee Chair Lanzerotti instructed the Harding Township Administrator to draft a letter to MT advising that HT would draft a MoU if MT still wanted to proceed with the project but without the lights. The letter would also request the deed restriction on the 25 acres be completed before moving forward on the Memorandum.

Board of Adjustment, Board of Adjustment, January 15, 2009

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The Huff Family Limited Partnership, LP, 599 Tempe Wick Road, Block 31, Lot 1.03, "C" Variance; Resolution carried for one month

Pending Applications: 1. John and Muriel Windolf, 24 Featherbed Lane, Block 16, Lot 18.01, "C" and "D" Variance; Carried for one month

2. John Sumas, 6 Lake Trail West, Block 41, Lot 3, Ordinance Interpretation/"C" Variance The applicant requested in interpretation by the Board of the ordinance with regard to several issues. The structure is currently a non-conforming existing building. It was conforming when built. The applicant is proposing a major remodel involving additions to the current home which will require variances for building area, three story structure and height. The interpretations requested were with regard to what structures on the roof are included in the calculation of height. The applicant has proposed an elevator which will exit on the roof and the elevator shaft will extend beyond the roof line. In addition, with regard to building area, the proposed additions will involve the use of cantilever overhangs which will extend beyond the foot print of the house. The question posed to the Board is whether the building area calculation is made form the footprint of the house or from the overhangs. There was lengthy discussion and a large public turnout.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING- JANUARY 26, 2009

<u>Organizational Items</u>: Appointed Louis Lanzerotti (term expiring 12/31/09); reappointed David Dietz (12/31/11), Marshall Bartlett (12/31/09), Robert Edgar (12/31/12), Paul Saulnier (12/31/10), and Joe Schleiffer (12/31/09). Isobel Olcott, Thomas dePoortere, Virginia Moriarty, and Alf Newlin also in attendance. Alf Newlin elected Chair and Isobel Olcott elected Vice Chair. Resolutions to provide professional services (Susan Kimball, Planner and Paul Fox, Engineer), set meeting dates for 2009, and appoint the Board Secretary (Cynthia Phillips) all passed.

<u>Discussion/Reports/Correspondence</u>: Ms. Kimball discussed with the Board a running list of small code changes and housekeeping items dealing with definitions and measurements. Ms. Olcott recommended drafting an ordinance for the Board to consider at the February meeting prior to submission to the Township Committee. The Board approved.

Applications:

Application PB-09-07, Applicant Peter **Frelinghuysen**, Jr., Block 22, Lots 2, 3, 4, 4.01 and 5, James Street and Sand Spring Lane. Action: Extension of Prior Approval Condition. Applicant explained that he is still waiting for the DEP permit required to perfect subdivision, and requested an extension of one year to grant final approval which the Board approved.

Application PB-12-08, Applicant The **Cutler Partnership**, LP, Block 4, Lots 10 and 4, Red Gate Road, Minor Subdivision with Variances. Action: Commence Public Hearing; set site inspection. Applicant requesting a lot line adjustment to provide access to landlocked lot creating two flag lots which would conform to the five-acre requirement. Site inspection set for February 7 at 2pm.

Application PB-09-08, Applicant Timothy **Stevens**, Block 56, Lot 15, 17 Woodland Road, Minor Subdivision with Variances. Action: Continue Public Hearing. Applicant requests two variances regarding the side yard setback and the size of the building box on the remainder lot. The town engineer reported (1) future development would require compliance for storm water management, (2) transition areas and adjustments approved by DEP, (3) applicant's experts say three requirements for buffer zone development met, (4) waste water waivers approved by Board of Health, (5) code met for special flood hazard development, and (6); there could be fire protection issues, not clear if within 1850 feet of a water source. Applicant reiterated that the government has an option to buy the property, and it cannot be encumbered. He stated that if the property was not sold, a conservation easement would be put on the property. Ms. Olcott requested Mr. Hall draft a resolution to assure wetlands protected prior to granting variance. She then moved approval of the application subject o conditions and subject to approval of the resolution. The motion was approved by roll call vote on the Board.

Application PB-13-08, Applicant Douglas **Falcone**, Block 12, Lot 5.05, 34 Woodland Road, Special Flood Hazard Development Permit. Action: Commence Public Hearing. Applicant proposes to increase coverage by 3600 square feet with additional patio area and extension of drive way. Additional coverage within amount allowed on lot. After some discussion with applicant's engineer, Board approved permit by roll call vote.

Application: PB-10-08, Applicant Primrose Partners, LLC, Block 46, Lots 6, 7.01, 8.03 and 10.04, Brook Drive South, Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision. Action: Continue Public Hearing; Consider Potential Retention of John Thonet, PE, PP. Discussion resumed from December meeting; Board also conducted site inspection as scheduled. The decision of the Board to employ its own environmental consultant was deferred to the February meeting. The first of two applicant engineers described the location of the development and how it would be crafted from the four existing lots while avoiding wetlands and riparian buffer zones. While 15 lots were originally planned, the proposed development was reduced to 14 lots to protect the habitat of the endangered Indiana bat. Lot size would range from 5 to 25 acres, averaging 8.8 acres, and no variances would be required. The second engineer described how storm water would be managed on the property. The plan would keep storm water in the same watershed using swales on each side of the development's road (which follows the ridge line on the property), three retention basins for larger storms (number of basins reduced by use of swales), pipes from the basins for discharge of water that doesn't infiltrate, and drywells for roof run-off. The engineer stated that storm water management was integrated into site layout design from day one and was not an afterthought. The time being late, further discussion was pushed to the next meeting on February 23rd. The Board indicated that much more discussion would be required, and that the public would be included in that discussion.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: February 9th 2009

Dr. Purnell, Superintendent of Schools presented a tentative Budget for the 2009-2010 school year. There was a lengthy and detailed discussion amongst the Board and with Dr. Purnell on expected and necessary changes to the current year's plan. Revenues from property taxes may be anticipated at no more than a 4% increase according to the New Jersey Governor's office. A preliminary Budget will be adopted at the March 9th meeting. On March 23rd, there will be a public hearing where the proposed Budget will be reviewed.

Dr. Purnell spoke of the success of the Smart Board program. This capability allows students, parents and teachers to review online work that has been presented in the classroom with auditory accompaniment. A few teachers are currently utilizing this tool. It has been particularly helpful for students following an absence from school.

There are ongoing discussions between the Superintendent's office and the Harding Township Committee to identify additional shared service opportunities in an effort to contain or reduce expenses. Ad Hoc committees are being formed to look further into this.

Curriculum review and development continues as a priority. The Board is examining with Dr Purnell, school personnel and the District Curriculum Council various programs and methodologies on curriculum writing, content and integration.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dealing with Coyotes and Foxes

Coyotes and foxes have been sighted in the township with increasing frequency. The Wildlife Services Section of the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife advises that coyote attacks on humans are rare in the Northeast. Coyote nuisance and damage situations are managed taking preventive measures. These include removing potential food sources such as garbage and birdfeed. Also, pets should not be fed outdoors, nor should they be left outdoors overnight.

Sightings alone should not cause alarm but are a signal to take the aforementioned preventive measures. Significant damage and nuisance coyote problems should be reported to the Harding Police Department at 973-455-0500 and to the NJ Wildlife Services Section at (908) 735-8793.

<u>Civic Association</u> DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are March 6and April 3, respectively. Current and past issues of Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are also on our Website: *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.

<u>Please send to the Directory Editor by email any information</u> <u>regarding changes to the Harding Township Directory to be published later</u> <u>this year.</u> If you have responsibility for a listed service or organization, please take a moment to review and update your listing. The Directory Editor is **Bridget Berman, and her email is <brb2@mac.com>**. *Remember that it is your responsibility to ensure that your organization's listing is correct.* <u>TOWNSHIP RECYCLING</u>

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; 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 noon (7–9AM self service); and Saturdays: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18. 5/2, 9AM to noon.

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 Preservtion 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