

Harding Township Civic Association

THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

September 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Fire Department Auction Saturday, September 26th

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold their 57th Annual Auction on **Saturday, September 26th** at the Firehouse on Village Road at 9:00 AM sharp, rain or shine. Parking opens 6:30 am, Grounds open 7AM. Auction preview 8AM. Reserved seats 7 AM.

The Harding Township Committee announced that the annual curbside clean-up will commence on **Monday September 28th, 2009**. Materials that will *not* be collected are building material, garbage, stones, concrete, soil, brush, yard debris, toxic chemicals, propane bottles and tanks, 55 gallon drums (empty or full), oil tanks and oil based paints. Lawnmowers and other gasoline-powered equipment must have the gas and oil drained. Hot water heaters and water conditioners must be drained. Pipes and single pieces of lumber must be cut or bent into sections four (4) feet or less in length. Latex paints must be opened and completely dried out. Please do not leave items in front of property sooner than ten (10) days before the collection date. Materials that will not be collected, but are acceptable at the recycling center are: all standard recyclables: newspaper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, plastics), barbeque size propane tanks, tires, computers and related electronic Any questions please call Tracy Toribio, at the Harding Township dept of Public Works, 973-267-2448.

THE LIBRARY

Story Hour, Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. for 2-3 year-olds will resume in **September** with Children's Librarian, Jennifer Carlin. The program will include stories, songs, and a small craft/coloring activity related to each weekly theme: Sept.22:*Food and Nutrition*; Sept. 29:*The Farm*; Oct. 6:*Families*; Oct.13:*Pumpkins*; Oct. 20;*Owls*; Oct. 27:*Halloween*

Evening Book Group, Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. The Library's Evening Book Group is resuming after the summer break. We gather once a month to discuss a wide variety of literature, both fiction and non-fiction. At the September 30 meeting, we will plan the reading list for the coming fall/winter season, so bring your suggestions! All are welcome.

Become a Volunteer Librarian Now- Help is always needed on the donated books and book sales and filling the Library Desk roster. If you enjoy books and people, computers and queries, you will enjoy being an integral part of HTL. Give us a call at 973-267-8000

X 132 and asks for Anne Thomas or Lotte Newlin.

Closing: Saturday, September 26 because of the Auction. **Early Closing** at noon on Thursday, October 1 when we honor our Library Volunteers.

Visit our new and updated Web site: hardinglibrary.org

From the Civic Association:

As you make your schedules for the Fall, consider joining the Harding Township Civic Association. We provide the articles for the Thumbnail, the Memorial Day Parade, the Civic Association website www.hardingcivic.org, the new neighbor welcome kits, and the annual directory. There is something for everyone.

If you are interested, you can give Barbara Brennan (973-267-2624) a call; send her an e-mail (Barbara.Brennan@preludeinc.com), or just come to next meeting, which is usually the first Monday of the month, 7:30PM at Kirby Hall in the small conference room. Next meeting date is October 5.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Our two seasonal **flu clinics** are scheduled for **Thursday, September 24, 2009 and Thursday, October 15, 2009** from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Residents must be 65 years of age and older and are asked to bring their MEDICARE cards. Anyone under the age of 65 with a chronic illness as defined by the Center for Disease Control criteria must have a doctor's note. Residents are asked to wear short sleeves. No appointments are necessary.

Harding Township residents 60 and older can now obtain the **Shingles vaccine (Zostavax)** at the Madison Health Department. A \$220 check and a doctor's prescription are necessary before an appointment can be made. Please call Dr. Florence Rice at 973/593-3076 at extension 6 to make arrangements.

Harding Township will hold in conjunction with Morris Township a free **rabies clinic** on Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. till 12 noon at the Woodland Firehouse, 20 Dwyer Lane, Morris Township.

The Harding Township Historical Society The Harding Township Historical Society will present a Family History Program on "**Unlearning American Indian Stereotypes: with a Focus on Northeast Woodland People**" presented by Dr. Helen Rende and Brenda Davis on **Thursday, October 8th from 7-8:00 p.m. at the Tunis Ellicks House, 16 Village Road**. Families and their children are encouraged to attend and there is a \$5.00 admission fee for families/individuals, admission is free for Historical Society members. Call (973) 292-3661 to register or email: amynagle@verizon.net.

Dr. Helen Rende and Ms. Brenda Davis will bring a variety of artifacts

from their personal collections showing similarities and differences between the Indian Nations represented. Lenape relics found in Harding Township will also be displayed. Dr. Helen Rende is a Kahnawake Mohawk and also a Commissioner for the New Jersey State Commission on Indian Affairs. Brenda Davis is a registered member of the Mohawk tribe, born and raised on the Six Nations reserve in Canada.

The program will also be presented to Harding School elementary students in grades 3-5 on October 8th during the school day.

Harding Alliance Against Substance Abuse

The mission of Harding Alliance is to provide education and resources to promote healthy decision making and to avoid substance abuse and risky behaviors. More information, including recent enhancements to our website and our meeting schedule, can be found at <http://hardingalliance.hardingnj.org>. We are currently working on our Red Ribbon Week program scheduled for October 23 to 30. Our meetings are held on scheduled Wednesday mornings at Harding Township School Guidance Office. We seek representatives for the Alliance who can help organize parent programming. This is not a major time commitment, nor does it involve fundraising. If you have any questions or comments, or would like a copy of our handout 'Legal and Other Consequences of Substance Abuse' please contact judymotown@comcast.net or pick one up in the Kirby Municipal Building rotunda. Similar information can be found at section 4 of our website. Follow us on Twitter: <http://Twitter.com/HardingAlliance>.

TOWNSHIP NEWS

Township Committee Meeting, July 15

Attending: Bartlett, Egea, Lanzerotti, Rybka, and Ward

Wildlife Management Committee made its annual report. Key points:

Deer harvest is declining from 285 to 171 to 150 most recently due to fewer deer and less interest by hunters. Other parts of the county and state are up. Motor vehicle accidents were 29 ('08) versus 53 (the peak in 2003). Did not find a replacement location for the deer check station (the place where hunters can register their deer kill). Geese population is down "significantly" due to harassment program at Bayne Park and Christ the King Church lead staffed entirely by volunteers led by Roberta Shields. Black bears have become more a problem. There were 6 killings in NJ with one in Harding. Advice - Don't feed them, keep garbage controlled and pet food inside. Advise police on sightings. Committee spent less than \$500 less than 10% of its budget of \$5000.

Resolution to hire police officer, passed. This is an existing position vacated by a retirement. Force is back up to 14, which is one below the peak.

Glen Alpin Strategy Committee was disbanded as it has been dormant for many months and since the disposition of the property is being handled solely by the TC.

Monitoring Conservation and Environmental Easements. The Planning Board and the Harding Open Space Trust share a concern that easements are not being continuously monitored to ensure that the easement property has remained in pristine condition and/or that it has not been infringed. In fact, Harding does not know the number of easements that it has under its control. The Environmental Commission is the likely responsible group. It would need to assemble a group of volunteers, get them trained, release them to inspect the sites looking for dumping, landscaping, etc, on the easement areas. A resolution will be drafted to get action on this problem.

Ten Towns – has it outlived its purpose. The Ten Towns group was created many years ago to handle issues in common all centered about the Great Swamp. Harding is the largest contributor to Ten Towns budget at \$12.9K. Most recently Ten Town developed the storm water regulations. TC committee person Regina Egea is looking for public input on the level on enthusiasm for continuing support for HT's participation in Ten Towns. She can be reached at agea@verizon.net.

Township Committee Meeting – August 19 2009

Attending – Bartlett Egea Lanzerotti; Absent; Rybka, Ward

Harding received the 3rd Annual “Good Lighting Award” from NJ Amateur Astronomers, a group that seeks to reduce ground lighting so that the heavens can be better observed.

Recently hired police officer, Vincent Dellavalle or Rockaway, was sworn in.

Resolution to Approve Annual Deer Hunt on Harding Property. Passed. Roberta Shields present extensive information that bow hunting is an inhumane method of harvest. In addition, a letter from a veterinarian and ex resident of Harding was read into the record that also supported the case against bow hunting. The need for a deer harvest was questioned. Other members of the public disputed. In the end the resolution passed 2- (Lanzerotti, Egea) to 1- (Bartlett) – the hunt will go on, including with bow and arrow.

Increase in Rents at The Farm at Harding, HT's COAH (low income) housing asset. Maximum allowable increase is 3.3%. It was proposed to raise the rent just 1% because there has been some difficulty keeping the units occupied so it was thought that the rent should stay as low as possible. There are 24 total units and one was unoccupied as of August 25. For our readers'

information, a two bedroom unit, rented to a “moderate” income (max \$63K) person goes for \$1164. The same unit to a “low” income (\$39.4K) person goes for \$813.

No action on the replacement of the Rt 202 bridge on the Bernards/Harding border. Legislators have not met and it’s still under discussion.

Board of Education - Schools. Committee persons Lanzerotti and Egea met with school superintendent on the school district consolidation push by Trenton. Harding does not appear to be on the “hit list” for next year. This remains a very serious issue that has major negative implications for tax rates and local school control.

Morris County Freeholders will hold their November Meeting in Harding on Nov 23. Public is welcome to attend and voice their opinions.

Planning Board, June 22, 2009

Roll Call: Thomas dePoortere and David Dietz absent.

Discussions/Reports/Correspondence

Board of Adjustment Annual Report: Bill Keefauver reported on the proceedings of the Board of Adjustment. He stated the mission of the Board remains helping applicants to achieve what they want to achieve without doing violence to the master plan and town ordinances. He indicated that more applications are approved than turned down. Areas of interest included solar panels, activity in Mt. Kemble Lake, and long term trash dumpsters. While applicants have a year to start projects once approved, there is no ordinance that deals with completion time; in some cases completion is delayed to avoid receiving a certificate of occupancy and paying taxes. He also thought that there should be more consistency regarding the height of deer fences and that lighting might be pushing the envelope.

Draft Ordinance Regarding Energy-Related Structures: Ms. Kimball indicated that solar arrays, for example, must comply with zoning rules, but it was worthwhile to call out such devices (among others) in the ordinance covering accessory structures. The Board approved sending the revised ordinance to the Township Committee for approval.

Miscellaneous Zoning Amendments: Ms. Kimball explained, as she had in an earlier meeting, that she keeps a list of potential housekeeping amendments to the zoning ordinances to clarify and enhance the existing law. These amendments were approved and referred to the Township Committee

Subcommittee Update-Harding Build-Out Analysis: Mr. Saulnier recounted that the subcommittee had begun work to determine what lots

remained for development, and what Harding would look like if all remaining residential and commercial lots were built on. After work began, the NJ DEP requested that all counties undertake a similar analysis to determine if development could pose a waste water management issue. Morris County approached the subcommittee for input, and it is awaiting the final county analysis which is due to the state by September 1st. The county analysis indicated that Harding could accommodate 243 more residences which would probably present no waste water issue.

Applications

PB-11-08, Applicant **Thomas Walden IV**, Block 56, Lot 11, 46 Meyersville Road, Special Flood Hazard Development Permit. Materials were missing from the application; however, the missing materials have been submitted but not in time for Mr. Fox to review prior to the meeting. The application was before the Board of Adjustment Planning Board. On advice by Mr. Hall (and since there was no activity contemplated within the flood hazard area), the Board approved the permit subject to favorable report from Mr. Fox.

PB-01-08, Applicant **Morris/Post & Rail**, Block 4, Lots 11 and 12, 48-52 Red Gate Road, Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision with Variances. Action: Consider Reopening Approval Decision. When the application was approved last year, the Board didn't focus on the Cutler property and the implications of a shared drive between the two subdivisions. Mr. Hall presented a resolution to amend the resolution adopted last June to (1) require Morris to be a party to a shared drive agreement with Cutler and vice versa and (2) if Morris builds a cistern, Cutler doesn't need to build a cistern; and if Cutler builds a cistern, Morris must share in the cost. Resolution approved.

PB-03-09, Applicant **William and Richard Blanchard**, Block 26, Lots 13 and 13.01, 42 Glen Alpin Road, Minor Subdivision with Variances. Action: Set site inspection. The applicant's engineer reviewed the proposal to subdivide the 21.6 acre property into three lots: one lot of approximately ten acres with all existing buildings, a second new lot of approximately five acres, and a third new flag lot of approximately 6 acres. The two new lots would share a drive. All lots conform and an LOI is pending from the DEP; however, a variance would be required for pool, covered patio and pool equipment shed which would not meet the setback requirement.

PB-10-08, Applicant **Primrose Partners**, LLC, Block 46, Lots 6, 7.01, 8.03, and 10.04, Brook Drive South, Preliminary and Final Subdivision. Action: Continue Public Hearing.

The applicant's attorney indicated that the applicant had nothing further to offer. Mr. Fox presented a report indicating some revisions were needed to the plans, most significantly identification of clearing for connection to Brook Drive South, detail of cul-de-sac grading plan, landscape plan showing some plantings outside of roadway, and revisions to final map (including simplification of signature blocks and waiver for use of pavers for storm water runoff rather than underground system). Ms. Olcott asked about the conservation markers and whether those shown on final plat were acceptable (answer, yes), and how they would be monitored (answer, by the Township). Mr. Hall then went through his draft resolution and explained the changes from the original version. Of particular interest was Item 29, improvements to the intersection of Bailey's Mill Road and Brook Drive South, and what portion of the improvements would be borne by the developers. It was agreed that the pro-rata share would be finalized in the developer's agreement. Following discussion of the resolution, Mr. Hall recommended that the Board orally approve the resolution, subject to conditions, with the final language to be memorialized at the next meeting. The resolution was then approved by roll call vote.

PB-01-09, Applicant **151 Madison Avenue Corp/Hudacek**, Block 4, Lot 15, 610 Van Buren Road, Minor subdivision with Variance. Action: Continue Public Hearing. Carried to next meeting.

Planning Board Meeting- July 27, 2009

Marshall Bartlett absent

Discussions/Reports/Correspondence

Mr. Saulnier gave an update on the build out analysis. A revised analysis was received from Morris County, and there were some comments back and forth with a final report due September 1st. The numbers have moved up a little, but the township is in no danger of waste water problem.

Mr. Lanzerotti then discussed the issue of township administration of conservation easements. Over the last 15 years the township has become more responsible for open space management. The subject of conservation easements covers three areas: park land, open space, and conservation easements (including those deeded to the town and those deeded to other organizations by private property owners). The concept of open space has been enhanced, but the township has not been creative regarding the management of public property and deeded property. Citizens need to be more responsible for open space, and this issue needs to be addressed by the Township Committee and other entities. Also, there needs to be better enforcement so the rights of

citizens are preserved. There will be a meeting on September 9th with the heads of various township committee heads to discuss further.

Resolutions

PB-10-08, Applicant **Primrose Partners**, LLC, Block 46, Lots 6, 7.01, 8.03 and 10.04, Brook Drive South. A draft of the resolution was discussed and approved at the last meeting. The Board approved the final version reflecting final decisions and conditions. A resolution to the Township Committee regarding the inspection of the Primrose Partners subdivision conservation easements was discussed. Included were the issues of inspection (before and after construction) and remediation. There is also a need to make sure the whole system (of conservation easements and storm water management) works together.

Applications

PB-01-09, 151 **Madison Avenue Corp/Hudacek**, Block 4, Lot 15, 610 Van Buren Road, Minor Subdivision with Variance. Action: Continue Public Hearing. The applicant's engineer reviewed the project (three conforming lots from one, 60' wide staff divided into three 20' staffs), and recent revisions to the plans (cistern details changed, driveway grading changed, driveway entrance widened, culvert enlarged, reciprocal easement for driveway, and drainage calculations provided). There was some discussion about the setbacks of the current structures, and whether they were built prior to the 100' requirement. The homeowner gave testimony about the history of the property. Mr. Fox also discussed the items in his memo on the application. The Board then approved the application subject to conditions.

PB-03-09, **Applicant William and Richard Blanchard**, Block 26, Lots 13 and 13.01, 42 Glen Alpin Road, Minor Subdivision with Variances, Action: Continue Public Hearing. Applicant proposes to subdivide 21.6 acre property into three conforming lots, with the two new lots sharing a driveway. A 30,000 gallon cistern is proposed for fire protection, soil testing is acceptable, and the bridal path would be maintained on the back lot. Variances would be needed for the existing pool, covered patio, and pool shed which do not meet setback requirements from the proposed property line. The Board was not comfortable with granting variances. An alternate lot layout showing an exaggerated hour glass shape for new lot 13.02 was discussed. Representatives of the bridal path association expressed a desire to maintain the current bridle path exit onto Kennedy Lane. A representative of the Kennedy Woods Homeowners' Association expressed concern about the impact of the new home on Lot 13.02 on Kennedy Lane, and called for appropriate screening and an enhanced area of non-disturbance. Discussion of application carried to next meeting.

Planning Board Meeting- August 24, 2009

Roll Call: Virginia Moriarty and Louis Lanzerotti absent.

Resolutions: PB-01-09, Applicant **151 Madison Avenue Corp/Hudacek**, Block 4, Lot 15, 610 Van Buren Road, Minor Subdivision with Variance. Mrs. Olcott suggested that the resolution be amended to require the removal of the kitchen from the apartment residence prior to signing the minor subdivision deeds. Resolution approved as amended.

Applications

PB-03-09, **Applicant William and Richard Blanchard**, Block 26, Lots 13 and 13.01, 42 Glen Alpin Road, Minor Subdivision with Variances, Action: Continue Public Hearing. A revised plan which eliminated the need for variances was presented. The flag staff was moved west and all setbacks now conform. Other changes as requested by Mr. Fox and Morris County included modification of the driveway entrance and a removal of a tree to improve sightlines. There was some discussion about the current driveway and whether the drive for the existing house should link up with the new driveway. With regard to the bridle path, the easement was extended all the way to Glen Alpin, and the slope at the back of the lot was determined to be acceptable for the path. There was also some discussion about the impact on the cemetery where an easement was proposed to allow the headstones to remain; however, moving the lot line was proposed as better solution so that the headstones would be included in the cemetery with the corresponding graves. There was also some discussion about the storm water runoff from the proposed shared driveway. A lawyer for the Kennedy Lane Homeowners' Association discussed screening behind 13.02, creeping accessory structures, and increased run off onto Kennedy Lane. The Board agreed that while it needed more information on sight distances along Gen Alpin Road, a resolution should be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM., May 7,2009

Comments on BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT matters:

Toohy, 75 Village Road, Block 16 Lot 13.01. This is a non-contributing property, for which the applicant seeks to install a swimming pool with patio areas. The Commission made no comment as it is not a contributing property and the proposed changes do not affect the streetscape.

McKittrick, 14 Millbrook Road, Block 17 Lot 3. This is a contributing property in the New Vernon Historic District. The applicant seeks the

enlargement of the principal structure, through the demolition of the existing one-story family room and the construction of a full basement with a replacement one-story family room. Based on the plans submitted, the Commission supports this application on the basis that it appears consistent with the existing structure in terms of mass, positioning and materials. In addition, the Commission feels that the proposed enlargement is proportionate to the existing house and the other houses in the neighborhood, and would have minimal impact on the streetscape. The Commission is satisfied that the proposed expansion preserves the historic characteristics of the structure.

Harris, 46 Lee's Hill Road, Block 49 Lot 10. The applicant seeks expansion of a non-conforming residence. Although this property itself is not contributing, and therefore typically would warrant no comment, the Commission expressed concern that the proposed expansion, with its overall increase in mass and height, could represent a significant change on the local streetscape. Because this property lies between two historic districts (Logansville and New Vernon) and sits on one of Harding Township's most picturesque key roads, the Commission is particularly concerned with the impact of this potential change. The overall massing of additions makes this house much more prominent as seen from the street—a fact which is compounded by the siting of the existing house outside of the building envelope. The Commission recommended that the siting be changed to “have the same relative placement on the lot as the older structures and the setback distance from the street should be equal or greater” The Commission suggested that this could be accomplished by rotating the new garage orientation so that it parallels the road or placing it behind the existing garage-- both of which would improve the setback and move the addition towards the building envelope. The Commission further suggested that the materials should be consistent with the existing house in order to lessen the impact of bulk from the street. Overall, the Commission recommends moving the addition back towards the initial building envelope.

Comments on CONSTRUCTION department matters

Farley (Contract Purchaser), 164 Sand Spring Road, Block 23.03, Lot 2. This is a contributing property in the Individual Sites District, in close proximity to the township line. Although the applicant first appeared before the HPC in March of 2009 for an informal review, he has only recently filed his official Demolition application with the township. In response, the Commission expressed their desire to initiate a month-to-month Demolition Delay, with the condition the applicant prove his intention not to subdivide the property. At this point, the Commission recommends the initiation of a month-to-month Demolition

Delay, not to exceed nine months, in order to allow the applicant to return to the Commission and present an exact site plan and house plan for comment. The commission also discussed recommendations that would help the applicant design a home that would complement the neighboring contributing homes on Sand Spring Road.

Comments on REVISED PLAN REVIEW:

Knerr, 9 Hartley Farms Road, Block 4, Lot 31. As discussed by the Commission at the April 2009 meeting, the applicant seeks to construct a single family dwelling on a lot that is presently vacant in the Hartley Farms District. Upon review of the most recent plans, the Commission concluded that all prior comments remain appropriate—specifically, concern regarding the absence of listed building materials and the environmental impact of two driveways in terms of impervious coverage. These comments are detailed in the 4/3/2009 HPC formal response to the Board of Adjustment.

DISCUSSION:

Green Village Volunteer Fire Department, 529 Green Village Road. The Commission discussed the construction of a cell tower at the Green Village Volunteer Fire Department property in Chatham Township. The tower, as constructed, is a simple flagpole style with no flag.

Route 287, NJ State Highway Dept. Rest Area, Block 25.02, Lot 12. M. Soter provided a brief update on the Route 287 Rest Stop cell tower proceedings. A formal letter asking for a balloon test has gone out to the project consultants, and is awaiting response. The State Historic Preservation Office will be reviewing the entire case later this month. The Commission discussed continuing to encourage a formal response from the township committee.

NJ Conference Seventh Day Adventists Church, 501 Tempe Wick Road, Block 33, Lot 9. The Commission reviewed a proposal for the construction of a cell tower at the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Tempe Wick Road, immediately adjacent Glen Alpin and other key contributing properties in the Tempe Wick Historic District. As currently proposed, the tower would be 120' expandable to 150' and would be housed in a tree monopole. The Commission objects to the siting and housing of this tower on several fronts—environmental, historic, and visual. In addition to the problems associated with the site of a cell tower in such a historic district, the Commission expressed concern about its potential impact on the Primrose Brook wetlands at the rear of the property. Furthermore, given the multitude of different options available to mitigate the appearance of such a tower, the Commission feels there are better alternatives. The Commission is aware of several other instances in which such wireless

communication poles have successfully been integrated in church steeples, and feels that this type of subtle approach merits further research and discussion in the case of Harding Township. In line with these concerns, the Commission recommends further exploration of alternatives to the siting and housing of the proposed cell tower, with the goal of identifying the most mutually agreeable way to proceed. As this proposal is still in very preliminary stages, the Commission feels that this is an ideal time to present ideas for consideration. With this in mind, a formal letter will be submitted to Grubb and Associates, Inc, detailing the Commission's substantial concerns with the project. Additionally, N. DiTosto has agreed to contact the project consultants to obtain supplementary facts about the project as currently proposed.

Expiring Demolition Certificate of Appropriateness

The commission discussed three (3) Demolition Certificate of Appropriateness' which are nearing their 24 month expiration. Specifically, they are: 1. Ponck / Dioda, at 518 Van Buren Road; Block 6, Lot 9.01, Expiring on 7/12/2009.2. Bodenstein, at 82 Sand Spring Road; Block 22, Lot 1, Expiring on 7/12/2009., and 3. Cusano (currently Meyer), at 27 Glen Alpin Road; Block 49, Lot 11.02, Expiring on 8/20/2009.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE announces that the 2009/2010 Hunting Season extends from September 12, 2009, bow hunting; through February 13, 2010. Hunting with firearms will take place in December, January and February. Bow hunting is permitted throughout the season.

The deer harvest continues to decline, indicative of a reduction in the excessive deer population, confirmed by the decline in motor vehicle accidents. Progress is being made in bringing the deer population to levels considered healthy for the environment, but the problem is still not resolved. Wildlife experts assume that an acceptable level is 15-20 deer per sq. mile, compared to current estimate of 30-35.

Hunting on Township Property

As in prior years, the township has agreed to open the following properties to hunting or driving of deer as indicated:

Block 46 Lot 4.01	Bailey's Mill and Young's Road	driving
Block 35.01 Lot 18	Rt. 202/287 & Glen Alpin Road:	bow
Block 8 Lot 9.01	Margetts Field	bow hunting
Block 2 Lot 18	Waterman property	bow hunting
Block 23 Lot 1	Gatehouse property	bow hunting

Board of Adjustment, no report this issue

Civic Association News and Announcements

Civic Association: The **DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are October 2 and November 6**, 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.

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; 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:10/10,10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/5,12/19, 9AM to noon.**

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 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