

# Harding Township Civic Association

## THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

April 2010

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Department is having a free male Cancer Screening on **Tuesday, April 13, 2010**, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm in the Municipal Building. A free Adult Health Fasting Bloodwork clinic will be held on **Thursday, April 29, 2010**, from 8am to 11am at the Municipal Building. **Appointments are necessary for all screenings**; to schedule an appointment for the above clinics, please call 973-267-8000, ext.125. The Health Department is also collecting unused eyeglasses. These can be dropped off during any of the above clinics, or as convenient during office hours.

The Harding Township Environmental Commission is sponsoring a Harding Road Side Clean-up Day, **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9-11AM**. Meet at **Bayne Park** and get a free tee shirt (while they last), a street assignment where you can go pick-up road side debris and a garbage bag. Refreshments provided. We need your help to keep our town beautiful. **Harding, Think Green!** This is great opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Rain date will be Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to wear sunscreen and bug spray.

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 43 USED BIKE DRIVE

Come and join us on **April 17th, 2010, Saturday 1pm-4pm** at the First Presbyterian Church located on 2 Lee's Hill Road, New Vernon. We are asking for adult and kids bikes along with a \$10 donation for shipping cost. These bikes will be sent to the developing countries for the needy. Please come and donate for a good cause. Our troop needs your supports to make this event a successful one. All donations are tax deductible.

**FALL 2010 SOCCER PROGRAMS** for Harding K-2 and Madison/Harding 3-8 Travel and Rec Teams; Register at <http://register.madisonhardingsoccer.org>, starting April 12. The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade programs are in Harding and are open only to town residents. The Recreation and Travel Teams for grades 3-4 and grades 5-8 are open to both Harding and Madison residents. Please check the appropriate page to get the details for the program you are interested in having your child participate.

**7th grade Girl Scouts from Harding Township Troop 2264** offer a **free G-mail Class** for residents at the Harding Township School on **Sunday, April 25, 2010** at 2:00 p.m. in the school's computer lab. The class is open to senior citizens and other interested residents from Harding Township. The troop's leader, Amy Nagle, School Library Media Specialist, will teach the class with assistance from the scouts. Participants will learn how to setup and use G-mail to communicate and access information. Pre-registration is required, please call either Mary Crummy, Harding Township Seniors, at (973) 267-8032 or Amy Nagle, Scout leader, at (973) 984-8480 to register for the free program.

**Harding Land Trust Annual Meeting, Tuesday April 27th, 2010, at 7:15 PM on Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall of Christ the King Church in New Vernon, NJ. A presentation entitled "**Children & Nature**," will be given by Marc Rogoff, Environmental Education Specialist with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. This presentation will examine:

- \* Benefits of outdoor play and nature exploration;
- \* Recent societal changes and how they effect how leisure time is spent today;
- \* Where nature exploration can be done and how it can be done; and
- \* How parents/guardians can enhance and increase their family time spent outdoors. Please call the Harding Land Trust for more information, 973-267 2515.

#### **THE LIBRARY**

**StoryTime** continues on Tuesday mornings at 10 for children ages 1-3. Participants will hear stories, sing songs, and create a theme-related craft. In April we will talk about *Spring* (4/13), *Alligators and Crocodiles* (4/20), and *Bugs* (4/27).

**Wednesday Evening Book Group** will meet on April 28 at 7:30 to discuss *The Botany of Desire*. Seasoned garden writer Michael Pollan explores the histories of apples, tulips, potatoes, and marijuana, showing in the process how humanity and plants intersect and affect each other. For a lively discussion, join the group!

**Friday, May 14 at 4 p.m. ~ Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the New Library!** Everyone is cordially invited to help celebrate this long-anticipated event.

**Jump into Summer: Saturday June 26 at 12 noon...**a party for children who wish to join the **Summer Reading Club** or just want to have fun. There will be games, prizes, stories, and a take-home craft. Children will also receive their Summer Reading Club Packets that day.

**Don't forget the Harding Township's Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held on Monday, May 31, 9:30 AM.** The Parade will begin promptly at 9:30 AM and the ceremony will begin immediately afterwards. Any Township group or organization interested in participating this year should contact the Parade Chair, Scott Shipley, at 908-406-1402. *In case of rain, the parade will be cancelled, however, the ceremony will be held in the Sellitto gymnasium at Harding School.* Information on essay contest will be in next issue Thumbnail.

**WHO ARE OUR DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS? Let us hear your ideas**

The Harding Township Civic Association is now accepting nominations for its Distinguished Citizen award, which will be presented during the annual Memorial Day ceremony following the parade. Nomination should include the individual's name, contact information, and details pertaining to his or her good citizenship and community involvement. Nominations must be received by **April 30, 2010** and can be submitted to Scott Shipley by e-mail at [shipleys4@verizon.net](mailto:shipleys4@verizon.net), or by postal service to 14 Beech Lane, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Nominations can also be submitted to any other Harding Township Civic Association Trustee.

**ENROLLMENT continues FOR THE HTRA SUMMER DAY CAMP**

For more information, contact (973) 605-5866 , e-mail to [promano59@comcast.net](mailto:promano59@comcast.net) or website [www.hardingtownshipdaycamp.com](http://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 at 973-605-5866 or obtain job application forms on website).

**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 our meeting schedule and useful links to a variety of resources, can be found at <http://hardingalliance.hardingnj.org>.

**Save the Date! Monday, May 10, 7 PM at the Kirby Municipal Building-** Parents and teens are strongly encouraged to come to the information session addressing ***new Graduated Driver License (GDL) Laws*** recently enacted in NJ. Current provisional/permit holders are ***not*** grandfathered. Presented by Pamela Fischer, Director, NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety. Make sure you know the law surrounding new drivers. A useful summary of these provisions can be found at: [NJteendriving.com](http://NJteendriving.com). Harding Alliance members are concerned citizens, police, health and school professionals. Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 21 at 8:45 AM** in the Guidance Office of Harding Township School. If you

have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Malloy, Chairperson, at [judymotown@comcast.net](mailto:judymotown@comcast.net).

“One Bad Decision” – A Video for Young Drivers: The Harding Alliance Against Substance Abuse has brought this incredibly powerful video to Thumbnail’s attention. It’s a true story of a teenager from NJ and the tragedy that stemmed from his One Bad Decision. The video is a plea to his peers from a young man who learned the very hard way. It may be the best 17 minutes you spend with your young driver. Prepare yourself emotionally then see it at [www.onebaddecision.com](http://www.onebaddecision.com).

#### **Notes from Your First Aid Squad (NVFAS)**

Would you know what to do if you suspect someone may have swallowed a poison, whether a drug, soap, or a poisonous leaf? **Dial 1-800-222-1222** to reach the **New Jersey Poison Information & Education System**, which is manned by highly trained personnel and is active 24/7. (Put this number on your phone, cell, and in your telephone directory under **Poison Control**; it is good anywhere in the US.) **Then** dial 911 if you are directed to do so or believe further assistance is necessary.

Consider joining the **New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad** and helping others while also helping yourself to be better prepared to handle emergencies. We are especially interested in getting stay-at-home parents and recent retirees. Call Sue Sameth at 973-267-0552 or Rachel Matthews at 973-425-0343 for further information.

#### ***Please note the following events coming up:***

**June 4, 2010** New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad  
Annual Steak and Lobster dinner, 6pm

**June 19 , 2010** New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad  
Family Open House 12 noon to 3pm; Fun filled activities, food, entertainment for the whole family, something for everyone of all ages, details to be in next month’s Thumbnail

#### **A Message from our Public Health Nurse: Disaster Preparedness Tips**

**Keep aware of impending changes in the weather.** Listen to your radio, local TV station or internet weather. Always have enough emergency supplies immediately available such as: Medications for at least 3 days, bottled water, flashlights, and battery operated radio extra batteries. If your medical equipment is electric and has a battery back up system, keep it plugged in. If you use oxygen equipment, make sure you have a full backup tank. **For all medical equipment requiring power, check with your medical supply company for a back-up power source such as a battery or generator.**

**Bayne Park volunteers** are asking if you can join them in the effort to humanely *control the Canada Geese population* at Bayne Park this summer. **Just sign up to be “on call”, at 10AM or 2PM, on any day from May 15<sup>th</sup> thru July 4<sup>th</sup>.** We'll call you minutes before your selected time slot & tell you if geese are present at the park. If so, you will come to the park to join 2 or 3 others to chase the geese away. It will take no more than ½ hour of your time. You will be using proven techniques, under the guidance of a trained volunteer. The birds learn quickly, and after the 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks, they rarely return.

Modest physical effort is required; primarily, the ability to walk across the park at a reasonable pace. All equipment is supplied. Shoes that can get muddy & long pants are suggested. This Township approved effort, so successful the last 3 years, was featured in “Goose Tracks 2008”, a nationwide publication of the Humane Society of the US and in the magazine of the NJ League of Municipalities. This precisely timed “harassment phase”, for which we are recruiting now, is just part of a longer carefully planned scenario grounded in principles of goose behavior. Come be part of a trend setting project that started here! Contact: Roberta Shields, [r.a.shields@att.net](mailto:r.a.shields@att.net), (973) 267-5673 or (973) 906 8357.

### **TOWNSHIP NEWS: Township Committee Meeting, March 31 Municipal Budget Introduced...With a Property Tax Rate DE-crease**

At a special meeting on March 31, the Township Committee (TC), after months of intense and deliberate work stretching back to last fall, formally introduced the 2010 municipal budget. As we have been reporting, this was the most difficult environment that the TC has faced in a long time. Revenues related to construction activity fell off sharply as did interest income, while certain costs (especially healthcare and police contracts) trudge upward and the state took another bite out of our energy tax receipts. But enough cost cutting and fiscal discipline on new spending was implemented so that property tax rate (municipal and township open space) will actually decrease a tad, by 1.66%.

However, don't expect your TOTAL tax bill to drop. Recall that your tax bill has 5 parts:

1. Harding Municipal (about 24% of total) -- supports police, public works, etc,
2. Harding Open Space (about 4%) -- funds open space in Harding
3. School (about 41%) – funds Harding School and tuition to Madison HS.
4. County (about 25%) – funds \$330mm of Morris County operations
5. County Open Space (about 6%) – funds open space around the county.

This article is about the first two items only – those over which the TC has control, and the smallest of the three buckets – Harding, School and County. The school budget is completely separate -- it is the purview of our Board of Education. The school budget will be

voted on by the citizenry on April 20<sup>th</sup> and calls for a 2.7% increase to \$8.8mm. Turning to the County, its operating budget will increase 2.8%, but there is an offsetting decrease in the County Open Space tax, so taxpayers will see a slight net decrease in Morris County the tax levies. So any increase in the overall property tax will be driven solely by the School District.

Creating a balanced budget (Note: Unlike the federal government, states and towns must run in balance.) was difficult relative to recent years because of (1) the sharp fall off in fees related to construction activity, (2) the usual relentless increase in expenses caused by inflation, contractual agreements (mainly police union) and (3) health insurance premiums (up a whopping 18% even after the business was shopped around). When the original budgets submitted by all the departments were totaled up, the budget showed a large (\$500-700K) deficit when stacked against expected revenues. Municipal revenues come from two sources – property taxes (about 60%) and “all other” which includes fees, fines, interest income, licenses, and surplus from prior year. The Finance committee reviewed the elements of the budget department by department for non-tax revenue enhancements and expense reductions.

By raising fees, fines and licenses related to construction, zoning, planning and health, an additional \$101K is forecast to be collected. A plan to charge a user fee at the recycling center was shelved because the plan needs more work on the specifics of execution.

To close the remaining budget gap, expense reductions totaling \$419K were implemented. The three biggest items were (1) a work force reduction from 8 to 5 men at the Department of Public Works, (2) deferred the hiring of 2 police officers leaving the force at 12 (plus an administrator), the level it has been for several months and (3) a salary freeze for all employees. However, the 10 police officers covered by their PBA contract (excludes the chief, a lieutenant and the dept secretary), will get the 3.75% raise called for in the contract. Except for the steep force reduction at DPW, the other “cuts” are against proposed budget increases – they not cuts against current spending levels. However, there were several cuts or deferrals taken to other non-salary operating expenses.

	2008	2009	2010
Total Budget	9.5mm	9.0mm	8.6mm
Less Non-Tax Revenues	4.5	3.7	3.3
Operating Budget Tax	5.0	5.3	5.3
Open Space Tax	0.9	0.8	0.8
Total Taxes Raised	5.9	6.1	6.1
Municipal Tax Rate	0.250	0.262	0.258
Open Space Tax Rate	0.045	0.040	0.039
Total Tax Rate	0.295	0.302	0.297 -- down 1.66%

Note: Figures are rounded from actual budget for ease of use. The Open Space Tax is forecast to actually decline by \$20K to \$788K.

Regina Egea, the Finance Committee chair, said that Harding will continue its aggressive expense management, budgeting and expense monitoring. As well more opportunities to share services with neighboring communities will be explored.

Township headcount has been declining for 4 years. Staff is now at 15 fulltime, down from 21 in 2006, a 29% decrease while part time staff at 12, is up from 10 in 2006. Police Department staff (12 officers and one administrator) has declined from 16 in 2006 to 13 today.

The Township will continue its conservative policy, instituted a few years ago, of funding capital projects out of current revenues when possible – this minimizes the need for additional borrowing. A process is in being developed to plan capital projects over a six year horizon. In Q3 of this year, the Finance Committee will review the actual spending performance against the 2010 budget. And a three year budget plan will be formulated, a first for the Township. ***The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>.***

#### **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OTHER BUSINESS – MARCH 31, 2010**

Though the introduction of the budget was the main item on the agenda, there was other business at the Special Meeting on March 31. Three ordinances were passed that raised fees on food establishments, septic system inspections, construction projects over 5000 sq ft and fines on motor vehicle violations and disorderly conduct. These fee increases are part of the strategy to raise non-property tax revenues needed to balance the budget.

A contract for landscaping & lawn care at “The Farm” (Harding’s low income housing project at Kitchell Rd and Woodland Ave) was discussed but not awarded. The low bidder (\$8500, versus 3 other bids that ranged from \$18K to \$11.5K) was considered to be too high in light of the possibility that the area to be maintained may be reduced over the contract period, a potentiality that the contract specification did not envision. It was decided that the current contractor would be engaged on a week to week basis and that the bid specification would be rewritten and rebid.

An attorney, Peter Henry, was retained to advise Harding in its dealings with Verizon related to the cell tower at the I-287 rest stop. Verizon will pay the \$2500 fee for the attorney’s services. In exchange for allowing Verizon to extend the cell tower another 12 feet, the Township will ask for several concessions.

The Ten Towns organization is dissolving. The Ten Towns is an organization of 10 municipalities that border the Great Swamp. Ten Towns purpose was to protect the water quality of the Swamp but it was deemed to have generally served its purpose. As well, some of the towns decided to halt paying their dues because of budgetary issues demonstrating that Ten Towns wasn’t a high priority. The organization will wind down this summer after a decision is made about what to do with the \$30-40K in left over funds. A committee member suggested that the funds simply be returned to the ten municipalities in proportion to their contributions, the largest of which is from Harding.

A new committee is being formed – Citizens’ Parks Advisory Committee (CPAC). The mission of CPAC is to advise the TC on the operation and maintenance of four parks -- Bayne Park, Memorial Park, the Show Grounds and Barrett Field. CPAC may include one representative each from the Garden Club, Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Commission, HOST, Harding Land Trust, Bridal Path, Recreation Association, Wildlife Management Committee, Department of Public Works, and 1-3 at large members. A statement of purpose will be drafted by Committee member Lou Lanzerotti and Mike Meade, who headed the Bayne Park committee, sort of a forerunner to CPAC. Like all committees, CPAC will have no budget authority. Rather it will gather public input, develop plans for the parks, determine if those plans are able to be serviced by the DPW (considering recent downsizing) and come up with an alternate plan, especially including volunteers, if DPW cannot. On the subject of volunteers, committee member Nick Platt was commended for leading the successful crew of volunteers that did landscaping and maintenance at Margett’s Field and the (former) Von Zuben property (corner of Blue Mill Rd and James St).

Glen Alpin and Village Roads will be milled and repaved by the County DPW (your “Stimulus” dollars at work) beginning April 12. Work will last about 8 days and will take place between 9am and 4pm. Expect your trip to take a little longer.



## **Planning Board March 22, 2010**

Roll Call: Regina Egea, Virginia Moriarity and Joe Schleifer absent.

### Announcements/Reports/Presentations

The Board of Adjustment will give report at the May Meeting. The Build Out Subcommittee has yet to meet. The Advisory Review Subcommittee met to discuss the appropriate place for waiver appeals (for wells, steep slopes, etc.) to go, and will bring forward a draft ordinance for the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment and the Township Committee to consider. Mrs. Olcott reported on a meeting of the county planning board this past week where it was decided the waste water management build out report will undergo a revision due to a hydrology miscalculation that will result in a downward adjustment in the number of building lots. Mrs. Olcott also reported that money was available in the county open space fund.

### Applications

PB-05-09, **Applicant Hartington J Trust**, Block 7, Lot 1.01, 1.02 and 4.02, Griffin Lane and Van Buren Road, Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision, Action: Continue Public Hearing. The applicant discussed revised plans which had been submitted to the Board. Changes included widening the drive to Lot 4.03, access to the second Carey lot, removal of the old parallel drive, and relocating the cistern further up the drive near the access to the second Carey lot. Changes will result in less impervious coverage, with drainage collecting on east side of drive in dry wells and a rain garden at the end of the drive. The bridle path from the Carey subdivision will be connected and follow along the property line. Flush markers were proposed to delineate the conservation easement in the golf course area. Regarding the hedge row between the two new lots, the applicant will provide what the ordinance requires for conservation.

Mr. Fox discussed parts of his report indicating that the steep slopes had been addressed, the flood hazard development permit had been applied for, and that there should be a baseline study of conservation easements with photos showing easements, type of area, unique resources, exceptional trees and maintenance requirements. He liked the improvements in the drive plans, but thought that it might be pulverized during construction and wondered about the condition of the road if all the lots weren't built right away. It was decided that he and Mr. Hall would take this issue off line. With respect to storm water management, he needs verification that the current dry wells will support conditions and what will happen to over flow. On the proposed rain garden, more details are needed. He indicated that the Bridle Association had given him a map which he will provide to the applicant to overlay on his plans to provide the needed connections. Fire protection measures, including location of the cistern, need to be approved by the NVVFD. Also, the plans need to identify the lots of the HOA who will be responsible for the road maintenance and storm water management, and be re-submitted to the county planning board.

Mark O'Keefe of the Environmental Commission expressed concern that the building boxes were tight with conservation areas, and suggested moving the lot line between the two new lots to relieve pressure on transition areas (using lot averaging). The applicant's attorney indicated that this issue had been discussed with the applicant, and the decision was made to comply with the five-acre lot size requirement. It was agreed that Mr. Hall would draft a resolution, and that the application would be carried to the April meeting.

PB-02-10, **Applicant James and Dawn Didden**, Block 4, Lot 56, 12 Hartley Farms Road, Minor Site Plan, Action: Commence Public Hearing. The applicant is constructing a home in Hartley Farms and is seeking approval of an accessory structure with a garage and an apartment above the garage. It was determined that the apartment size was within the required limits; however, the Board was curious about a large pool cabana and its possible use. The applicant's engineer explained that the cabana was not habitable, and the application was approved.

**HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST (HOST)** March 10, 2010

Attendees: Loren Pfeiffer, Wm Settle, J. Murray, J. Somers, N.Platt, N.Ward, L.Weppler, J.Kovacs, T. Bologna(Harding Land Trust), Gail McKane(Town Clerk),

Mr. Murray (HLT) reported violations of easements resolved. Discussed tree removal & new trees planted on (formerly) Wilkerson property, Sand Spring Rd. Mr. Platt commented easements should be settled before any building permits issued.

Mr. Platt suggested a Parks Committee, consisting of representatives of all local interests, be formed. They should be appointed by TC with responsibility for geese supervision, skating, fishing as well as grass maintenance. This would be volunteer group with no budget to help the Township budget deficit.

Planning Bd/Township Com. No new liaison person has been appointed.

Stewardship Day. Volunteers will monitor and photo HLT easements.

Corporate Work Day: Volunteers will work on Gate House property.

Old Business: Eggert Property gift to US Park Service has passed US House of Representatives and is awaiting Senate approval. Great Swamp: Purchase of Totten Property, Woodland Ave, by Great Swamp Natl Preserve received motion of HOST support by letter with 2 abstentions.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,**

**HARDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION,** no reports this month

**Civic Association News and Announcements**

**Civic Association:** The DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are **May 7 (the May issue)** and **JUNE 11, (the September issue,** out after Labor Day). 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.

*Correction note:* To the Directory recently mailed to Residents. The Historian post, now vacant, had been filled by Swiss Schroeder, recently deceased; Thumbnail regrets any inconvenience.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT – YOUR DUES KEEP US GOING!**

The Trustees of the Harding Township Civic Association (HTCA) thank you, the Members, for your continued generous support. We are just now sending out our follow-up dues solicitation to those that may have forgotten or misplaced the first one. But the returns from the initial mailing was very gratifying, with almost 36% of residents supporting us, some at surprisingly high levels. Even with all volunteers, it costs over \$31,000 per year to do what we do. Most of that money goes to printing and mailing for The Thumbnail, but it also funds the Memorial Day Parade.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES – WHAT’S THAT ABOUT?**

In this year’s dues solicitation, we requested e-mail addresses. Though we didn’t fully explain why we wanted these email addresses, the response was excellent -- we now almost 400 in the database versus about 1450 household. So let us explain what we’re up to. Recall that our mission is to create an informed citizenry (and to foster patriotism). Over the years we have been frustrated that, given the monthly publishing schedule of The Thumbnail, we sometimes fail in that mission. This is because an event will be imminent or news will break that residents should know about now, before the next Thumbnail can hit your mailbox. Unfortunately, these are often some of the most important items. So we are decided to go electronic. We are not going to do school closings, but we will promote civic government related events like an important upcoming budget review at the Township Committee or a deadline for filing to run for the Board of Ed (which we did a few weeks ago).

Rest assured that we will respect the capacity of your inbox and try not clutter it with junk. However, what you may have a different opinion of what is junk than we Trustees who confess to being civic affairs junkies. If you really hate it all, you can of course opt out. Alternatively, if you’re afraid a neighbor is in not getting the notices, tell ‘em to “get with the program!” Since emailing is free, you can give us multiple addresses per household or even

per person. Also, you can trust us that we never have, and never will, sell or share your contact information to a third party.

**One last point of clarification...If you give us your email address, you will still get Thumbnail, in hardcopy, in the mail. E-mail is simply an additional, timely channel.**

### **TOWNSHIP RECYCLING**

**The following Saturday recycling dates for MAY, JUNE, and JULY upcoming:  
May 8, May 22, June 5, June 19, July 10 and July 24**

**The scheduled recycling date of Saturday Sept. 24 is changed to Saturday Oct 2, due to conflict with the Fire Dept auction**

**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 every other **Saturday: 9AM to noon.**

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

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