

# Harding Township Civic Association

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

Winter Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 10 am – 5 pm

Thurs.: 10 am – 7 pm; Sat.: 10 am – 2 pm; Sun.: closed

#### Yoga At The Library For Seniors...And Now Teens Too!

These classes are a Smash Success!

Senior Yoga will continue on **January 3rd** for both the Mat Group at 10:45 am and for the Gentle Yoga-In-A-Chair Group at 11:30 am.

For the first time, offering TEEN YOGA on **Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:30 in the morning. Bring your mat and wear comfortable clothes.

A modest donation is requested but not mandatory - give what you can but come anyway if you can't. We want everyone to enjoy the benefits of Yoga. Donations are split 50/50 with the Library and our wonderful instructor. Do come and enjoy and you'll feel so great after just one session. Questions? Call 973-267-2665.

**Giving Tree:** It's still the season for giving at the Kemmerer Library, and our pretty little Giving Tree is still up in our lobby. Please come in, select an ornament bearing the name and photo of a book, game or magazine we hope to add to our permanent collection, bring the ornament to the circulation desk and play Santa for us! We will place name plates in every book our patrons buy to recognize their generosity—or you can give a book in someone else's name as a gift, and we will make that gift permanent by putting his or her name on the book plate.

**Anime Anyone?** We are starting an anime screening night at the library for people 15 years of age and older. Our next event is Thursday, January 20th, 6-8 p.m. Anime is Japanese animated TV series and films with English subtitles, and it's hugely popular across the U.S. among the young adult and twentysomething set. Find out what it's all about from anime fan Katy Balog, who will introduce each of the two TV series we will begin with, *Full Moon wo Sagashite* and *Jing: King of the Bandits*.

**Adult Book Group:** The book group meets Wednesday, January 5th at 7:30 pm at the library. January's book is *Molok'ai* by Alan Brennert.

**Teen Advisory Group:** Thursday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Teens in grades 7 & up meet to discuss ideas for the Library.

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### **Environmental Commission Considering New Lighting Regulations: “Government Gone Wild” OR “Government’s Proper Function”? We Report, You Decide!**

The Environmental Commission has started to consider proposing a new ordinance to address the problem of (1) “annoying levels of lighting from one parcel as perceived by owners of an adjacent parcel”, (2) distracting lighting along roadways and (3) “hot spot lighting perceived as annoying”. The problem is thought to be exacerbated by new construction or rehab.

The concept of “Light Trespass” might be introduced with a set of design guidelines developed to control the “light trespass” phenomenon and promote energy efficiency. New regulations could specify luminance rather than wattage -- 0.1 foot candles. Existing regulations would be rewritten to use the new luminance metric. No mention of how to determine the need for such an ordinance, how it might be enforced and adjudicated and what the new regulatory regime might cost.

The regulation of lighting has been discussed on and off, for some years, in this Commission and the Planning Board and at the Township Committee, but it has never matured into the more formal stage of an ordinance draft, due to the subjective nature of the complaints and the difficulty of regulation, and the historic distaste of our local governing body for excessive interference into personal design choices. The Environmental Commission has maintained its interest into the issue in any event.

### **HARDING ALLIANCE AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

Our mission is to provide education and resources to promote healthy decision-making and to avoid substance abuse and risky behaviors. Harding Alliance members are concerned citizens, police, and health and school professionals. Our next meeting is **January 19, at 8:30 AM** in the Guidance Office of Harding Township School. Check out our new [website](https://sites.google.com/site/hardingalliance/) at <https://sites.google.com/site/hardingalliance/> for further information about Harding Alliance. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Malloy, Chairperson, at [judymotown@gmail.com](mailto:judymotown@gmail.com).

### **TOWNSHIP NEWS:**

#### **Township Committee Meeting – November 17, 2010**

The most interesting items from this meeting, presentations on the Police Department and Department of Public Works, are covered in separate reports.

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Other items covered were (1) Ordinance on Soil Erosion and Sediment Control that was introduced at a prior meeting was adopted; (2) Code Adoption Legislation to fix obsolete references and organize the township's ordinance file was adopted; (3) November Bill List approved (these lists of all vendor payments will again be posted on the towns website when it is again functioning); (4) Part time clerk hired in finance department at rate of \$22 per hour (max 20 hours per week) bringing finance department to 3 people (part time CFO, part time clerk, full time treasurer); (5) tax appeal settlement –Cahn property for a reduction of \$4697.

**The Farm at Harding.** A contract was approved for an administrative agent (essentially the rental agent) for the Farm at Harding, the low income housing at Woodland and Kitchell. The contract was for two years -- \$6300 the first year (same as prior year) and then rises to \$6600 the second year. The Farm is 100% occupied, though there is one "distressing case" – no more details given. The Farm runs a deficit of about \$200,000 per year which must be covered by the Harding municipal budget, i.e. property taxes. The Farm is a mandate under COAH - the Counsel on Affordable Housing.

**Primrose Preserve.** In the open public discussion, a citizen noted that an executive (closed) session was scheduled following the open TC meeting and that the contract for the purchase of the Primrose Preserve property for open space would be considered. The citizen asked the TC that as they deliberate the consider the price (\$9.6mm) being paid by the public (though only indirectly by Harding citizens) for Primrose Preserve (a 30+ acre parcel with substantial wet lands and within earshot of I-287) in light of the price that was paid by a private buyer for the Glatt estate on Spring Valley Road just a week ago. The Glatt property, a 35 acre hilltop parcel with a "Mansion in May" house, barn and gardens, sold for just \$6.7 million. The citizen stated that this sale supports the argument that the open space purchase process that relies heavily on appraisals is fundamentally flawed. And that is seems the public gets a worse deal than developers whether buyers or sellers.

Township committee person Lanzerotti, pointed out that the County recently cut their contribution to the funding of Primrose by \$1mm from \$3.45mm. The implications of this for the purchase were not clear.

A second member of the public said that at the purchase price of \$9.6mm, the aborted development group will make a profit over their purchase price of \$7.75mm. This fact was disputed as not being an "apples to apples" comparison and that the property is more valuable since it was subdivided.

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**Thumbnail Chided but Point Well Taken.** Committeeman Lanzerotti chided the Civic Association's Thumbnail reporter for not covering Morris County government and the Harding Board of Education as well as it covers the Township. The overworked Thumbnail reporter agreed and said that with more volunteers the Civic Association would love to cover the \$300 million Morris County government and that a volunteer has come forward to help cover the Bd of Ed.

### **Newsworthy Comments by Mayor at Meeting of Chairs, December 1, 2010**

For about three years the Township Committee has gathered the chairpersons of the various boards, commission and committees, as well as leaders of other groups such as the NV Fire Department, Library, etc. The purpose of the meeting is to share best practices and exchange ideas. Your Thumbnail reporter attended and was treated with a few newsworthy nuggets.

During the first part of the meeting the attendees were encouraged to give proper notice of their meetings and disclosure of their proceedings by using the Thumbnail and Harding On-Line (where else?!) and to properly requisition funds before engaging the service of professionals. As well the groups were given a framework to make input to the Township Committee.

Mayor Bartlett then ticked off several items that were on his mind and which a citizen, inclined to the details of municipal government, might find interesting:

1. Proposal to **combine Harding's municipal court** with either Madison's or one of the Chatham's is "far advanced". This is an example of a "shared service" initiative.
2. **Primrose Preserve** – about \$750K is needed to close the deal. So either the seller has to cut the asking price, more funds have to be raised or both for the deal to be completed.
3. **Litigation with William Huff** (Tempe Wicke Road) has cost HT about \$100K in legal fees. This is the second time we've heard that the Mayor has expressed frustration about the inability to compromise with this property owner over violations of various building code violations in 10-12 instances. For HT \$100K is significant.
4. **Quantity of Tax Appeals called a "flood"** – Bartlett said HT would "fight all cases".

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5. **“Downtown”** – The closing of the Harvest deli the night before highlighted the problem that a Downtown Redevelopment Committee is addressing. (Where is “Uptown” anyway?)
6. **Glen Alpin** – It is stabilized and mothballed but a permanent use has not been found though “not for lack of trying”. No action is anticipated.

Though there are challenges, the Mayor cited three major positives: Excellent employees, strong volunteers and good town spirit.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - ANNUAL PRESENTATION

At the November 17 Township Committee meeting, the head of the DPW, Tracy Toribio, presented the department and commented on the results of the benchmarking analysis. Benchmarking, a standard technique in the private sector is new to Harding this year. The DPW headcount was significantly reduced at the end of 2009 to 5 employees. Harding spends about \$700,000 annual on its DPW.

The benchmarking analysis looked at three statistics for the DPW. First, Harding’s DPW budget per capita -- on this measure, Harding’s spending of about \$215 for every man, woman and child, is in the middle of the comparable neighboring towns.

On cost per square mile, Harding is by far the lowest because Harding’s 20.4 sq miles includes large areas of national parks land – the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow.

And on the metric of cost per mile of road, Harding’ spending is one of the lowest at about \$20,000 per mile of municipal road. Excluding county, state (Route 202 for instance) and federal (I-287) roads, Harding has 34.5 miles of municipal roads.

Mr .Toribio estimated that about half of the effort of the DPW goes towards road maintenance and half towards other activities. However this 50/50 split is only an estimate, because the DPW has no system to account for manpower by job or activity. In the discussion, committeeman Lanzerotti asked for a more quantitative bi-monthly report in the future.

The half defined as and estimated to be “roadwork” includes: Roadway Shoulder Maintenance, Road Milling and Paving, Catch Basin Cleanout, Pothole repair, Roadside Mowing, Plowing, Sanding and Salting – roads, municipal parking lots, sport parking lots, Street sweeping, Line striping and crosswalk marking

The other 50% of non-road work includes: Buildings – maintenance and custodial Public Grounds & Parks – mowing, landscaping; Vehicle and Equipment maintenance (including police cars); Recycling Center; and Sewer Pump Station operation

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As well, the DPW handles traffic signals and signs, coordinates work with other towns, helps school maintenance staff, coordinates storm water issues, handles complaints from residents and performs business operations including purchasing.

The DPW has a staff of 5 -- one superintendent and other 4 employees. Mr. Toribio pointed out that neighboring towns have more staff (ex. 8 in Bernardsville and 10 in Mendham), though given the benchmarking analysis, the relevance of this fact is not clear. Mr Toribio also showed that other towns' DPW get "help" for various functions from outside their departments. For instance in Chatham and Madison among others, have recycling done by the county or by outside vendors. This suggests that Harding might profit from a similar strategy. Further, in several neighboring towns, purchasing and business functions are centralized at town hall, not embedded in the DPW as they are in Harding -- perhaps another area of process re-engineering that Harding could pursue for cost savings.

As the town moves towards building a 2011 budget, the analysis will continue to be refined. Trends over a 5 year period will be examined as will outsourcing and use of technology.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL PRESENTATION**

At the November 17 Township Committee meeting, Chief of Police Gaffney, presented the department's report. Though he failed to comment directly on the benchmarking analysis done by the Township Committee, he presented an alternative statistic. Benchmarking, a standard technique in the private sector, is new to Harding this year.

The Chief began by reviewing the three "core functions" of the department – Patrol, Investigation and Specialized Services.

**Patrol** functions are further divided into four categories. First to **Investigate** - all crimes, disorderly offenses, ordinance violations, non-criminal complaints and perform "general peace keeping functions". Second to **Report** – hazardous conditions, motor vehicle accidents, and recover lost/found property. Third to **Enforce the Law** according to the State Criminal Code, State Traffic Law and Harding's own ordinances. Lastly to **Assist** the public with directions and information, disabled motorists, other law enforcement agencies, boards & commissions of Harding, direction of traffic, coverage at special events, provide escorts when appropriate and process applications.

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**Investigations** are either “case investigations” and “criminal” and require finger printing, assistance with patrol and photography, collecting evidence and diagramming, maintaining warrant lists, processing summons & warrants and court discovery. Investigations relate to narcotics, juvenile justice and internal affairs (citizen complaints, of which there were none this year). **Specialized Services** include radar instructors, D.A.R.E., firearms instruction, emergency management, certified seat belt installations, training for children and senior citizens groups, DRE program, DWI breath test operators, TAC officer (terminal agency coordinator), driving citizens home, vacant house checks, Project Lifesaver, school crossing guard, Morris County Burglary Task Force leaders. (there wasn't time at the meeting to gain an understanding of the tasks listed in the preceding three paragraphs which were presented on 5 slides.)

Chief Gaffney used an alternate figure to benchmark the Harding PD than what was presented by the TC a couple months ago. Rather than simply divide the budget by the population to get the spending per capita, Gaffney divided the budget (salaries and operating expenses) by the PRODUCT of the population and the number of “incidents”. Incidents are not just crimes, like burglaries and domestic violence, but also other activities and traffic stops which are in fact the single largest item of incidents. On the Chief's incident infused metric, Harding comes in the third highest at \$321-- 13% above the group average of \$284:

It is perhaps not surprising that the Chief used an alternate methodology because the simple technique of dividing the budget by the population showed Harding to be the most expensive department at \$450 per capita versus neighboring towns in the \$200-350 range. But Gaffney's method has some merit as it takes “incidents”, aka activity, into consideration. Consider two towns with the same police budget and population but one with more “incidents”. The town with more incidents would look more cost effective since for the same budget and with the same population the police are doing a lot more -- responding to more crime and writing a lot more traffic summons. But a key consideration in using this metric has to do with the definition of “incidents”. One wonders if all municipalities use the same method to count incidents. Does one town count incidents that another ignores? But assuming there is a standard from town to town, do all towns have the same mix of incidents? Serious crimes like burglaries should count for more than non-summons stops for speeding.

Harding's 12,297 incidents compares with a group low of 11,511 (Chatham Boro) and a group high of 26,992 (Bernards Township) and an average of 17,623. Incidents in

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Harding are heavily weighted to traffics stops. Traffic stops in Harding are up a whopping 40% this year even though the number of police officers is down. Though it is not clear why this is occurring, it is true that sharply rising traffic stops would improve the efficiency metric used in the Chief's analysis. Aside from how a surge in traffics stops might skew the benchmarking analysis, Mayor Bartlett and others voiced concern that Harding could get an unwanted reputation as a speed trap. Overtime does not appear to be a significant factor in the Harding PD budget relative to the other towns. Harding spent about \$1400 per officer in overtime compared to a group average of just over \$3000.

In thinking about police budgets it should be noted that according to a front page Newark Star Ledger story, suburban NJ police departments are far more expensive than urban ones because police salaries are significantly higher even though crime rates are much lower and the job, thankfully, is safer. Thus the benchmarking analysis is using a set of comparables that are not representative of New Jersey as whole. In 2010, through November 11, there were 91 drug arrests, a tiny percentage of incidents, though some involved serious drugs and most resulted from traffic stops. As well there were 35 DWI arrests, 2,840 vehicle stops (87% resulted in summons being issued), 15 under age possession related arrests and 84 active detective bureau investigations.

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

#### Old Applications- Adoption of Resolutions

Application # BOA-18-10, Michael and Gloria Gengos (Contract Purchaser), Madeline Pitney Trust (Owner), 125 Glen Alpin Road, Block 35 Lot 21.03, Zone R-1, enlargement of non-conforming residence.

Application # BOA-19-10, Christopher Yates, 43 Bailey's Mill Road, Block 46 Lot 12, Zone RR, variance to authorize a deer fence.

Application # BOA-22-10 (Amended Application #BOA 12-10), Steven Jonathan and Cathy Callahan, 54 Pleasantville Road, Block 54 Lot 10 Zone R-1, construction and enlargement of a replacement home.

Application # BOA-21-10, Tecnicarts Construction Inc. , 12 Brook Drive, Block 35 Lot 16.01, Zone R-1, setback variance for construction of residences on two adjacent lots

Application # 03-10, Christopher and Jennifer Travers, 15 Douglas Road, Block 9 Lot 24, Zone R-1, new additions to front and rear of residence.

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Application # BOA-18-10, Andrew Brown and Kimberly Scott (Contract Purchaser), Stack-Ponek Revocable Trust (Owner), 518 Van Beuren Road, Block 6 Lot 9.01, Zone R-1, new dwelling with setback variances.

### New Applications

Application # BOA-17-10, Antonio Grande, 9 Long Hill Road, Block 17 Lot 44.01, Zone R-1, "C" Variance, addition to residence for family member, approved.

Application # BOA-24-10, James and Allison Casey, 21 Kennedy Lane, Block 21 Lot 14, Zone R-1, "C" Variance, addition of a swimming pool, side setback variance and lot coverage issues. Applicant will reduce lot coverage in other areas by making patio smaller to be within lot coverage requirement. Approved with condition that an air conditioning unit that is outside the setback area be moved inside the setback or removed.

Application # BOA-25-10, William Huff, 563 Tempe Wick Road, Block 31 Lot 1, Zone RR, "D" Variance, application to increase roof height from 40ft to 42ft to accommodate a new slate roof.

Application # BOA-23-10, T-Mobile Northeast LLC & Sectorsite, LLC (Applicants) NJ Conference 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists (Owner), 501 Tempe Wick Road, Block 33 Lot 9, Zone RR, Preliminary / Final Site Plan and "D" Variance, Action: completeness waivers (Request for adjournment – to be carried to the December 16, 2010 meeting)

Application # BOA-26-10, Klaus and Vita Jepsen, 35 Bailey's Mill Road, Block 46 Lot 12.01, Zone R-1, "C" Variance (Request for adjournment – to be carried to the December 16, 2010 meeting)

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING, November 11, 2010**

#### Board Of Adjustment Applications:

William Huff (Applicant/Owner); 562 Tempe Wick Road – Block 31, Lot 1  
Historic District: Tempe Wick (Contributing property), Proposal: Partial replacement of existing roof; the Commission decided that both that the change of roof materials to the use of slate will improve the look of the existing home and that, even with the additional two feet in height (required to accommodate the weight of the new roof materials), this change will have minimal impact on streetscape.

James and Allison Casey (Applicant/Property Owner); 21 Kennedy Lane, Block 26, Lot 14; Historic District: N/A; Proposal: Construction of a swimming pool and related

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improvements. Since this property is not in an historic district and has no impact on streetscape, the HPC has no comment.

Klaus and Vita Jepsen (Applicants), 35 Baileys Mill Road, Block 46, Lot 12.01  
Historic District: N/A. Proposal: Variance request to enclose a porch at the rear of the property and add a rear dormer. Since this property is not located in an historic district, the construction is in the rear of the house and will not affect the streetscape, the HPC has no comment.

### CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION:

Callea-Fellipello (Applicants), 79 Meyersville Road – Block 55, Lot 2  
Contributing property – Independent sites district. Proposal: Expansion of a single-family dwelling. The owners made no changes to the previously submitted plans. The Commission decided to note this in its response to the construction office and to reiterate the suggestions made in its previous response to the applicant.

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING, OCTOBER 4, 2010

#### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS:**

William Huff (Applicant/Owner); 562 Tempe Wick Road – Block 31, Lot 1, Historic District: Tempe Wick; Proposal: Elevator and kitchen addition. James McDonald appeared on behalf of Mr. Huff. The HPC does not believe the application will impact streetscape, but noted applicant might wish to modify the extensive block of stonework on the elevator shaft to minimize its size.

Antonio Grande (Applicant/Property Owner), 9 Long Hill Road, Block 17, Lot 44.01, Historic District: N/A. Proposal: Variance request to enlarge existing single-family dwelling Request is for a variance to build an addition for an elderly relative. Since this property is located on a private road and not in an historic district, the HPC has no comment.

Gloria and Michael Gengos (Property Owner: Madeline S. Pitney Trust), 125 Glen Alpin Road, Block 35, Lot 21.03, Historic District: N/A Proposal: Variance request to enlarge existing single-family dwelling. Since this property is not located in an historic district and construction will not affect the streetscape, the HPC has no comment.

Christopher Yates (Applicant/Property Owner), 43 Baileys Mill Road, Block 46, Lot 12, Historic District: N/A. Proposal: Variance request to authorize existing deer fencing. This application is for a variance on an existing 8 foot deer fence and is not located within an historic district. The fence's front portion places a wooden post and deer fence material in front of existing stone piers and white gates and does have some impact on the streetscape. The owners are asking for a variance to allow the fence to remain. HPC realizes this is a work

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in progress and suggests that owners keep streetscape in mind as they complete fencing to blend the new fencing with the stone pillars and existing wooden gates.

Technicarts Construction, Inc. (Applicant/Property Owner), 12 Brook Drive North, Block 35, Lot 16.01, Historic District: N/A. Proposal: Construction of a single-family dwelling requiring variance relief; variance requested for a rear setback to 43.5' from 43'. Not in an historic district; HPC has no comment.

### **PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS:**

Gloria Glatt/Fawn Hill Associates (Applicant/Property Owners), 655 & 665 Spring Valley Road, Block 4, Lots 21 & 21.01, Historic District: N/A.

Major subdivision request to create 5 building lots. After discussion, HPC decided to hold off any decision until a site inspection is held in order to determine what the actual proposed plans are for building and roadway access. HPC is particularly interested in the future of the mansion and the other historic buildings on the property.

### **CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS:**

Eugenia Swift (Applicant/Owner), 16 Meyersville Road – Block 12, Lot 9.01, Historic District: Green Village, Proposal: Construction of a single-family dwelling. The owners have revised the plans since the HPC first saw them in February, 2010 and subsequently received a variance from the Board of Adjustment on May 20, 2010. Because the Commission had not reviewed these revised plans, the HPC had asked to review them prior to the Construction phase. The applicant incorporated many of the HPC suggestions and the HPC very much appreciated the applicants' revisions to their original plan.

### **OPEN SPACE NEWS (REPRINTED COURTESY OF OBSERVER TRIBUNE)**

The township, working with the non-profit Harding Land Trust, has landed nearly \$2.5 million in Morris County Open Space Trust Fund money to purchase and preserve seven of 13 lots known as the Primrose Preserve project. This leaves the Land Trust looking for about another \$1,000,000 before meeting the asking price of the developers controlling the property.

The Morris County Board of Freeholders approved the spending allocation from the county's Preservation Trust Fund to help preserve open space in 13 towns, based upon the recommendations of the county's Open Space Committee. The "Primrose Farm Estates" is an approved 13-lot subdivision of 45.5 acres, located off Brook Drive South, south of Baileys Mill Road, west of Route 287. The property contains wetlands and watershed lands adjacent to both Primrose Brook and the Passaic River. "Acquisition of these properties would preserve Harding Township's ability to expand active recreational facilities at Barrett Field, located adjacent to the

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site. The balance of the property would be managed for passive recreation, including hiking,” the application stated. Of the \$3.5 million requested, the committee recommended a cash grant in the amount of \$2,450,000. The county grant indicates that the value of this project is recognized, but the Land Trust needs to work harder, and is investigating other funding options, John Murray, Harding Land Trust President was quoted as saying in order to raise the rest of the target amount.

**Planning Board**, no report this issue

**School Board**, no report this issue.

### **Civic Association News and Announcements**

**Civic Association:** The **DEADLINE FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are January 7 and February 4, 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](mailto:hesnaj@verizon.net)**, or the Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976. The Civic Association website, [www.hardingcivic.org](http://www.hardingcivic.org), is updated frequently; we post events and announcements sent to our e-mail address: [submissions@hardingcivic.org](mailto:submissions@hardingcivic.org).

### **TOWNSHIP RECYCLING**

**The Hours of operation are every Wednesday** from 7AM. to noon (7– 9AM self service); and every other **Saturday: 9AM to noon.**

**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)

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**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 Preservtion Comm (1stThursday)	8 PM
Board of Health (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	8 PM
Board of Education (1st and 3rd 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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	7:30 PM