

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Fire Department Auction Saturday, September 29th

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold their 60th Annual Auction on **Saturday, September 29th** 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 October 1st**. 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 devices. Any questions please call Tracy Toribio, at the Harding Township dept of Public Works, 973-267-2448.

THE HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD A "MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT", on **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00pm**. The location (which will be a central location in Harding) will be announced in the October Thumbnail, and also in the civic association website, www.hardingcivic.org. The event will be moderated by the League of Women Voters. This event will end about 10pm. Come, see and listen, to be an informed voter. **There are 6 candidates running for 3 seats on the Township Committee:** 3 Republican and 3 Independent candidates: Nanette DiTosto, Alf Newlin and Ned Ward; and Judy Malloy, Mike Meade and Brian McCarthy, respectively. The Civic Assn plans to obtain **statements from all six candidates outlining the qualifications, goals** and platform of each, which will be printed in the October Thumbnail.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

The Health Department flu clinics are scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2012 and Thursday, October 4, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Harding Township Municipal Building. The flu clinics are for Harding Township residents 65 and older and those with chronic illnesses accompanied by a doctor's note. Please wear short sleeves and **bring a copy of your Medicare card and Insurance card**. No appointment is necessary for the flu clinics.

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If you are interested in a Pneumonia immunization and you are a resident 65 and older and have not received one in the past, please call 973-267-8000 x 1974 to make an appointment.

Harding Township & Morris Township will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, November 3, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the New Vernon Volunteer Firehouse, 22 Village Road, New Vernon. The immunization clinic is open to dogs and cats. Animals must be on a leash or in a carrier.

HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST NEWS

Harding Township acquired lot 4.04, the corner lot on Sand Spring Lane for \$1,250,000, with township open space funds. In addition, six new easements on the Frelinghuysen property were recorded with Morris County in favor of the Harding Land Trust. The Land Trust also has signed contracts to purchase lots 19 and Lot 4.03, which we hope will eventually be funded by Morris County. Thank you all for your contributions, as well as the Frelinghuysen family, for helping to move forward one of the most significant open space transactions ever for Harding!

THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

The Library extends a heartfelt thank you to all who have generously responded to our Annual Fund solicitation. Your contributions make a big difference in our small Library. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to send your donation to support our growing selection of programs and services for all Harding Township residents.

New! Sunday Hours: In order to better serve our community we now offer Sunday hours. Fall operating hours are as follows: **Monday-Friday: 10-5. Saturday: 10-1. Sunday: 12-3.** We look forward to seeing you!

Borrow a Kindle: The Library offers pre-loaded Kindles on loan for Harding residents. The e-readers come with a wide selection of best-sellers, classic fiction, non-fiction and more. Several of the new Kindles have been reserved especially for teens and contain with lots of young adult literature.

Fall Children's Programs: Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Children aged 1-4 listen to stories, sing songs and do a craft. **Baby Play Group: Thursdays, 10:30 am.** Moms and babies, 4 months-12 months of age, meet to play/chat and sing songs.

Fall Children's Special Events: End of Summer Ice Cream Party: Sunday September 15, 1 pm. Celebrate end of summer with a delicious treat, games and reading prizes. **Lego Event: Sunday, September 23, 4 pm.** Stir your creative juices with the Library's great collection of Legos. *Registration required, please.*

Yoga: Our well-loved yoga program with MJ Turnbull resumes in September. **Mat Yoga: Mondays at 10:30 am. Gentle Chair Yoga: Fridays at 10:30 am.** All are welcome. A small donation of \$10 per session is suggested.

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Evening Book Group, Wednesday, September 19 at 7:30 pm. September's selection is *Honolulu* by Alan Brennert. Join us for an engaging discussion. No registration necessary.

Bridge Club: We welcome members for our fall session. Once again, Norma and Paul Spatz will guide beginning and intermediate players through the intricacies the game. Six sessions, beginning **Monday, September 24 at 2-3:30 pm.** Contact the Library to register. \$90 fee applies for the series.

New! Mah Jongg Club: Starting **Thursday, September 27, 10:30 am-12 noon.** Learn to play this popular game invented by a Chinese princess 3,000 years ago! Six instructional sessions for beginners and intermediary players taught by experienced local practitioners. Contact the Library to sign up. \$90 fee applies for the series.

New! Movie Matinee: Tuesday, September 18, 12 noon. Bring your brown bag lunch and honor Julia Child's 100th birthday by savoring *Julie and Julia*, the 2009 hit with the incomparable Meryl Streep as Ms. Child and Amy Adams as a young woman engaged in an ambitious cooking project.

New! Tea with TED: Sunday, September 30, 3-4:30 pm. Millions of people have become hooked on TED Talks online featuring the world's thinkers and artists with "ideas worth spreading". Join us for a monthly afternoon of inspirational and engaging talks followed by tea and a moderated discussion. *Registration required, please.*

New! 6th Grade Book Club: The Library is looking to establish a book club for students in grade 6. The group will meet twice a month, Wednesdays at 5:15 pm. The reading list will be developed in collaboration with Harding Township School language arts teachers, and the meeting format is designed to stimulate the members to read and engage with age appropriate literature. *For more information and registration, please contact the Library.*

Post-Clean-Up Clean-Up: Saturday, October 20, 2010, 10am to 1pm. Shred your paper documents, retrieve your hard drives from old computers, and dispose of your electronic devices with the assistance of a professional security firm and the Harding Department of Public Works. Our professionals will take your boxes from your trunk to the on-site, state-of-the-art shredding equipment for destruction while you watch. Regular box \$5/per; oversized box \$10/per.

The Kemmerer Library Board of Trustees is seeking residents to fill the seats of board members whose terms expire at the end of 2012. The term is a three year commitment. If you have a love of libraries and a vision of their role in the community, we invite you to submit your candidacy. Trustees hire and evaluate a library director, set policy, develop and monitor the annual budget and define goals and strategies for fundraising and community support.

Please submit your resume and statement detailing your interest. Applications must be received by November 1 and interviews will begin shortly thereafter.

Applications may be submitted to kemmererlibrarytrustees@gmail.com.

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From the Civic Association:

You may have noticed in the last year a number of headings for various boards, commissions, and committees in the Thumbnail followed by "No report this month". That's because the Civic Association does not have enough volunteers to cover all of the municipal meetings that occur in the course of the month. Civic Association reporters provide a perspective of the meeting that is not necessarily captured in the meeting minutes. If you have an interest in reporting on Open Space, Historic Preservation or the School Board we need you.

If you want us to continue to provide Thumbnail reports and host events such as the Memorial Day Parade and Meet the Candidates Night we need your help. Please contact Barbara Brennan at 973-476-6888 or send an e-mail to Barbara.Brennan@preludeinc.com for more information or if you would like to join us. Our next meeting is September 18 at 7:30 PM, in the Township Kirby Hall.

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. The fall season meeting is **Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 8:30 AM** in the cafeteria of Harding Township School. Thank you Megan Achenbach! For stepping up to be Vice Chair & HTS Parent Rep. If you have any feedback for Harding Alliance, please speak to Megan directly or contact her at ViceChair@HardingAlliance.org. Community Leaders! Harding Alliance is piloting mini grants for community service projects, to encourage youth development. Please contact Judy Malloy at Chairperson@HardingAlliance.org, Megan Achenbach at ViceChair@HardingAlliance.org or Mrs. Thony at ethony@hardingtwp.org.

Harding Alliance has selected *NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children* for its Summer Community Read and Autumn Book Discussion Groups. Free copies are available at the Kemmerer Library and the Middle and Elementary Offices at HTS. Please leave your email address when you sign your book out, so we can contact you with our Autumn Book Discussion schedule.

TOWNSHIP NEWS:

Township Committee Proceedings Over the Summer – Police Department

As we have reported before the Police Department is a big topic of analysis and public discussion because the employment contract between the police union (PBA and the Township, which covered three years, ends and comes up for negotiation at the end of 2012. The TC promised a thorough study of the issues and the results of that work were reported at summer TC meetings.

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To gather input from the Harding community at large, 25-30 meetings were held with interested groups (first aid and fire departments, Board of Ed, seniors, Great Swamp) and individual citizens. The first aid squads and the fire departments said the police are always the first on the scene they had good relationship with the PD. They suggested that all officers get EMT training, only one officer currently has it.

The Board of Ed said the police provide traffic control on Lee's Hill Road in the morning and afternoon but are not always able to do that and suggested that perhaps the school district can get a flashing light to control the traffic. The Great Swamp authorities said that the HTPD patrols the Swamp and is the first responder while most search and rescue is performed by Chatham Twp. During this meeting it was discovered that the Swamp has a full time federal law enforcement officer with powers to arrest and carry weapon on duty who lives in Meyersville. The HTPD has his cell phone number. Why the HTPD is the first responder in the Refuge is a HT patrolman and not the federal officer was not answered.

Individual citizens voiced serious complaints. One has a formal complaint that is being investigated by the Morris County Prosecutor while "several" families and individuals said they were mistreated, especially young drivers.

In July, the TC announced the hire of an officer to replace one who left to another department a few months ago. The officer, a HT resident, is currently working in Bernardsville as a dispatcher and in Point Pleasant as a special officer. A Spanish speaker, he will be hired as a "special" probationary here in HT until May of 2013 as he will need more training. He is EMT certified.

The rising costs of the department loom large in the thinking of the TC, though rarely in the comments from the public that attends the meetings. Compensation costs come in six categories – (1) salary and payroll taxes, (2) over time, (3) pension expense, (4) healthcare and dental of active officers, (5) healthcare for retired officers, (6) off duty police work.

Pension and Healthcare are the items that are most concerning to current and future budgets as they are all over the nation in local, state and federal budgets. The \$70 billion pension fund for our retired officers is administered by the State but it is grossly underfunded by \$36 billion, and that underfunding assumes an 8% investment return, a figure that the historically poorly managed fund has not achieved. Though managed by the State, municipalities have to fund payments based on the number of retired and active officers. The required HT portion varies and is not predictable – in 2012 it was only 23% of salary (a "windfall") while in 2011 it was over 33%. It is likely to go back to 30-35% in 2013 -- a big increase that will pressure property taxes and or force cuts elsewhere. And to make things worse, state law prevents a municipality from socking away more in good times to fund this expense.

Healthcare has a high inflation rate. Healthcare premiums are mostly paid for by HT while the state sets the percentage paid by employees. In 2011 the cost for healthcare for retired

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officers (12 people) was \$270K. Retired officers make no contribution to the healthcare costs. An officer earns free lifetime healthcare after 25 years of service only 15 of which have to be in HT. As will be shown below, the post retirement cost of healthcare is an important factor in the cost of an average officer.

Toting it all up, the TC showed that the average cost to put a patrolman on the force in HT is \$209.4K – 47% of which is salaries and payroll taxes and 53% is current and post-retirement benefits:

Salary - \$98.6K

Payroll Taxes - \$7.5K

Pension - \$21K – likely to go up in the future

Healthcare - \$39.4K – might go down

Retirement Healthcare - \$42.9K

Total -- \$209.4

Outside police work performed for a private company such as directing traffic at Wightman's Farm at Halloween or JCP&L maintenance sites. By an 8 year old ordinance, HT charges \$56 per hour for this work - \$50 of which goes to the officer while \$6 stays in HT. In 2011 there were 4462 hours of such work – equal to about 3 full time officers. These hours are not pensionable but it is not clear that the \$6/hour (\$26.8K for the year) that HT receives for contracting out its police force in this manner makes sense.

Benchmarking. Over the last few years, the TC has used benchmarking to compare various department costs with other neighboring towns. This exercise was expanded to include 10 figures of merit and was presented at the August meeting. The 10 figures included cost per mile of road patrolled, cost per square mile, cost per capital, non-salary cost per capita, healthcare cost per officer on family plan, wage scale (number of steps/years until reach top scale), 2012 salary increase, change in staffing level over last 5 years, violent crime per 1000 population and property crime per 1000 population. All figures showed HT roughly in the middle of the pack (if adjustment were made) with the striking exception of healthcare cost per public safety officer on a family plan. HT costs were fully twice the other towns suggesting that our benefit package is either over priced or more generous than other towns.

To tackle these important and complicated issues the TC decided that they needed expert help and hired a consultant via a formal proposal process. The TC “did their homework” before going outside and was looking for input on five items – (1) organization and staffing model (12 hour shifts currently), current PBA contract, current work rules and regulations, resources and technologies, organizational efficiencies and shared services (ex. detective). The TC said there was “good interest” from 12 consultants for the job. PowerPoint Slides on these presentations are available on the Harding Township website.

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Special Meeting of the Township Committee, September 4, 2012

Present: Alf Newlin, Lou Lanzerotti, Nic Platt, Ned Ward; Absent: Marshall Bartlett

This meeting centered around the retirement of the Chief of Police and the interim plans and the hiring of a police consultant.

Harding Township officials were notified Friday morning August 24th that Kevin Gaffney, after 30 years in the Police Department, the last 16 years as Chief, plans to retire. Mr. Gaffney's resignation is effective immediately; he will use his accumulated sick and vacation time, and will officially leave the Township payroll on December 1st. Chief Gaffney indicated that he will be available to the Township as needed during this interval.

The Harding Township Committee is pleased to announce that Sergeant Mark Giansanti was temporarily appointed as Officer-In-Charge of the Police Department. Sgt. Giansanti is a 23 year veteran of the force. The appointment, made by Chief Kevin Gaffney, is effective immediately. Additional details can be found on the town's website: www.hardingnj.org.

Sgt. Giansanti gave an overview of the police activities over the past month. In addition to regular policing activities the officers are going door to door in our senior community to make sure they are prepared for an emergency, such as the storms we had last year and know who to call. This also gives the officers an opportunity to get to know the seniors. The officers will be making similar calls to the businesses in town to let them know what's happening.

The township released an RFP for a police consultant. In addition to facilitating with the police contract, the RFP included providing research and recommendations to the township. The township committee hired Ted Ehrenburg of Blue Shield Consultants to provide those services. Mr. Ehrenburg will be interviewing the township committee members, the township administrator, and the officer-in-charge over the next month. One of the first priorities is to look at the current staffing level. The analysis is scheduled to be completed in November with a report being issued in December.

A resolution was passed to hire a class 2, special police officer. A class 2 officer is a graduate of the police academy who has full police powers within Harding township, but not in the rest of the state. This new officer will be eligible to be promoted to a township police officer next year.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AGENDA, AUGUST 16, 2012.

Resolution of Approval

Application #BOA-04-12; Robert and Dana Hamwee, 28 Copper Tree Lane, Block 17 Lot 55.03, "C" variance granted

New Applications

1. Application #BOA-05-12; Leonard Statile, 45 Red Gate Road, Block 6 Lot 2, "C" Variance

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2. Application #BOA-06-12; Robert and Tatyana Elefante, 19 Long Hill Road, Block 17 Lot 44, "C" Variance

Pending Applications

1. Application # BOA-22-11; Harding Holdings PM LLC, 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Block 27 Lot 2 Zone RR; Amended application requesting (d) variances for use (to permit 2 dwellings on 1 lot) and density (to allow total of 5 dwelling units on 19.6 acre parcel) and related "C" variances, subject to subsequent (bifurcated) application for site plan and subdivision approval.

2. Application # BOA-23-10
T-Mobile Northeast LLC, New Cingular Wireless PC and Sectorsite, LLC (Applicants), NJ Conference 7th Day Adventists (Owner),
501 Tempe Wick Road, Block 33 Lot 9, Zone RR; Preliminary / Final Site Plan and "D" Variance, Application carried to September 20, 2012 meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, JULY 10, 2012

LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Adjustment (BOA) – H. Symonds reported that the BOA met on June 21, 2012 and has been updated on the activities of the EC.

H. Symonds reported that the Cell Tower application has been postponed until the July 19, 2012 BOA meeting. A general discussion ensued regarding the EC's recommendations pertaining to the environmental concerns of installing a cell tower at either, the NJDOT or the Seventh Day Adventist Church site. R. Clew summarized the critical issues as being the preservation of the viewscape and limiting the impact on Primrose Brook. Recommendations include: tower height limited to 120'; utilization of a natural gas powered generator to avoid oil being transported onto the property; diking the maintenance parking area to prevent run-off into the Brook; and the placement of trees or other screening material at the base of the tower to minimize the visual impact.

It was the consensus of the EC for H. Symonds to prepare a position statement along these lines, to be read into the record at the next public meeting of the BOA.

Another subject was the Variances requested for the development of the Hurstmont property. K. Meister shared information obtained from the Master Plan of Harding Township pertaining to the density of rural development and surface and subsurface water quality. He expressed concern regarding the density variance, septic requirements and the impact on ground water supply pertaining to the Hurstmont property application. A general discussion ensued resulting in the EC postponing the position statement until a new proposal on the Hurstmont property has been submitted to the BOA.

Harding Open Space Trust (HOST) – J. Morgan reported that HOST met on June 13, 2012 and has been updated on the activities of the EC. He reported that HOST objected to the cell tower at

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the church site due to its proximity to the Anderson Woods and the Glen Alpin property and the negative impact on the viewscape. HOST will present a position statement at the next BOA meeting. J. Morgan also reported that Mr. MacCowatt would contact J. Murray regarding the easement documentation and website development.

PROJECTS

Easement Stewardship – J. Murray reported on the monitoring efforts and noted that the EC was very well represented for both the June 9th and June 16th visits. He expressed his appreciation to the EC; especially noting S. Krizko who personally visited the largest number of easements during the monitoring visits.

J. Murray reported that the inspection of 45 easements was completed and that there were approximately six easements in which environmental issues were discovered. He agreed to prepare letters to all of the property owners, expressing appreciation for their cooperation in the monitoring process and offering best practice recommendations to those in which issues were identified.

J. Murray stated that easement monitoring will continue in October with the review of eight properties with steep slope easements, while general easement monitoring is scheduled to continue in the Spring.

J. Murray reviewed the next steps of the easement stewardship including: database development, easement violation standards, feedback letters to easement holders, self-monitoring guidelines, letters to self-monitoring associations and organizations, guideline development for easement baselines, monitoring schedule and notification to property owners.

The EC complimented J. Murray and his wife, Joyce for their extraordinary efforts in preparing and organizing the easement monitoring project. J. Murray expressed appreciation to several members of other boards and committees who participated in the easement monitoring project including: Peter Saulnier and his daughter Matherin, David Dietz, Ginny Moriarity, Larry Wepler, and Chris Allyn. He agreed to send letters of appreciation to these individuals.

Street Lights/Energy Efficiency Analysis – H. Symonds reported that implementation of Phase One of the light reduction has been completed. A general discussion ensued resulting in a recommendation for H. Symonds to further review the light reductions with G. McKane and N. Platt.

Regarding Phase Two, H. Symonds stated that statutory regulations indicate that municipalities are to reimburse private communities for services or to provide services in a qualified private community in the same fashion as the municipality provides services in public roads. The analysis indicated that a reduction from thirty-eight lamps to nine lamps could be considered at Harding Green; and a reduction from seventeen lamps to three lamps could be considered at Shadowbrook. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the reduction of lighting at Harding Green and Shadowbrook.

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H. Symonds suggested, as an alternative to the light reduction, that a Smart Start program similar to the one offered by the State be explored for the Harding Green and Shadowbrook communities. Incentives are offered to communities for replacing low efficiency fixtures with high efficiency alternatives. He provided R. Bruno with information on the State program for further review.

It was noted that the EC's goal pertaining to the light reduction has been to reduce light pollution and carbon output with an added benefit of financial efficiencies.

Proposal on the use of Solar Energy – R. Bruno presented the cost information he received thus far from several entities. He further reported on the status of the legislative regulations pertaining to solar energy. Upon receipt of additional information, R. Bruno will present a proposal at the September meeting of the EC.

Proposal on Recycling – R. Clew reported on the current recycling program and suggested opportunities for the EC to become more involved. He proposed that the EC would coordinate with the DPW to raise awareness on the recycling options as well as host a Harding Township Recycling Event. He will work with T. Toribio to coordinate the event scheduled for 2013. He also suggested working with the Library for document shredding and the Health or Police Department for medication disposal. R. Clew will present more details concerning the proposed event at the September meeting of the EC.

FROM THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Thank You Geese Project Volunteers!

The Citizens Parks Advisory Committee and the Wildlife Management Committee extend their thanks to the 2012 Geese Project volunteers for another spring and summer season of few geese at Bayne Park: Nancy Barrett, Mark Baumgarten, Gwenn Claytor, Sonja Herzinger, Stacey Hollenbeck, Patricia Posen, Melissa Simon, Cathy Quinn, Stacy and Jim Sibona, Wendy Miller, Elaine Sandersen, Richard Clew, Tom de Poortere and Roberta Shields. Thanks also to all those who have volunteered in past years, since the results are cumulative. The geese react readily, so the job gets easier every year. But, many geese or few, there is still a need to monitor thoroughly and to muster adequate coverage promptly. So, when recruiting begins in the spring for 2013, which will be the seventh year for this effort, it is hoped there will be additional volunteers, who will sign up to be part of this much appreciated community service.

From the Harding school superintendent, Alex Anemone:

Our students are returning to what we believe is the best PreK-8 school district in the state. HTS students open the school year participating in fall sports (soccer and field hockey) as well as clubs such as the *Technology Student Association*, *Yearbook*, *Literary Magazine* and

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Digital Moments. Led by our dedicated staff members, these sports and clubs offer all of our students the opportunity to receive a well-rounded, challenging and complete education.

On the most recent (2012) State Standardized NJASK test, our students performed very well with the HTS Class of 2012 leading the way! Our most recent graduates scored very highly in Language Arts (97.7% proficient or advanced proficient), Math (93.3% proficient or advanced proficient) and Science (93.3% proficient or advanced proficient).

New this year is our *Digital Learning Initiative*. Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization, the Digital Learning Initiative is a revolutionary idea in the field of education and furthers the learning anywhere, anytime paradigm. All of our teachers (grades K-8) and students in grades 5-8 will receive an iPad 3 (pre-loaded with sundry apps) courtesy of the PTO. Moreover, all of our classrooms will now be equipped with an Apple TV and teachers will be able to use both of these devices as a teaching tool in their respective classrooms. This forward-thinking approach places HTS on the cutting-edge of instructional practices. We are most proud of the fact that this grant of over \$100,000.00 was awarded by our PTO and uses no district (public) funds.

Returning on Fridays this school year are our *Open House Tours*. Offered to Harding Township families currently in private schools, these tours are led by school administrators and will be held on the following days: October 5, November 2, December 7 and January 11. Tours will be held any time between 8:00-10:00a.m., or by appointment. Guests will be able to meet with administrators, visit classrooms, tour our campus and ask pertinent questions regarding their children's placement at HTS. We hope to see you.

PLANNING BOARD

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, no reports this month

Civic Association News and Announcements

Civic Association: The DEADLINES FOR THE next 3 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are **October 5, November 3, and December 7**. If you have announcements for early December, send in for November issue, please. Current and past issues of Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are also on our Website: <http://www.hardingcivic.org>. Send questions or comments

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about Thumbnail to editor, **email address: hesnaj@verizon.net**, or the Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976.

The Civic Association website, www.hardingcivic.org, is updated frequently; we post events sent to our e-mail address: submissions@hardingcivic.org.

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

The Hours of operation are every Wednesday from 7AM. to noon (7– 9AM self service); and every other **Sat.: 9AM to noon., Oct 13, 27; Nov 10, 24; Dec 8, 22.**

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); Automotive and light truck tires, (on or off rim) and Propane tanks (BBQ size only)

Computers, monitors, laptops and televisions cannot be put into household trash. However, they **can** be brought to the Harding Twp DPW recycling center at the regular hours of operation. Tracy Toribio of Harding Twp DPW will answer your recycling questions 973 267 2448, Mon- Fri 8:30 am to 3 pm.

A Township-wide Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for October 1, 2012.

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DATES TO REMEMBER, meetings as noted.

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)	7:30 PM
Board of Health (2 nd Thursday)	7:30 PM
Board of Education (1st and 3rd Monday)	7:30 PM
Board of Adjustment (3 rd Thursday)	7:30 PM
Township Committee(3 rd Wed)	7:30 PM
Harding Open Space (2 nd Wed)	7:30 PM
Harding Twp Civic Association (2 nd Wed)	7:30 PM