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February 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The <u>Harding Township Civic Association</u> sponsors its annual meeting and *Meet The Mayor event* Wednesday, Feb 20 at Kirby Hall, business meeting starting at 7 pm, Meet The Mayor will begin at 7:30 pm.

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

It's perfect weather for the Auxiliary's Chili/Soup contest:

What: "CHILI/SOUP COOK-OFF"

Where: Fire House, Village Road

When: Sunday, March 10th Time: 5:00PM - 6:00PM

For \$7.00 you can sample many different chilis and soups with fresh baked bread and coffee included. Homemade desserts and soda will be available for sale. Vote for your favorites! Prizes will be awarded. If you would like to enter a chili or soup in the contest, admission is free. Please call to let us know you will be entering a pot of chili or soup. Connie Cherrillo (973-539-9383) or Pat O'Reilly (201-919-2183)

HARDING GIRLS LACROSSE, Spring 2013

Registration is OPEN! Please visit <u>WWW.hardinggirlslacrosse.com</u> for details HTRA Lax welcomes girls of all levels in grades 3rd thru 8th! Opening day will be Monday, March 25, 2013! Parent Volunteers: We need you! We are always looking for new parent volunteers to be

<u>Parent volunteers:</u> We need you! We are always looking for new parent volunteers to be managers and coaches so please let us know if you are available. For more info:Conniekapp@comcast.net; 973-713-0233 cell

HARDING TOWNSHOP GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION INFORMATION

(Courtesy Observer-Tribune)

Committee Liaisons: Committee members named themselves as liaisons to several committees. Nanette DiTosto was named liaison to the Cell Tower Advisory Committee and to the Citizens Park Advisory Committee. She was also named to the Environmental Commission.

Committee Chairman Louis Lanzerotti was named school board liaison. Ned Ward was named to the Historic Preservation Committee. Nic Platt was named liaison to the Joint Court Committee, while DiTosto was named freeholder liaison.

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Platt was named liaison to the Open Space Trust, while Ward was named liaison to the Downtown Redevelopment Committee and the Shade Tree Committee. Lanzerotti was named liaison to the Wildlife Management Committee, while Alf Newlin was named liaison to the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Platt was named to the Long Term Steering Committee.

Named to the **Planning Board** for one year each were DiTosto and Newlin. Named for four years were: Peter Saulnier, Thomas dePoortere, Joe Schleifer, Virginia Moriarity, Isobel Olcott, David Dietz and Robert Edgar.

Named to the **Shade Tree Committee** were Caron Menger for three years, John Linson, for one year, Sharon Krizko for three years, Tracy Toribio for one year, Dick Walter for three years and Jane Reilly for three years.

Named to the **Wildlife Committee** were Karl Meister for one year, Chris Allyn for one year, Jack Clackworthly for one year, Betsy Holdsworth for one year, Hal Scaff for one year, Al Remmey for one year; Roberta Shields for one year; Dorothy Fecske for a year.

Named to the **Emergency Preparedness Committee** were Annibal for a year, Mark Giansanti for a year, Toribio for a year and Administrator Gail McKane for a year. Named to the **Board of Adjustment** for four years each were: Peter Muratore, Bonnie

Gannon, Joe Schleifer, Terri Eichler, John Olcott, Dan Maselli and Phillip Rosenbach. Named to the **Environmental Commission** for three years each were: Hugh Symonds, James Morgan, Karl Meister, Richard Clew, Diane Hinds and Sharon Krizko.

Named to the **Board of Health** for three years each were: Jim Halsey, Joe Cervone, Lanzerotti as liaison, Bob Schmidt and Libero Saraceno.

Named to the **Historic Preservation Commission** for four years each were: Gwen Claytor, Thomas Depoortere, Devanshu Modi, Dave Denson, Wendy Montgomery, Ellen Cook and Mark Wilson.

Named to the **Open Space Trust** for one year each were: Platt, Tim Jones, McKane, Ginny Moriarty, Caron Menger, James Morgan, Mare Olsen, and DiTosto. Named for three years each were: Tom MacCowatt, Julia Somers, Larry Wepler, Loren Pfeiffer and Judie Ward. Resident Judy Malloy, who has served on the **Municipal Alliance Committee** for 10 years, was not re-appointed this year. The committee appointed Joseph Cervone, a medical doctor, to the committee, along with Mayor Louis Lanzerotti and Health Officer Garry Annibal. Lanzerotti said Cervone's appointment was designed to bring a "medical perspective" to the committee, and said the overall goal is to "reassess the role of the alliance in Harding Township." "We are implementing changes on many of our boards and committees, and this is one of them. We will have a nominating committee, and appointments may be made at a later date," he said. Malloy, who was present in the audience, read a lengthy letter thanking many in the township for the help they gave her over the years that she served.

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(Editor's Note: see inside for statements from Lanzerotti and Platt made at this meeting)

MADISON COMMUTER TRAIN PARKING for Harding Residents. Those residents who use NJ Transit and who want to continue to park at the 33 Green Village Road lot in Madision must register with Gail McKane, Harding Township Administrator as soon as practical. Please send your contact information, including name, address, license plate number, email address and cell number to the following email address <u>hardingparking@hardingnj.org</u> This lot owned by the Madison Board of Education and the conditions for its use have changed. Harding Residents must agree to sign an indemnification agreement and agree to vacate with a 30 day notice because this lot is part of the elementary school property which is currently on the market to be sold. Once you register, you will be emailed a monthly bill. Checks will be payable to the Madison Board of Education and collected by Ms. McKane, Harding Township Administrator P.O. Box 666 New Vernon, NJ 07976. The cost for this privilege is \$80 per month.

This is a courtesy being provided by the Madison Board of Education and we appreciate the opportunity to use this convenient facility. You will be charged retroactively starting January 1. This is a **monthly** permit and is **not being offered for daily** use. We will be using the honor system. Notices will be placed on your car windshield if during a spot inspection your license plate does not appear on the paid list. You can register more than one car. We are trying to make this as easy as possible. Lastly, the lot is not being plowed. We will contract for a private crew to handle this and will split the bill among those who have registered at an additional cost.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Screenings:

The Health Department is having a free Female Cancer Screening on Thursday, March 28, 2013, from 9 am to 11 am at the Municipal Building. The screening includes an exam by a doctor, PAP test, blood pressure, and educational materials. An appointment is necessary.

Male Cancer Screening is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2013 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The screening includes an exam by a doctor, blood work, and educational material. An appointment is necessary.

A free Adult Health Fasting Blood-work clinic will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, from 8 am to 11 am at the Municipal Building. An appointment is necessary.

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The above clinics are for residents 18 years of age and older. To schedule an appointment for the above clinics, please call 973-267-8000, ext.1968. **Health Hot Line:** 973/267-8000 ext 1962.

2013 Dog Licenses:

If you reside in Harding Township and own a dog, age 7 months and older, your dog or dogs must be licensed every year by January 31, 2013. Harding Township gives their residents till February 28, 2013, to license their dogs. Starting on March 1, 2013, a late fee of \$10.00 *per* dog will be charged. By State law, in order for a license to be issued, the dog's rabies immunity must be good through October 31, 2013. A copy of the 2013 Dog License Application can be found on the Harding Township website under the Health Department (www.hardingnj.org). Any questions, please call 973/267-8000, extension 1968.

SAVE THE DATE- ART IN BLOOM

Friday April 19, 2013 6-10pm; April 20-Art Show continues from 9-1 Biannual Gala Party and Art Show; Christ the King Church; over 60 artists

KEMMERER LIBRARY

Winter operating hours: Monday-Friday: 10-5. Saturday: 10-1. Sunday: 12-3. New! Tech Thursdays, 4 pm. Next session: Get the most out of Google. Become an expert navigator on the Internet and find what you need. Registration required please. Other upcoming sessions: Facebook, Microsoft Word and Excel. For a complete list of sessions and dates, please check our website.

New! Harding Reads!: Join us in a township-wide reading of <u>The Stockholm</u> <u>Octavo</u> by Karen Engelmann – an impressive debut novel set in 18th century Sweden. The author will join us on **Sunday, March 3, 3-5 p.m.**, for a book discussion followed by Scandinavian treats. You don't have to be a book club member to participate – just come and enjoy! Copies of the book are available at the Library.

New! SAT Lite with Tim Cutler: Just in time for the SAT test on Saturday, May 4. Tim, a former instructor with Kaplan Test Prep, is volunteering his expertise by offering a series of SAT Lite workshops for prospective test takers. Introductory session, Sunday, March 24, 3 p.m. *Registration required, please.*

New! 1st Annual Valentine Haiku Competition for Children Grades 3-8: Write a Valentine themed haiku and win a giant, cuddly teddy bear! Budding composers may pick up an entry form at the Library. Deadline for entries: Wednesday, February 13. Winner will be notified February 14.

Curl up by the Fire with 45 great books – Borrow a Kindle: The Library offers pre-loaded Kindles on two-week loan for Harding residents. 20 new titles have recently been

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added to each of our Kindle collection of best-sellers, fiction, non-fiction and more.

New! Yarn Circle Knitting Club, alternate Wednesdays, 1-2 pm. Join the next class led by two experienced crafters on **February 13 and 27.** Join us for conversation, inspiration and instruction; For beginners and experienced knitters alike.

Tea with TED: February 24, 3-4:30 pm. Millions of people are hooked on TED Talks online featuring the world's thinkers and artists with "ideas worth spreading". Come enjoy a fascinating talk by Susan Cain, the author of <u>Quiet: The Power of Introverts</u>.

Mat Yoga: Mondays at 10:00 am. Gentle Chair Yoga: Mondays at 10:45 am. Wednesdays at 10 am. MJ Turnbull's classes are good for both body and soul. All are welcome. A donation of \$10 per session is suggested.

Evening Book Group, Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 pm. February's selection is <u>The Glass Room</u> by Simon Mawer. This intricate, stirring historical novel explores the fates of characters in World War II and its aftermath.

Bridge Club, Mondays 2-3:30 pm: Our popular bridge club for beginners and intermediary players continues in 2013. New members welcome. Registration and information at the Library. Modest instruction fee.

Mah Jongg Club, Thursdays, 12-2 pm: Beginner and intermediary play. New members welcome. Registration and information at the Library. Modest instruction fee.

Winter Children's Programs: Storytime: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Children aged 1-4 listen to stories, sing songs and do a craft. Wednesdays, 11 am: Pre-K Play Group and Lunch Bunch. Games, play and bring your lunch. Baby Play Group: Thursdays, 10:30 am. Moms and babies, 6 -12 months, meet to play/chat and sing.

Winter Children's Special Events: Legos & Games, Sundays at 3pm, February 17 and March 17. Get your creative juices going with the Library's huge Lego collection, or bring a friend or two and enjoy a rousing game of Risk or Mexican. All other Sundays, drop in between 12 and 3 pm to play games.

TOWNSHIP NEWS:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – Township Committee Meeting – Jan. 4, 2013 All TC members in attendance

Fiber Optic Line Coming Through Harding. A firm called United Federal Data, LLC informed the TC of its plan to string fiber optic cables on JCP&L poles as it builds a line between New York and Washington DC. The representative of the company couldn't answer some basic questions about the proposal so he was asked to return and try again. Harding would get no revenue from this system (the pole owner will get lease fees), no ability to use the network (the line is trunk and will not have drops to homes or businesses) and no real ability to stop it. It appears that the presentation was a courtesy.

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Tree Conservation Ordinance Modified. A modification Harding's Tree Conservation was proposed. The modification would all residents to remove trees in "conservation areas" that would allow maintenance of utility lines. Current ordinance allows removal of trees only for installation of utility lines. As background, tree conservation areas are section of private property for which the owner must get a permit to remove trees that are 8" or greater at a point 4.5 feet from the ground. The size of the area depends on the zone regime which governs the property. R-1 and RR zone conservation areas are 50 feet from any road and 25 feet from all other property lines. In R-2, 3 and 4 zones the conservation area is half the minimum building setback but not less than four feet. **Preliminary Budget Presented and Discussed for Second Time.**

The 2013 preliminary budget was presented for the second time. The slides are available on the Township website.

As Thumbnail reported last month, the budget calls for \$284K, or 3.5%, increase in appropriations (aka spending). The bulk of that (\$246K) is "emergency" related to Hurricane Sandy. Some of that emergency appropriation is expected to be reimbursed by FEMA, but to be conservative and because re-imbursements can be delayed years, the budget is cast conservatively absorbs the total without offsetting reimbursement.

On the revenue side, the tax levy is forecast to increase 5.3% or \$292.7K. Without the Emergency Sandy related expenses, the tax levy increase would be only 0.85%. The actual impact on our tax rate and a particular property will be established after 2013 the total assessed value is finalized. This is the net of property improvements and appeals. Recycling Center Now Accepting ALL Plastic Items – Big Wheel Toys Included. Manager Tracey Torbio reported that the DPW will now accept ALL plastic items - #1, 2, 5, 7. This would include previously difficult to dispose of items like large kiddie toys and play items. DPW also accepts electrical and electronic equipment including CRT's and old TV sets! Fun fact: In 2012 Harding disposed of 565 tons of junk putting Harding in the 95% of communities on the tonnage per capita recycled. Question: Is this because we are environmentally sensitive? Or is it because we have a lot of junk per person? Selling our recyclables brought Harding coffers \$29K in 2012.

LOUIS J. LANZEROTTI STATEMENT AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, JAN. 9, 2013

My Township Committee colleagues have asked me to serve as the Chair of the Committee in this year. I deeply appreciate their confidence in me. Thank you.

Because I will be the Chair, I will get correspondences addressed to me as the "Mayor". Harding's governance does not have a mayor and council system, and so the title of mayor has little consequence. The five of us operate as a Committee. And will do so

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this year. I want to assure my Committee colleagues and all residents that I will do my very best to serve as the chairperson of our Township Committee.

I am not perfect – just ask my wife – so I may fail at times to live up to the expectations of everyone. When this happens, please call me and let me know. I am serious about this; my intent is to do my very best.

There will always be differences of opinion in government. Including in Harding. Including among members of the Township Committee. This is the beauty – and the messiness – of a democracy. We would not wish it any other way. Many humans across our world seek to live in a free democracy such as the one that we all are privileged to have. This freedom is why my grandparents and parents came here to mine the coal that stoked the fires of America's industries. It is critical that all of us – and especially me – maintain civility in our government discussions and in expressing our differences of governmental opinion.

As I was flying back this afternoon from Austin, Texas – I was attending a physics meeting where I gave an invited talk on some of our space research results – I read an Opinion article in today's *Wall Street Journal* written by Father John Jenkins, President of Notre Dame University. I suggest that all of us might wish to read this Opinion. This year I would like to strive for the type of civic discourse that Father Jenkins addresses. Unfortunately, as I noted earlier, I am not perfect, but I want to assure each of you here tonight, and all Harding residents, that I will strive to do my best, and in the very spirit of Father Jenkins' article.

The Township Committee has many opportunities, and many challenges, facing it in 2013. The Township Committee is beginning to formulate plans and actions to address these opportunities and challenges. This year the Township Committee will strive to use its own committee structures – which have been enlarged – to address issues that will arise in the areas covered by the committees. Of course issues that involve policy matters will come to the entire Township Committee. Knotty citizen issues that often come to the chairperson (or mayor) will now often be directed to the relevant committee of the Township Committee.

The Township Committee will re-institute meetings with the chairs of the Township's boards and committees. Such meetings will be structured such that actions will be accomplished. In particular, the Township Committee wants to hear and to learn of the issues facing the boards and committees, and to provide guidance and directions. And to discuss relevant and substantive policy matters.

This year, strengthened liaison involvement will be encouraged between members of the Township Committee and the relevant boards and committees.

The Township Committee will continue with the well-established policies of transparency and openness to all citizens. All information that can be made public will

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always be available upon enquiry, if not already available in other forms. Citizens should not hesitate to request information of the Committee or the Township administration.

And, of course, the Township Committee will continue to be very prudent stewards of the tax resources that are entrusted to the Committee for expenditures for the benefit of the entire Township. The Chair of our Finance Committee can address the seriousness of our purpose in this regard. In summary, I repeat my promise to strive to do my very best for all Harding residents this year. The Township Committee has entrusted me with this responsibility. I encourage residents to contact me with issues and concerns, including as well informing me, as Ed Koch, former Mayor of New York City used to ask: "How am I doing"?

STATEMENT BY NICOLAS W. PLATT, DEPUTY MAYOR, JANUARY 9, 2013

I would like to say a few words and to reaffirm much of what I said last year at this same event. First, it has been over 70 days since Sandy hit. We cancelled Halloween 2 years in a row and I suspect that these 100 year storms could become an annual event. Climate change is going to produce budgetary unknowns. We do know this. Without our great volunteers, our clean up would have been a much more expensive than it was.

New Jersey is the most populated, most overtaxed State in the Country. It has debts in excess of **\$281billion dollars**. Harding Township is just one of **565 municipalities** in this State that are struggling with their budgets. If we want to maintain our independent services, we must control our costs. Other towns appear to be mortgaging their future, saddling themselves with more debt, fewer services and higher taxes. This doesn't give Harding the right to be equally reckless.

However, as we compare ourselves to other towns and plan for our future, it is important to note that the primary reason we have a low tax rate is because we have a volunteer fire department and rescue squad that do an outstanding job. Please keep that in mind when these organizations come around for donations.

So how do we watch the bottom line? It is not easy. One of the first challenges is recognizing that there is a big difference between controlling our costs and failing to make wise long term investments. One easy way to invest in our future is to play to our strengths. Through a miracle of history, Harding has something that can never be replicated. Who could ever believe there is still a rural environment 25 miles from Times Square? Just take a look at some of our neighboring towns who opted to go with higher density.

Preservation of our remaining **Open Spaces** and **Low Taxes** is the formula that worked in the past and remains the key to our future. I have great hope that this will continue. We are very fortunate that we have some very smart and dedicated people involved in HOST (Harding Open Space Trust) and the Harding Land Trust that have been

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able to put together some large and complicated transactions to ensure our rural heritage continues. Thank you for all your great work. Our predecessors have left us something very special. Our job is to leave this place better than we found it. We can only do that if we keep Harding's expenses sustainable. We ignore this at our own risk.

I would like to point out something that I think is apparent, but is important to highlight. Everyone up here on the Committee approaches issues based on their own life experiences, training and personal values. More often than not someone has a different point of view. That is healthy. But as a group, I can assure you, on every issue we challenge one another with one question. What is in the long term interest for the residents of this town?

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, January 17, 2013

The first part of the meeting was administrative. All current Board members, officers, Counsel, Engineering Consultant and Planning Consultant were accepted for the new year, as was the meeting day (3rd Thursday of the month), time (7:30 pm) and location (Kirby Hall). New application

#BOA-12-12: 2 Hartley Farms Road, Block 4, Lot 44 Zone RR

Application is for the placement of a natural gas fired generator. The current dwelling is situated on a combined lot. The variance relates to side/front yard setback requirements. Further discussion on this application is tabled pending a site inspection set for Saturday 1/26/13 at 9 am. No vote was taken at the inspection. Further deliberation regarding this application will occur at the February meeting.

Pending application

#BOA-23-10: 501 Tempe Wick Road, Block 33, Lot 9, Zone RR – Cell Tower Prior to the meeting, the following documentation was submitted to the Board for their review: applicant's revised site drawings; town planner's memos dated 12/20/2012, 1/8/2013 and 1/14/2013; town engineer's memo dated 1/16/2013. The Board requested that the applicant perform a drawing by drawing (total 16 drawings) review, which was completed. As requested by the Board, a separate meeting was held between the applicant, the church and the planner to resolve issues regarding the landscaping plan, at which consensus was reached among the 3 parties. Testimony by the applicant was completed at this meeting. The floor was opened to public questions and statements. A joint letter from the Land Trust and HOST was read. Some neighbors voiced concerns about the necessity of the tower (some have had service from all of the 4 major cell carriers and have never dropped a call), others voiced concerns about possible property value reductions as a result of the tower's presence.

. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 21, 2013. The tentative agenda for this meeting will be:

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- #BOA-23-10: 501 Tempe Wick Road, Block 33, Lot 9, Zone RR – Cell Tower: Continued public comment, possible vote.

- #BOA-12-12: 2 Hartley Farms Road, Block 4, Lot 44 Zone RR: review of site inspection notes, further testimony, possible vote.

- #BOA-22-11: 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Block 27, Lot 2, Zone RR (Hurstmont): continuing testimony and review.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD

Highlights from the <u>Board of Education Meeting</u> – 7:30pm, Monday, January 21, 2013 (Note: the purpose of this brief report is to help Harding residents connect with the School by highlighting the significant items addressed by the Board. The "meeting minutes" are filed by the Board Secretary and placed on the Harding School website for all to view, generally about a month after the meeting date.)

Parents and friends enjoyed a fine presentation to the Board by the 4th & 5th Grade QUEST students on the History of Harding. Each of the eleven students read their composition explaining some aspect of Harding's history while standing in front of their panoramic display depicting the sights and events of Harding's past.

A Letter of Appreciation was read by the Board to Ms Judy Malloy for her leadership in the Harding Alliance for Substance Abuse as she steps down.

Aside from the discussion of routine administrative matters, the Board began evaluating the requirements for job of School Principal/Curriculum Director in light of the recent letter of resignation from Dr. Daren Petersen, submitting his 60 day notice. This was viewed as an opportunity to restructure the position to optimize its value to the school and our students.

Highlights from the Board of Education Meeting – 7:30pm, Monday, February 4, 2013

Superintendent, Dr. Anemone gave a powerpoint presentation of the results of the online 2013 survey taken among parents of our school children to ascertain the educational climate of the Harding School environment. 119 families (from a possible 220 or so) responded to the 25 questions. The "takeaway" was that although 83% were pleased with the academic progress of their child(ren), improvements should always be sought out and undertaken. We can view the entire survey results by going to the school website www.hardingtwp.org and downloading the powerpoint presentation.

Dr Petersen, Harding Township School Principal, discussed the establishment of seven Regional Achievement Centers covering the state to assist school districts. While it was believed that more attention will be given to the failing schools, there may be some resources that this program makes available which could be of use to us. Our region consists of some very strong schools in the geographical area.

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There was considerable discussion regarding comparative standardized student testing with the teachers and parents in attendance giving valuable insight. How much time should be used to prepare the students beforehand? It was noted that some schools in our area alter their academic programs for a couple months in the spring to prep the students in order to achieve higher scores. Our school does not do this, and maintains the academic schedule instead. How should the test results be used and who should have access? How does the taking of these tests and their emphasis affect the students in terms of attitude and stress? It was generally felt that our school had a good balance of test and study.

It was mentioned that the relatively new Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) policy is in effect and is taken very seriously. One case this year has been reported, investigated and acted upon.

Civic Association News and Announcements

<u>Civic Association:</u> The DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are March 8 and April 5. 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. The Civic Association website, <u>www.hardingcivic.org</u>, is updated frequently; we post events sent to our e-mail address: <u>submissions@hardingcivic.org</u>.

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

The Hours of operation are every Wednesday from 7AM. to noon (7–9AM self service); and every other Sat.: 9AM to noon, Feb 23, March 9 and 23; April 6 and 20.

Commingled Recyclables: consists of all aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, and only plastic bottles and containers with the Recycling symbol #1 #2, and 4, 5, and 7. 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.

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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
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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