

Harding Township Civic Association

THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

MAY 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

THE HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD "MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT" on Wednesday May 29th at 7:30pm at Kirby Hall. The event will be moderated by the League of Women Voters and will end about 9pm. There is one Township Committee seat which will be up for election, and there are two Republican candidates that will be running in the June primary, incumbent Nic Platt and challenger Judy Malloy. We are collecting questions that you would like to ask the candidates. Please email your questions to: Questions@hardingcivic.org. You may also submit questions in the Library or Town Hall drop boxes. We will be picking up those questions on May 14th. ***Inside this issue are the statements provided to the Thumbnail by each candidate describing their qualifications and goals.***

FROM THE HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

HARDING MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY - May 27, 9:30 AM. The Parade will begin at the Harding Township School parking lot at 9:30 AM, and will end at Memorial Park across from the New Vernon Fire House. Ceremony begins at parade end.

In addition, we will be sponsoring a town Volunteer Fair before and after the Parade, comprised of municipal and private volunteer groups that serve you and your community.

THE HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY Invites all to the Tunis Ellicks House at the corner of Village and Millbrook Roads, following the parade for lemonade *and cookies*, May 27.

HARDING HUSKIES 5K RUN & KIDS FUN RUN/ HTS PTO has organized a 5k run WHEN: **Sunday, June 9, 2013**

WHERE: 5k start/finish at Harding Township School, Lee's Hill Rd., New Vernon, NJ

TIME: 5k Run check in at 9:00, Start time at 10:00.

Kids Fun Run check in at 11:00, Start time at 11:15

REGISTRATION: Register online at www.HardingPTO5kRun.com, fee \$35. (Runners who pre-register by May 24 are guaranteed a t-shirt. Fun Run participants will receive a medal.)

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID SQUAD

Annual Steak and Lobster Dinner FRIDAY June 7, 2013 6pm, Seating and Food orders begin at 5:30pm; service at 6:00pm. Food is served until approximately 10:00pm or when the food runs out!!! Dinner Selection Includes Steak, Lobster, Chicken and Hamburgers (for Kids only); All dinners include Salad Bar, Baked Bread, French fries, Beer, Wine, Soda and Homemade Dessert. Steamed Clams and Corn on the Cob are also available. Steak \$20; Lobster \$25; Chicken \$15

All Proceeds go to the New Vernon Fire Company and First aid Squad. The Volunteer Fire Department is completely independent and raises all its own funds without taxpayer support.

THE FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS BY THE TWO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE NOMINATION FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Statement of Nicolas W. Platt

I am a Republican running for reelection in the June 4th Primary for a second term as a Member of the Harding Township Committee. I currently serve as the Deputy Mayor. The

Primary Election will determine in all likelihood who will be elected since there is no candidate running on the opposing ticket in November.

About myself:

My family settled in Harding Township in the late 1800's. My father was the local veterinarian and practiced for over 50 years. One of seven children, I attended Chatham Township High School, Skidmore College and Columbia University, where I received a Masters in Economics. I worked in the field of banking, securities and communications in New York City for 33 years. In 1987, with two brothers, I oversaw the subdivision of Hartley Farms, a 200-acre planned community that recognized the value of open space versus the number of building lots. Finally, I am the father of two daughters, Lauren and Ashley, ages 29 and 25, both of whom attended the Harding School.

The Challenge Ahead:

New Jersey residents pay among the highest taxes in the country. Thus every elected official must take a hard look at expenses to determine what is needed and what can be pared or eliminated. The only way to ensure Harding's continued independence is to ensure strong fiscal controls.

Like most municipalities, Harding Township is heavily dependent on property taxes for revenue. If tax revenue decreases, spending must also decrease. Otherwise, taxes must rise -- something I have resisted during my four years on the Township Committee.

It is the job of an elected official to use his or her experience and judgment to fashion a solution on how to provide necessary government services at a reasonable cost. Nothing should be exempt from a top-down review. One example is the benefit/cost for our police department. Health care insurance costs are a staggering \$44,000 per year for each of our current and retired officers with family coverage, or in total over \$800,000 annually for healthcare alone. We are currently negotiating with the PBA to bring these costs down to a reasonable level, especially as Harding is the only one of the surrounding towns to offer lifetime healthcare for our police department and retirees.

Achievements:

Governor Christie challenged municipalities to reduce their cost using shared services. There is no question that this will become the standard way that municipalities will contract for services. Fortunately, Harding Township is well ahead of the other towns and has already made significant progress on all fronts.

Probably the most impressive example is the Municipal Joint Court. This pioneering initiative with Madison, Chatham Township and Chatham Borough saved Harding taxpayers over \$100,000 last year without reducing the effectiveness of this crucial government service.

The Department of Public Works continues to do an excellent job contracting for services.

When the Township Committee reduced the staff several years ago, the Superintendent reorganized and outsourced many of the in-house functions. We have had better results, with a substantial reduction in cost. Our Board of Health Department has also been way out front on utilizing shared services.

Your Township Committee helped bring about another tax savings initiative: reforming the Construction and Permitting Office which was running at a substantial deficit until we introduced "best practices." We accelerated processing time that, in turn, allowed the Township to raise fees. We then placed most of the department expenses on the shoulders of the residents receiving the permits, not on the rest of the taxpayers. This Department is now self supporting. I am a big supporter of our Open Space efforts. The decline in real estate values over the last five years has provided excellent opportunities to purchase properties at low prices. The Harding Open Space Trust (HOST) Committee has done a great job of putting together

complicated transactions, with substantial funding from state and county agencies, and has been extremely prudent with taxpayers' dollars. We are also fortunate to have the Harding Land Trust, a strong volunteer organization that provides both the expertise and funding to help identify potential land acquisitions and works closely with HOST on each transaction. Both organizations are at the core of what was intended in 1922 when a group of farmers decided to secede from Passaic Township and embrace a rural approach to land use. We need only to look around us to see the wisdom of that decision.

These are important reasons that the Harding taxpayers should value the current members of the Township Committee, on which I am proud to serve. Accordingly, I ask for your vote for the Republican nomination on June 4th.

Statement of Judy Malloy

I have three important goals for the Township: **Accountability, Fiscal Discipline and Responsible Leadership**. You can find my Campaign Platform on my website www.Malloy4TC.com, where I describe in detail the roadmap to get there. We need to put our house in order and, through respectful dialogue, reach a consensus on what Residents and Taxpayers expect from their local government.

As a CPA, I have strong faith in the role of accountability to provide an essential check on government. As an Educator, I am confident that an informed public makes for more effective policy. Serving the public by providing reliable, clear and consistent information is the most important aspect of my profession.

I was privileged to serve residents for 9 years as a volunteer for Harding Alliance Against Substance Abuse; first as Treasurer and then as Chairperson. I enjoyed meeting residents and listening to their concerns. Working as a team with dedicated Township professionals and concerned citizens to develop solutions in a cost-effective manner was truly rewarding.

In my varied roles, I have demonstrated an ability to use discretion, seek consensus, be proactive, find cost-effective solutions, communicate clearly and work together—for Residents' and Taxpayers' best interests.

I am a "Classical Libertarian" as modeled by our Founding Fathers. Government can't fix everything, but it does have a responsibility to deliver essential services that individuals cannot provide themselves. Because Classical Libertarians are wary of political overreach by government, political parties and special interest groups, they intentionally build checks and balances into their organizations. Classical Libertarians are issues-oriented rather than being ideological. They promote rational decision-making through rigorous due diligence.

- Thank you to my opponent, Nic Platt, and all volunteers for their service to our Township. Regardless of the issues, volunteerism should be respected and encouraged.
- Thank you Civic Association—Harding's own vanguard of Democracy.
- Thank you Taxpayers: Township resources must be carefully and thoughtfully allocated.
- Thank you Residents: holding your local government accountable truly makes a difference.
- *Thank you voters for participating in the electoral process.*

For more information, please go to www.Malloy4TC.com or email Info@Malloy4TC.com. I hope to meet you on the campaign trail, and see you at **Meet the Candidates Night, 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 29 at Kirby Town Hall.**

I will represent your **best interests** on the Harding Township Committee.

Please vote for me in the Republican Primary on Tuesday, June 4.

Heads Up Play By a Township Department Head and Generosity of A Citizen Save All of Us a Boatload of Money

In the aftermath of Storm Sandy, Harding Township faced the daunting and expensive job of cleaning up all the trees and branches that had fallen on our roads, Township property and open space land. The State of New Jersey designated a vendor to service all municipalities for this emergency without having to go through the usual mandated bidding process. One might assume that Trenton, with its buying power got all the towns a good deal. Read on...

Tracy Toribio, head of Harding's Department of Public Works had a better idea. He figured that there must be somebody that actually wants all the tree matter. And he was right! He found a Pennsylvania based firm in the mulch business that, for a nominal fee, would crunch up the huge tonnage of debris and cart it away essentially taking the mulch as payment. Other contractors were in the \$80K-100K range. And that NJ State designated contractor? It was the most costly – quoting between \$111K to \$239K depending on mileage, etc.

However, there was one big problem...Where to stage this massive crunching operation? The only public land large enough, Margett's Field would have to be cordoned off with ugly and costly chain link fence. Further it would be damaged by the trucks and equipment and it would need to be guarded around the clock to prevent contractors and the public from dumping their waste. All these expenses could eat up the cost savings of the contractor.

So Mr. Toribio asked Hal Scaff, a Harding resident, who owns a farm property on Lee's Hill Road if he would permit his land to be used as a giant mulching operation for several months. In a wonderful act of civic generosity, Mr.Scaff agreed to allow the operation on his land for zero compensation.

The amount saved, \$200K approximately, was almost equal to the entire Sandy related emergency appropriation – an expense that is driving 2013 taxes up about about 4%. So without this heads up play by Toribio and generosity of Scaff we might have been looking at a 7-8% property tax increase.

Kemmerer Library

Spring operating hours: **Monday-Friday: 10-5. Saturday: 10-1. Sunday: 12-3.**

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 months-12 months of age, meet to play/chat and sing songs.

Children's Special Event: Fun Fair at the Library, Wednesday, May 22, 4 pm. Bring a friend for a cool afternoon of popcorn relay races, penny pitching, face painting, ring toss and a scavenger hunt! Rain or shine. *Registration required, please.*

iPad Club: Starts Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 p.m. The Club will be led by a local iPad/Mac expert and will meet twice a month. Beginners and enthusiasts will get tips and instruction in all things 'Pad: Apps, organizing information, syncing content, and more. \$5 suggested donation per meeting. *Membership limited to 15, so register soon.*

Blood Drive and Book Sale. Thursday, June 13, 12-6 p.m. In collaboration with Turpin Realtors, the Library is once again sponsoring a blood drive. Last year's drive yielded almost 100 units of blood – we hope to beat this record. Please help us by signing up at redcrossblood.org or call the Library at 973-267-2665. While you wait your turn, browse our extensive collection of excellent books for sale at bargain prices.

Tech Thursdays, 3:30 pm. Next sessions May 16 and 30: May 16: *Microsoft Excel II.* If you have mastered Excel basics and would like to move on to more complex operations, this is the session for you. Taught by Alf Newlin. May 30: *Twitter.* Find out what's trending with Alex Anemone, Superintendent and technology guru at Harding Township School. *Registration required please.*

Yarn Circle Knitting Club, alternate Wednesdays, 1-2 pm. May 8 and 22. Join us for conversation, inspiration and instruction by the fireplace. Fun for beginners and experienced knitters alike.

Mat Yoga: Mondays at 10:00 am. Gentle Chair Yoga: Mondays at 10:45 am. And 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, Thursday, May 30, 7:30 pm. April's selection is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Enjoy a delightful Gothic tale of twisted love, haunted castles, and a famous author with much to hide.

Social Bridge, Mondays 11 am. Sign up at the Library – via phone, in person, or by e-mail – and we will notify you when a foursome is complete.

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

Magazines and newspapers. The Library subscribes to *The New Yorker*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The Economist*, *Bon Appetit*, *Science News*, *Consumer Reports*, *Architectural Digest*, and many more. Come in for cozy read in our comfy chairs.

Transferring Wealth to the Next Generation: Financial Seminar. Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. Michael Maglio, Principal of Brinton Eaton Wealth Management, will host a discussion on the issue of educating children about money and grooming them for the responsibility of preserving the family assets. Light refreshments will be served. *Registration required, please.*

Internship Opportunity. The Library is looking for a young writing talent or budding journalist to help craft press releases, monthly newsletters, and promotional materials. 4-5 hours per month. Small stipend is available for the right person. Please contact Lotte Newlin at lotte.newlin@hardinglibrary.org or call 973-267-2665.

On our wish list: Are you moving or downsizing and looking for a good home for your too-big piano? The Library would love to be the recipient of an instrument in good condition for concerts, occasional music, and more! Also, the Children's Room is in need of 2 pre-owned, but not obsolete, PCs for educational computer games.

HTRA SUMMER DAY CAMP – 2013 ENROLLMENT IS STILL OPEN!

The Harding Twp. Recreation Association is pleased to offer its Summer Day Camp program this year from Monday July 1 through Friday July 26. (We will however be closed on Thursday July 4th in observance of Independence Day). Campers can enroll for as many weeks as they wish. Camp hours are from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.-

The Camp Director, LuAnn Romano is an Harding resident, Elementary School Teacher for over 35 years and has been with the HTRA Camp for over 35 years.

Enroll early before it's too late! For more information and enrollment forms visit our website at www.hardingtowndaycamp.com, email us at promano59@comcast.net or call us at 973-326-1775.

TOWNSHIP NEWS: Police and Budget Dominate April Township Committee Meeting

Mark Giansanti, Officer in Charge, was appointed Acting Chief of Police. The intent is to make Giansanti the Chief but this appointment is pending contract negotiations with the PBA. He will get a salary of \$125K and will be "effectively tenured".

Another fulltime officer, Ian Pearson, was sworn in bringing fulltime staff to 10. Compensation will be determined by the PBA contract currently under negotiation. Following TC authorization, the recruitment process began at the end of February. Eighty-four people applied and a dozen were interviewed. Pearson is from Boonton where he was the fire chief and served with the Palisades Parkway Police.

Lastly, authorization was given to recruit a "Special Class 2 Officer" – a part time post where the individual is only paid if used while other full time officers are on vacation or leave. Total headcount is now 10 sworn officers and one special officer, with one more special to be hired. The draft of the report from Blue Shield Consulting has been completed and will be presented at the May TC meeting.

The budget for 2013 was adopted as it was presented in prior meetings so we will not go into detail. As we have reported before, Sandy Storm expenses drove an unusually large increase in tax levy. However, unless we experience another big storm this year or other expenses unexpectedly explode, the lack of this \$250K expense next year should permit an

actual decrease in taxes. The TC chose to “bite the bullet” and pay for the Sandy expense this year rather than issuing bonds to smooth it out. The TC has taken operated with this conservative “pay as you go” practice for years.

The Big Three challenges remains (1) the PBA contract, (2) proactive management of benefits and (3) mandates out of Trenton regarding affordable housing.

Other Items: (1) Roberta Shields, the citizen who organizes the volunteer goose control effort, and Tract Toriebio, head of the DPW, were appointed to the Citizens Park Advisory Committee. CPAC was re-staffed due to “some personality issues” and a need to rewrite the mission statement. In response to comments from the public, the mayor and other TC members were emphatic that the re-staffing of CPAC (and of the Alliance Against Drug Abuse) was not politically motivated. (2) Fishing contest at Bayne Park pond was a success with 120 fish being caught, at \$4 per fish; (3) Information technology expenditures are under review. It costs are over \$2K per month and web hosting is costs \$1700 per year. (3) Heating bill for Glen Alpin was \$698 caught the public’s attention. (4) Contract to cut grass at township properties was let to the low bidder of \$20.3K, just \$110 more than last year.

Harding Open Space Trust meeting April 10 2013

Primrose Preserves/Barrett Field Site Visit – HOST, the Land Trust, and the GSWSA conducted a site visit on March 23rd regarding the proposed access trail from Barrett Field to the upper Primrose Preserves pastures. A presentation will be made to the Township Committee at their April 15th meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Tracy Toribio, DPW Superintendent and Mr. Tom dePoortere of CPAC be copied on any correspondence with regard to Barrett Field and the showgrounds.

Review of HOST Properties:

Mr. Morgan, Mr. Wepler, Ms. Olsen, and Ms. Ward walked Margetts Field, Blue Mill Rd, to see what maintenance needs, if any, are necessary. There are two trees that are potentially dangerous and leaning across trails. Most of the trees that are damaged are located in the woods and are mostly pine trees. Mr. Wepler spoke with Ms. McKane regarding the tree damage and it was suggested that the work be completed through the Co-Op.

Mr. Morgan mentioned that the next property to walk will be Eggert, on Route 202. Ms. McKane asked to make sure the bomb shelter is not sinking and check to ensure the aqueduct is stable. After a discussion, a motion was made by Ms. DiTosto to recommend to the Township Committee that HOST funds, not exceeding \$6,000, be used to clear the tree damage from super storm Sandy at Margetts Field. Ms. Somers seconded the motion and the HOST committee voted to pass the motion.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, April 18, 2013 meeting

Pending Applications

BOA-22-11: 679 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Block 27 Lot 2 Zone RR: Harding Holdings PM LLC (Hurstmont)

There is a list of 11 prequalification items which were reviewed and deemed satisfied. Revised site engineering drawings were submitted to the Board and to the Town Engineer for review and comment. The revisions included specific storm management/drainage issues, grading issues, construction details and a new landscaping plan. Based on the site inspection of April 6, one condition of approval would be that deed restrictions for screening the pool from the Cottage House property be adopted and that deed beneficiary language be put into the Cottage House deed. It was determined that the utility lines would all be underground and that the overhead power and telephone lines in the back of the property will be relocated by JCP&L. All expert testimony has been taken on this application. A conditional motion to approve will be presented for voting at the May 16 Board meeting. This application will be heard first at that meeting.

#BOA-03-13: 7 Orchard Drive, Block 17, Lot 29

Due to lack of a quorum on the Board, a motion to approve was not considered. This application will be continued at the May 16 meeting.

#BOA-06-13: 17 Youngs Road, Block 47, Lot 11.01

A conditional motion to approve this application was voted on and approved.

New Application

#BOA-09-13: 150 Sand Spring Road, Block 23 Lot 14

(c) Variance to allow construction of a detached garage. Discussion moved to May 16 meeting.

#BOA-25-10: 563 Tempe Wicke Road, Block31, Lot 1

This was an informal discussion regarding an addition by the applicant beyond the conditions stipulated in the board's adopted resolution by 58 square feet. The Board granted the addition, but noted that this would be the last exception for this site.

April 23, 2013 Special Meeting: #BOA-23-01: Cell Tower application at 501 Tempe Wicke Road

After many months of technical testimony and deliberation by the Board, the full Board rejected the application to construct a cell tower on the property of the Seventh Day Adventist Church (Block 33, lot 9) at the corner of Tempe Wick Rd and Mt Kemble Ave. The variances sought under the application were for setback from Mount Kemble Avenue, height of the tower, lot coverage and associated storm drainage. The motion which was voted on contained 12 conditions which would have had to be met had the motion passed. Due to the nature of the application, more than a simple majority was required to approve. 5 of 7 votes were needed to carry the approval motion – the final vote was 4 in favor, 3 against. The Applicant, Sector Site (for T-Mobile and Cingular) has the following options for recourse: appeal to the Township Committee; sue the Township; revise the design and begin a new application for the site; design and build across the street at a previously proposed Department of Transportation site. By Federal law, a community is obligated to provide a satisfactory location for a signal amplifying cell tower if a cell phone carrier can demonstrate that there is a gap in signal coverage. During the course of expert testimony, such a gap was proven by T-Mobile and Cingular.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Board of Education Meeting, April 15, 2013

The new School Director of Curriculum/Principal Matthew Spelker was introduced and formally approved by the Board. An update on the progress of the "Data Dashboard" was presented by the Superintendent. This Dashboard is a dynamic collection of facts and statistics regarding many aspects of the Harding School System and is posted on the website. Viewed as a continual "work in progress" as regards its content of up-to-date information, the basic format structure is basically complete.

The school lunch contract is up for renewal/rebidding, an event which happens every 5 years. Although there was general satisfaction regarding the quality or service, the Board requested an effort be made to solicit bids so that a comparison of what is available may be made.

The School Board members completed the required Ethics Training program, each receiving a packet of information and guidance. Each member also had to submit financial disclosure information.

One HIB case was reported by the Superintendent. The reporting form that is currently used will be reviewed to see how it identifies repeat offenders or victims, as the board felt that such information would be useful in monitoring the program.

MAP testing provides results to the teacher and the parents regarding a student's relative standing in the class and nationwide. One parent asked the board if more comparative data could be released. The Superintendent responded that due to the small class size and the fact that we have only one school in our district, the comparison may not be meaningful and could be misleading. The Board discussed this item and noted that one of the purposes of the MAP test was to help the teacher identify where the student could improve – i.e. where help was needed. Other tests that HTS utilizes give a better indication of relative performance.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, Alex Anemone

On Monday, April 15th, the Board of Education unanimously approved Matt Spelker as Director of Curriculum/Principal for Harding Township School, effective July 1st. Mr. Spelker, a Madison resident, comes to Harding from the Millburn Township Public Schools where he serves as an Instructional Supervisor at Glenwood School. At Glenwood School, Matt also helped write the elementary Science curriculum as well as the elementary Math curriculum. He provided professional development for district staff on the Everyday Math curriculum and helped to align the district's Math standards to the Common Core State Standards. During his time at Glenwood School, the school was named a Reward School for improvement on NJASK scores and he also helped the school adopt a Leveled Literacy Intervention program for their Basic Skills Program.

Previously, he taught fourth grade at Deerfield School, also in Millburn. At Deerfield, Mr. Spelker taught fourth grade for seven years and served as the Lead Math Teacher and Family Math Teacher for the building. In addition, Matt served as the Student Council Leader and wrote the Social Studies curriculum as a teacher representative.

Prior to working in education, Mr. Spelker worked in finance for thirteen years, most recently in an administrative capacity at Commerz Bank. The Harding Township School's Vision Council will be welcoming Matt to their May 22nd meeting to discuss various transition issues. The meeting will be held in the Harding Township School's Library/Media Center at 8:30am and is open to all township residents. We have two upcoming events at HTS that are fun for the entire community. On **Sunday, May 19th from 9:00a.m.-12:30p.m., the Third Annual Car Show takes place at HTS. Come and see the hot rods, sports cars and classic American automobiles. On Sunday, June 9th**, our PTO will be hosting a 5K Run (USATF Certified) and 1 mile Kids Fun-Run.

Civic Association News and Announcements

Civic Association: The next 2 meetings of the Civic Association's trustees will be Wednesday, May 16 and Wednesday, June 19. Both will be held at 7:30 pm in the old library at Kirby Hall. There will be no July or August meetings unless otherwise noted.

The DEADLINES FOR THE next 2 issues OF THE THUMBNAIL are June 14 and September 7. *The June issue publishes late, as the issue following June is September, which appears after Labor Day.* 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, 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 May 18; June 1, 15, 29; July 13, 27, August 10, 24, Sept 7, 21.**

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.

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 Preservation 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 (3 rd Wed)	7:30 PM