

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS **February 2018**

DON'T MISS “MEET THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE”

The Harding Township Civic Association will host the annual Meet The Mayor and Township Committee event on February 6th at 7:30pm, at Kirby Hall.

This is a great opportunity to hear the Mayor and each member of the TC give their take on the challenges and opportunities facing Harding such as Affordable Housing quotas, Glen Alpin Diversion, and property taxes.

The best part of the event is always the Q&A. Please attend this lively informative event.

CHRIS YATES IS MAYOR AGAIN AND HARDING IS REORGANIZED

We don't elect our mayor...directly. We elect our Township Committee and they choose a chairperson from among themselves. Traditionally we call that individual the “mayor” but he/she is really the Chair of the Township Committee. With that trivia out of the way, Chris Yates was chosen again as Chair/Mayor. Yates was re-elected in November to the TC. At the January 3rd TC meeting, Yates and his running mate for TC, Dev Modi, were sworn in and took their oath of office.

The Jan 3rd meeting was the annual “Reorganization Meeting” an important event in the municipal government calendar. At the re-org, the standing committees of the TC (Finance, Personnel, Public Works, etc) are created with a chair and a vice chair. As well the boards, committees and commissions were officially staffed by appointment of the TC. These are important entities and include the Board of Health, Environmental Commission, Historical Preservation Commission, Open Space Trust Committee, and Planning Board. Lastly 11 professional service contracts were awarded for such services as Township Attorney, Labor Counsel, Auditor, Engineer and Risk Manager.

Readers who want to know who was appointed, should visit Harding's website (hardingnj.org), go to “Documents and Forms” tab then click on “Agendas and Minutes”.

After his swearing in, Mayor Yates delivered prepared comments which are included later in this Thumbnail.

CEREBRAL PALSY OF NORTH JERSEY TO ACQUIRE LAND ON RT202

The Harding Township Committee is moving quickly towards the sale of a parcel of land to Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey. The 5.22 acre parcel, officially Block 46.01 Lot 7, is directly south of the Minute Man Restaurant - on the left side as you are going towards Bernardsville.

CPNJ was founded in 1953 by parents of children with cerebral palsy who wanted better services for their loved ones. Begun in the basement of Orange Memorial Hospital, it is now a \$36 million organization with more than 800 staff members and 19 sites, serving more than 1,500 infants, children and adults with disabilities. Depending on engineering and land use issues, either one or two homes will be built. Each building would have at most 5 beds.

The attraction to Harding is that the Township would receive 10-15 credits towards our COAH (Counsel on Affordable Housing) obligation depending on if one or two homes are built. This is a far more generous credit award than a municipality receives when it constructs housing for able-bodied, low-income persons.

The land was acquired some years ago at about the time of the Primrose Preserve Open Space deal. This property is not open space however and is owned by HT. The parcel, which is not buildable except on the northern end, will be sold for a nominal amount to CPNJ.

The public was assured that HT will have some degree of architectural control over the design of what are contemplated as one story structure(s). As well the residents will be “emancipated” adults - i.e. not of school age. The facility will be staffed 24 hours per day 365 per year.

The sale of this property is moving along quickly to accommodate NJCP’s timetable to get funding from Morris County. The subject was first broached at the December 2017 regular TC meeting. Then the “first reading” of the ordinance authorizing the sale was made two weeks later at the Re-Org Meeting on January 3.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Meeting January 8, 2018

The first order of business was to swear in the newly elected board members Kim Macaulay and Abi Singh. That being done, elections were held whereby Davor Gjivoje was re-elected as President and John Flynn as Vice President. The normal procedural/administrative resolutions (those dealing with the order of business and such - an annual requirement) were then passed.

Highlights of the Superintendent's Report were:

- A very successful school concert was held prior to the Holiday break.
- Students are now rehearsing for the school play to be given in March.
- An energy audit is being scheduled, supported in part by state funding.
- Over the break, there was a problem with the septic system which required the original 1969 tanks to be replaced. The contractor worked through this without interruption to school services, not easy in light of harsh weather conditions.
- Various maintenance items were reviewed.
- As a result of dialogue with the Madison School Administration, the Madison Superintendent will be attending our February 26th Board of Education meeting.

The Board President had several comments:

- Commended the Superintendent on his initiative to engage the Madison Administration, enabling us to better follow the progress of our Harding students.
- Noted the upcoming Climate & Culture Report in the February 5th meeting which will give an indication of the "wellness" of our schools.
- Looked forward to starting the new 5 Year Plan, which begins in February.
- Commented on the upcoming Budget preparation - challenging because the out-of-district for special education is costly. (A preliminary report will be given to the public at the January 22nd BOE meeting.)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

February is American Heart month and maintaining a healthy diet and lifestyle are important to fighting cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. In 2012, 5.6 percent of adults in Morris County were diagnosed with heart disease by their doctor. Factors that can lead to heart disease include lack of exercise, poor diet and nutrition, and other unhealthy habits that can take a toll over the years. Follow the tips below to reduce your chances of getting heart disease:

- **Eat healthy.** Choose foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, and sodium. Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nuts. Limit sugary beverages like soda.
- **Exercise.** The American Health Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity at least five days per week and moderate to high intensity muscle strengthening activity at least two days per week.
- **Do not smoke.** Smoking is a serious health hazard and nonsmokers are up to 30 percent more likely to develop heart disease from secondhand smoke exposure at home or work.
- **Manage your stress.** Long term stress causes increased heart rate and blood pressure that can damage your arteries.
- **Know you family history.** Having a relative with heart disease increases your

risk of heart disease.

- Heart disease is 100 percent preventable by making healthy choices and living a healthy lifestyle. For more information, you can visit:
http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/HealthyLiving/How-to-Help-Prevent-Heart-Disease---At-Any-Age_UCM_442925_Article.jsp#.Wkz8m3qovcv

Dog Licenses

Reminder - If you own a dog or dogs in Harding Township, they require a dog license. A 2018 Dog License application can be found on the Health Department website. Please submit your 2018 dog license application with a copy of their rabies certificate that shows their rabies is good through October 31, 2018, to the attention of Lisa Sharp. If you have any questions, please contact the Health Department at 973/267-8000 ext. 1968.

When a Temporary Food License is Needed

This guideline for temporary events was developed from Chapter 24 of the NJ State Sanitary Code and Township of Harding Ordinances.

What is a Temporary Food Event?

A temporary food event is an event that is less than fourteen days in duration where food is prepared, served or sold to the public and is advertised or recognized in the community. The event may be advertised via flyers, banners, signs, newspaper articles, the Harding Thumbnail, social media platforms, such as Facebook or Twitter or any other means. A participant at an event is considered a temporary food vendor.

Examples of Temporary Food Events may include, but are not limited to:

- A fair, carnival, musical event or circus
- Community celebration
- Public exhibitions
- Sports events, including snack concession stands
- Church events (where the public is invited)
- Fundraisers
- Craft fairs
- Open houses
- Farmers markets

Are there any events that do not require temporary food licenses?

Your event is not considered a temporary food event if the event is considered private.

Examples of these events include:

- A meeting or an event for a private or charitable organization, association, a fraternal group or club (i.e. a monthly book club meeting, a Policemen's Benevolent Association meeting, a retirement party)
- An activity in a church or other religious congregation for members only (i.e. fellowship)
- A private gathering such as a wedding, funeral, memorial service, or a birthday

What about a bake sale?

A bake sale is not considered a temporary event as long as only non-potentially

hazardous baked goods such as cookies, brownies, and cakes are offered. A license is not required if the group running the activity posts a sign that states: "These baked goods were produced in a facility that is not regulated or inspected by the local health authority." If you are offering potentially hazardous baked goods such as custard pies, cheesecakes, meringue pies, pumpkin pies, cream-filled cupcakes or doughnuts or real cream cheese frostings and fillings, a temporary food license is required.

Why do I need to obtain a temporary food license?

A license is required by Township Ordinance to help safeguard the public's health. A foodborne illness can occur as a result of poor food preparation. The license ensures food is prepared in a licensed and inspected facility.

How do I obtain a temporary food license?

Contact the Township of Harding Health Department for an application, instructions and fees at (973) 267-8000 extension 1924 or by visiting the Health Department at Kirby Hall located 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon.

When should I submit an application?

A temporary event application should be submitted at least ten (10) business days prior to your event to allow for time to process your application.

How much does a license cost?

A temporary event license costs \$50 for up to three (3) days.

Can I serve wine, beer or alcohol?

Please contact the Township Clerk at (973) 267-8000 extension 1947 for all questions relating to serving alcohol at your event.

I am holding my event in a licensed facility; do I need a temporary license?

Yes, if your event is public and is catered by an outside vendor, then you will need a temporary license.

If I have additional questions, whom do i contact?

For all additional questions and concerns relating to temporary events, please contact the Health Department at (973) 267-8000 extension 1924 or REHS@co.morris.nj.us.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission welcomed Karen Hefner, Jessica Lubow, and Larry Weppler as new Commissioners. Hugh Symonds was elected vice chair, and George Byrnes was approved as secretary.

The EC is working on several upcoming Education and Outreach events:

- All about Bats. On March 6th at 7:00, the commission will host Kathleen Kerwin from the Rutgers Wildlife Conservation and Management Program. Kathleen will share insights from her research on bats, their habitat and approaches to reducing conflicts with humans.
- Build you own Bat Box. On March 10th, 9:00am, the Environmental Commission will host a Bat Box Build event where you can assemble your own bat boxes from pre-cut materials.

- Harding's Ecological Healthcheck. On March 29th at 7:00pm, Dr. Emile DeVito will present results of a plant stewardship inventory that will help the town to understand the relative health of Harding's flora.
- Annual Roadside Cleanup. On April 21st beginning at 9am, the Environmental Commission will host its annual Roadside Cleanup. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.
- Beekeeping. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has issued draft regulations regarding beekeeping that appear to create substantial and unnecessary barriers for hobbyists and small beekeepers. The EC was encouraged to review the regulations and provide feedback to the NJDoA during the comment period.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEW! Toddler Time Wednesdays 1:30-3:00 pm...in partnership with the Kemmerer Library, a play group for children under 5. A time for toddler free play while adults can socialize. Plan to join the fun at the Library, lower level. Healthful snacks provided.

Messy Church, Saturday, February 10 from 4-6 pm...Join us for a fun new way for children and their families to experience church. We'll have crafts and activities based on a Bible story, interactive family-friendly worship, and a simple supper. Admission is free. Children of all ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

The continuing *Sunday Speaker Series* will feature Michael A. Reynolds, Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton, speaking on Russia in Fellowship Hall on February 11 at 11:15. Prof. Reynolds will consider current American-Russian relations: what is it both sides want, what are the obstacles to achieving a mutually acceptable arrangement, and can any such arrangement last? A senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute, our speaker is well placed to lead a fascinating discussion on a hot topic. Bring your questions!

Experience the thrill of hearing world-class music at your doorstep. The Center for Musical Excellence (CME) and the Church proudly announce a joint inaugural Sunday afternoon four-concert series, *Music Made Here*, to be held in the sanctuary. On February 11 at 3:00, listen to the magic of a two-piano repertoire (20 fingers at work!), featuring CME founder and director Min Kwon and Eric Zuber, Chair of Piano at Columbus State University, in a program of Mozart, Schubert, and Rachmaninov. For tickets and information on the entire series, kindly consult: cmemusic.org.

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Groundhog Day Moonlight Hike with Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA)

Friday, February 2, 2018

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Lewis Morris Park, 270 Mendham Road, Morristown, NJ (Meeting place TBD)

We promise this hike will only take place once, despite it being Groundhog Day. But you will wish you could experience it again and again. Lewis Morris Park is a fantastic location for a night hike; rich with screech owl habitat, and with a mix of trails and roads to walk no matter what the conditions. Hazel England, GSWA's Director of Education & Outreach & Land Steward, will kick things off right with hot cocoa and homemade s'mores. She wants to make sure you'll be fueled up for the hike. February 2nd is also Candlemas - an ancient Celtic festival marking triumph of light over darkness; the midpoint of the winter season. C'mon out and join us! Parking and the meetup location will be shared upon registration. Registration is required. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Sign-up at GreatSwamp.org or call at 973-538-3500.

Nature Detective - Kids' Tracks & Scat Hike with Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA)

Saturday, February 10, 2018

10:00 -11:30 a.m.

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA)

1 Tiger Lily Lane, Morristown, NJ (meet at the cul-de-sac)

Tired of being trapped indoors? Are your kids in need of an activity to burn off pent-up energy? Gather up your family and head outside to breathe in some crisp fresh air! Dan Ross, SWA Education Associate, is leading a family-friendly adventure through the snowy forest where you, our nature detectives, will seek out signs of animal behaviors, and the telltale traces they leave behind. Everyone will be on the lookout for animal tracks, working together to identify the various critters, and discover where the tracks may lead. We will also talk about their winter-time activities, and some of the ways they endure throughout the coldest months of the year, in anticipation of the spring thaw. Fun for all ages. Please remember to dress for the weather. Waterproof boots are strongly encouraged. Bring a snack and water if you like. Registration is required. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Full Moon Snow Hike with Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA)

February 15, 2018

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge -Wildlife Observation Center

Harding Township, NJ (meet at the Wildlife Observation Center Parking Lot)

Come hike the moonlit trails of the Wildlife Observation Center (WOC) with the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA) as we listen for nighttime creatures. The open canopy cover and bright moonlight provide the perfect backdrop for you and your "moon shadow" to hear and spot owls as they become more active for the mating season. February's full moon is known as the "Full Snow Moon" due to February's tendency to have the heaviest snowfall. Native American tribes in the area called this moon the "Hunger Moon" because of the difficulty to find food this time of year. But you can bring your own snack! Dress for the weather - waterproof boots are recommended. Directions to WOC can be found on our registration site. Registration is required. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Sign-up online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Popcorn and a Movie with the Great Swamp Watershed Association (GSWA)

Sunday, February 25, 2018

2:00-4:00 p.m.

GSWA Headquarters, 568 Tempe Wick Road, Morristown, NJ

Catch a movie and popcorn with GSWA. "An Inconvenient Truth" is an action-inspiring documentary that follows former Al Gore on the lecture circuit. This critically acclaimed film makes a compelling case that global warming is real, it's man-made, and it must be addressed. Gore presents this information with a humanistic approach, synthesizing humor, emotion, and thought-provoking, scientific facts about global warming's cataclysmic effects on the environment. Registration is required. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

MAYOR'S REMARKS FOR THE 2018 REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 3, 2018

7:30 pm

Welcome to the 2018 reorganization of the Harding Township municipal government. This annual meeting is a hallmark of our democracy where our elected government establishes itself for the coming year.

On behalf of the Town Committee I thank all of you for coming, for volunteering to staff our boards, commissions and committees, and for working tirelessly to keep Harding the best place in New Jersey to live. We thank our fire and rescue squads for the great and important work they do to keep Harding safe. We thank the library, Harding Land Trust, all of the private organizations in town, and our churches for the work they do for us. We thank our policemen for the vigilance and dedication they bring to the force. We thank all of our municipal employees for their hard work and

commitment. We say it often but not often enough: Harding could not function without all of you.

I want to personally thank my colleagues on the Town Committee. They bring incredible dedication and commitment to their work on behalf of the town. They sacrifice time away from their jobs and businesses, their families and their other pursuits to serve the people of Harding, working many hours every week on your behalf.

Tonight we will be appointing many residents to our town boards and commissions. We thank all who volunteered and wish we had openings for everyone. 2017 was a busy year for Harding.

We said goodbye to our administrator Gail McKane and welcomed Robert Falzarano, who has lived up to his reputation as the best town administrator in New Jersey. We thanked Chief Giasanti for his many years of work on our police department. We completed our multi-year road rebuilding program and met our goal of getting every street in Harding restored to top condition.

We refinanced our municipal debt and will realize significant cost savings over the remaining life of the bonds.

We made great progress toward achieving a win-win solution for Glen Alpin. We continued working toward a resolution of the affordable housing litigation and mandate.

We kept our spending and tax increases to minimal levels by maintain our focus on cost management and optimizing our service delivery. 2018 looks to be every bit as busy.

We are working to complete the management transition and to evaluate staffing in the police department to ensure the residents of Harding are well-served in public safety.

We hope to bring the Glen Alpin diversion to a successful conclusion and see the original vision of the town committee and the Glen Alpin conservancy implemented by preserving and restoring the historic structure in a way that relieves taxpayers of the financial burdens associated with the property and ensures the property will be enjoyed by future generations.

We expect to conclude a settlement agreement with the Fair Share Housing Office to wrap up the litigation around the third round of affordable housing. We have settled with the intervenor in the suit and will be signing that previously approved settlement this week. The remaining litigation that will establish our obligation and finalize our compliance should be done by the end of the second quarter. We will

have much more to say about this when we have final agreements with all of the parties.

We are nearing completion of the 2018 budget and tax rate. New Jersey remains a very challenging environment for controlling costs and spending but we anticipate continuing the long trend of tax and spending increases well below the 2% cap. The new administration in Trenton will make our jobs much more difficult but we are committed to Harding's fiscal discipline.

We will pursue open space preservation projects, both as part of the Glen Alpin diversion and from the Open Space Trust. Some important projects are coming together.

We will install the trails on and around the municipal campus, a project that got underway last year with the grant from the county trail program.

We will continue repairs to town hall. You may have noticed that we are rebuilding the rotted windowsills. We have been able to do this work with our own municipal employees at a cost well below what we would have experienced with outside contractors. We will also be rebuilding the front entry, which is in great need of repair.

At the DPW site we will construct the salt storage building and do some work with the recycling buildings. We continue to work on the construction of a new administration building and the repurposing of the administration space of the current building. We are about to sign the lease with Verizon for the cell tower at the site. If Verizon is successful in getting the required variances we expect to do some reconfiguration of the property.

The Morris County Tax Board has ordered Harding to prepare for a revaluation and we will begin that preparation. We will have more to say about this when we begin budget presentations.

There is much to be thankful for in Harding. Our financial condition is the best in the state. We have the finest group of municipal employees in the state. We have the best administrator in the state. We have beautiful open spaces and unspoiled land. We have residents committed to the betterment of our town. We have great volunteers who work for us and protect us. It is with grateful hearts that we welcome 2018.

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Paint N Sip Fundraiser

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by Pinot's Palette to benefit the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

Pinot's Palette in Morristown is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Green Village Fire Department's Auxiliary. The fund-raiser offers a relaxing evening to try your hand at painting while enjoying your favorite beverage. Pinot's Palette is located at 40 Market Street in Morristown. Please visit our Events Page on our website at www.greenvillagefire.com to sign up in advance. Walk-ins are also welcome. This event is BYOB and is open to the public. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Green Village Fire Department's Auxiliary for fire scene relief, training and community outreach.

E-Mail

You can stay informed of the Green Village Fire Department's upcoming events by visiting our website at www.greenvillagefire.com and subscribing to our email list using the "subscribe to email" button. There you can also choose your email preferences.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Meeting At Church Of Christ King Parish Hall at 11am on 2nd & 4th Thursday
February 8 program presented by Ryan Hyman: **On Thomas Nast The 19th Century Political Cartoonist**

February 22 Program: **The Harding Township Police Department**
All Seniors Are Welcome.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Please help us to do our important work preserving and protecting open space in Harding!

Sign up for Amazon Smile: It's easy! To start shopping, visit www.smile.amazon.com and enter "Harding Land Trust". HLT will receive 0.5% of the purchase price (at no cost to you) for eligible items.

To be notified of future promotions, news and events, email Cindy Rice at crice@hardinglandtrust.org to join our email list.

Primrose Farm Wildflower Meadow

The Harding Land Trust is pleased to announce the upcoming Primrose Farm Wildlife Meadow Project! In January 2017, the Harding Land Trust applied for a stewardship grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program. HLT was awarded a 50% match for funding to convert an approximately 12 acre grass field at Primrose Farm into a wildflower meadow with a diverse composition of native grasses and wildflowers. The plantings will have successive bloom times to foster year round visual interest.

HLT received overwhelming support from the community, and land trust's funding portion, made up entirely of donations from local residents, was met before the application was submitted. It is important to note that no funds will come from Harding Township.

The meadow design will include sweeping walking paths which will highlight the diverse ecosystem being restored and will be accessible via a newly improved trail originating at Barrett Field on Brook Drive South.

The project will enhance wildlife habitat by using approximately 126 different native plants that provide diverse and sustained forage, cover, and nesting, and host native butterflies, songbirds, and pollinators. The expected start date for the project is June 2018. Forest trails will remain open throughout the entire process.

For more information, or to follow the progress of the wildflower meadow project, visit the HLT website at www.hardinglandtrust.org and follow HLT on Instagram and Facebook.

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD

Learn Hands Only CPR

February 24 at The Kemmerer Library

Drop in any time between 11AM and 1PM

Join members of the New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad as they demonstrate Hands Only CPR, the simple CPR technique which saves lives. Adults and older children are welcome.

Each year, over 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States. Statistics prove that if more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved. In less than 15 minutes, you can learn this simple technique.

Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to learn more about the First Aid Squad or might consider joining, email us at joinus@nvvfd.org or call 973 538-1277, ext. 3.

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GVUMC, 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale- February 7th and 8th

Join us for our first rummage sale of the year! The sale is February 7, 8am-11am and 4pm-7pm and our bag sale is February 8, 9am-12pm. We have lots of great buys including clothes, shoes, bags, scarves, coats, dresses, baby and children's clothes, bedding, books, kitchenware, toys, craft supplies, candles, movies, home décor, and more. We'll also have a bake sale table. Like the Rummage sale event on the United Methodist Church in Green Village Facebook page for previews of items available for the sale!

Donation items accepted year round

Cleaning out after the holidays? Getting a jump on spring cleaning? GVUMC welcomes your donation of items. Drop items off anytime in the bin alongside the side entrance door to the church. We accept all the items listed in the rummage sale above as well as jewelry and seasonal items. Thank you! (Please

note: we do not accept paint or varnish, VCRs, large exercise equipment, car seats, TVs, cribs or play pens, or large furniture.)

KEMMERER LIBRARY:

Operating Hours: Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-1p.m., Sunday: Closed.

Unless otherwise noted, we ask that you register for our programs in advance.

Please visit our website at www.hardinglibrary.org or call us at 973-267-2665.

If you would like to add your email address to the Library notifications of programs, please send an email to desk@hardinglibrary.org.

Children's Programs:

Toddler Story Time, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. Wendy Marchev and Miss Kryssi welcome toddlers and pre-schoolers to join them for stories, songs, movement, and a simple craft.

Playgroup for under-5s, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Parents and caregivers with babies and toddlers can meet for tea, coffee and a chat whilst children play and meet new friends, downstairs in the Library. Registration not required drop-in when you can!

Crochet Club, Saturdays, 10-11:30 a.m. Please check with the library for current level and availability.

Friday Crafternoon, Friday, February 9, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Miss Stacey will be making Chinese Dragon puppets for Chinese New Year! For kids in K-8. Pre-registration requested please.

Junior Garden Club, Thursday, February 15, 3:45-4:45 pm. This month's theme is 'Bugs, Beasts and Botanicals'. Kids in grades K-7 will learn about bad bugs, good insects and beautiful butterflies; and how important they are to our environment! Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club. This is a very popular program so please register in advance.

Teen Program:

'Chat n' Chew', Middle School Book Club meet on the **first Sunday of every month, 3-4 p.m.** in the Adult Reading Room. On **February 3**, they will be discussing 'Etiquette and Espionage' by Gail Carriger. Sign-up online if you'd like to join them!

Adult Programs:

"e-library", February 13, 11 a.m. - 12 noon. Did you know you can download books and audiobooks to your iPad, smartphones and Kindles via our website? Lara's 'Tech.

Talks' continue with a session to help you access many books and magazines from your own devices. Registration is now open but date and time to be confirmed.

Book Group, Tuesday, February 20, 1:30 p.m. Join our lively book group to discuss 'Anything is Possible' by Elizabeth Strout. The Book Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

Weekly Activities:

Gentle Yoga, Mondays 10:30 a.m. MJ Turnbull's outstanding and hugely popular classes continue. \$10 suggested donation per class, please.

Mah Jongg Club, Thursdays, 12-2 p.m. Social play. All levels are welcome.

Card Club, Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m. Social play. All levels are welcome.

Card Club, Fridays, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon. Canasta, Shanghai Rummy, and more! Social play. All levels are welcome.

Friends of Kemmerer Library:

The Friends of the Library welcomes YOU! Residents are invited to participate in the Friends group by attending our monthly meetings where we develop ideas for fundraising events in support of the Library, and/or by serving as a volunteer on an event committee.

The next meeting of the Friends will be on February 1, 2018, at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

OUR TOWNSHIP'S NAMESAKE IS JEOPARDY ANSWER

On January 10, Jeopardy gave the following clue for a high value question: "Early in the 20th Century, the original 'smoke filled room' in a Chicago hotel chose him as the GOP nominee and soon the President." The correct response: "Who was Warren G. Harding?"

GREEN VILLAGE BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION (HT/GV BPA)

The 2018 riding season kicked off with a very frigid start. We hope that everyone kept both your horse's and yourselves toasty warm, and could get out and enjoy the wintry wonderland on our beautiful Harding Township trails.

The HT/GV BPA will have our First Quarterly Meeting in early February at which time we will be planning 2018's Trail Maintenance dates, Fun shows as well as Riding Clinics.

Additionally, the 2018 Membership Drive will begin in a couple months. So please stay tuned; and check your email and mailboxes for the Membership Drive Registration Letter and Form.

2018 also brings a new Trail Maintenance Committee. The 2018 Trail Maintenance Committee includes:

- Sean Calquhoun
- Kathleen Young
- Ron Young

Don't forget - See Something/Do Something: if you're riding and see "something;" do something. Don't leave a hole, broken glass, fallen branches, etc. that could cause harm to you or your horse, or make the trails impassable, go without action. If you personally cannot correct the situation, please email dorothymccann.dm@gmail.com and the Trail Maintenance committee will be notified.

Social Media: Please visit our Facebook Page at Harding Township Green Village Bridle Path Assoc ; and, when visiting our Facebook Page, don't forget to "Like" our Page! Happy Trails.

As always, remember no motor vehicles of any type are permitted on the HT/GV Bridle Path Trails!

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for **March 2018 Thumbnail** please email to: HTCA@mail.com by **Friday, February 16, 2018.**

MS Word is the preferred format, thank you!

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Upcoming Thumbnail Schedule:

February 2018 Thumbnail deadline: January 12

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HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2018 Recycling Schedule

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| FEB | 10, 24 | MARCH | 10, 24 |
| APRIL | 7, 21 | MAY | 5, 19 |

Hours of Operation:

Wednesdays: 7 am. - Noon (7- 9am self service)

Every other Saturday: 9 am - noon (see schedule dates)

Commingled Recyclables: Consists of all aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles,

all plastic bottles and containers with the Recycling symbol, and #1, 2, 4, 5 & 7. Try to crush plastic bottle to conserve space. Please remember no plastic or paper bags.

Commingled Mixed Fiber: 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), Propane tanks (BBQ size only) and fluorescent bulbs (tube and compact).

E-Waste items accepted: Computers, monitors, laptops and televisions cannot be put into household trash. However, all E-waste items including printers, copiers, fax machines and all computer peripherals can be brought to the Harding DPW recycling center at the regular hours of operation.

Recycling Questions: Please contact Tracy Toribio at Harding Department: 973 267 2448, Mon- Fri 8:30 am to 3 pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Environmental Commission
Seniors: Christ the King Church
Planning Board
Historical Preservation Committee
Board of Health
Board of Education
Board of Adjustment
Township Committee Executive
Township Committee Public
Harding Open Space
Harding TWP Civic Association

Meetings as noted

1st Wednesday 7:30 PM
2nd & 4th Thursday 11:00AM
4th Monday 7:30 PM
1st Thursday 7:30 PM
2nd Thursday 7:30 PM
1st & 3rd Monday 7:00 PM
3rd Thursday 7:30 PM
2nd Monday 7:30 PM
2nd Monday 7:30 PM
2nd Wednesday 7:30 PM
2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM

Time

DATED MATERIAL

Harding Township Civic Association
P.O. Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976
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