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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In 2022, less than four short years from now, Harding will celebrate its centennial year, marking 100 years since our forefathers separated from Passaic Township and formed a new community, naming it after the then-President of the United States, Warren G. Harding. The year-long recognition and celebration of such a milestone will involve all of Harding’s residents, clubs, groups and organizations. Planning, organizing, managing and coordinating the celebration should get underway before the end of this year. The Township Committee is beginning the process of putting the Centennial Committee together and wants to solicit volunteers to serve. The first order of business will be to appoint a chair, followed by building out the committee with volunteers representing all of the clubs and organizations in town. Your help is needed to make Harding’s Centennial a year to remember!

If you would like to volunteer please go to the town’s website, www.hardingnj.org, and click on “Centennial Committee Volunteer Form.” You’ll be able to fill out and submit a volunteer form. If you have any questions or suggestions, you can send an email to centennial@hardingnj.org.

Let’s make this a grand celebration!

EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ELECTRIC POWER OUTAGES IN HARDING

Storm season is upon us. In the aftermath of a storm, have you ever wanted to know...

- Why do I have cable service but no electricity?
- Why does my neighbor have power, but I don’t?
- If I don’t see sparks, can I just go chainsaw the tree that took down the wires?
- Why does it take so darn long to restore power?

You can get answers to these questions and many more on **Tuesday, September 18, at 7:30PM at Kirby Hall.**

Robert Walton, JCP&L Area Manager, will make a comprehensive presentation about how

electricity is delivered to our homes and how the utilities recover after storm damage. He is prepared to answer all our questions about electric power service. This event is being jointly sponsored by the Harding Township Civic Association and Kemmerer Library Harding Township.

PLANNING BOARD

At its meeting on May 21st, the Board approved a resolution for Application PB 01-18 for 18 Griffin Lane subject to clarifying the height and receiving Board of Health approvals. The Board approved the revision of ordinance TC-10-2018 (amendment to the terms “story” and “story and a half”) for consistency with the Master Plan. The Board also approved the draft ordinance TC-11-2018 (zoning permit requirements) for consistency with the Master Plan. Mr. Clew reported that the Advisory Review Committee had met to discuss the exemption for building area for accessory structures that contribute to rural character, and possible changes to address the issue. Mr. Clew also reported the Environmental Commission is reviewing the hunting policy and is soliciting feedback on the policy. Mr. Modi reported that the First Aid Squad is down to 23 members and is looking for additional volunteers. There was a discussion about the memo from Historic Preservation regarding Floor Area Ratio; there will be further discussion at a future meeting with the Planner.

Of particular interest at the meeting on June 25th was a discussion of a proposed Township ordinance meant to deal with the advent of small cell equipment or “nodes” which are being developed in connection with new 5G cell phone technology. These nodes would require poles 100 feet apart which raises a number of issues, such as use of current poles (and permissions required), placement of poles where no poles currently exist, impact of poles on rural character, and so on. The Board agreed to send the Township Committee a memo that the requirements of the technology were inconsistent with the master plan, that the impact of the increase in poles and equipment will negatively impacted the rural character, that public lands should be excluded from the technology, and the distance between needed poles should be maximized.

At the July 23rd meeting, the Board approved a six-month extension for Application PB 04-16 for the property at 61 Village Road. Marketing has proved difficult and the county requirements for access have dragged out the process. Mr. Saulnier reported receiving a memo from the Planner regarding R-3 zoning which will be discussed next month. Mr. Schliefer reported that a new plan for the townhouses at Post House Road will be submitted to the Board of Adjustment in August. Mr. Modi reported that the Township Committee had approved an ordinance creating a zone which will allow Mt. Kemble Associates to construct 96 town home units on a 15-acre vacant parcel along Route 202. Eighty units will be “fair market value” and sixteen will be set aside as low income housing. The agreement will avoid a builder’s remedy lawsuit where the builder could have sued to build even more homes in connection with the ongoing housing fair share controversy.

ASH TREE REMOVAL

JCP&L Aggressive removal of Ash Trees near power lines

The Township has been advised by JCP&L that they are planning on removing all ash trees that pose a threat to their transmission and distribution lines. Trees proposed for removal will be marked with a short strip of pink ribbon stapled to each tree. Adjacent property owners will be notified prior to the removals. I advised JCP&L that ash trees on Township Property that have been tagged with aluminum dog tags have been injected to protect against EAB attack.

ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN

At the July Township Committee meeting, Mr. Matthew Hart was sworn in. Hart has a bachelor's degree from Essex County College of Public Safety. He is now a full time officer with our police department on the usual one year probationary period - annual salary is \$45,219.

The Harding police department has 12 full time officers including the chief and two special police officers.

GEESE PATROL RECOGNIZED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Twelve volunteers were recognized for their service on the Geese Patrol. The Geese Patrol monitors the Bayne Park and nearby properties for wild geese and uses state of the art techniques to prevent them from taking up residence. The 12 individuals are Christine Katz, Stacey Hollenbeck, Richard Clew, Mare Olsen, Nancy Barrett, Larry Weppler, Roberta Shields, Tracy Waddelow, Pat Posen, Melissa Simon, Gwenn Claytor and Leslie Marchese.

TOWNHOUSE ZONE CREATED FOR MT KEMBLE ROAD PROJECT

Another hurdle was cleared for the development by Mt Kemble Associates of the townhouse project on Mt Kemble Road behind the old AT&T Long Lines facility. A special zone for the project was created and approved for the project which will include a number of COAH units.

ROLLING HILLS LANDFILL SUPERFUND SITE

The Rolling Knolls Landfill site is located in Green Village (aka Chatham) on Brittain Road. The nearly 200-acre area was used as an unlined landfill for just over 30 years. The privately-owned landfill, which closed in 1968, received solid waste from various parties and this waste included construction and demolition debris, household refuse and scrap metal. Landfill operations contaminated soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater with metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, Freon compounds and volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds (VOCs). It was designated a Superfund site, eligible for federal funds for clean-up.

The plan is for the massive amount of material to be trucked from the site and dumped in better site. A number of parties including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Highlands, and Great Swamp Watershed Association want the site to be remediated in-situ so as not have trucks driving in and out of the site for months, possibly years. The TC was asked to join the

petition to have the remediation plan changed.

BAMBOO ORDINANCE AND MARIJUANA ORDINANCE BEING DRAFTED

The bamboo ordinance is expected to cover the property owner's responsibility to control a species of this plant from invading neighbors' property. The marijuana ordinance which will be similar to ordinances in neighboring towns will control production and sale of marijuana should it become legal in the state.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pathways of History Tour 2018

September 22, Saturday, 10AM-4PM

September 23, Sunday, Noon-4PM

Our own Tunis-Ellicks House is on this year's Morris County Pathways of History Tour. The house will be staffed with HTHS Board Members and others with knowledge of the history of the house and 19th century parlor garden. The 1876 Tramp House, which provided temporary refuge for homeless wanderers post-Civil War, will be open as well. This event is a family-friendly self-guided tour of 17 historic homes and museums highlighting almost 300 years of Morris County history. With free admission at all locations and refreshments at some, the Pathways of History Tour is an excellent idea for a family outing on this fall weekend.

Cost: Free! Detailed maps to assist you on your journey will be available at the Tunis-Ellicks House and all venues. Visit www.PathwaysofHistoryNJ.net for additional details.

A Lecture Series on Morris County History

September 19, Wednesday, 7:30PM

October 17, Wednesday, 7:30PM

November 14, Wednesday, 7:30PM

From its days as the "military capital of the revolution" to the 21st century home of 500,000, Morris County has witnessed more history than any other place in the union. In this series of three lectures, Jim DelGiudice will present with words and images such subjects as landmarks (both famous and hidden), personalities (with an emphasis on women), and technology (from the industrial revolution to the space age). Jim is a lifelong New Jersey resident, photographer, and history expert. His photography has appeared in several National Register of Historic Places nominations, and he has been the primary photographer for two books about NJ architecture.

Cost: Free to HTHS membership and \$5.00 per lecture for other attendees. This lecture series will be held at the Tunis-Ellicks house.

The 35th Annual Antiques Show & Sale

Please save these dates for the 35th HTHS Annual Antiques Show Preview Party and Sale. The Preview Party will be held on November 2, Friday, 6PM-9PM. The Antiques Show and Sale will be on November 3, Saturday, 10AM-5PM and November 4, Sunday, 11AM-4PM.

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

Free CPR Training

The New Vernon First Aid Squad is offering FREE CPR training to all Harding Residents. The class will teach you to effectively respond to family and friend emergencies involving sudden cardiac arrest and choking in adults, children and infants.

Act fast as these classes fill quickly. Classes will be scheduled based on responses from the community. To be on the list for class notification send your name, address and phone number, via email to: joinus@nvvfd.org.

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Golf Outing

Monday, September 17, 2018 starting at 11 a.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

This year's Annual Golf Outing will be held at Fairmount Country Club in Chatham Township. This is a day of fun and prizes for golfers as they raise money to support the Green Village Fire Department. Individuals or groups of four may sign up to play. The day culminates with dinner at the firehouse and announcement of prize winners. The cost is \$185 per person or \$900 for a corporate sponsor which includes a foursome and sign sponsorship. Golf sign sponsors are \$250 per sign that advertise the entire year at the firehouse and all firehouse events. For all repeat sponsors, the renewal fee is \$200 per year. Please visit our website at www.greenvillagefire.com to download a registration and/or sponsorship form. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at greenvillagefire@gmail.com or call Joe Sodano at 973-377-7073 extension 4.

Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 7 thru Saturday, October 13, 2018

A reminder from the Green Village Fire Department to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Visit the [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week) (www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week) for additional fire safety tips.

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department and Auxiliary

Kicking off this year's Fire Prevention week, the Green Village Fire Department and Auxiliary are hosting an open house. Firefighters will be on hand to provide fire safety tips for the young and old as well as demonstrate various firefighting techniques. All are invited to explore the fire trucks, try on real fire gear, spray the fire hose and enjoy some hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. The festivities are from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and the activities are on-going. We hope that members of the community will join us for this free, kid-friendly event. This event will be held rain or shine. Additional information can be found at www.greenvillagefire.com or on our [facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/) at www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/.

Beefsteak Dinner - Tickets Now Available - Limited Seating!

Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Department is running a Beefsteak Dinner. This fundraiser includes a family style dinner consisting of: Spring Mix Salad, Tenderloin Beefsteak on French bread, French Fries and Ice Cream Sundae as well as beer, wine, soda, water, coffee and/or tea. Price is \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door (21 years of age and older please). Seats are limited so get your tickets early! For tickets, or if you have any questions/need any more information please email Mary at Dsnfyreak23@yahoo.com.

Additional information can be found at www.greenvillagefire.com or on our [facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/) at www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/.

Contact Us or Sign-Up for E-Mails

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 and update your email preferences.

Our events can be viewed on our Facebook pages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD.Aux/>

For general questions, please email us at greenvillagefire@gmail.com

For facility rental, please email gvroomrent@verizon.net

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Be Ready Before Disaster Strikes

Did you know September is National Preparedness Month? Hurricanes and severe flooding remind the community of the importance of preparing for disasters. This year's theme is: Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How. Below are tips to prepare you and your family before disaster strikes:

Make and Practice Your Plan: Make a family emergency communication plan, include pets. Keep copies of important documents in a secure place (digital or waterproof location).

Learn Life Saving Skills: Know basic home maintenance to protect your family and home such as knowing how to turn off the utilities in your home.

Check Your Insurance Coverage: Insurance is the first line of defense. Review your insurance policies and update your coverage if necessary. Flood insurance allows families to recover more quickly.

Save for an Emergency: Over 40 percent of all Americans do not have \$400 in savings according to the Federal Reserves. Create a rainy day emergency savings fund and keep cash

on hand for emergencies.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/september>

Influenza Clinics:

The Harding Township Health Department will hold two (2) Flu Clinics for those 65 years of age and older as follows at the Township Municipal Building. For more information contact the Health Department at 973/267-8000, extension 1968.

1. Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 9 am to 11 am; and
2. Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 4 pm to 6 pm

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 Hour (Weekly), Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m., beginning September 11. Miss Kryssi and Miss Casey welcome pre-school age kids to join them each week for stories, songs, movement, and a simple craft.

Friday Crafternoons (Monthly), beginning September 7, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Kids in grades K-8 are invited to come to a craft session with Miss Stacey. Please see our website for details and registration.

Teen Programs:

Chat 'n' Chew Middle School Book Club. Please get-in touch if you'd like to join. There will be a planning meeting in September (please see website for time) and the book club will begin in October, dates to be confirmed.

Jumpstart Your College Essay, September 20, 7 p.m. Presented by Kate Balboni from Balboni College Advising. What do colleges really want? Learn techniques for brainstorming topics, structuring the essay and crafting a narrative that will grab the attention of admissions readers. Please register in advance.

Teen Club Planning Meeting, Friday, September 14, 5:30 pm. We are looking to start a teen 'advisory' club at the Library where teenagers can get involved in community service projects, help to improve the teen collection and help to plan programming for themselves and younger children - whilst hanging out with their friends. We are open to all suggestions! Please join us or register your interest/send suggestions to desk@hardinglibrary.org.

Adult Programs:

Book Group, Tuesday, September 18, 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to join our lively book group to discuss this month's double-bill: *'Hidden America'* by Jean Marie Laskas & *'Calypso'* by David Sedaris. Registration not required.

Socially Responsible Investing, Wednesday, September 19, 1 p.m. Michael S. Maglio from Charter Advisory Group (Bedminster, NJ) will explore the key aspects of Socially Responsible Investing and the concepts of Impact Investing and Venture Philanthropy.

Katherine Mahony Designs, Thursday, September 27, 2 p.m. Join us to hear how Katherine has built a successful ready-to-wear womenswear business that operates out of her Harding home! Recently featured at New York Fashion Week and in British Vogue, Katherine's range features designs inspired from her experiences around the world, using luxury fabrics such as tweed and cashmere. Pieces will be available for purchase and styling advice will be on-hand! Refreshments will be served. Please register in advance.

'Finding Your Happiness', Monday, October 1, 1 p.m. Presented by therapist and educator, Diane Lang. What changes can we make in our lives to be happier and healthier? Learn new ways of thinking and behaving that can help to make you happier. Please register in advance.

Weekly Activities:

NEW! Knitting Circle, Mondays at 1 p.m., beginning on September 17. Open to all levels of adults who love to knit or crochet.

Gentle Yoga, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Our very 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, 2 p.m. Social play. All levels are welcome.

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

The Friends of the Library welcomes YOU! Residents are invited to participate in the Friends group by attending our monthly meetings (on the first Thursday of the month) 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 Thursday, September 6, at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

Kemmerer Library Special Fundraiser Event

Join us in welcoming Lark Mason, Expert Antique Appraiser
September 15, 5-7 p.m. (Private Appraisals 4-5 p.m.)

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

66th Annual Country Auction

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29th RAIN OR SHINE Parking Opens at 6:30AM Grounds Open at 7AM

Auction 9AM - 5:30PM Flea Market 8AM - 5:30PM

Preview 8AM FOOD AVAILABLE Numbers at 7AM

Reserved Seats at 7AM

YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED drop off begins August 28th

2018 Annual Country Auction Drop Off Schedule

Volunteers will be present at the Fire House to accept your donations quickly and efficiently.

For more details about donating go to our website NVVFD.org, call 973-538-1277 ext #4 or

send an email to auction@nvvfd.org

Beginning August 28 through September 22nd Tuesdays - Wednesdays - Thursdays 7PM until

9PM Saturdays 9AM until 2PM

We gratefully look for:

- autos in running condition
- antiques, jewelry, musical instruments
- books, vinyl records, videos, music CDs & DVDs
- clothing, shoes, boots, table & bed linens - CLEANED please
- furniture, juvenile furniture, outdoor furniture (no pressboard or upholstered furniture) - knick-knacks, housewares, lamps, dishes & glassware
- sporting goods, toys & games (no large exercise equipment)
- trailers, lawn tractors & boats
- tools & electronics (no computers or old tube style TV's)

Become a Sponsor for any of the following:

Tents Sponsor \$2,500

Auctioneer \$2,000

Fence \$1,500 Hospitality \$1,000

Port-a-Jon \$ 500

Sponsor yourself -- come out and volunteer, we need help setting up, organizing and more!

Go to our website to learn more about the Auction and Sponsorship:

NVVFD.org

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Harding Soccer is Now Open!

Registration for Harding Soccer is open. Season runs on Saturdays from September 15 - November 3 at the Harding Township School.

PreK and Kindergarten: 9:15-10:00

Kindergarten - Grade 3: 10:00-11:15

For more information and to register online, please see the Soccer page at www.HTRA.info

HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Presentation: How to Measure Natural Land Health in Harding Township

When: Wednesday, September 26th, from 7 to 8:30 PM

Where: Harding Township Municipal Building, 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon NJ 07976

Join Dr. Emile DeVito and the Harding Township Environmental Commission to learn about:

The importance of the food web for pollinators, birds, and other local wildlife provided by native trees and plants

How to recognize healthy vs. unhealthy forest / understory floral layers

How to scientifically assess natural land health including on your own property

The relative health of two beautiful Harding open space properties based on a recent assessment. One is open to deer and the other is closed to deer.

The Environmental Commission held a public hearing on the Deer Hunting Policy in June and issued recommendations to the Township Committee in August. The EC recommended improvements in hunting maps and notices posted on Town properties and a ban on the use of Drones for hunting purposes. A recommendation to allow hunting on Sundays was also made, but additional permissions will be required from the State of New Jersey before this can be implemented. This change and further consideration of the use of baiting will be reviewed prior to the 2019 hunting season.

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has identified defoliation caused by the gypsy moth in Harding Township. Gypsy moths feed on and severely defoliate many species of trees in forested areas. Heavy infestations can lead to tree loss. They will be conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys in the fall to determine the extent of the infestation and make recommendations on treatment.

CAR-FIT HELPING MATURE DRIVERS FIND THEIR SAFEST FIT

Safe Kids Northern NJ, Safe Communities is offering a Free Car-fit event. The program is designed to ensure you fit your vehicle. It offers a multipoint check of you and your vehicle. We include seat adjustments, mirror and steering wheel adjustments. We review all vehicle controls and even discuss the importance of tire pressure. Each inspection takes about 20 minutes. For more information about the program, please visit www.Car-Fit.org. The program is being held at Christ The King Church 16 Blue Mill Road New Vernon NJ on Tuesday September 25, 2018 from 10AM -1PM. We require registration to hold a spot for you. To ensure registration, please contact Bob Conte at rac2386@comcast.net, or call 973.886.1286.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIOR MEETING PROGRAMS

September 13: Car Fit, sponsored by Atlantic Health Care.

September 27: Harding Township Historical Society

HARDING TOWNSHIP/GREEN VILLAGE BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION (HT/GV BPA)

Well that was a quick summer, I don't know about everyone else but it seemed to either be searing hot, or torrentially down-pouring outside just about every time we tacked up our horses. With the crazy weather our area has been having, our trail maintenance committee has been kept busy and I wanted to let our members and neighbors know what our dedicated volunteers have been up to.

The HT/GV BPA has recently purchased a used Kubota RTV for use in hauling equipment to clear and clean our bridle trails. We had anticipated the need for a new tractor but decided

that this was a better choice so that we could more easily access difficult to reach areas in need of clearing. We also purchased two rear tires for our beloved and ancient 1972 Kubota tractor, which is used to mow and keep our trails through the fields neat and tidy. The HT/GV BA also enlisted Environmental Approach to re-build the stone wall jump obstacle at the Spring Valley show grounds, which has been in dire need of repair for several years. So the HT/GV BPA has had quite an expensive summer maintaining and investing in the future of our beautiful trails in the township. Thank you so much to all those who have donated funds which has made all these improvements possible, your generosity and support of our endeavors is truly appreciated.

Make sure to check Facebook and your email for upcoming fall and winter events and enjoy the trails!

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!

THE RAPTOR TRUST

The Raptor Trust will celebrate its 35th anniversary at a special event at the Stone House at Ridge in Warren on Thursday, September 27, 2018. There are many opportunities to support and participate in this monumental celebration. All funds raised will support the Raptor Trust's mission of caring for injured and orphaned birds and providing a humane example of respectful stewardship of our environment. Contact Blake Putnam, Director of Development, by September 13 for further information on how you can be a part of this important and joyous celebration. Phone: 908-647-1091 or Email: bputnam@theraptortrust.org. <http://theraptortrust.org/news/35th-anniversary-celebration/>

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Volunteer Work Day at the CMA

Saturday, September 8, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 53 Tiger Lily Lane, Harding Township, NJ

Come help us maintain and improve our 73-acre Conservation Management Area. Tasks will include trail maintenance, fence repair, and invasive plant removal. Lighter tasks will also be available. Bring your best energy and enthusiasm! Conditions may be wet or muddy. Long pants and sturdy shoes or boots are encouraged. We'll bring the coffee and donuts to help fuel you along. Participants under 14 must be accompanied by a parent - community service hours can be earned for your school. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. *Can't make this date? No worries - we will also*

conduct CMA volunteer work days on October 13, November 10, and December, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Pick a date that works best for you!

Breakfast Briefing: 3-Part Series with Madison Library

A Healthier Morris County: Rolling Knolls Landfill Superfund Update and Community Advisory Group Kickoff Meeting

September 17, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Rolling Knolls Landfill Superfund Update

Helen Fenske Visitor Center, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ

Come join us for an update from the EPA on the status of the Rolling Knolls landfill in Green Village, Chatham Township. We are looking for a few good men and women to participate in a Community Advisory Group (CAG). As discussed in the cover article, the CAG will provide a public forum for the community to discuss their concerns and offer input to the EPA on the cleanup as it moves forward. Even if you are not interested in being a member of the CAG, please join us to learn more about the process. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Evening Briefing: 3-part Series with Madison Library

GSWA - In a Nutshell

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location to be announced

What is a watershed? What is Great Swamp Watershed Association all about? We love answering these types of questions! In a nutshell, we provide: environmental education, water quality monitoring, land preservation and land stewardship, and advocacy for the Great Swamp, and the Passaic River region, from the Great Swamp headwaters to Newark Bay. But what does that really mean? Come find out more about what we do, and how it affects you, your family, and future generations. This event is co-sponsored by Madison Library. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Evening Briefing: 3-Part Series with Madison Library

All About Pollinators

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location to be announced

Pollination - it's not just for bees. Spend the evening with GSWA and learn more about the many different pollinators and what you can do to attract them to your garden. You may be surprised to learn how easy it is to enhance your yard as a home for pollinators throughout the year, and encourage pollinators such as bats, butterflyed, birds, bees, and more. Leave with lists of pollinator-friendly plants for your use at home. This event is co-sponsored by Madison Library. Registration required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org, or call (973) 538-3500.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 9 is *Welcome Back Sunday!* when we resume the regular worship and music program. We will welcome back the Choir and the youth program's Sunday School. On **September 23** we will commemorate the Church's 185th anniversary with special music, honored guests from the past, and a celebratory luncheon. Historic pictures and artifacts will be on display.

Sunday Speaker Series returns for a new season on **September 16** at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall Library with *End-of-Life Doulas: Caring, Compassion, and Control*. Hilary Peppiette, a private client solicitor for over 20 years in Scotland, has helped clients plan these important choices in the form of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives. Now, as an end-of-life doula, she supports dying people and their families practically, emotionally, and spiritually so that they have the best possible quality of life right up to the end.

Center for Musical Excellence

September 15 will be the 12th in the *CME in Harding Homes* series bringing Carnegie-caliber classical music right into our living rooms! The concert will star 2018 CME International Performing Arts Grant winners with special guest Liang Wang, principal oboe of the New York Philharmonic. To receive an invitation, see <http://cmemusic.org>.

Save the Date: **October 14** for *Opera Extravaganza*, the third concert in the *Music Made Here* series. 3 pm in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Camping at Primrose Farm:

The Harding Land Trust welcomes you to CAMP OUT on Saturday, September 29th, 2018. We welcome all Harding children from the ages of 6 to 10 years old and a parent to camp out with us at Primrose Farm, 15 Brook Drive South in Harding. Follow the trail to meet under the big tree. Leave your phone, boom box, electric toothbrush and large screen TV at home. On this camp out, we will listen to the music of the insects, taste a fire pit meal and watch a cosmic light show. The camp out will take place between Saturday, September 29th at 4 p.m. through breakfast on Sunday, September 30th. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, whiffle ball, s'more roasting, flashlight tag, story time and more. Please bring a tent, sleeping bag, change of clothes, flashlight, one gallon of water per person, mud boots and insect repellent. The land trust will provide dinner, breakfast and entertainment. The fee is \$10 per child, \$15 per adult. Please RSVP to jordan@hardinglandtrust.org. Space is limited. In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled and fees refunded.

Upcoming Harding Land Trust & Kemmerer Library:

“Celebrating Harding” Photo Contest

Harding Township students grades K through 12 from any school are invited to submit photos of landscapes, flora, fauna or wildlife (no pets) for our annual Celebrating Harding Photo Contest to photos@hardinglandtrust.org. The contest will run from October 1st to October 15th and the winners will be announced on October 30th. Rules and submission instructions will be posted on the Harding Land Trust and Kemmerer Library websites at

www.hardinglandtrust.org and www.hardinglibrary.org in late September. Photos will be displayed at the Library and posted on the Harding Land Trust Instagram and Facebook account after the contest.

NEW VERNON GARDEN CLUB

Mission: The purpose of the New Vernon Garden Club is to promote learning in all areas of horticulture, to encourage interest and creativity in all phases of home gardening, and to promote practices that add to the beautification of our environment and its preservation for future generations. The NVGC is fully responsible for three of the public gardens in New Vernon: the Tunis-Ellicks Parlor Garden, the Sarah D. Ortman Park, and the George Washington Bicentennial Triangle Park.

Funding: The NVGC is supported by membership, private and civic donations, and fundraising.

2018-2019 Officers

Susan Voetsch, President

Judy Otterman, Vice President

Carol Bicknese, Recording Secretary

Maryanne Janson, Corresponding Secretary

Nancy McClelland, Treasurer

Pam Carlson, Assistant Treasurer

Harding residents who are interested in joining the NVGC may contact Lucy Crotty, Membership Chair: locrotty@gmail.com

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GVUMC, 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale- September 26 and 27

Join us for our final rummage sale of the year! The sale is Wednesday, September 26, 8am-11am and 4pm-7pm and our bag sale is Thursday, September 27, 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! Come meet our new Pastor!

Come meet Pastor Annie at our 10am service every Sunday. All are welcome!

Donation items accepted year round

Cleaning out after the summer? GVUMC welcomes your donation of items all year! 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.)

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for **October 2018 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, September 15, 2018**. MS Word is the preferred format, thank you!

Current and past issues of the Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are available on our Website: www.HardingCivic.org. Send questions or comments about *Thumbnail* to editor to: HTCA@mail.com or PO Box 72 New Vernon, NJ 07976

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2018 Recycling Schedule

September 8th, 22nd

November 3rd, 17th

October 6th, 20th

December 1st, 15th, 29th

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

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