

# Harding Township Civic Association

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2018

#### MEET THE CANDIDATES

Meet the Candidates - October 25

This year there is a contested election for Harding Township Committee. Four candidates, two from each party, are vying for two seats. The Harding Township Civic Association will again sponsor a Meet The Candidates event on Thursday, October 25. The event will begin at 7 PM and be held in the Parish Hall at the Church of Christ the King Church, 16 Blue Mill Road.

Everyone is invited to come out and learn more about each of the candidates.

#### SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE HESNA PFEIFFER AWARD FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

For many years the Harding Township Civic Association awarded its Distinguished Citizen Award to an individual or group that demonstrated significant civic engagement and volunteerism. In 2014, the award was given posthumously to Hesna Pfeiffer, a thoroughly engaged citizen of Harding Township, for her 15 plus years of service as the editor of the Thumbnail, the publication of the Civic Association.

Also in 2014, the Civic Association renamed the award in her honor - The Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement. In making the selection in the past, the trustees have often looked at a citizen's contributions over many years or even a lifetime. In the future the trustees will consider more recent efforts and hope that this will also encourage younger citizens and our youth to get and stay involved with our community.

The Civic Association trustees consider nominations from the town at large and anyone can nominate a candidate by sending a small essay of support to the Harding Township

Civic Association, PO Box 76, New Vernon NJ 07976 or by email to htca@mail.com.

## **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Township Committee Meeting - August 20, 2018

All TC members in attendance.

Police Officer (Class II Special Officer), Matthew Nichy was appointed to the HT Police force.

Bamboo Ordinance Introduced: An ordinance to solve the problem of extremely invasive running bamboo was introduced. Harding is not alone in dealing with this issue according to John Linson, HT arborist. The ordinance targets only running bamboo and is reactive - there is no requirement for authorities to canvas the township. Property owners with offending bamboo have 120 days to comply and submit a correction plan.

Small Cell Equipment, Wireless Cabinets, and Poles Ordinance Passed: The TC passed an ordinance allowing this cell phone equipment to be placed in municipal right of ways.

Marijuana Ordinances Introduced: Two ordinances regarding marijuana were introduced. The first bans businesses from selling marijuana and/or paraphernalia, facilitating the use of marijuana or manufacturing marijuana in Harding. The second prohibits the use or sale of marijuana and/or paraphernalia on public property, parks and/or schools.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Highlights - Board of Education Meeting - 7:00pm, Monday, September 10, 2018.

Our Harding school staff and the Board of Education Members have been very busy during the summer and reviewed their accomplishments at the meeting tonight.

The Superintendent presented the results of a retreat held early in the summer by the Board where they developed four goals they wanted to achieve during school year 2018/19:

Goal #1 - Measure the academic progress of our students through the administration of revised district-wide assessments in reading, math, writing, and so on.

Goal #2 - Continue the process of creating a five-year Strategic Plan which will cover the

period 2019 through 2024. This focuses on where the school wants to be in the future, and the next draft of this plan will be presented by the Superintendent in either a December or January meeting. (It received extensive input from the public, parents, and school personnel, last spring.)

Goal #3 - Continue to enhance safety measures for the school community maintaining confidentiality as needed. This is really an action plan to enhance school security in light of all the domestic terrorist attacks we've had in our schools throughout the nation. Quite a lot has been done. They installed digital cameras at strategic locations. They've installed man-trap doors in the Middle School and man-trap doors for the Elementary School will be scheduled for this fall. (A man-trap door is a second set of doors in the entryways, so that a suspected intruder could be caught between the two doors.) The administration and faculty have undergone safety training, with the Principal completing School Safety Specialist Training of 40 hours. The teachers will complete over six hours of safety training by October 15. Moreover, the Harding Township Police Department completed four hours of active shooter drills with the Morris County Sheriff's office on our premises, whereby they became familiar with our school interior and can work out procedures for containing any intruder. More training in this regard is scheduled. Also an enhanced identification system for employees and visitors is presently being implemented. These undertakings should make all of us in the community and our school children, in particular, feel and actually be a lot safer.

Goal #4 - This deals with the re-imaginings of our library/media center in order to support STEM, as well as to make the library/media center more "relevant" since it turns out that libraries throughout all the schools are being less utilized, at least not in the traditional sense. Research which used to be done in the libraries is now done online using computers and other media resources. Several staff and Board members have already visited other schools who have completed, or are planning, restructuring their libraries. At present, all of this is at the preliminary "concept" level, but in the forthcoming months, these concepts will be made public and discussed.

### **Superintendents Report**

An energy audit was completed with results to be forthcoming. However, it can be expected that significant energy savings will be identified, such as more energy-efficient lighting and heating and air conditioning controls.

Presently the installation of an emergency generator is being investigated. The current estimated price is \$200K covering both school buildings. The facilities and finance committee is working to get this estimate significantly lower. No decision about this project has been made; it is only in the very early and "exploratory" phase. The Board

talked about this in some detail, especially in regards to other uses for these funds - for instance upgrading the air conditioning. It was pointed out that the last school closure was a result of trees blocking the roadway and not specifically a power outage. However, it was brought up that a power outage would affect the building temperature which could cause pipes to freeze, affect food storage in the cafeteria, and have other adverse effects. At any rate, very preliminary investigation continues, and so will the discussions.

Business Administrator - The BA reported that a REAP - Rural Education Assistance Program Grant had been approved for about \$70K for technology - and this will be applied to the STEM program.

During the reports from other members of the Board, discussion ensued about how our Harding students, as they move through Madison High School, become prepared for making good college choices. Aside from the general counseling, they get on selecting schools, what help do they get in choosing schools considering the many different aspects constituting an appropriate college with appropriate financial arrangements. The President of the Board requested that the Superintendent to look further into this matter in his upcoming dialogue with Madison.

The rest of the agenda was routine, and the Board was able to adjourn about 9 o'clock, and it had no need for an executive session.

## **HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Presentation: How to Measure Natural Land Health in Harding Township  
You're invited!

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.

Sponsored by the Harding Township Environmental Commission

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.

## **GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **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 ([www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week](http://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](http://www.greenvillagefire.com) or on our Facebook page.

### **Sporting Clays and Pig Roast**

Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

The annual event will be held at Miele Field, located at the end of Britten Road in Green Village. The event is a 100 Target Lewis Fun Shoot. The entry fee includes lunch and there is an additional Lewis Cash Option. Pre-registration is requested. For more

information or to download a registration form please visit our website at [www.greenvillagefire.com](http://www.greenvillagefire.com). No shot size larger than 7 1/2 will be allowed and eye and ear protection is required.

### **POSTPONED - Beefsteak Dinner**

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this fundraiser has been postponed and a new date is to be determined.

### **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](http://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](mailto:greenvillagefire@gmail.com)

For facility rental, please email [gvroomrent@verizon.net](mailto:gvroomrent@verizon.net)

### **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](http://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](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org).

### **Children's Programs:**

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

**Friday Crafternoon, October 5, 3:45-4:45 p.m.** Kids in grades K-8 are invited to make a paper plate ghost decoration in preparation for Halloween. Registration requested please.

**Junior Garden Club returns, Thursday, October 18, 3:45-4:45 p.m.** Join Mrs. Wilson for a 'Three Sisters' (Corn, Beans, Winter Squash) Indian Planting demonstration in the new children's garden then come inside to make a fall harvest arrangement. All kids K-6 are welcome! Please register in advance.

**Mad Science Halloween Party, Saturday, October 27, 2-3 p.m.** Come in costume and explore the spooky elements of science with some mad scientists! Experience a hodgepodge of startling spells, ghoulish games and eerie experiments and go home with an abundance of magical memories. Registration requested please.

### **Teen Programs:**

**Chat 'n' Chew Middle School Book Club, Sunday, October 14, 3-4 p.m.** The Book Club is expanding! Join us as we meet to plan out another year. Newcomers registration requested please.

**NEW! Teen Advisory Group.** If you'd like to get involved in community service projects, contribute ideas for improving the Library collection, help with programming for kids of all ages - and have fun with other teens, please join our new group! See website for further information and dates of meetings. All suggestions welcome by email to [desk@hardinglibrary.org](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org).

### **Adult Programs:**

**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.

**Mrs. Vail's Closet, Wednesday, October 10, 1 p.m.** Join us to hear about Victorian Fashion from educators at Historic Speedwell.

**Book Group, Tuesday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join our lively book group to discuss this month's double-bill: 'Pachinko' by Min Jin Lee & 'The Cemetery Keeper's Wife' by Maryann McFadden. Registration not required.

**Author Visit, Tuesday, October 16, 3 p.m.** Local author Maryann McFadden who wrote this month's book group choice 'The Cemetery Keeper's Wife' will be joining us for a discussion about her book and her journey to becoming an author.

**Memoir Writing by Storytelling Workshops, Wednesday 17 and 24 October, 1-3 p.m.** With Mary Kenny and Lisbeth DeCotiis. 'We all have a story and all of our stories matter'. Get started writing **your** story. No experience necessary, all welcome, registration not required

**Secrets of College Admissions, Monday, October 22, 7 p.m.** This seminar will help families separate college admissions fact from fiction and enjoy the college process a little more. Presented by Nikayla Loy of Collegewise, college counseling consultants.

#### **Weekly Activities:**

**NEW! Knitting Circle, Mondays at 1 p.m.** 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 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, October 4, at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

The Friends of Kemmerer Library will hold their annual **Shredding Event** at the Library parking lot on Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Wine with Friends III** will be hosted by the Friends of Kemmerer Library, at the Library, on Thursday, October 25, 6-9 p.m. Vendors will be provided by 56 Degrees. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door.

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIOR MEETING PROGRAMS**

October 11 Assistant Prosecutor Brad Seabury: Presentation on Opioids

October 25: Presentation Tim Jones Harding Township Committee Member

### **HARDING LAND TRUST**

**“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](mailto: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 are posted on the Harding Land Trust and Kemmerer Library website at [www.hardinglandtrust.org](http://www.hardinglandtrust.org) and [www.hardinglibrary.org](http://www.hardinglibrary.org). Photos will be displayed at the Library and posted on the Harding Land Trust Instagram and Facebook account after the contest.

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Morris County has changed the name of their Rave/Smart911 emergency alert system to AlertMorris. In our town it is called AlertHarding.

AlertHarding is simply the new name for our Rave/Smart911 system. With AlertHarding, you can receive emergency alerts by email, text, phone or whatever method of communication you prefer.

This system is used to notify you about threats to health and/or safety that may affect your home or workplace. Authorities may use this emergency notification system to send notifications regarding flooding, police activity, utility and municipal road closure events that may require you to take action to protect yourselves, your family or co-workers. Sign up for free at [www.alertharding.com](http://www.alertharding.com). If you had signed up for Rave/Smart 911 or Everbridge alerts in the past your information was forwarded to AlertHarding. However, we do ask that you register again to ensure that your information is up-to-date in the new system.

Social Media is a great source of information so please follow Harding Police Department

and like their page below. Social media should not be in lieu of the AlertHarding system. Not all alerts may be on social media.

[www.facebook.com/hardingpd](http://www.facebook.com/hardingpd)

[www.twitter.com/harding\\_pd](http://www.twitter.com/harding_pd)

Morris County's social media alert accounts on Facebook and Twitter have also changed their names to @AlertMorris. Get updates from the Morris County Office of Emergency Management there.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

A New York Times article reported that the best defense against Lyme Disease is the fox. That is because the White-Footed Mouse is the prime reservoir for *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterium that leads to Lyme Disease and is the fox's primary food source.

According to the Kevin Esvelt, an evolutionary biologist from MIT, the disease cycle of Lyme goes like this: Ticks become infected when they bite an infected mouse. The tick attaches itself to a deer for its second blood meal. The deer conveniently delivers the tick to our backyard where it bites a person and transmits the disease. You reduce the number of mice, you eliminate an infection source for the ticks. While it is impossible to reduce the number of ticks, it is possible to seriously impact and reduce the mouse population.

There are 4 known predators to the White-Footed Mouse in New Jersey: the owl, the hawk, the fox and the coyote. These animals feed almost exclusively on the mice, especially the White-Footed Mouse. Residents need to be educated about the important role these predators play in a community and come up with ways to protect them. Joseph Cervone, M.D., Chairman of the Harding Township's Board of Health sent a letter on behalf of the entire Committee that considers this a public health crisis and recommends that steps are taken immediately to protect the fox and coyote, which are currently unprotected animals. These are natural predators and do a great job if we leave them alone. That means we do not disturb fox dens and we ban all trapping or killing of fox and coyote in the Township. Anyone who has suffered the life changing and debilitating effects from contracting Lyme Disease will appreciate any measure the Township can take to reduce the number of these infections. This is no longer a warm season risk. It is possible to get a tick bite in the dead of winter. Communities must do everything they can to combat this crippling disease and it starts with protecting the two single best known predators for hunting down and eliminating the source of this disease: the fox and coyote.

## **THE RAPTOR TRUST**

“FOCUS ON RAPTORS”—Photo event for amateur and pro photographers. Saturday, October 13, 2PM. Adults only. Limit of 10 people. \$175. Registration is required. To register please call 908-647-1091. For more information see [www.TheRaptorTrust.org](http://www.TheRaptorTrust.org)

## **GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

### **Create Your Own Walking Stick**

Thursday, October 4, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

*GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 83 Tiger Lily Lane, Harding Township, NJ*

Learn how to make your very own walking stick so you can hit the trails with confidence. Retired science teacher turned walking-stick-guru, Brad Koller, leads a fun-filled DIY workshop where you will choose from a variety of rough sticks including red cedar, maple, beech, and iron wood, and walk away with a finished product - and the ability to create one on your own! All tools and safety equipment will be provided. This is one of our most popular workshops and space is limited, so don't miss out - sign up today. Cost: \$30, includes everything you need to create your very own walking stick!

### **GSWA 2018 Gala**

Thursday, October 11, 6:00 PM

*Brooklake Country Club, 139 Brooklake Road, Florham Park, NJ*

Join us as we honor former New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean for his many environmental contributions. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, scrumptious food, and our popular silent auction consisting of magnificent items like luxury vacations, dazzling nights on the town, specialty wines, cool event passes, sports packages and so much more. Come out and support our fabulous fundraiser! Register online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call 973-538-3500.

### **Volunteer Work Day at the CMA**

Saturday, October 13, 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](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call 973-538-3500. *Can't make this date? No worries - we will also conduct CMA volunteer work days on November 10 and December 8, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Pick a date that works best for you!*

### **Natural and Cultural History of Jockey Hollow then and Now**

Thursday, October 19, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

*Jockey Hollow section of Morristown Area National Historical Park, 600 Tempe Wick Road, Morristown, NJ*

Join Eric Olson, Jockey Hollow Park Ranger and Historian, our own Hazel England, Director of Education & Outreach - Land Steward, for a hike and outdoor talk on the natural history of the night - then and now. We will look and listen for owls and other nightlife and hear an 18<sup>th</sup> century viewpoint on how the early century colonists viewed the darkness. Free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Registration required. Register online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call (973) 538-3500.

### **Stream Assessment Training**

Saturday, October 20, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Florham Park Library, 107 Ridgedale Ave, Florham Park, NJ*

Interested in learning how to monitor a stream or gaining a better understanding about stream health? This one-day, two-part training session is for you! An indoor classroom session teaches you how to conduct visual and biological stream assessments and recognize environmental factors that may impact stream health. An outdoor session lets you practice your new-found skills at a local stream site. By the afternoon, you will be a fully trained visual-stream assessment volunteer and ready to conduct an assessment. Tools and supplies will be provided. Be sure to wear shoes that are suitable for walking outside and getting dirty. Preferred volunteers are 15 or older. Younger volunteers are welcome with parent participation. This training will be conducted in conjunction with the AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassador Program. Registration required. Register online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call (973) 538-3500.

### **Change of Color Hike**

Saturday, October 20, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Garret Mountain Reservation, 8 Mountain Ave, Woodland Park, NJ*

October is the perfect time to head outdoors and check out all the vibrant colors of autumn. GSWA Education Associate, Adam Palmer, will take you on a journey through the trails of Garret Mountain and help identify the many varieties of trees and plants as they

begin to prepare for a long winter's nap. Be sure to grab your camera and fill up your reusable water bottle. Wear your hiking boots and dress for the weather. Free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Registration required. Register online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call (973) 538-3500.

### **Evening Briefing: Recycling - What are the Basics?**

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

*GSWA Headquarters, 568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ*

Can I recycle the cap on a plastic water bottle? Are black plastic food trays recyclable? Do I still need to tie up my newspapers? We all know that recycling means separating out paper, plastic, glass and metal from our trash. But understanding the fundamentals of recycling is what helps us make informed decisions on what and how we sort. Learn how "aspirational recycling" can actually be detrimental to the recycling process. Our recycling expert will sort the myths from the facts about the ins and outs of recycling and pass along this knowledge to you, so you can share with others. Light snacks will be served. Free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults/\$5 for children 6-17 years. Registration required. Register online at [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org), or call (973) 538-3500.

Registration is required for all events @ [GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) or call 973-538-3500

Unless otherwise stated, events are free for GSWA members

Non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years

Great Swamp Watershed Association - PO Box 300, New Vernon, NJ 07976 -

[GreatSwamp.org](http://GreatSwamp.org) - 973-538-3500

Contact: Val Thorpe - [vthorpe@GreatSwamp.org](mailto:vthorpe@GreatSwamp.org) / 973-538-3500

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, October 7, at the beginning of the 10 am worship service, the Church will offer a traditional Blessing of the Animals. Join us as we celebrate all of God's creatures.

An Invitation to the Community: starting October 10, *Toddler Time*, a weekly play group for children under 5 and the adults who care for them, will resume in its new location at the Church's Fellowship Hall from 1:30-3:30 on Wednesday afternoons.

*Messy Church* meets on Saturday, October 13 from 4:00-6:00 pm. It is an afternoon of fun, crafts, story and song, and even includes dinner for the whole family. *Messy Church* is free and open to everyone—no church connection is needed. Children of all ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

The *Sunday Speaker Series* welcomes back Dr. Chris Taylor, Chair of the Department of History and Professor of Islamic History and Middle East Studies at Drew, on October 14 at 11:15 am. His topic, World War I and Its Legacy on the Modern Middle East, will explore the consequences of the War and its aftermath on the Middle East over the past century. He will also consider why the legacy of that war continues to impact the politics of this troubled region. Open to the community.

**THE CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE** invites one and all to the third concert of its 2018 inaugural series, Music Made Here: “An Afternoon at the Opera” on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 pm in the Church sanctuary. Favorite arias will be performed by artists from the Metropolitan Opera. Tickets are \$30, available at [cmemusic.org](http://cmemusic.org) or at the door. Not to be missed! Save the date for the final concert of the series on Sunday, December 9.

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:**

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for **October 2018 Thumbnail** please email to: [htca@mail.com](mailto:htca@mail.com) by **Friday, October 19, 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](http://www.HardingCivic.org). Send questions or comments about *Thumbnail* to editor to: [HTCA@mail.com](mailto:HTCA@mail.com) or PO Box 72 New Vernon, NJ 07976

### **HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING**

#### **2018 Recycling Schedule**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **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**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
1st & 3rd Monday  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday  
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