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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2018

Affordable Housing Outcome - Harding Makes the Best of a Very Bad Situation

For about 40 years, New Jersey municipalities, including Harding have been struggling to meet the obligation imposed on them by the NJ Supreme Court to provide a realistic opportunity for the development of affordable housing. Harding has recently come to an agreement with the governing authority, Fair Share Housing Center, regarding a plan to meet our round three obligation.

Harding satisfied round one by sending a large check to the City of Orange in 1996 for 41 housing units. This is not allowed anymore -- the powers want the low income housed within the wealthier communities. Harding met its round two obligation by building 21 rental units at The Farm at Harding (located at Kitchell and Woodland Ave) which gained HT double credit (ie. 42) because they are rental, not for sale, units.

Round 3 has been a complex mess of legal machinations since 2014 when the Council on Affordable Housing process broke down and the NJ Supreme Court intervened and created a new court mandated process with tremendous power. Specifically, if a town were deemed to not be making progress, it could loose control of existing zoning and Master Plan restrictions - so a developer could sure to build high density housing any where. Think 80-100 units on Village Road, Red Gate, Pleasantville, etc - “rural Harding” be damned. In fact, as happened in South Brunswick, where the court required a staggering 2900 units, it appears that Fair Share Housing will demand even more affordable units as punishment for negotiating in good faith. So “just saying no” and refusing to deal is not an option.

Initially, here in Harding the court demanded 300 units and a TOWN-WIDE “overlay” permitting high density housing ANYWHERE a developer chose. The TC rejected those demands as they would have changed Harding forever. The TC wanted to (a) minimize the financial impact on HT, (b) minimize negative impact on HT way of life and open space, (c)

embrace good planning, and (d) reduce the total unit obligation.

The outcome of the negotiations reduced HT's obligation from 300 to 176 units. As well, HT will receive \$1MM from the developer of the property on Rt202 behind the old AT&T Long Lines building. This money will help build 2 more units at The Farm. Perhaps most importantly, the area that high density housing COULD be build is restricted to the lower end of Rt202 on the border with Bernardsville Twp. (More on that later.)

Here's how HT gets to the 176 units:

1. Credits for prior actions - 5 units
2. Credit for Universal Institute Group home - 5 units
3. Two new units at the Farm - 2 units
4. Accessory Apartments - 10 units
5. Cerebral Palsy of NJ group home - 4 units (property just south of Minuteman Restaurant)
6. Hurstmont and Glen Alpin (multi-family and age restricted) - 40 units. This is still being negotiated with the owner of Hurstmont property.
7. Rental bonus - 21 units. Fair housing gives additional credit if the units are rental rather than sale.
8. Adjustment for units in Rt202 Overlay Zone - 73 units.

The big number here is the 73 units for the Rt202 Overlay Zone. That zone includes the two large office buildings and 11 other properties on both sides of Rt202 round, but not including Wightmans Farm.

It is important to understand that HT itself will not build the affordable units. This is fortunate because the allowable rents or sale prices would make that a money-losing proposition. We know this because The Farm loses money.

Rather, the Township is only obligated to "provide a realistic opportunity" for a developer to build the units. Of course a developer would not build affordable units, if he could build higher rent or sale units. So to force the units to be built, the affordable housing scheme makes the developer set aside a percentage (15-20%) of the units he builds for affordable. So this means that the TOTAL number of units that could be built on the Rt202 overlay is vastly more than 73 -- estimated 432-298.

If you have read this far, you are probably asking and pondering the following:

But what about the increase in traffic? Fair Housing doesn't care nor consider.

But what about the increase in school? Fair Housing doesn't care nor consider.

But there is no water or sewage service?! That is the developers' problem.

Does this mean that the current owners have to convert their property to affordable housing?

No, of course not. But it means a NEW owner could tear down the existing building and construct high density housing if and only if he set aside 15-20% for affordable units. Or a new owner might not repurpose the property. All HT has to do is "provide a realistic opportunity" for creation of affordable housing and the plan that was negotiated passed that hurdle.

So will the units ever be built? Ultimately that probably depends if it is profitable for a developer. The project behind ATT Long lines appears to be going ahead. But that is being developed by the Kushner Group, that owns the empty land. On lower Rt202, there are existing profitable assets in place which would have to be demolished and redeveloped. Further the developer would need to get access to sewer and water from Bernardsville Twp. There may more profitable locations for developers than Harding. But this still isn't over. In January of 2025, Round 4 begins and it is likely that NJ's affordable housing steam roller keeps coming with still more obligations. And even before 2025, we can look forward to a mid-plan review of our Round 3 progress. For the calculations and the map of the overlay area, check out the PowerPoint presentation on the Harding Township website.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Harding Township Historical Society is proud to announce two events for November: its 35th annual Antique Show and Sale, and the last of three lectures by Jim DelGiudice. The show and sale kicks off with the Public Preview Party and Sale, with wine and hors d'oeuvres, on Friday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 9 PM, at the Tunis-Ellicks House, Village and Millbrook Roads, New Vernon. The charge is \$40 per person and all are welcome. If you have not received your invitation in the mail and would like to attend, contact Chris Allyn@hardinghist@comcast.net for information or reservations. The sale, itself, is Saturday, November 3, from 10:00 to 5:00, and Sunday, November 4, from 11:00-4:00. General admission is \$6 and it is also held at the T-E House, 16 Village Rd. Several new dealers are among the 28 who are in the house and an adjoining heated tent. Katie Hallenborg specializes in Georgian art and silhouettes, Xioalin Hopkins in Asian jewelry, Whitney Davis in 1950-70's barware and decorator pieces, and Marty's Clock Clinic restores and repairs 19th century clocks. Tickets are good for both days and there is plenty of free parking behind the venue. Jim DelGiudice is a lifelong New Jersey resident, photographer and history expert. His photography has appeared in several National Register nominations and he was the primary photographer for two books about New Jersey architecture. He contends that Morris County has witnessed more history than any place in the union. The third of a series of three lectures about landmarks, personalities (with an emphasis on women) and technology will take place on Wednesday, November 14, again at the Tunis- Ellicks House, at 7:30 PM. It is free to HTHS members and \$5 for other attendees.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education Meeting 09-24-2018

Highlights - Harding Township Board of Education Meeting - 7:00pm, Monday September 24, 2018

Presentation. Harding School Principal and Director of Curriculum Mary Donohue introduced the new 2018-2019 school faculty to the Board and to the members of the public in

attendance. These individuals welcomed to the Harding school community and to Harding are:

Greg Turrone - Fifth Grade teacher
Jennifer Crum - Fifth grade teacher
Kristen Carleen - Speech/Language Teacher
Suzanne Donohue - Social Worker
Jaclyn Majestic - Special Education teacher

Superintendent Report. Superintendent Matt Spelker reported that the monthly Harding-Madison articulation meeting between the two superintendents occurred on September 12th. Discussion items included school safety, the new science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) facilities in Madison, and coordination on snow day closings.

Superintendent Spelker reported that he had been invited, and attended, the presentation by Morris County Sheriff Jim Gannon on Sunday, September 16th, in the Kemmerer Library for Harding residents. Topics discussed by the Sheriff included the opioid drug crisis in New Jersey and school safety. Superintendent Spelker complimented Sheriff Gannon for his presentation and public safety actions, and Harding Police Chief Eric Heller (also in attendance on the 16th) for his and the Harding police force collaborations on safety with the Harding school.

The Superintendent reported the results of a survey of school rankings as reported on the website Niche.com:

At the New Jersey State level for Harding (all rankings are at the top 1-2% level):

- Best public Middle School teachers: #5 of 701
- Best public Middle School: #9 of 716
- Best public Elementary School teachers: #13 of 1397
- Best public Elementary Schools: # 25 of 1419

At the National level for Harding (all rankings are at the top 1% level):

- Best public Middle School teachers: #119 of 22,968
- Best public Middle School: #167 of 23,783
- Best Elementary School teachers: # 333 of 49,485
- Best Elementary School: # 419 of 50,486

Thumbnail Reporter: For Morris County, Niche.com ranked Harding Elementary School as #2 (out of 80 in the county) and the Harding Middle School as #2 (out of 37 in the county).

Facilities and Finance. The Board unanimously approved the September 24, 2018, bill list in the amount of \$486,181. The Board also unanimously designated the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC), a subsidiary of American International Group (AIG), as an approved tax shelter annuity company.

(Note: the purpose of this brief report is to help Harding residents connect with the School by highlighting significant items addressed by the Board and are not “meeting minutes”. Minutes are filed by the Board Secretary and are placed on the Harding School website, generally about a month after the meeting date.)

PLANNING BOARD

The highlight of the August meeting was the Board of Adjustment Annual Report given by Chairman Mike Flanagan. The Board had dealt with many issues during the previous year, including (1) rules concerning home occupations which are silent regarding outside activities, (2) the Harding Green deck issue, (3) the exclusion of generator pads from lot coverage while other types of pads are not, (4) the exclusion of from lot coverage buildings that add to the “rural character,” and (5) the Post House town home project. The Boszhardt application PB# 02-18 for 1 Great Oaks Road was approved with several items for completeness waived (including Board of Health approval, DEP LOI, conservation easements, and lack of landscape plan). A site visit was set for September 15th to view the planned minor subdivision which included a lot line adjustment and variances for two patios. The Board and its Planner then discussed whether Floor Area Ratio (FAR) was a good way to deal with bulk in certain zones such as the R-2. While FAR is good for commercial and multi-family buildings, other approaches can be used for single family homes such as increasing side setbacks, ratio of setback to building height, and reducing building coverage. It was suggested that pictures be taken of the “problem properties” to consider what could have been changed to make them more suitable for the lots. The Board then considered an ordinance concerning invasive plants, and a memo will be sent to the Township Committee indicating it is not inconsistent with the Master Plan and with the suggestion that the Environmental Commission be consulted to make sure the right species were being prohibited. The Board also considered an ordinance prohibiting the cultivation of marijuana, and concluded that an opinion couldn’t be rendered on consistency with the Master Plan because cultivation is currently illegal but if it were, it would be inconsistent because it prohibited growing certain crops.

At the September meeting, Mr. Saulnier reported that Board Member Schliefer was still recovering from health issues and that he had a get well card for Board members to sign. The Board’s approved its 2019 budget which included \$55,000 for updates to the Master Plan which was last reviewed 10 years ago. The Board then continued to review the Boszhardt application on Great Oaks Road. A revised plan was submitted by the applicant, but the solution of moving the new lot line to negate the need for variances for the patios produced a very irregular new lot 7.04 which generated extensive discussion. Suggestions were given for additional changes, and the applicant will consider those and return next meeting for further review. Mr. Saulnier then mentioned that a PowerPoint regarding the affordable housing solution had been posted on the Township’s website. It was reported that the Post House Road application before the Board of Adjustment now contained four units instead of five. The Board agreed that it home occupation activities should include those conducted outside.

A hearing on proposed amendments to open space tables in the Master Plan would be carried to the October meeting.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Antibiotic Resistance: Global Threat to Public Health

Did you know antibiotics do not treat all illnesses? Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria. 2 million people get infected with antibiotic-resistance bacteria each year.

Antibiotic resistance bacteria become resistant to the antibiotics designed to kill them which allow the bacteria to multiply. Overuse and incorrect use of antibiotics are the main drivers of resistance. Bacteria have shown the ability to become resistant to every antibiotic that has been developed.

Antibiotics do not work on viruses such as colds, flu, and sore throat. Antibiotics can cause side effects and lead to antibiotic resistance any time they are used. If your doctor prescribes antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Improving the way we take antibiotics can help fight antibiotic resistance. Simple ways to stay healthy and prevent infection include:

- Cleaning hands
- Covering hands
- Staying home when sick
- Getting recommended vaccines

Antibiotics should only be prescribed if a patient truly needs it.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit, www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use

RABIES CLINIC:

The Harding Township and Morris Township Health Departments will hold a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, located at 22 Village Road, Harding Township on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 am to 11 am. Please have all dogs on a leash and all cats must be in a carrier.

HARDING TOWNSHIP PTO

Calling all Bookworms! The Harding Township School invites you to their annual Book Fair, Saturday, November 17 @ 10-2pm. Purchases support HTS. Stop by the HTS Cafeteria and see a wide selection of books and fun items. The Holidays are fast approaching, why not give the gift of reading! All are welcome.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Get inspired and come see beautiful photographs of Harding taken by our youngest residents! Please join us on November 12th at 4:00 p.m. for a reception at the Kemmerer Library. All

the fantastic photos from the Third Annual Celebrate Harding Photo Contest will be on display. You will have the opportunity to see all the photos, meet our accomplished Photo Contest judges, Ashleigh Scully, Christopher Allyn and Jane Kendall, and congratulate the Photo Contest winners! All the photos are also posted on HLT's Instagram and Facebook pages, so check it out!

Be on the lookout for what's coming in the mail from HLT! Help us help you by keeping Harding so unique!

Come join HLT trustees, friends, and neighbors as we work together to enhance the beauty of Harding on Sunday, November 4th and December 9th (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.). We welcome all volunteers to help clear trails, remove invasive brush and spread woodchips along HLT's new trails at its headquarters, The Gatehouse (located at 10 Harter Road). Recommended attire includes rubber boots, long pants and gloves. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Community service hours will be credited if needed.

New in town? For more information about HLT or to receive our mailings, invites, and/or e-blasts, please call 973.267.2515 or email us at contactus@hardinglandtrust.org.

NEW VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Santa Claus is coming to our town aboard a New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department fire truck. Yes, on the nights of **December 1st and 2nd** (Rain/Snow dates of Dec 8 + 9) between 5:00 and 8:00 PM, we will be making the rounds with Santa to visit your children.

Given the growth of our community in recent years, it is not possible for us to stop at every single house or go up all the long driveways that we have in Harding. We are, therefore, arranging for central stops in certain areas where children from a given road or neighborhood can gather at an approximate time to receive their individual gifts and talk with Santa. In addition, we will stop at as many homes as possible along the roads where a central gathering place is not practical. In order to determine which houses we should visit, we are asking each of you to return the card that will be sent to every Harding resident in November to tell us whether you have children and would like us to stop. It is most important that these cards be returned to us **before November 24th**, or we will not be able to arrange a stop at your house!!

In the event that you did not receive a postcard in the mail with the route information, to arrange Santa to stop, or with any questions, please feel free to email us at nvvfdchief@gmail.com.

Again this year we are proud to be a collection for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program for less fortunate children. Toys for Tots accepts only new, unwrapped toys. Toys can be given to Santa's helpers at the time of Santa's visit.

CAR-FIT NEW DATE AND NEW LOCATION

Northern NJ Safe Communities will be holding a free program called Car Fit for those that still drive their own cars on Tuesday November 6, 2018 from 9:30AM-12 noon at the New Vernon Fire House 22 Village Road New Vernon NJ Car Fit is a multi - point check on how well you and your car work together. Some of those are checks are of : seat belts, steering wheel position, mirror adjustments , operation of vehicle controls. We also do a outside check of tire conditions and inspect for body damage. Each inspection takes about 20 minutes. To sign up or for more information please contact Bob Conte at rac2386@comcast.net or call 973.886.1286. or visit www.Car-fit.org This event is rain or shine.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DELIVERS POSTIVE ANNUAL REPORT

Tracy Toribio, head of the DPW, delivered the department's annual report to the Township Committee. The highlights were as follows:

Road quality, as per an industry rating standard, has improved significantly. In 2014 only 14% of Harding roads were in the "Good to Excellent" category while in 2018 full 63% are in that category. The balance are classified as "Fair to Good" with none rated "Poor to Fair".

Construction of the new DPW administrative building has begun with the site preparation and fence installation.

The DPW had two resignations in the spring but a new qualified man has been hire. DPW employees assist residents with recycling at the designated days.

Due to the temporary manpower shortage, the focus was changed from milling and paving roads to basin rebuilding (25 were rebuilt), sing replacement (24 replaced) and drainage work.

State of NJ fixed the Blue Mill Road section finally as well as Woodland Ave. DPW worked with PSEG and paved Anthony-Wayne, State and St Clair at 1/3 the usual cost.

Morale of the staff was said to be at the highest level in years due to the new building (which will include a decent sleeping area for the long snow-driven shifts) and rebuilding of staff.

BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION

Hopefully we will have a long stretch of pleasant fall weather to enjoy the trails before winter sets in! Thank you to all our members, board members, and people who have made donations to the BPA, for a great if tumultuous (my goodness the weather!) season on the trails. We are all so fortunate to be able to enjoy living and/or riding in such beautiful surroundings and it certainly takes many people giving their time and money to make that

possible to our community. Members keep an eye on your inbox for our plans for the holiday party and yearly donation drive. A tentative date for the holiday party is Sunday the 9th of December so you can plan as I know every one gets so busy the month of December for some reason :) 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!

ORDINANCE TO BAN FOX TRAPPING TO BE DRAFTED

On Monday night Township Committeeman Nic Platt delivered a presentation on the important role the fox plays in keeping Lyme disease in check.

His presentation referenced a study by the Center for Disease Control that found that New Jersey has the third highest number of reported cases of Lyme disease in the nation. Further Morris County has the highest number of infections of all 21 counties in NJ -- sometimes 6 or 7 times other areas of NJ.

Most people probably don't know that only when the tick comes into contact with the white-footed mouse (which harbors the bacteria *Borrelia Burgdorferi*) that the tick becomes infected. If a tick does not come in contact with a mouse its bite does not result in a person coming down with Lyme disease. Deer are not the source of the infection -- Platt said the deer only act as a FedEx truck spreading ticks far and wide.

But the mice are the carriers of the bacteria and the fox is the number one predator to the white-footed mouse. The fox and the eastern coyote are incredibly adaptive and will eat whatever is in abundance - they eat lots of mice daily. What has alarmed wildlife biologists who have been studying this epidemic is that the mouse population is exploding. They point to a study where they put out a series of traps and a few years ago it would result in a very low capture rate. Now when they put out the same traps they catch a mouse 100% of the time. In Morris County the mice in those traps found to have with the *Borrelia Burgdorferi* bacterium was extraordinarily high.

That means that if you know you were bitten by a tick in Morris County you will most likely need to be treated with an antibiotic and not wait for the telltale red ring around the bite spot. This is a "serious public health issue" says Joe Cervone, M.D. an internist and Chairman of the Harding Board of Health. In August this was discussed at a monthly meeting of the Board which resulted in a letter to the Harding Township Committee. At that same meeting it came to the Board's attention that there was fox and coyote trapping in Harding. The letter

asked for measures to be taken to protect the fox and coyote based on its ability to reduce the population of infected mice.

A recent letter to the Township Committee by Gerry Scully, past Chairman of Harding's Wildlife Management Committee stated that the number of fox being killed were at such levels that it was wiping out the very predator that could help stem this disease. The number of foxes taken by just one single out of town trapper was over 68. According to Mr. Scully that could represent between 20 to 30% of the entire fox population in the Township and called for an immediate ban on trapping of both the fox and the Eastern Coyote.

Decreasing these important predators leads to the sad fact that Morris County ranks so highly in Lyme disease. Harding is particularly vulnerable being right on the edge of the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge which does not allow trapping. In the Swamp, the fox and coyote are able to keep the mouse population in check, down in this 7,500 acre refuge. It was also pointed out that when a fox seem to choose to build its den and have its kits in Harding because of the abundance of mice. "Killing fox and coyote is just plain reckless" Platt said. "One fox trapped and killed for a \$12 pelt could easily have eaten a half a dozen infected mice and saved you or your family from a life time of illness". Lyme disease, if not caught early can lead to serious neurological damage, early onset of arthritis and heart problems.

There was support and no voiced opposition from those who attended for the Township Committee to move forward and draft an ordinance to ban killing of fox and coyote as a matter of public health and to stem the cases of Lyme disease among the residents.

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.

Lanzerotti Lecture 2018

Emilio Egea, 'Our Changing Demographics'

Sunday, November 11, 4-5:30 pm, Kirby Municipal Building

The Lanzerotti Lecture was instituted in 2016 in honor of Harding Township resident and former mayor, Lou Lanzerotti, in recognition of his scientific career and many achievements in space research. It aims to highlight Harding residents whose achievements have been recognized and awarded beyond the borders of our small community.

This year, the Lanzerotti Lecture committee is delighted to announce the selection of Emilio Egea to deliver the 2018 lecture. Emilio is a nationally recognized expert and leader in the field of diversity and inclusion, with over 20 years of experience. In his lecture, Emilio will explore current information on how our population is changing, our perceptions of people

who are different from ourselves and help us gain understanding and empathy to deal with those differences.

The event will take place at the Kirby Municipal Building (Town Hall) with a reception following in the Kemmerer Library. All are welcome.

Please register in advance at www.hardinglibrary.org by phone (973-267-2665) or in person at the Library.

Special Family Event - the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players present 'The Troll and the Dinosaur', Sunday, November 18, 2pm, Kirby Municipal Building.

Join us for a delightful family performance of beautiful music woven together with storytelling. Travel to the icy peaks of Norway where you'll meet a brave troll; an adventurous, lovable dinosaur; a princess; an evil sorcerer and more! Suitable for all ages. Please register online or at the Library desk.

Children's Programs:

Toddler Story Hour, every Tuesday, 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.

Mad Science Halloween Party, Saturday, October 27, 2-3 p.m. 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. Costume optional. Registration requested please.

Friday Crafternoon, Pine Cone Owls, Friday, November 2, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Miss Stacey invites kids in grades K-8 to make adorable owls out of pine cones, leaves and acorns. See our website for details. Registration requested please.

Celebrate Harding Photo Contest Awards, Monday, November 12, 4 p.m. Come and see the wonderful entries from this year's competition sponsored by the Kemmerer Library, Harding Land Trust and Madison PhotoPlus! There will be one grand prize winner as well as first place winners in each of three age categories (winners will be announced on October 30).

Junior Garden Club, Holiday Decorating with Nature, Tuesday, November 27, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Join Mrs Wilson and the volunteers from the New Vernon Garden Club to create Boxwood tree centrepieces to decorate your home for the holidays. All kids K-6 are welcome! Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club, "Enhancing the beauty of our town with Nature". Please register in advance.

Teen Programs:

Teen Board Meeting, November 2, 16, 23 and 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Our newly-formed teen advisory group is working on ideas for community involvement, service projects and ‘funraising’ for the Library. Please join us as we make plans for holiday surprises and a family fun event. All teens welcome.

Chat ‘n’ Chew (Middle School Book Club), Sunday, November 18, 3:30 p.m. If you are in Grade 6-8, enjoy reading and chatting about books, this club is for you! Come along this month to discuss ‘The Hate U Give’ by Angie Thomas, and to plan a field trip to the movies. Newcomer’s registration requested please.

Adult Programs:

Paying for College, Tuesday, November 6, 7p.m. Presented by Abby Rosen, CFP of Regent Atlantic. Learn about what options are available if you are planning ahead and what to do if you didn’t plan ahead! Refreshments will be served.

Better Angels Workshop, Make America Relate Again! Saturday, November 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn how people with different views can still listen to and respect one another. If you’re interested in being part of the solution please participate. Lean Blue? Email tomwyka@gmail.com. Lean red? Email kenneth.m.freeman@gmail.com

Book Group, ‘Educated’ by Tara Westover, Tuesday, November 20, 1:30 p.m. Come for a discussion of ‘Educated’, an account of the struggle for self-invention. It’s a tale of fierce family loyalty and of the grief that comes from severing one’s closest ties. All welcome, registration not required. Next month’s book choice is ‘The Girl with Seven Names’ by Hyeonseo Lee.

Weekly Activities:

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. (with M.J.) and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. (with Christa) 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, November 1, at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

Holiday Boutique at the Library, Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Organized by 'The Friends of the Library', just in time for the holidays! Enjoy refreshments whilst browsing beautiful items from a variety of merchants and artisans. Find something for everyone on your list; from toys and candy to gourmet food, homewares, jewelry and clothing. A proportion of all sales will directly benefit the Library. Thank you for your continued support!

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIOR MEETING PROGRAMS

Harding Township Seniors Meeting November 8:

Presentation by Mayor Chris Yates: Harding Township litigation of affordable house settlement.

THE RAPTOR TRUST

Owls in the House

Owl program and nest box building workshop. **Saturday, November 10** at 2pm. Ages 7 and up. \$10 per person (\$40 box kit optional). Registration is required. To register and for more information please see www.TheRaptorTrust.org.

THE LEN SOUCY MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES-Christian Hagenlocher started The Birding Project in 2016, driven by his passion to learn more about birds. Now, he travels the world sharing his knowledge and love for conservation, helping people connect with nature. Hear about Christian's adventures during his amazing 2016 "Big Year" birding win, battling intense heat, rough seas, microorganisms, bears, and border issues to catalog over 700 species of birds in a single year. **Sunday, November 18, 2:00 pm, Somerset County Parks Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge, NJ-\$10 General Admission. \$25 VIP reception and priority seating. Senior discount: \$5 Gen Adm and \$15 VIP**

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Holiday Bazaar, Craft Sale, and Silent Auction- Saturday, November 17, 9am-3pm
GVUMC, 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village. Free entry!

Start your holiday shopping at a wonderful local event. Our holiday bazaar features a silent auction with a variety of gift baskets, high quality items, and gift items for yourself or your shopping list! Last year we had over 70+ silent auction items! In addition to the silent auction there's an array of handmade crafts, Christmas and holiday items, delectables, a large jewelry sale, and a whole room of holiday themed treasures waiting for you. Free entry! See you there and bring a friend!!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday Speaker Series presents Douglas Simon, emeritus professor of political science at Drew, who will discuss “Challenges for American Foreign Policy.” The international system is undergoing major changes, including China’s challenge to American global economic and military power and Russia’s aggressive attempts to regain former geographic and political influence. How the U.S. will react to this emerging environment is one of the most critical questions of our time. Join us on **November 11** at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall for a stimulating talk with questions and discussion to follow. It’s always lively, and all are warmly welcomed.

TODDLER TIME: Are you seeking a place to connect with other children and caregivers in our community? The Church is pleased to host this free weekly program for children under 5 and the adults who care for them. We meet every Wednesday from 1:30 until 3:30 in Fellowship Hall. Drop in and join the fun!

Ready, Steady, Christmas! An Event for All Ages. Join us on **Sunday December 2** from 2pm-4pm. We will have Christmas crafts and a story for younger children, a woodworking workshop for older children, a wreath making seminar for adults run by David Mitchell, and a wine tasting led by Frank Pollaro. Then we’ll all come together for carol singing in the church. For more details or to register, see pcnv.org or call the Church Office 973-538-8394.
CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Save the Date for the final concert of the CME 2018 inaugural series, *Music Made Here*: on **Sunday, December 9** at 3 pm in the Church sanctuary...*Winter Celebration*, highlighting the musical artistry of star CME Grant Winners. The concert will immediately be followed by a festive fundraiser dinner at Il Capriccio (additional ticket required). Visit cmemusic.org.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for **December 2018 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, November 16, 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

November 3rd, 17th

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
2nd & 4th Thursday
4th Monday
1st Thursday
2nd Thursday
1st & 3rd Monday
3rd Thursday
2nd Monday
2nd Monday
2nd Wednesday
2nd Tuesday

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