

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2019

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

The Harding Township Civic Association will host the annual Meet The Mayor and Township Committee event on February 5th at 7:30pm, at Kirby Hall.

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

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

PRELIMINARY SCHOOL BUDGET FOR ‘19-20 REVEALED - TAX LEVY UP 2%

At the first meeting of the new year (Jan 7), the Board of Education unveiled its first cut of the budget for the school year that runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Of interest to all Harding residents is that the budget calls for a 2% increase in the school related tax levy. School taxes account for almost 50% of a total Harding property tax bill. Again this year, the increase in the tax levy (except some allowable exemptions) is limited by state statute.

The budget calls for total spending of \$11.244 million, an increase of 1.8%. The school property taxes provide about 90% of that spending while the other 10% is provided by a myriad of items that are expected to increase less than 2%, hence the total spending will increase less (1.8%) than the tax levy (2%). These other sources (the 10%) of income are NJ state aid (\$272K), “budgeted fund balance” (\$335K), “extraordinary aid/non-public transportation” (\$224K), federal grants (\$137K), tuition revenue (\$98K) and miscellaneous items of revenue (about \$68K).

The 2% increase in school property compares with average ANNUAL increases of 6.01% for the

years 1997 to 2011 (before the cap was instituted) and increases that have since ranged between a low of 1.48% for school year 2017-18 and a high of 3.32% for the 2015-16 year.

On the expense side of the budget various items are increasing more than 2%. Teacher salaries, by far the largest item in a school budget, will rise 2.6% as per the contract with the union. Health and dental benefit premiums will increase. Out-of-District special education tuition, that is, spending to send certain children to other schools, is expected to increase 3-5%.

The plan includes funds some facilities upgrades: a bathroom renovation, HVAC project and STEM-Library/Media renovation, to modernize the library in line with 2020 technology standards.

The Superintendent's presentation listed 16 items that will be funded including safety related (Honeywell Instant Alert; safety upgrades; Safe School staff development), professional and curriculum development, software tool and systems and tech upgrades.

In late February, HT school district will receive final state aid figures. Then in mid-March, the tentative (as opposed to this "preliminary" budget) will be presented to the Board of Ed and submitted to the Executive County Superintendent. The public hearing on the budget will be in late April or early May with the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Notes for December 17, 2018

The Township Committee appointed Alf Newlin to complete the term of Joe Schliefer, which expires December 31, 2020. The Board unanimously approved a resolution thanking Joe for his service on the Board which commenced in 2011. Minutes for the meeting on November 26, 2018 were approved without comment. Items in the liaison report from the Board of Adjustment included continued deliberations on the Post House town home development and a new application for a cell phone tower at DPW. Mr. Dietz reported that HOST was considering new acquisitions, but Mr. Clew indicated that acquisitions were unlikely while the COAH agreement was pending. The report out of the Township Committee indicated the ban on fox hunting was approved for three years. Mr. Saulnier indicated that the Board's reorganization meeting would be held on January 21, 2019. The Town Planner, McKinley Mertz, then went through all the sites that are included in the affordable housing agreement, and how the housing element of the master plan needed to be revised to accept these uses. Proposed changes to the master plan were approved by the Board so that the Township Committee could take further action such as revised ordinances to support the plan.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

On January 7, the Township Committee held its annual “reorganization meeting” where the “mayor” is selected (the citizens do NOT choose our mayor) and committee and liaisons are appointed.

First some background: in New Jersey, the 565 municipalities are organized as one of 5 different types - cities, boroughs, townships, towns, and village (only Loch Arbor). As well, there are 12 forms of government. Believe it or not, a municipality can have a “form” of government that is different from its “type.” Consequently we see the “Township of the Borough of Glen Ridge.” This form/type structure makes NJ one of the most, if not the most, complex states in terms of municipal government.

Little Harding (population about 3200) is a township which has a group of 5 elected officials (the township committee) which serves as both the Executive and Legislative authority. The township form of government is one of the oldest and is derived from the town meeting form used in New England, where a township committee has similar functions to the board of selectmen. A township committee can have either 3 or 5 members (we have 5 in Harding) elected at-large, i.e. directly by the people. Every year, the committee chooses one of its members to be the chairperson, commonly called the “mayor” to moderate meeting of the township committee but having no special powers. All legislative and executive powers are exercised by the committee as a whole. The committee may appoint an administrator to oversee day-to-day operations of the municipality. Harding has such an administrator in the person of Robert Falzarano. Of the 246 townships in NJ, only 144 actually use the township form of government.

At the annual reorganization, recently elected (none) or re-elected township committee persons (Tim Jones, Nanette DiTosto) were sworn in.

Chris Yates was again selected as the chair for 2019 and Tim Jones was selected as vice chair.

Assignments of the five TC members to 14 standing committees were made. Committees range from Finance & Insurance to Planning & Zoning to Technology.

And the TC announced the assignments of TC members and appointments of citizen volunteers to nine committees, boards and commissions, such as Citizens Park Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, and Open Space Trust.

These assignments and appointments can be found on the Harding Township website, www.hardingnj.org - under the Documents and Forms tab, then Agendas & Minutes, then choose the agenda for the Reorg Meeting.

The Harding Township Civic Association will publish the full roster of these appointments in

the Directory to be mailed in February. The directory will also include the function of each committee, contact data and information on how a resident can go about volunteering for appointment.

TC MTG- AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GLEN ALPIN/HURSTMONT, MORE POLICE OFFICERS

At the January 14, 2019 regular meeting of the Township Committee three major topics were covered.

First, a series of four ordinances were introduced that are needed to execute the Township's plan to comply with the Fair Housing mandate. We have discussed the plan at length in prior Thumbnail reports. These four ordinances will alter Township code to accommodate our COAH plan.

Second, the Township passed a resolution to allow Hurstmont Estate Acquisition LLC. to have access to the Glen Alpin Property (presumably with engineers and surveyors) to "determine the feasibility of utilizing a portion of the Property for an onsite wastewater discharge for the Hurstmont Estate development". Hurstmont Estate Acquisition is under contract to purchase the Hurstmont property, which is contiguous to Glen Alpin. Hurstmont Estate Acquisition seeks to build an assisted living facility on the former Hurstmont mansion site and is now investigating the purchase of Glen Alpin and using some of the land for a septic system. Of course the purchase would be part of the Harding's "diversion plan" to put Glen Alpin in private hands. The GA structure would remain and not be demolished as per the terms of the diversion. Members of the public expressed concern that there could be unmarked graves, possibly of slaves of African descent, on the site as the original owner was thought to have over 20 slaves. More recently, a person was reputed to have found bones while gardening. The resolution passed unanimously.

Third and most importantly, an ordinance was introduced to increase the number of sergeants from four to five. This seemingly minor change is part of a plan to re-organize and expand the Police Department by two officers. The re-organization would create a Support Service Division and a Patrol Division, a structure that was called "best practice." The Support Division, headed by one of the sergeants, would perform investigatory follow-up of which there is little to none now and help to increase the case clearance and property recovery rate. It would also handle training, fire arms applications and other tasks. At least in the short run, the plan is expected to save money by reducing overtime and compensatory pay. A Special Meeting of the TC is scheduled for January 28 at 7:30pm to consider again and pass this ordinance.

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

When you call 911, your call is routed to a specially trained dispatcher at the Morris County Office of Emergency Management, who, through a series of carefully selected questions, identifies the emergency, the current status of the patient(s), and dispatches all of the

necessary resources including police, fire, paramedics and the First Aid Squad. While the dispatcher continues to get more information from the caller, these resources are en route to the patient. Additional information received by the dispatcher is then passed on to en route resources by radio.

The New Vernon Volunteer Rescue Squad responds to 911 calls in Harding 24/7. 2018 was no exception. The First Aid Squad cared for 375 patients. The medical emergencies included 2 CPR calls, 133 medical calls, 50 traffic accidents, 44 falls/fractures, 26 calls for cardiac issues, 23 calls for altered mental status, 20 calls for shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, 18 calls for lacerations or bleeding, 17 calls for fainting or seizures, 13 fire calls, 13 calls for pain, 11 calls for trauma and 5 calls for strokes. **In October 2018 alone, the First Aid Squad handled calls for a record 50 patients, the highest number ever recorded in a single month.**

Beyond responses to private residences and local Harding streets, the First Aid Squad responded to emergencies at the Harding School, Wightman's Farm, the Minuteman Smokehouse & Grill, the Market Restaurant, Jockey Hollow National Park, The Great Swamp, the Kemmerer Library, The Church of Christ the King, the First Presbyterian Church, and the Kirby Municipal building. The Squad also serves 7 miles of Interstate 287, and responds to mutual aid calls in surrounding communities. In addition, our trained instructors offer occasional CPR classes to Harding residents

In order to continue to provide the 24/7 level of excellent care that Harding has come to expect of the First Aid Squad, we need new members as drivers, First Responders and EMT's to replace those members who retire due to age, illness or relocation. The First Aid Squad provides all training for its volunteers. **Please join us now!**

To volunteer, or learn more about the First Aid Squad, contact:

- Lotte Newlin 862-812-9997
- Steve Fullenkamp 973-714-1739
- Larry Weppler 917-838-3332

Or email us at this address: JoinUs@NVVFD.org

We are "Neighbors helping neighbors."

HARDING OPEN SPACE TRUST

In January, the HOST Committee elected a new Chairman for 2019, Loren Pfeiffer.

The Committee discussed stewardship options for Margetts Field and agreed to meet with the current entity responsible for maintenance of the field at its February meeting.

Members of the HOST Committee commented on the increased use of the walking trail on the Municipal Building property and over to Bayne Park and encouraged residents to use the trail. The Committee was informed of an offer of available property on Shalebrook Drive. More information was sought.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Harding Land Trust is Applying for its Reaccreditation

A public comment period is now open through March 2019.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. After first becoming an accredited land trust in 2014, Harding Land Trust is pleased to announce it is applying for accreditation renewal. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

“Of most importance to our organization is our public support and the trust that our community places in us,” said Nik Bjorkedal, President of Harding Land Trust. “As our organization continues to grow, it can only do so with the support of our Harding community. Since the Harding Land Trust relies solely on donations and grants to fund all of its stewardship and operating costs, the Harding community's support is not something we take for granted. Accreditation affirms that we are stewarding our land while being responsible to our donors. We value and welcome the input and comments of the public.”

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Harding Land Trust complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org, or email your comment to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Comments on Harding Land Trust's application will be received through March 29, 2019.

New in town? For more information about HLT or to receive our mailings, invitations to upcoming events, and/or eblasts, please call 973-267-2515, email at contactus@hardinglandtrust.org, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

HARDING TOWNSHIP/GREEN VILLAGE BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION

I hope all our members and contributors are having a good start to 2019 and are managing to keep themselves and their animals warm during the last few weeks of frigid temperatures. Please keep your eye on your inbox for future announcements and meeting dates. Attending our quarterly meetings is a great way to meet other members and share your ideas and

concerns with the board.

Thank you to Kathleen for organizing and Dorothy for helping get the Spring Valley showgrounds cleaned up and ready for our first forecasted heavy snowfall.

Thank you so much to all those who have kindly responded to our donation drive, we are off to a good start! The funds that we raise are used to maintain and purchase equipment needed to work on the trails and host clinics etc. Your donations are an important part of making the BPA possible and keeping our trails system open.

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

"OWLS IN THE HOUSE"- Saturday February 16, 2019 at 1 PM. Family Program and Workshop- Learn about NJ's owls, meet a live owl and build an owl house for your own backyard. A great gift for family, friends and for the owls! Ages 7 and up. \$10 per person (\$40 optional owl box kit.) Please call (908) 647-1091 to register. Please park in the Visitor's Lot and join us at our Education Center, 1452 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Groundhog Day Hike

Saturday, February 2, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Rifle Camp Park

387 Rifle Camp Rd., Woodland Park, NJ

Shadow or no shadow, this Groundhog Day hike is happening! February 2nd is the midpoint of the winter season and a great day to get outside and shake off your winter blues. Rifle Camp Park, located just south of Garret Park in Passaic County, is extensively forested and also the perfect spot to catch stunning views of the Paterson skyline. This is an intermediate hike with some ups and downs, and rocky underfoot. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18+, \$5 for children 6-17 years. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Evening Briefing: Lawncare & Gardening - Environmentally-Friendly Solutions

Thursday, February 7, 6:30-8:00 PM

Parsippany - Troy Hills Public Library / Main Library

449 Halsey Rd., Parsippany, NJ

Garden like a water miser and still have the healthiest lawn in town! What else can you do to take care of your yard with the least environmental impact? What's the most effective way to water your plants and lawn without wasting water, and to reap a healthier lawn? Join us as we share top tips for the most environmentally friendly yard, from selecting plants that will make your property an inviting space for the birds and the bees, to lawn care tips that will save you money and time. Everything you do in your yard can have an impact on the watershed you live in - we will help ensure it's a positive impact! This program is cosponsored by GSWA and Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library, 449 Halsey Rd., Parsippany, NJ Library. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. This event is FREE for everyone!

Evening Briefing:

Green Infrastructure for Managing Storm Water: NJ's New Rules
Tuesday, February 12, 6:30-8:00 PM
Summit Free Public Library
75 Maple St., Summit, NJ

Green infrastructure can win a trifecta: managing heavy rain and snow, improving water supplies, and enhancing real estate development. The Department of Environmental Protection is issuing new rules for storm water management that mandate use of green infrastructure such as bioswales, rain gardens, pervious pavement, trees, wells, etc. Learn about these elements of landscape architecture and how they enhance aesthetics, health, and safety from Marian Glenn, Summit Environmental Commissioner and President of the Trustees of the Rahway River Watershed Association. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. This event is FREE for everyone!

Pre-Valentine's Day Wine & Cheese Tasting

February 13, 5:30-7:30 PM
GSWA HQ - 568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ

All you need is love... and wine and chocolate. February is a month for warm feelings and connecting. Come enjoy some pre-Valentine's Day festivities with GSWA. We will pair 8 different wines with just the right chocolates for you to enjoy. You may even discover some tasty ideas for your own celebrations. Best of all, it's free for anyone who is not already a GSWA member, and also for all members who bring a friend! Come sip and sample some seriously tasty pairings! Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Dog and Family Hike

Saturday, February 16, 1:00-3:00 PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA)
1 Tiger Lily Rd., Harding Twp., NJ

Calling all pooches! Grab your family and a leash, and c'mon out to the CMA for a much-needed, mid-winter hike. We know you're ready to get some fresh air and sniff new smells. This is your day! We only ask that you play nice with other dogs, remain on your leash for the full hike, and ask your humans to bring you some water in case you get thirsty, and clean up after you. There is a limit of 15 pups (but no limit on the number of humans) so shake a leg and register today! This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18+, \$5 for children 6-17 years. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Evening Briefing: Environmentally Friendly Cleaning Solutions

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 7:00-8:30 PM

Madison Public Library

39 Keep St., Madison, NJ

White vinegar, baking soda, and lemon juice make a great salad dressing, but they're also the key ingredients of many environmentally safe cleaning products! Learn about the ingredients found in our personal and household cleaning products you may want to avoid, and how products labeled as "environmentally safe" are not all created equal - and why you should be concerned. Common ingredients in many household products can have detrimental environmental impacts on you, our local environment and our regional water supply. You will leave with some homemade cleaning products and DIY cleaning product recipes to start you off right! Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. This event is co-sponsored by GSWA and Madison Public Library.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS

The Harding Township Seniors meet in the Church Hall at Christ the King Church.

February 14 Program: New Vernon Garden Club

February 28 Program: Shop Rite Dieticians will speak on Nutrition & Health foods

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fun for little people under 5 and their caregivers every Wednesday from 1:30 until 3:30 in Fellowship Hall. Put Toddler Time on the calendar!

Sunday Speaker Series: "Farminary: Calling Stewards of the Earth," on February 10 at 11:15 until 12:15. The Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary integrates theological education with small-scale sustainable agriculture. Located at the Seminary's 21-acre farm, it is a garden of innovation and an incubator for leadership. Issues of agrarian thought and practice—ecology, sustainability, food justice—require our faithful attention as stewards of

the earth and its bounty. Nathan Stucky, who serves as Director of the Project, earned M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton Seminary.

Family Film: February 24th at 4pm. Children are invited to come in their pajamas for a movie followed by a spaghetti dinner and ice cream sundaes. No church connection is needed. All ages are welcome to this free event; however, registration is encouraged. Email Hayley O'Connor to register or for more information: oconnorhe@gmail.com

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Music Made Here, the dynamic concert series acclaimed for its world-class caliber of artists and innovative programming, opens its 2019 season on **Sunday, February 10 at 3 pm** with a celebration of Black History Month. Starring soprano Sonya Headlam and pianist Matthew Webb, the program will feature Art Songs and Spirituals by African American composers. To be held at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, 57 East Park Place. Tickets @ \$30, or the four-concert series for \$100. Under 18 free! Tickets at the door or through cmemusic.org.

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GVUMC, 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale- February 13 and 14

Join us for our first rummage sale of the year! The sale is Wednesday, February 13, 8am-11am and 4pm-7pm and our bag sale is Thursday, February 14, 9am-12pm. We have lots of great buys including clothes, shoes, bags, scarves, coats, dresses, baby and children's clothes, bedding, books, kitchenware, holiday/winter decorations, 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!

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Harding Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!

Registration for the Harding Township Day Camp is now open and is your place for summer fun! We provide campers with a positive summer camping experience with a variety of activities that emphasize fun, relaxation and exploration!

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

Lacrosse Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for Spring lacrosse is now open. We offer a Minilaxers clinic for Harding boys and girls in grades K-2 and girls lacrosse for Harding girls in grades 3-8.

For more information, please see the HTRA Lacrosse page at <http://htra.info/lacrosse/>.

Harding T-Ball Registration is Now Open!

Registration for the Harding Township T-Ball is now open. It's still cold outside but spring is

around the corner! Season runs from mid-April to end of May, with games every Friday from 6-7pm.

For more information and to register online, please see the T-Ball page www.HTRA.info

Find more info on all HTRA sports at www.HTRA.info

THE 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 for all events and programs offered by the Library and the Friends of Kemmerer Library, 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.

The Library Needs You!

The Library is looking for volunteers to help on various projects and/or to staff the circulation desk. Projects can be performed on your own time at home or in the Library. Please call in to the Library or send an email to desk@hardinglibrary.org with your interests and specific skills. Volunteer opportunities include:

Programming - join our committee to brainstorm ideas and bring great programs and speakers to the Library; manage one of our speaker events; teach a class or offer a program.

Marketing - if you are skilled at Publisher and/or graphic design, we need you! Event brochures, promo materials, press releases on a specific event or project, or as a general resource for a few hours each month.

Web Design - we are considering a re-design of the Library's website and would welcome technical input and expertise.

Curation of Collection - join a group of patrons who recommend new books, audiobooks and e-books to add to our collection on a monthly basis. This can be via email, if you like, or as a group with others on the committee.

Friends of the Library - join the Friends' event committees to support Art in Bloom and other Friends' fundraisers through the year.

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.

Friday Crafternoon, 'Lovebugs', Friday, February 1, 3:45 p.m. Crafternoons for kids in grades K-8 are held on the first Friday of each month. For Valentine's Day, Miss Stacey will

show you how to make a super cute 'Lovebug' to give to someone special. Registration requested please.

Teen Programs:

Teen Board Meeting, February 1, 4:00 p.m. Our teen advisory group is working on ideas for community involvement, service projects and 'funraising' for the Library. Anyone interested in contributing ideas or helping with projects will be warmly welcomed! Please email desk@hardinglibrary.org to get involved.

Chat 'n' Chew (Middle School Book Club), Sunday, February 10, 3:00 p.m. If you are in Grade 6-8, enjoy reading and chatting about books, this club is for you! Come along to discuss this month's pick 'Uglies', by Scott Westerfeld. Snacks are always available! Newcomer registration requested please.

Family Program:

Introduction to Geocaching, Saturday, February 23, 1:00 p.m. John Neale, President of the Northern New Jersey Cachers, welcomes you to the exciting world of geocaching! Come and hear about this growing sport and find out about the new cache in the Library. Registration requested please.

Adult Programs:

The Beatles: 50 Years Later, Thursday, January 31, 2:00 p.m. Were The Beatles just four 'mop tops' - or a great deal more? Barry Weisenfeld, freelance musician, published author and faculty member of SUNY and Ramapo College, will present a lecture with musical accompaniment on the phenomenon that was 'The Beatles'. Registration requested please.

eLibrary Drop In Help, Mondays February 4, 11 and 25, 1:30 p.m. Learn how to navigate and download eBooks and eAudiobooks from the Library collection to your chosen device (phone, tablet, laptop or Kindle). Please see details of what to bring at www.hardinglibrary.org.

Scarf Tying, February 5, 1:00 p.m. Join our scarf tying class to learn multiple ways to wear a scarf and accent your ensemble. Bring your favorite scarf and your scarf-tying ideas too! Registration not required.

Scarf Painting with Artist Lisa Brown, Tuesday, February 12, 1:30 p.m. Create a unique, decorated silk scarf using unusual methods of stamping, tying and folding. Please register in advance. A \$10 materials fee is payable at check-in.

Visiting Nurse Association Health Talks. The Library is hosting a series of presentations by VNA Community Outreach Coordinators Mary Avenoso and Jamie Bennett. Sign-up for one, two or three sessions at www.hardinglibrary.org.

Caring for the Caregiver: Grant Funded Resources and Caregiving Tips, Wednesday, February 13, 1:00 p.m. An educational presentation with caregiving tips, including how to manage stress that's often associated with caregiving, and information about an array of County and State grant funded programs that can offer support.

Diabetes and You, Wednesday, February 27, 1:00 p.m. An overview of diabetes and pre-diabetes, providing guidelines for how to identify the signs, and offering nutrition and exercise tips.

Home Safety and Fall Prevention, Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. Falls are the leading cause of injury among older Americans and can lead to loss of independence and create undue financial burdens. Join us to learn how to identify potential hazards, modify your home for increased safety, and reduce your risk of falls.

College Prep. Advisory Sessions for Parents and Students:

College Visits, February 13, 7 p.m. Kate Balboni of Balboni College Advising will discuss how to plan and tackle your college visits.

College Merit Scholarships, March 4, 7 p.m. Nikalya Loy from Collegewise of Millburn will be here to explain all you need to know about need-based aid and college merit scholarships.

Author Visit and Book Group Discussion, 'Of Monkey Bridges and Bánh Mì Sandwiches; from Sài Gòn to Texas' by Oanh Ngo Usadi, Tuesday, February 19, 1:00 p.m. (please note change to usual time). All are welcome to hear Oanh share her family's immigration story about how they adapted to a new life in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. Her optimistic tale is inspiring and uplifting. No registration required.

Iconic American Revolution, March 5, 1:00 p.m. Revolutionary War docent Joel Farkas will take you on a stimulating 'walk' through the American Revolution, focusing on the Stamp Act, the paintings and portraits of Washington, the Battle of Bunker Hill, Paul Revere's ride, the winter of Valley Forge, Benedict Arnold, Nathan Hale, Yankee Doodle and more!! Registration requested please.

Regular Activities:

Knitting Circle, Mondays at 1:00 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, 12:00 - 2:00 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.

Monthly Blood Pressure Clinic, the second Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Drop-in to have your blood pressure checked by Public Health Nurse, Kathy Basile. No need to register. Upcoming dates: February 14, March 14, April 11.

FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library welcomes YOU! Residents are invited to participate in the Friends group by attending monthly meetings where we develop ideas for fundraising events in support of the Library, and/or by serving as a volunteer on an event committee. A new schedule has been set for meetings in 2019. The next meeting of the Friends will be on Wednesday, February 6 at 10:15 a.m. Thereafter, meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends, or volunteer at any of our upcoming events, please email us at friends@hardinglibrary.org.

Upcoming Events

Hands-on Cooking Class and Buffet Dinner (BYOB), April 12, 7-9 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of preparing and enjoying Italian food with friends at Healthy Italia, 55 Main Street, Madison. Pre-registration and payment of \$75 required by April 8.

Save the Date for Art in Bloom 2019! To be held at the Church of Christ the King, New Vernon on May 17 and 18. Details to follow.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Financial Report - December 31, 2018

At December 31, 2018, the Harding Township Civic Association had total assets of \$40,702 and accrued liabilities of \$275 or a net worth of \$40,427.

During 2016, the Association had total receipts of \$22,736, primarily from dues and donations, and total expenses of \$25,387, which included the accrued expenses at yearend of \$275. Thus, the net loss during 2016 was \$2,650.

Expenses are primarily associated with the publication and mailing of the Thumbnail and the Association's directory. The Association has taken steps to bring its expense within its current income levels.

Less than 1/3 of Harding households responded this year to the Association's dues solicitation

request. The Association appreciates the support it receives from residents, but encourages all residents to support its mission to create an informed and engaged citizenry and to foster patriotism. The HTCA is an independent, non-political organization not affiliated with Harding Township government or any political party.

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the **March 2019 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, February 15th, 2019**. 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

2019 Recycling Schedule

February	2, 16	April	13, 27
March	2, 16, 30	May	11, 25

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

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