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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2019

PRELIMINARY 2019 TOWNSHIP BUDGET REVEALED: PROPERTY TAXES UP 1.5%

The Township showed the preliminary 2019 budget at the January 28 Township Committee meeting. The bottom line for the taxpayer is a 1.5% increase in taxes.

Recall that your property taxes fund five entities - (1) 46% - Schools; (2) 25% - Harding Municipal (police, DPW, administration, etc.); (3) 24% - Morris County; (4) 4% - Harding Open Space Trust; (5) 1% - Morris County Open Space.

The most recent Thumbnail reported on the preliminary Harding Township School budget. The Board of Ed projected a 2% increase in the school portion of the total property tax. This report covers the second largest portion of your property tax bill - municipal budget. We hope to be able to get some insight into Morris County.

Harding spends approximately \$9.2 million to deliver the various services. About \$5.35 mm, or 58%, of that spend is for compensation. Compensation is budgeted to increase 5.5% versus 2018 driven by a 4.5% increase in salaries and wages (three more employees and 2% increase in pay rate), a 7% increase in health insurance, a 7% increase in social security payments and a 10.8% increase in pension contribution. Non-employee expenses (42% of total spending) are budgeted to actually decrease 2.5%. Two police officers and one DPW employee will be added at a cost of \$90K and \$50K respectively.

Other drivers of spending (“appropriations” in government speak) include almost \$80K for a Redevelopment Study and Plan related to Glen Alpin, \$50K accrual for potential leave

and compensatory time payouts and \$616K (down from \$750K last year) addition to the Capital Improvement Fund.

New Jersey statute requires that the budget must balance. So the revenue to pay for all the spending must also be \$9.2 million. The revenue will come from property taxes (63% of total and budgeted to rise 1.8%), surplus (23%), “municipal revenues” - interest, fees, fines (5%), Energy Tax Receipts (5%) and Uniform Commercial Code - more fees (3%).

For the first time since 2008, the total assessed value of all property in HT (1,928 properties) is forecast to increase. The total is expected to increase \$5.5 million from just under \$2 billion to \$2.005 billion. This increase is driven by new construction and improvements to existing properties outpacing successful property tax appeals. For ten years slow construction was swamped by successful appeals. Now for 2019, with more property to tax, this reduces the amount that most property owners have to pay.

Most property tax payers will see an increase of 1.5%. This equates to a \$44 increase for the average HT homeowner whose property is assessed at \$1.04 MM.

A word on HT debt: at the end of 2019, total debt is forecast at \$4,535,000, down from a peak of \$13.8 million in 2009. Debt could be totally eliminated by 2029 assuming no new issuance for a big project such as a major road re-construction or open space purchase. Harding debt is rated AAA. The purpose of the debt breaks down as follow: Affordable housing (\$1.8mm), Municipal (\$722K), Glen Alpin (\$365K), Wild Life (\$607K) and Open Space (\$1.05mm).

The Harding Open Space Trust, the kitty that is used to purchase and maintain properties, stood at \$2.907 million at the end of 2018. The OS property tax generates about \$800K per year. The rate is set by the TC and can be zero to 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. It is currently 4 cents and will likely be discussed at the next TC meeting.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Notes for January 21, 2019

Mr. Hall opened the 2019 reorganization meeting and announced that Board members Modi, Jones, Clew, and Bjorkedal had been reappointed by the Township Committee. Mr. Saulnier was re-elected Board Chair and Mr. Clew was re-elected Vice Chair. The Board approved a resolution appointing Mr. Hall, Ms. McKinley and Mr. Fox as the Board’s professionals (counsel, planner and engineer, respectively). The Board approved a

resolution setting meeting dates for 2019. The February meeting will be moved to the 19th to avoid conflicts with other meetings. Mr. Saulnier then listed potential objectives for the Board in 2019. He mentioned implementation of the affordable housing plan, lack of vibrancy in the B-2 zone and possible investment there, and the impact of Hurstmont development on Rt 202. He welcomed other ideas from the Board members and suggested fuller discussion at next month's meeting. He also suggested surveying the community to get input. The Board then reviewed, for consistency with the Master Plan, the four ordinances needed to implement the affordable housing plan.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Highlights - Board of Education Meeting - 7:00pm, Monday, January 28th, 2019

The first event of the evening was the presentation to Harding Township's Eighth Grade student Orla Maxwell of a Patriots Pen Essay award from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3401 by Rich Olsen, the Post Senior Vice Commander. In competition among 95 students representing three middle schools in our area, Orla won 3rd place for her essay "Why I Honor the American Flag". This is the first time that the Harding Township School has participated in this annual contest and we were very pleased with the results.

The next item on the agenda was the Superintendent's update on the progress of this year's district goals.

- Measure the academic progress of our students - on track. The teachers administered their baseline test and reported their results to the Director of Curriculum.
- Creation of a five-year strategic plan - this has now been completed
- Enhance the safety measures of the school
- 43 digital cameras for surveillance have been installed.
- Man-trap doors for the middle and elementary schools have been installed.
- The principal and the teachers have undergone numerous hours of specialized safety training.

The Harding Township Police Department completed four hours of active shooter drills in conjunction with the Morris County Sheriff's Department on two separate occasions. Enhanced identification system for employees and visitors to the school has been implemented.

Installation of digital camera software has been made to directly link in real time the displays directly on the police department's computers laptops and other devices. This means that the Police Department, in case of emergency, can see in real time what is happening inside the Harding school.

Begin the process for redefining the library media space in order to support STEM. Visits have been made to the Madison Junior School and several other local schools to see how they have implemented such a system.

Preliminary sketches for what the new library configuration might look like have begun. A process has begun to try to identify an experienced STEM teacher in order to benefit from their expertise during the curriculum development process.

Funding sources and a cost estimate for this project are being investigated.

The next update will be provided at the May 6 Board of Education meeting.

Next was a brief presentation by Ms. Carolyn Simpson of Preschool Advantage, an organization which helps provide funding for early education to local children should they be in need. Presently they assist only independent schools but are interested in developing relationships with public schools as well. This program is for children three or four years old in order to help them be successful when they later attend kindergarten. The Board President thanked Ms. Simpson for this very interesting information.

The highlight of the business portion of the meeting was a discussion of the bids received for the proposed air conditioning system for the elementary school. Seven bids were received, and most were grouped reasonably close together which indicated an understanding of what was required. All the bids however were deemed excessive by the Board for the envisioned scope of work. For this reason the bids will be rejected and different ways of proposing the work will be investigated.

(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". Those are filed by the Board Secretary and placed on the Harding School website for all to view, generally about a month after the meeting date.)

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

The First Aid Squad and the Harding Police Department received a generous gift of new automated external defibrillators (AED's) from a former member of the First Aid Squad, Barbara Ridder Irwin. Mrs. Irwin was unable to attend the presentation but expressed her feelings in an e-mail which was read at the Meet the Mayor event at the Kirby Municipal Building on February 5th.

"I'm so pleased to make this AED donation to the community. It was deeply rewarding to me to serve as a volunteer on the Squad when I was younger, and at 97, it's rewarding to

be able to donate this life-saving equipment to Harding Township. I hope that others in the community will join me in donating their time and/or money to help our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad.”

These new AED’s have been deployed on the First Aid Squad’s ambulance, the Fire Department’s Rescue vehicle and the Harding Police Department’s vehicles. The First Aid Squad needs your financial support, but we also need what Mrs. Irwin gave when she was able, her time as a volunteer. The First Aid Squad is especially in need of additional EMT’s.

Please consider volunteering now, or to learn more about the First Aid Squad, contact:
Lotte Newlin - 862-812-9997
Steve Fullenkamp - 973-714-1739
Larry Wepler - 917-838-3332

Or email us at this address: JoinUs@NVVFD.org
We are “Neighbors helping neighbors.”

HARDING LAND TRUST

Over the past 28 years, Harding Land Trust (HLT) has proudly preserved over 575 acres of open fields, critical woodlands, sensitive waterways and native wildlife habitats in Harding Township. Since 2007, HLT has been protecting Anderson Woods: a 15-acre property safeguarding the Primrose Brook, the surrounding forest, and native wildlife that make up its beautiful heavily wooded, steep, and rocky property. Anderson Woods’ mixed hardwood forest is primarily composed of white and red oak, tulip, poplar, sassafras, hickory, and beech trees. The next time you drive by Tempe Wick Road catch a view of this beautiful property and the Primrose Brook. With your support, we can preserve our rural landscape for current and future generations!

Stay tuned for details on our upcoming Annual Meeting in April which is open to the public. We hope to see you there! New to town? For more information about HLT or to receive our mailings, invitations to upcoming events, and/or eblasts, please call 973-267-2515, email atcontactus@hardinglandtrust.org, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

HARDING TOWNSHIP/GREEN VILLAGE BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION

According to Punxcutawney Phil we will be having an early spring, let’s all hope that will be so. We had to postpone our first scheduled quarterly meeting because of bad weather and will be sending out an email soon with the date and time of the rescheduled meeting. 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. Correction from last newsletter, Martha not Dorothy was helping Kathleen 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

"From Rehab to Release"-Join us Saturday March 16, 2019 for an in-depth look at how we care for the thousands of injured birds that come through the doors of one of the busiest, most comprehensive avian care centers in the United States. Learn about the history of the Trust, as well as the day-to-day operations. We will discuss common injuries and illnesses, medical procedures, and what you can do to help an injured wild bird. \$10/person, ages high school-adult. Please visit <http://www.TheRaptorTrust.org> for registration information.

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Frog Watch & CoCoRaHS Training Workshop

Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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

Do you know your spring peepers from your wood frogs? Have a passion for weather? Hop on over to GSWA Headquarters for this dual, hands-on citizen science program training session where you can become an official FrogWatch and/or CoCoRaHS neighborhood volunteer. Eric Jackson, Environmental Educator at Hartshorn Arboretum, will train you to properly log your frog and toad sightings, which helps establish long-term and large-scale data on amphibian populations. David Robinson of CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network) will teach you to measure and map precipitation (rain, hail and snow) joining a network of other backyard weather observers

of all ages and backgrounds who do the same in their local communities. This is a free workshop. Registration is required. Register online at *GreatSwamp.org* or call (973) 538-3500.

Breakfast Briefing: Lawncare & Gardening: Environmentally Friendly Techniques
Tuesday, March 12, 8:00 - 9:30 AM

GSWA Headquarters, 568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown

A lush, green lawn, beautiful native plants, and a garden that yields healthy produce. This is something many of us strive for each year. But at what cost to our water supply an environment? There are a variety of ways to conserve water and eliminate weeds using sustainable techniques. And now is the time to find out about these solutions, before the last bit of snow melts. Join us as Amy Rowe, Ph. D., County Agent, Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station, demonstrates environmentally sound techniques to get the most out of our gardens this year! This program is free to all GSWA members; a \$10 donation is appreciated from non-member adults. Registration is required. Register online at *GreatSwamp.org* or call 973-538-3500.

Evening Briefing: Water Quality Report Card

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., Summit, NJ

Everyone still asks, "So how's the water?" Come out and learn about the water quality along your stretch of the Passaic River and get the answers. Great Swamp Watershed Association Director of Water Quality, Sandra LaVigne, will present the 2018 water quality year in review, with data from our in-depth sampling program that covers the Passaic River from its headwaters in Great Swamp through the Florham Park/Livingston region. GSWA's new microplastics sampling program will also be discussed. Registration is required. Register online at *GreatSwamp.org* or call 973-538-3500. *This free program is co-sponsored by GSWA and Summit Free Public Library.*

Evening Briefing: Environmentally Sound Cleaning Products

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library (Main Library), 449 Halsey Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054

White vinegar, baking soda, and lemon juice. Believe it or not, these are the key ingredients of many environmentally safe cleaning products. And it all works! 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 DIY cleaning product recipes to make

your own homemade cleaning products! Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. *This free program is co-sponsored by GSWA and Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library.*

Vernal Pool Exploration Hike

Friday, March 29, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 83 TO Lily Ln., Harding Township, NJ

With temperatures rising, the forest floor will be hopping with new life as frogs and other amphibians crowd into shallow puddles of water to breed and lay their eggs. These puddles, better known as vernal pools, provide a perfect opportunity to learn more about Mother Nature here in New Jersey. But we have to hurry! They disappear quickly. This annual Vernal Pool Exploration provides a fun, outdoor learning experience for kids and adults alike. Discover the differences between a spring peeper, a chorus frog, and a wood frog. Find out how far an endangered spotted salamander will walk to find a mating pool. And, learn how much everything we have come to appreciate about the springtime depends upon a few unassuming puddles of water on the forest floor. Warm clothing and waterproof footwear, especially hiking boots, are strongly recommended. This hike is free to all GSWA members; a \$10 donation is appreciated from non-member adults, \$5 for children. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Paterson Falls Explorer Hike and Tour

Sunday, March 31, 12:30 - 3:00 PM

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, 72 McBride Ave., Paterson, NJ

Explore Paterson from the other end of the Passaic. Join us for an afternoon of nature and natural history. Ilyse Goldman, Interpreter at the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, will guide us on an informative hike through the area where we will check out the new viewing platform to explore the 77-foot high waterfall. From there we'll hike along the old raceway, and we'll even squeeze in a museum visit. It's a great opportunity to gain insight into the importance of Paterson, the first planned industrial city that was centered around the Great Falls, and how it changed the face of our country. We will meet at the Great Falls and go from there. Dress for the weather, hiking boots recommended for potentially muddy conditions. This hike is free to all GSWA members; a \$10 donation is appreciated from non-member adults, \$5 for children. Registration is required. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paint N Sip Fundraiser

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7pm to 9:30pm

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

Pinot's Palette in Morristown is hosting a fundraiser on Thursday, February 28th to benefit the Green Village Fire Department's Auxiliary. The fund-raiser offers a relaxing evening to try your hand at painting while enjoying your favorite beverage.

Pinot's Palette is located at 40 Market Street in Morristown. This event is BYOB and is open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome or to guarantee your spot, you can Register In Advance at www.pinotspalette.com/morristown/event/299857. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Green Village Fire Department's Auxiliary for fire scene relief, training and community outreach.

Community Shred Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9am until noon

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

On Saturday, April 13, the Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Department is hosting a community shred from 9 am until noon. All are welcome to bring their personal and business documents for shredding. Sensitive information will be destroyed on-site by a truck-mounted shredder provided by Absolute Shredding, LLC of Hackettstown. Not only will this fund-raiser protect privacy and help avoid identity theft, it will also help to protect the environment as all the shredded paper will be recycled into other paper products.

The cost will be \$5 per file box/brown paper grocery bag. Larger containers will be priced accordingly. No newspapers, magazines, books or binders please. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit the Auxiliary for fire scene relief, training and community outreach. This event will take place at the Green Village Fire House, located at 529 Green Village Road in Green Village 07935 and will be held rain or shine.

Flea Market Fundraiser

Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9am until 3pm

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Department is hosting an indoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 27 from 9 to 3. With 20+ vendors, a wide range of items will be available for sale. Home-baked goods will be available as well. The sale will be held rain or shine. Parking is free. For questions, please contact Janet Doherty at 973-377-4071. If you are interested in renting table space, please go to the "Events" page on our website

at www.greenvillagefire.com to download a form. Table space is limited and will be rented on a "first come, first serve" basis.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS

March 14- Trip to Hunterdon Playhouse & Lunch to "A Irish Cabaret" starring Andy Cooney

April 3- ALL HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Breakfast at the Harding Township School

Breakfast & entertainment from Students of Harding Township School

All Harding Township Seniors are welcome.

RSVP: Mary: 973-971-9926

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please join us for a Spring Recital, "On Love and Spring," Sunday, March 3 at 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Starring Eileen Cooper Sedek, soprano, Theron Cromer, baritone, with Lois Buesser at the piano. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Think Spring!

Sunday Speaker Series: "Relieving Stress," March 10 at 11:15 a.m. If you ever suffer from headaches, stiff neck, insomnia, caregiver or child-raising challenges, consider a dose of CALM. Mary Bodenstein, LCSW, will offer simple stress reduction strategies to relieve physical and emotional tension. She has been implementing mind-body-spirit wellness practices for 25 years. All are welcome to participate in this beneficial program.

An opportunity for the under-fives and their caregivers to get together for fun, play, and chat on Wednesdays from 1:30 until 3:30 in Fellowship Hall. It's **Toddler Time!**

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Spring will be filled with music, thanks to a roster of talent garnered by CME, the Harding-based non-profit whose purpose is to Move Musicians Forward! CME will offer two free Sunday afternoon concerts at the Presbyterian Church of Madison: March 24, 3 pm, virtuosic violist Matthew Cohen, and on May 26, pianist Euntaek Kim, previewing a Russian debut album.

On April 14 the second concert of the Music Made Here series will feature Romantic Cellos, 3 pm, at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, starring Hai-Ye Ni, principal cello of the Philadelphia Orchestra, with CME Young Artists Ari Evan and Nan-Cheng Chen. Brannon Cho, the 2015 CME International Performing Arts Grant Winner and next

generation Yo-Yo Ma, will have his Carnegie Hall debut on April 22 at Weill Recital Hall. It's never too early to mark your calendars! Consult cmemusic.org for all events and details.

IT PAYS TO INVEST IN HTS

The Harding Township School is planning to renovate its existing library in 2020 to include a STEM Lab - a collaborative work space where students can actively engage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) curricula via inquiry-based, process-focused discovery, exploration and problem-solving of real-world dilemmas. This renovation - and the corresponding STEM curriculum it empowers - is critical to ensure that HTS remains competitive with the top schools in the state, and that all HTS students are equipped with the necessary skills to remain at the forefront of an increasingly STEM-focused global job market.

Studies show that public school improvement creates substantial economic benefit to the surrounding community, resulting in increased home prices and property values, greater housing market stability, and stronger future economic growth. Sponsorships and donations at every level are needed. If you - or any companies, organizations or individuals that you know - might be interested in supporting this endeavor, please contact Abby Rosen at (703) 216-3439 or stemhts@gmail.com.

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.

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, 'Pot of Gold', Friday, March 1, 3:45 p.m. Crafternoons for kids in grades K-8 are held on the first Friday of each month. Join Miss Stacey for a rainbowntastic St. Patrick's Day themed craft - with story and treats included! Registration requested please.

Junior Garden Club, 'The Music of Nature', Thursday, March 14, 3:45 pm. Children in grades K-8 are invited to come and explore and identify sounds of nature. Projects include creating musical instruments from natural items. Sponsored by the Volunteers from the New Vernon Garden Club, "enhancing the beauty of our town with nature". Registration requested, please.

Teen Programs:

Teen Board Meeting, March 1 and March 22, 4:00 p.m. Our teen advisory group is working on a recycling project for the community. Anyone interested in helping will be warmly welcomed! Please email desk@hardinglibrary.org to get involved.

Chat 'n' Chew (Middle School Book Club), Sunday, March 3, 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 'How to Hang a Witch', by Adriana Mather. Snacks are always available! Newcomer registration requested please.

Adult Programs:

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.

A Conversation About College Costs, March 4, 7:00 p.m. Presented by Collegewise of Millburn. College is expensive and the aid formulas are complicated. Join Nikayla Loy for an overview of college aid and the process for finding and applying for scholarships. Registration requested, please.

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.

NEW! Monthly Movie Matinees, beginning on Wednesday, March 20, 2:00 p.m. All welcome! Please check at the Library to see what's showing.

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, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Drop-in to have your blood pressure checked by Public Health Nurse, Kathy Basile. No need to register. Upcoming dates: March 14, April 11.

FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

The next meeting of the Friends of Kemmerer Library will be held on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:15 am.

Save the date:

April 12, 7-9 pm, Hands-on Cooking Class and Buffet Dinner (BYOB) at Healthy Italia, 55 Main Street, Madison. Pre-registration required by April 8, \$75 per person.

We are excited to bring you Art in Bloom 2019!

The preview party and art sale will be held on May 17th at the Church of Christ the King, and the sale will continue on the 18th. Please watch your mailbox for your invitation!

Please check the Library website at www.hardinglibrary.org for all events and programs offered by the Library and the Friends of Kemmerer Library.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

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

March 2, 16, 30

April 13, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22

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
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