

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2019

FELLOW CITIZENS: PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION

It's not an emergency for sure, but the trend is disappointing -- only about a third of our households supported your Harding Township Civic Association last year. That is down from nearly half of households giving financial support fifteen years ago.

Percentage of Dues



The Civic Association is a non-profit, non-partisan citizen funded organization that, since the 1940's, has been fostering an informed and engaged citizenry. We receive no funding from the Township.

We carry out our mission to inform and engage you the citizens of Harding by publishing the Thumbnail, maintaining the website - Harding Civic, hosting An Evening with the Mayor and Township Committee and producing Meet the Candidates. We also play a big part in the Memorial Day event and sponsor the children's patriotic essay contest.

So if you think what we do is valuable, get engaged and send in little check. We hope to see the breadth of support rebound.

YOUR COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES LOOK SET TO INCREASE 2%

The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders revealed the proposed budget for 2019. The budget includes a 2% increase in property taxes.

Recall that your property tax bill has four parts: School (about 48% of total); Harding Municipal (about 24%), Harding Open Space (a few percent) and Morris County (about 24%).

Morris County is budgeting \$315.3 million in spending for 2019, up 3.1% from 2018. Total tax levy of \$243.m, is up 2.6%. The rest of the revenues come from non-tax sources. With the ratable base in the County estimated to increase 0.6% the tax rate can increase only 2% to yield the needed funds.

The Freeholders' highlighted the following items in the budget: Road and bridge maintenance (\$20.7M); County College of Morris advance manufacturing and engineering center (\$9.3M); law enforcement equipment (\$8M), Building Maintenance projects (\$6.7M).

Increases in Health care, pension, debt service and park commission were highlighted as drivers of expense increases.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Notes for February 19, 2019

The main event at this meeting was the presentation of a redevelopment study of the Hurstmont and Glen Alpin lots by McKinley Mertz, the town planner. The Township Committee adopted a resolution in November directing the Planning Board to investigate whether the lots would qualify as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the criteria under state law. This process was triggered by the designation of both lots in the affordable housing solution. Ms. Mertz reviewed the condition of each property and considered the state law criteria. For example, is the property in a stagnant condition having a negative economic impact or being detrimental to the surrounding area. Or, are the dilapidated buildings detrimental to the safety and welfare of the community. Ms. Mertz' conclusion was that each property met at least two of the criteria and qualified for redevelopment. A resolution was proposed stating that the properties qualify for redevelopment and that recommendation would be made to the Township Committee. A written resolution approving amendment of the Master Plan for the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan approved orally at the last meeting was approved. Mr. Saulnier announced that Mr. Newlin would be slotted into Mr. Schliefer's committee assignments. Mr. Saulnier also presented a list of Board goals for 2019. These included B2 zone use regulations, use of outdoor property for home occupations, setbacks for play structures and small sheds, and lot coverage for mechanical equipment.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Funding Maintenance of Open Spaces Proposed at February TC Meeting

At the February regular Township Committee meeting, Mayor Yates proposed a resolution to directly fund maintenance of Township Open Space properties. If passed, the proposal would put one cent of the Open Space tax into fund to be used exclusively for maintenance. The Mayor believes that our open space properties are not getting enough maintenance such as invasive species clearing. The amount raised would be 5-6 times what was spent on maintenance in 2018 and would be carved out of the existing open space tax -- currently set a 4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Opposition was voiced by Nic Platt members of the public who think the focus should be on acquiring more property while values are reasonable. The proposed ordinance will be debated at future meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The March 6, 2019 Environmental Commission addressed the following matters:

- The Rolling Hills Landfill is holding a hearing on March 11, 2019 at the Municipal Building in Madison from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. At that time the EPA will have a recommendation with respect to the clean up. The determination as to the right time for the Commission to step in was discussed.
- Thursday May 16, 2019 ANJEC is hosting a regional Round Table discussion on plastics disposal at the Community House in Madison. Kate Barry will attend. The issue of whether our Commission should co-sponsor the event was addressed.
- April 13 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM will be Roadside Community Clean-Up Day. The Land Trust will be providing trees to all participants who want them. We would greatly appreciate your participation.
- Alf Newlin in conjunction with experts is continuing to educate us on Living Landscapes with respect to what flora are healthy for the land and for wildlife. The second sets of data with respect to said sites will give us a more accurate picture as to what plants are best to maintain healthy soil.
- The Deer Hunting policy was addressed as was the Cell Tower.

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

According to the American Heart Association, more than 350,000 patients suffer out-of-hospital cardiac arrests each year. During a cardiac arrest, the patient's heart ceases to pump blood to the brain, the lungs and other vital organs. Survival rates for cardiac arrests occurring out of a hospital are very low, approximately 11%. But the odds for survival can be

doubled or tripled if bystanders begin immediate CPR. For each minute CPR is not performed, the patient's chance of survival decreases by 10%. Brain damage begins to occur in four minutes.

What can you do? If you witness a cardiac arrest do the following:

- Confirm the person has no pulse or is not breathing;
- Call 911;
- Start compressions, pushing hard and fast (100-120 beats per minute) until First Responders arrive on the scene.

Waiting for First Responders to show up on the scene reduces the patient's chance for successful resuscitation. Beginning effective CPR immediately can be a life-saving bridge until First Responders arrive on the scene.

The Harding Township Police and New Vernon First Aid Squad members are all CPR certified. We recommend Community CPR for all residents.

The First Aid Squad continues to need volunteers to provide the 24/7 coverage that Harding residents have enjoyed. 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

Annual Meeting

Please join HLT for their Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 11th at the New Vernon Fire House. Dessert and wine will be served at 6:30 PM followed by the business meeting and guest speaker at 7:00 PM. HLT is pleased to announce this year's guest speaker will be John Parke, Stewardship Project Director - North Jersey Region for NJ Audubon. He will give a presentation that encourages residents and property owners, regardless of property size, to provide for the stewardship of their property to help preserve our diminishing plant and wildlife species. With the right plants and in just a few easy steps, you can turn your backyard, balcony, or patch of grass into a habitat for wildlife!

For many years, New Jersey Audubon has promoted the development and maintenance of backyard habitats. Their current educational efforts focus not only on individual yards, but also on other properties such as schoolyards, farms and businesses where humans and wildlife may coexist. This presentation will provide information that has been gathered by naturalists, researchers, and backyard habitat enthusiasts. We hope that you will find this information useful as you work to create and maintain your property or properties entrusted to you - both for your enjoyment and for the benefit of wildlife!

In addition, *Celebrate Harding 2018* photo contest participant photos will be on display. Come and see what makes Harding so special! Please R.S.V.P to the Annual Meeting by calling 973-267-2515.

Tree Distribution

In coordination with the Environmental Commission's Roadside Cleanup Day, HLT is pleased to offer Harding Residents the opportunity to adopt up to 5 free 2-4' high bare root tree seedlings. Trees will be distributed while supplies last at the Harding Municipal Building on Saturday, April 20th from 9AM to 12PM. Please call 973-267-2515 to reserve your seedling!

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

Don't want to jinx it but as I'm writing this its 68* outside, some of us were able to ride outside for the first time, and I saw snowdrops and fiddleheads on the trails this morning, so maybe spring is really on it's way!

Thank you to those members that were able to make our 1st quarterly meeting on such short notice. I believe that a lot was accomplished and we are in a great starting place for 2019. Trail maintenance and trail openings were an important part of the meeting and will be in the future as members are keen to get back in the saddle and explore our beautiful trail system. If members are able to attend the occasional town meeting it is helpful to the HT/GV BPA as there are a lot of lovely homes being built in our area which sometimes encroaches our trails system and it is helpful to have a knowledgeable party to discuss comprises that will make everyone happy.

We also discussed trying to become as paperless as possible to help the environment, our postage costs, and have info accessible as quickly as possible to our members. We hope to be sending out our newly designed membership info soon. It will have an area to put your preferred email contacts to be used for BPA business only. We also hope to revamp our Facebook page and create an Instagram page!

The Memorial Day parade attendance last year was great and we hope it will be again this year. We had people on horseback and marching holding a banner and giving out candy. We will discuss more at our next meeting at the end of April and hopefully have more people attend to show our gratitude and support to our troops and service animals and spread the word about our wonderful BPA.

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!

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

In 2016, 18% of Morris County residents reported excessive drinking in a national health survey. April is Alcohol Awareness Month, which was established to help reduce the stigma associated with alcohol addiction by providing communities with information about alcohol, alcohol addiction and recovery. Alcohol addiction is a chronic progressive disease, genetically predisposed and fatal if left untreated. However, people can and do recover.

Alcoholism does not discriminate - it affects people of all ages, ethnicities, genders, geographic regions, and socioeconomic levels. Over the past two decades, scientific research has revolutionized our understanding of how alcohol and drugs affect the body and brain. Research shows that prolonged, repeated alcohol and drug use can result in fundamental, long-lasting changes in the body including the brain structure and functioning. Currently about 15 million Americans have alcohol use disorder (AUD) or are alcoholic. A survey conducted in 2018, reported binge drinking in 11% of female adults and 23% of male adults in New Jersey. We all have an investment in reducing the devastating impact that alcohol has on us as individuals, family members, and members of our communities.

Are you concerned about your use of alcohol in your life? Take the alcohol quiz:
<https://www.facingaddiction.org/resources/addiction-quizzes>

THE RAPTOR TRUST

FOCUS ON RAPTORS

Saturday, April 6. 2:00pm-An opportunity for committed shutterbugs to take close-range portrait photographs of some of our educational raptors in a beautiful outdoor setting. Possible species include: Barred Owl, Screech Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel and Peregrine Falcon. Space is very limited! Please call to register at 908-647-1091. \$175 per person.

NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION & ORIENTATION

Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 10:30 am (run time approx. 90 minutes)

Join us in our education center to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Raptor Trust this summer. As a non-profit we rely on our volunteers to assist us with a range of tasks

such as bird care, gift shop, reception and facility maintenance. No previous animal experience is required. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and available to commit to a 4-hour shift once a week, for the majority of the summer season. Training sessions will be available throughout April and May for those interested in making a summer commitment. Please email volunteers@theraptortrust.org to register or with any questions.

BRINGING UP BIRDIE

Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 1:00 pm-Learn about the many species of birds that live and nest in your New Jersey backyard, the types of nests they make and the materials they use to make them. We will also talk about the baby birds that fall from nests and what you can do to help injured or orphaned wild birds. Ages 8 and up. \$10/person. Please call our education center to register at 908-647-1091. Space is limited.

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Evening Briefing: Environmentally Sound Cleaning Products

Thursday, April 4, 2019, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., Summit 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. Leave with recipes to make your own homemade cleaning products recipes to start you off right! 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.*

Stream Assessment Training

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Florham Park Public Library, 107 Ridgedale Ave., Florham Park, NJ

Interested in becoming a stream monitoring volunteer or just learning more about stream health? This is the training for you! An indoor classroom session teaches you how to conduct visual and biological stream assessments, identify macroinvertebrates, and recognize environmental factors that may impact stream health. An outdoor session lets you practice your new-found skills at a local stream site. By afternoon, you will be a fully trained visual-stream assessment volunteer and ready to conduct an assessment! Bring a pair of boots and clean shoes to change into. There will be a short walk to reach the stream. Tools and supplies are provided. Preferred volunteers are 15 or older. Includes indoor & outdoor sessions. This training will be conducted in conjunction with the

AmeriCorps New Jersey Watershed Ambassador Program. Registration is required for this free training session. Register online at GreatSwamp.org or call (973) 538-3500.

Breakfast Briefing: Disposing of Non-recyclables the Right Way
Tuesday, April 9, 8:00 - 9:30 AM

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

Can I throw my old computer in the garbage? What do I do with my leftover medications? Is shredded paper recyclable? Disposing of our trash can be somewhat tricky, leaving us with more questions than answers. Gone are the days of tossing everything in a dented metal trash can and forgetting about it. And thank goodness for that! April, known as “spring cleaning” month, is a time to get rid of the stuff that has accumulated around us during our winter hibernation. Let us help you get your home in tip-top shape while keeping Mother Nature happy. We have solutions for the proper disposal of those pesky items we know shouldn't go in the trash, and we're pretty sure we can't recycle. Come get the facts. This program is free to all GSWA members; a \$10 donation is appreciated from non-members. Registration is required. Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Hike at Watchung Reservation

Friday, April 26, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Watchung Reservation, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, NJ

Want to explore a deserted village? Do you like scenic gorges and trails that follow the water? Our hike at Watchung Reservation will have all those things and more! Join us for an adventure through the reservation led by GSWA Education Associate, Adam Palmer. We will walk and talk about the winding paths and forest as we adventure alongside the Blue Brook, and we may even stop at Lake Surprise! (It's a...surprise.) This hike is free to all GSWA members; a \$10 donation is appreciated from non-member adults, \$5 for children. Registration is required. Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sporting Clays and Pig Roast

Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

The annual event will be held at Miele Field, located at the end of Britten Road in Green Village. The event is a 100 Target Lewis Fun Shoot. The entry fee is \$120.00 if received on or before 03/30/19 or \$135.00 if received after 03/30/19. There is an additional Lewis Cash Option for \$10.00. Lunch is included with your entry fee. There will be a limited number of shooters so pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call the Fire House at 973-377-7073 or visit www.greenvillagefire.com. No shot size larger than 7 1/2 will be allowed and eye and ear protection is required.

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 fundraiser 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.

Flag Display

Deadline May 1, 2019

hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

The Green Village Fire Department would like to honor those who have served their country or community. A 3' x 5' flag will be erected on the green in Green Village on both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The honoree's information will be placed at the base of the flag. The cost for the first year is \$50 and \$25 for subsequent years. Please visit www.greenvillagefire.com to download a form. Forms must be received no later than May 1st.

NVVFD AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER: SOMERSET PATRIOTS VOUCHER PROGRAM

How would you like to take your family to a fun, affordable, family-friendly, close-to-home, baseball game while at the same time supporting your New Vernon Volunteer Fire Dept.? The NVVFD Auxiliary is selling fundraising vouchers to the Somerset Patriots Minor League baseball games in Bridgewater. The vouchers are \$10.00 each, and can be redeemed for an upper box

seat for **any 2019 home game of your choice**. (Just bring the voucher to the ticket window when you want to go see a game.) They make great gifts for birthday parties, Easter baskets, graduations, etc. For tickets or more information, please call Connie or Nick Cherrillo @ 973-539-9383 or see any NVVFD Auxiliary member. Tickets will also be for sale at the Auxiliary Bake Sale on election day, June 4th at town hall.

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.

STEM SPRING SOCIAL FUNDRAISER

The Harding Township Educational Foundation (HTEF) and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) are hosting this year's most vital fundraising event, "STEM Spring Social." Please join us on Friday May 10th, 2019 at Roxiticus Golf Club, Mendham NJ. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, live music and dance, as well as a silent auction. Admission is \$125 per person. Please visit www.STEMprojectHTS.com to purchase tickets and for further details. For all other inquiries, email stemhts@gmail.com.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7pm. A quiet and reflective evening of readings, music, and silence. Easter Sunday, April 21 at 6:30am. Sunrise Service at Bayne Park;

10am Service in the Sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate the story of Easter with special music. Everyone is invited to a pancake brunch in Fellowship Hall following the service.

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

The second concert of the *Music Made Here* series will celebrate the beauty of the cello on Sunday afternoon, April 14, 3 o'clock, at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. The program, "Romantic Cellos," will feature not one, nor two, but *three* brilliant cellists. Chinese born Hai-Ye Ni, principal cello of the prestigious Philadelphia Orchestra, was

formerly the associate principal cello of the New York Philharmonic. Joining her are two CME Young Artists: Ari Evans (USA) and Nan-Cheng Chen (Taiwan), both graduates of The Juilliard School. CME's founder and director, Harding's own Min Kwon, will be at the piano. The program promises to be a treat of lush music played by these sensational world class artists! A post-concert reception with the musicians will follow. Tickets are \$30 at the door or may be purchased online at cmemusic.org. 18 and under admitted free!

DEEP ROOTS SCHOOL

There is a new preschool open in town! Deep Roots School is a non-profit organization currently serving children ages 3-5. The school is housed in, but not affiliated with, the First Presbyterian Church, located at 4 Lee's Hill Road. We are committed to guiding children as they build a strong foundation for their lives. Our student-centered curriculum nourishes mind, body, and soul, as well as offers authentic opportunities to connect with nature, each other, and the world. We are now accepting students for the spring semester, summer program, and 2019-2020 school year. If you would like to learn more, please visit our website at deeprootsschool.org or call us at (973) 944-0508.

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 visit the Summer Camp page at <https://htra.info/summer-camp/>

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 5:45-7pm.

For more information and to register online, please see the T-Ball page <https://htra.info/t-ball/>

Tennis Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for Spring tennis is now open. HTRA tennis is located on our fabulous Harding Township Tennis Courts! The clinics will cover all the basics and more! The clinics are held on 6 consecutive Sundays, April 28-June 2. We have 2 Beginner Fundamentals sessions for ages 5-7 and 8 and up as well as an Advanced Play session for ages 10 plus.

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

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. If we don't know that you plan to come then the event may be cancelled so please sign-up on our website (www.hardinglibrary.org) or at the Library desk, in person or by phone 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. Pre-school age kids and their caregivers are invited to drop in each week for stories, songs, movement, and a simple craft with Miss Kryssi.

Junior Garden Club, 'Dig, Plant, Grow', Thursday, April 18, 3:45 pm. Learn how to plant potatoes, onions and other vegetables to grow at home. Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club, "Enhancing the Beauty of our Town with Nature". Registration requested, please.

Earth Day Project, Monday, April 22, 3:45 p.m. Calling all kids! Join our teen volunteers to learn about our NEW Plastic Bag Recycling project and make your own bag collection container to keep at home. Registration requested please.

Mother's Day Spa Lab, Friday, May 10, 3:45 p.m. Miss Stacey will be joined by Dr Maxwell for a Spa Lab extravaganza where kids in grades 3-8 can make some special 'spa' treats for Mom. Registration requested please!

Teen Programs:

Teen Board Recycling Project Our teen advisory group is working on a 'Plastic Bag 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, April 21, 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 'Running Out Of Time', by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Snacks are always available! Newcomer registration requested please.

Adult Programs:

The Joy of Backyard Bird Feeding, Thursday, March 28, 1:00 p.m. Attracting birds is a great way to bring nature up close and provides hours of enjoyment! Learn how to make your

property bird friendly, using bird feeders, water and shelter to attract native birds; and how to discourage nuisance animals. Presented by Wild Birds Unlimited (Scotch Plains). Refreshments available. Registration requested please.

Book Group, Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 p.m. All are welcome at our lively book group to discuss 'The Wife' by Alafair Burke. If you like to read ahead, next month's choice is 'Red Notice' by Bill Browder (May 20). Registration is not required.

Monthly Movie Matinee, Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 p.m. Refreshments available. All welcome! Please check at the Library or on our website to see what's showing.

Stressfree Downsizing and Decluttering, Wednesday, April 24, 11:00 a.m. Be ready for the next chapter in your life! Join Bianca Durkin of Caring Transitions as she discusses emotional roadblocks to decluttering, how to part with sentimental treasures and how you can ENJOY decluttering. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served.

Scarf Tying, Friday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. Back by popular demand! Another chance to learn multiple ways to tie a scarf to enhance any outfit. Bring your favorite scarves to try for yourself -and your scarf tying ideas too! Registration not necessary.

College Costs How Much? A Conversation about Scholarships, Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. College is expensive! Do you wish you had a better understanding of financial aid? Join Nikayla Loy, a previous admissions counselor at Drexel University, to hear about types of scholarship, deadlines and the application process and learn more about maximizing scholarship offers to offset the cost of tuition.

Cathy Bao Bean, author of 'Living and Laughing by the Chopstick-Fork Principle', Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. We are very fortunate to have been awarded a Public Scholars Grant to allow us to bring Cathy Bao Bean to the Library! Cathy's memoir is a humorous and poignant telling of her experiences as a Chinese immigrant growing up in the United States. From a place of delight and good humor, she uses her own experience to explain how to reconcile the expectations of families and society at large and explores how to re-think our own cultural heritages. Cathy has presented her ideas to audiences at over 450 universities, libraries, prisons and professional associations in the US and China. Please join us to give her a warm welcome to Harding Township. Registration requested please.

Regular Activities:

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: April 11, May 9.

FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

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

Fabulous Hands-on COOKING CLASS and BUFFET DINNER

Friday evening, April 12th, 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

HEALTHY ITALIA -LA BUONA CUCINA, 55 Main Street, Madison. Limited to 40 participants -

Bring your spouse or friends

PREPAID REGISTRATION \$75.00 per person by April 8th

Make checks payable to "Friends of Kemmerer Library"

Mail to Friends of Kemmerer Library, P.O. Box 517, New Vernon, NJ 07976

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 **May 2019 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, April 19th, 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

April 13, 27

May 11, 25

June 8, 22

July 6, 20

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

Time

7:30 PM
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DATED MATERIAL

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Harding Township Civic Association

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