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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2019

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

This year’s Historic House of the Year will be announced at the June Township Committee Meeting.

Please send in your suggestions for next year’s entries:

2020 Historic House of The Year

The HPC of Harding Township would like to recognize a historic residence - renovated or maintained - that adds aesthetic value and interest to our rural streetscapes.

Historic districts recognize architectural importance of commercial buildings and residences all across the nation and preserve the character and identity of the towns in which they are located.

Historic House of the Year will be a chance for us to highlight a property that enhances the historical character in Harding Township.

Specific Requirements:

- The home we wish to highlight should be viewed from the road and enhance streetscape.
- Display proper use of materials including but not limited to: exterior sheathing, trim, windows, roof style, and colors.
- Architectural style that complements the rural character of the Township.
- Landscaping and lighting that are indigenous to the geographical area.

If you would like to be considered, please contact Lori Taglairino at ltaglairiono@hardingnj.org for a specification sheet.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

At Township Committee: Photo Contest, Glen Alpin and Hurstmont

At the regular May meeting, the TC covered three topics, but the Redevelopment Plan for the Hurstmont property dominated.

Photo Finish: The TC appeared to approve (though there was no formal vote or a counting of hands) a joint request from the Historical Society, Library, and Land Trust to display photographs of the winners of the annual children's photography contest. The display area would be on the second floor of Kirby Hall outside the township administrator's office for 7 months after the photos (framed and matted) had been displayed in Kemmerer Library for 5 months.

Glen Alpin Passes Milestone: The Township submitted its application for diversion of Glen Alpin. "Diversion" is the confusingly named process by which Harding hopes to be able to sell Glen Alpin. The process requires the Township to acquire more acreage (multiple of the area of GA) as compensation for selling GA, which was purchased using substantial State and County funds. But since Harding regularly purchases land for preservation, the idea is that diversion "leverages" our open space purchases to put Glen Alpin in strong hands that has the resources to preserve it. The new owner would have to honor legal requirements (aka "easements"- another confusing term) that call for maintaining the unique antique structure. The Township hopes that our diversion application will be approved this year - as at least one former mayor said, "The wheels of government turn slowly."

Hurstmont Redevelopment Plan Adopted and Made Public: Hurstmont is the site of a deteriorated mansion on Rt202 just north of Glen Alpin. Harding's approved plan to meet New Jersey Fair Housing demands calls for redevelopment of the site by a private entity into facility for assisted living and elderly nursing care. The document describing the plan was to be posted on the Township website immediately after adoption. The presentation by planner Susan Gruel said the all

the concerns voiced by the public were addressed by the plan. She listed almost 20 areas of concern and described how the Plan speaks to them. The public's concerns were such things as traffic (plan requires study of needed infrastructure and traffic), storm water runoff (plan required to consider), trails (plan requires public trails to Glen Alpin and Jockey Hollow), etc. The project now moves to the Planning Board meeting in June where there will be a public hearing. Interested parties were encouraged to read the plan first.

Open Space Trust Committee Ordinance: Ch...Ch...Ch...Changes: The ordinance that defines the operation of the Open Space Trust Committee has been revised. Most importantly the OS Trust Committee is now required to submit an annual management plan for each property in the Open Space inventory. The TC can then approve the plan or direct it to be changed. At prior meetings some TC members thought maintenance of Open Space properties was being short changed and wanted to direct a specific amount of the OS budget for maintenance. Other TC members objected saying that in the short run maximum funds should be used for property acquisition. These changes appear to be a compromise - no defined amount for maintenance, but the TC will oversee the OS Committee's maintenance plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Recycling will be a featured discussion at the June 5th Environmental Commission meeting held at 7:30pm. Liz Sweedy, the District Recycling Coordinator from Morris County Utilities Authority, will discuss the current challenges in managing the recycling stream and how this impacts Harding and surrounding communities.

At the May 1st Environmental Commission, the following items were discussed:

The Annual Roadside clean-up was a great success again this year. Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped to pick up our beautiful towns roadsides. Special thanks also goes to the DPW for their help in set up and picking up the many bags of trash that were collected.

Public comment was heard on the Township's Hunting Policy including allowing hunting on Sunday and allowing baiting during the season. The EC will finalize recommendations in June.

Living landscapes efforts continue and the EC is looking to gather additional stewardship census data on target properties this year.

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

A TIP FOR YOU.

In an emergency, it may be difficult to recall your medications and dosages, important information for emergency room doctors providing treatment. In addition to the written list of medications and dosages that the First Aid Squad recommends that all residents have handy in their home, add the list of medications and dosages to your cell phone so that you will always have it with you in an emergency.

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

Harding Land Trust (HLT) is pleased to report that the Wildflower Meadow at Primrose Farm is progressing nicely, in year two of this multi-year effort. Last fall's seeding is showing positive signs throughout the meadow, as we work to establish a dynamic and compelling natural landscape. In the meantime, Primrose Farm hiking trails are open and accessible from the Barrett Field parking lot. Keep an eye out for bluebirds attending to the boxes at the meadow edges.

In addition, this past month HLT's Community Outreach Chair, Sarah Conine was invited to the Fourth-grade classroom at the Harding School to discuss the importance of land conservation in Harding Township. She encouraged all

students to get outdoors and become involved with the environment and their community. The students were invited to hike the Gatehouse trail to discover just what makes this property an important destination in Harding Township!

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.

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale- June 5th and 6th

Join us for our second rummage sale of the year! Free entry. The sale is Wednesday, June 5, 8am-11am and 4pm-7pm and our bag sale is Thursday, June 6, 9am-12pm. We will have lots of great buys including women/men/kid/baby clothes, shoes, handbags, scarves, ties, dresses, bedding/linens, adult and children's books, kitchenware, toys, stuffed animals, dolls, craft supplies, lamps, candles, CDs, DVDs, records, VHS, china, glassware, home décor, and more. We'll also have a bake sale table!

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Great Swamp Great Music Festival

Sunday, June 9, 12:00-5:00 PM

Hartley Farms Polo Field, 9 Hartley Farms Rd., Morristown, NJ

Gather up your friends and family for an afternoon of live, outdoor music at GSWA's 2nd Annual Great Swamp Great Music Festival. Grab a spot under the tent or spread out in the open field and groove the sounds of classic rock, Motown, raggaе, Americana, newgrass, blues and more with five established bands. A variety of food will be available for purchase including vegetarian and vegan options, along with fresh-squeezed lemonade and adult beverages. Check out the unique items for sale by local vendors and even take home a free caricature. It's all the ingredients you'll need for a sensational Sunday afternoon! Be sure to bring along your favorite picnic blanket or lawn chairs, and your refillable water bottles. Tickets are \$20 per adult advanced sale, \$25 at the gate, \$10 for high school and college students. Children 13 and under are free. Purchase tickets at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Full Moon Hike & Campfire Stories at Jockey Hollow

Friday, June 14, 8:30 - 10:00 PM

Jockey Hollow section of Morristown National Historical Park, 600 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ

Take a moon-lit stroll through Jockey Hollow. Look and listen for owls and other nightlife creatures by the light of a full moon. Later we will relax by a roaring bonfire and hear stories that 18th century colonists told around their own campfires and learn about their views on the darkness. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity with two highly experienced and knowledgeable naturalists, Adam Palmer, GSWA Education Associate, and Eric Olsen, Park Ranger and local historian. Space is limited and it will fill up fast! 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.

GSWA Sounds of Summer Members Only Hike at the Refuge

Thursday, June 27, 6:00-8:00 PM

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, 32 Pleasant Plains Road, Basking Ridge, NJ (meet at Bluebird Parking Lot)

Thank you for being a GSWA Member! We want to show you our appreciation by taking you on a special behind-the-scenes hike at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Led by GSWA staffers, come out and benefit from the wealth of natural history and knowledge they will bring. This time of year, flowers are in bloom, birds like red-bellied woodpeckers are nesting everywhere, wood froglets can be seen in mass around the vernal ponds, and we may even spot a red fox. We will be on the lookout for all of this and more.

Not a member? Not a problem. Become a member today at GreatSwamp.org and c'mon along! Take in the beauty of the amazing lands that form part of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Management area. Registration is required.

Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-5000.

Gary Willshaw, longtime Superintendent of Harding Road Department, passed away on January 17, 2019. Gary grew up in Green Village and worked for Harding for most of his career, retiring in 2003. Gary was known and loved by many in our community. His family is asking anyone with memories/photos of Gary to please send them to garymemories55@gmail.com for inclusion in a memory scrapbook.

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 Field Hockey Summer Registration is Now Open!

Registration for Harding Township Fall 2019 Field is now open! Please see link below for ages, dates and times!

For more information and to register online, please visit the Field Hockey page <https://htra.info/field-hockey/>

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

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Traveling this summer? If your itinerary takes you to Vienna, consider including some magical concerts in the mix. CME will once again be sponsoring ConcertoFest, a two-week summer program that offers participating soloists a rare opportunity to perform in historically beautiful locations throughout the city, including Geras Abbey, Schloss Halbturn, and Auersberg Palace. CME provides young artists with intensive coaching from renowned artists and pedagogues while residing in the fairytale 15th-century abbey, Stift Altenburg. See cmemusic.org for further details.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIORS

Thursday, June 13, 11 am. Guest Speakers: Jude and Henry Morgan.
Topic: Two School Boys School Year in Norway and Beyond!!

THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

Operating Hours: Monday-Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m.-1p.m.,
Sunday: Closed.

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 is looking for volunteers to help on various projects and/or to staff the circulation desk. Please call the Library or send an e-mail to desk@hardinglibrary.org with your interests and specific skills.

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.

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 and Miss Casey. New this year, classes continue through the summer!

Blast-off to a Summer of Space Adventures!

The fun begins with an alien workshop (see below) and continues with musical theater (also below), movies set in space, stargazing, a presentation by a NASA ambassador, puzzles, crafts, prizes and a whole universe of stories! Please see our website for details. Summer reading sign-up (for kids entering K-7) begins on June 14.

Build-An-Alien Workshop, Friday, June 14, 2:00 p.m.

Join us to learn about the solar system, make a stuffed alien to take home, and sign up for Summer Reading. Limited spots available so please be sure to register

early.

‘Dragons From Outer Space!’: a musical comedy show, Friday, June 21, 11:30 a.m.

Kids get to be heroes in this sci-fi adventure about facing and slaying the dragons that they have to face every day. Join the Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winning storytelling team from ‘Happy Kid Tools’ for an adventure that’s out of this world!! Registration requested, please.

NEW! Tween Book Club

If you’re interested in joining our fun new book club for 10-12 year olds, please email alison.maxwell@hardinglibrary.org.

Teen Programs:

Plastic Bag Recycling Update:

The Teen Board are coordinating a plastic bag recycling program, collecting clean plastic bags and wrap in bins at the Library, Harding Township School and the DPW Recycling Center. The plastic will be recycled into a Trex outdoor bench. In one month we have accumulated over 125lbs of plastic, preventing it from going into landfill and reaching 25% of our goal. We thank you for your contributions thus far, please keep them coming!

Chat ‘n’ Chew Book Club Picnic, Sunday June 9, 3:00 p.m.

Teens are invited to join the Middle School Book Club for their very last meeting! We will be discussing ‘Speak’ by Laurie Halse Anderson and enjoying some treats in the children’s garden.

Adult Programs:

eLibrary Drop In Help, Mondays, June 17 and 24, 11 a.m.

Did you know that our patrons have access to over 9,000 eBook titles between two different apps and preloaded Kindles? If you want to learn how to access our eLibrary or need help downloading titles, join us for hands-on instruction. Please bring your chosen device and necessary passwords (as explained on our website). If you prefer another day please email desk@hardinglibrary.org to set up a mutually convenient time.

‘Know Your Town’; Harding Township Planning Board & Harding Township Environmental Commission, Wednesday June 5, 7:00 p.m.

Ever wondered about Harding Township's Boards and Committee? Who are they and what do they do? Join us to meet and hear from some of their representatives. Registration requested please.

Monthly Movie Matinee, 'Wonder', Wednesday, June 12, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for this inspiring and heartwarming movie. Based on the New York Times bestseller by R.J. Palacio, it tells the story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Refreshments available. Registration not required.

Book Group, Tuesday, June 18, 1:30 p.m.

Come to our lively book group to discuss the interestingly titled 'A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian' by Marina Lewycka. If you like to read ahead, next month's pick is 'Immortal Irishman' by Timothy Egan (for discussion on July 16). Registration not required.

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 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: June 13, July 11.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the **September 2019 Thumbnail** please email to:

htca@mail.com by Friday, August 16th, 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

June 8, 22

July 6, 20

August 3, 17, 31

September 14, 28

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
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2nd Tuesday

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