

Harding Township Civic Association

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“Keeping Harding Informed Since 1949”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2019

ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AUCTION

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will hold their 66th Annual Auction on Saturday, September 28 at the Firehouse on Village Road at 9:00 AM sharp, rain or shine. Parking opens 6:30 AM, Grounds open 7AM. Auction preview 8AM. Reserved seats 7AM.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE HESNA PFEIFFER AWARD

Seeking Nominations for the Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement

For many years, the Harding Township Civic Association awarded its Distinguished Citizen Award to an individual or group that demonstrated significant civic engagement and volunteerism. In 2014, the award was given posthumously to Hesna Pfeiffer a thoroughly engaged citizen of Harding Township for her 15 plus years of service as the editor of the Thumbnail, the publication of the Civic Association.

Also in 2014, the Civic Association renamed the award in her honor -- The Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement. In making the selection in the past, the trustees have often looked at a citizen's contributions over many years, or even a lifetime. In the future, the trustees will consider more recent efforts and hope that this will also encourage younger citizens and our youth to get and stay involved with our community.

The Civic Association trustees consider nominations from the town at large and anyone can nominate a candidate by sending a small essay of support to the Harding Township Civic Association, PO Box 76, New Vernon NJ 07976 or by email to htca@mail.com.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

What's the Township Committee Been Doing All Summer?

Dickson's Mill Road Bridge Discussion: The bridge is past its expected lifetime and has needed replacement for years. However, it is not at risk for imminent collapse. Morris County wants to replace it at county expense, but the County requires a standard width of 26 feet. This is wider than the current bridge (20 ft) and wider than the road. HT can replace the bridge at its own expense, at an estimated cost of \$1.5m - no one is proposing that option.

It is thought by some, including many residents who turned out to voice their opinion, that a wider bridge will encourage more and faster traffic and will ruin the rural beauty of the area. Committeeman Nic Platt asked for time to work with the powers in Trenton to get an exception for Harding which, according to testimony provided, has been granted numerous times in Hunterdon County. Both the police and fire departments support a 20 ft wide bridge according to Mr. Platt.

As of this writing, Mr. Platt is working with Trenton to get the exception and reports that he has had several face to face meetings with high level officials in Trenton. Mr. Platt credits Assemblyman John McKeon for his efforts on HT's behalf to get the exception fast tracked. Stay Tuned!

Hurstmont Redevelopment Keeps Moving Forward: A report from the HT Planning Board concerning redevelopment plan for the Hurstmont site (next to Glen Alpin on Rt 202 -- 679 Mt Kemble Ave) was accepted by the TC. AN entity called Hurstmont Estate Acquisition LLC proposes to build a "Continuing Care Retirement Community". The actual Redevelopment Agreement with the developer will be the subject on continuing negotiation.

Historic House of the Year: HT Historic Preservation Commission chose the DeSimone home at 156 Lee's Hill Road as the historic house of the year. It is a "classic American Foursquare built around 1903 as an equestrian center.

Police Department - Additions and Promotions: Patrolman David Achenbach was promoted to Sergeant at a salary of \$125,158. Patrolman David Selecky was promoted to Sergeant at a salary of \$125,158. Michael Resciniti was appointed as a full-time officer at a salary of \$58,215, filling a slot due to resignation. Thomas Tommelen was appointed as full-time officer at a salary of \$58,215 filling a vacant position.

Sand Spring Road Resurfacing: Harding has applied for a grant to NJ Dept of Transportation.

Audit Report Clean: Not much to say here. The report was “clean” and “unmodified”.

Plastic Bag Ban in the Works: Committeeman Platt opened a discussion of Harding following Madison and Chatham Twp in banning the use of plastic bags by stores. Plastic bags are considered by many to be an environmental menace. Example: the average family uses 1500 of the non-biodegradable items per year. A letter to the TC, from former mayor Dr. Lanzerotti, encouraged (1) use by the public of the new special bins already at the DPW recycling site; and (2) education of the public about the existence of the bins. To date over 380 pounds of bags have been recycled -- over 25 garbage cans full. BAGS MUST BE CLEAN PLEASE. The TC agreed to hear from the Environmental Commission regarding an actual ordinance. More on this topic in the future.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society has been busy this summer making plans for Fall and adding to the photo collection at Town Hall. Long time Historical Society member, Chris Allyn has replaced 8 of the historic photos depicting life in Harding Township, with a new selection of unique photos including “Flossy Bell” from Lindsley Farm in 1922 as well as a photo from 1921 of some of the original New Vernon Fire Department volunteers! There is a map of Harding Roads from “Mt. Kemble to Chatham” from the Revolutionary War era, amazingly unchanged. The new photos are located in the old judge’s chamber on the first floor of the municipal building, behind the staircase. The Historical Society has numerous other historic photos throughout the building. Viewing is available during normal business hours. Stop by and take a look at Harding’s history.

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, October 6, 2019, 2PM: Lecture and Open House at the Tunis Ellicks House. Jude Pfister of the Morristown National Historic Park will present a fun and informative lecture on the Ford Family of Morristown. Did you know that General George Washington spent time at their mansion during the winter of 1779? Come learn about local history. All ages are welcome. The exhibits in the house will be open to view as well.

Weekend of November 1, 2 and 3: Our Annual Antique Show and Preview Party will be held November 1 from 6 to 9 PM. Enjoy an evening with friends browsing (and maybe buying) a wide variety of quality antiques from over 25 antique dealers. The tickets for the Preview Party will be \$45 per person and include a fine selection of wines and hors d’oeuvres. The Antique Show will be open to the public (for a mere \$6 entrance fee) on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3. We look forward to seeing you at our annual fundraiser!

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

With children heading back to school it's time to again think about vaccinations. In the 8 years prior to 2019, more than 190 cases of measles were reported in only 3 years, 220 cases in 2011, 667 cases in 2014 and 372 cases in 2018. Already in 2019, more than 1,100 cases of measles have been reported in 38 States and the District of Columbia, including here in New Jersey.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. The virus is spread through the air by coughing or sneezing. Statistics show that 9 out of 10 unprotected individuals in contact with an infected person will contract measles. Measles can cause serious health complications. Research has shown the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine is very safe and effective in protecting individuals.

The CDC reports measles is still common in many parts of the world. Travelers to these parts of the world if not protected can bring measles back to the United States where it can spread among pockets of unprotected individuals. If you have been vaccinated or had measles you are likely immune. Individuals can be tested to determine if they are immune.

The CDC recommends that children receive two doses of the vaccine, one between the ages of 12 through 15 months of age and a second dose between the ages of 4 through 6 years. Adults who do not have immunity from measles should have 2 doses of the vaccine separated by at least 28 days.

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."

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Breakfast Briefing: Proper Recycling - Straight from the Source

Tuesday, September 17, 8:00-9:30 AM

Great Swamp Watershed Association HQ

568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ

Well-intentioned but incorrect recycling creates major problems at the recycling plant. Just ask Gary Sondermeyer, VP of Operations at Bayshore Recycling. And you can do just that when you join us for an inside look at recycling and how it all works. Gary will

provide us with the first-hand dos and don'ts of curbside recycling (AKA Class A recycling.) We'll also learn about how New Jersey was the first state in the country to require "mandatory recycling" dating back to 1987. Come get the real facts on recycling. Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years.

New Moon Hike at the Refuge with GSWA

Friday, September 27, 7:00-8:30 PM

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Harding Twp, NJ (Specific location to be announced)

Come hike the trails of the Wildlife Observation Center under a new moon, when the stars are at their brightest! A new moon is the first lunar phase, which means the it will not be visible at all. But don't worry, just because it's dark out doesn't mean the inhabitants of the woods have gone to sleep. During this guided hike, we will take advantage of the quiet, early-autumn air by listening for the nighttime creatures of Harding Township, like owls, as they prepare for the change of season. Registration is required. Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500. This event is free for GSWA members, non-members: suggested donation of \$10 for adults 18 and over/\$5 for children 6-17 years.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIORS

September 12: The making of greeting cards.

September 26: Alzheimer & Dementia. Dr. Sharma, certified in Neurology & Dementia from Atlantic Heath Care will speak causes, symptoms and current methods of treatment.

NEW VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

"NEW" NVVFD AUXILIARY FUND RAISER:

Please save the date and join us for our first annual All You Can Eat BBQ Buffet, Sunday, October 27th 5-7pm at the firehouse, 22 Village Rd. New Vernon. Food will be supplied by the Minuteman Barbeque, Morristown. All you can eat menu includes: Pulled pork, pulled chicken, beef brisket, potato slider rolls, house made cole slaw, bourbon baked beans, mac & cheese, mild & hot BBQ sauce, desserts, soft drinks, and coffee. BYOB The "All You Can Eat" price is \$25/person - \$15/kids 12+under with reservations up until Oct. 19th. \$30/person at the door the evening of the event, (kids price still \$15). For reservations and questions: Call Connie Cherrillo @ 973-539-9383. Please come out and join us for a fun, delicious night with lots of small town camaraderie, and help support your NVVFD!!

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Golf Outing

Monday, September 16, 2019 starting at 11 a.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

This year's Annual Golf Outing will be held at Fairmount Country Club in Chatham Township. This is a day of fun and prizes for golfers as they raise money to support the Green Village Fire Department. Individuals or groups of four may sign up to play. The day culminates with dinner at the firehouse and announcement of prize winners. The cost is \$185 per person or \$925 for a corporate sponsor which includes a foursome and sign sponsorship. Golf sign sponsors are \$250 per sign that advertise the entire year at the firehouse. For all repeat sponsors, the renewal fee is \$200 per year. Please visit our website at www.greenvillagefire.com to download a registration and/or sponsorship form. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at greenvillagefire@gmail.com or call Joe Sodano at 973-377-7073 extension 4.

Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 6 thru Saturday, October 12, 2019

A reminder from the Green Village Fire Department to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Visit the National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week) for additional fire safety tips.

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department and Auxiliary

Kicking off this year's Fire Prevention week, the Green Village Fire Department and Auxiliary are hosting an open house. Firefighters will be on hand to provide fire safety tips for the young and old as well as demonstrate various firefighting techniques. All are invited to explore the fire trucks, try on real fire gear, spray the fire hose and enjoy some hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. The festivities are from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and the activities are on-going. We hope that members of the community will join us for this free, kid-friendly event. This event will be held rain or shine. Additional information can be found at www.greenvillagefire.com or on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/.

Contact Us or Sign-Up for E-Mails

You can stay informed of the Green Village Fire Department's upcoming events by visiting our website at www.greenvillagefire.com and subscribing to our email list using the "subscribe to email" button. There you can also choose and update your email

preferences.

Our events can be viewed on our facebook pages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD.Aux/>

For general questions, please email us at greenvillagefire@gmail.com

For facility rental, please email gvfdroomrent@verizon.net

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rummage Sale- October 2 and 3rd

GVUMC, 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village. Free entry!

Join us for our final rummage sale of the year! The sale is Wednesday, October 2, 8am-11am and 4pm-7pm and our bag sale is Thursday, October 3, 9am-12pm. We will have lots of great buys including womens/mens/kids/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, china, glassware, home décor, and more.

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

CME, a Harding-based non-profit to assist highly talented young musicians on their career paths, is pleased to announce its next *CME in Harding Homes* concert on Saturday, September 14 from 5-8 pm. *Autumn Woodwind Extravaganza*, an exciting mix of clarinet, flute, and oboe with piano curated by Min Kwon, Founder and Director, will be held in one of Harding's premiere homes. Included is a cocktail reception before the concert, with dessert following to meet the artists. For tickets and further information, visit info@cmemusic.org.

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.

Unless otherwise noted, we ask that you register for our programs in advance. 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! Mommy & Me Meet & Greet, Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Harding Township Facebook Mom's will be hosting a mommy & me meet & greet at the library. All moms and caretakers are invited to stop by with their child/children to meet members of the community. Light refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome!

Bookworms Book Club for 10-12 year olds, Sunday, September 15 and 29, 3-4 p.m.

Join girls and boys from different schools to discuss a new book each month. Snacks available. For more information email alison.maxwell@hardinglibrary.org.

NEW! 'Wee Yogis', 4-week program, Tuesdays September 10 & 17, October 1 & 8, 3:45 p.m.

For children aged 3-6 who would like to try yoga, we are offering a 4-week program with qualified instructor, Miss Whitney. Children will develop a mind-body connection, release stress, gain confidence and learn to express themselves through fun, playful yoga and mindfulness. Registration requested please, together with a contribution of \$20 per child for a 4-week commitment.

Teen Programs:

Plastic Bag Recycling Update:

The Teen Board have now collected over 400lbs of clean plastic bags for recycling, preventing it from going into landfill and reaching 80% of our target. At the end of the project, the Library will receive a recycled plastic, outdoor bench from Trex. We thank you for your contributions!

Adult Programs:

eLibrary Drop-In Help, Mondays, September 9 and 30, 10:30 a.m.

Did you know that Kemmerer Library patrons have access to over 9,000 eBook titles between two different apps and pre-loaded 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.

Monthly Movie Matinee, 'Rocketman', Wednesday, September 11, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for this musical fantasy about the uncensored human story of Sir Elton John's breakthrough years. Refreshments available. Registration not required.

Monthly Book Group, September 17, 1:30 p.m.

Come to our lively book group to discuss 'Resistance Women' by Jennifer Chiaverini. Next month, on October 15, the book group will be welcoming Donna Baier Stein, author of 'The Silver Baron's Wife' and 'Scenes from the Heartland'. 'The Silver Baron's Wife' will be the selection for that day. All are welcome. Registration not required.

Scarf Clip Craft, Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 p.m.

Bring your own button (no smaller than 1 5/8"), or pick from our supply, and Vicki Philhower will show you how to turn it into a beautiful scarf clip. Registration requested, please, plus materials fee of \$10.

Financial Planning for Continuing Care Retirement Communities, presented by RegentAtlantic Wealth Advisors, Thursday, October 17, 11:30 a.m.

Join Jim Ciprich, CFP®, MBA, and Melissa Weisz, CFP®, CFA, for a presentation on Continuing Care Retirement Communities. How are they structured? What are the financial considerations as you evaluate various options? Jim and Melissa will present senior living options you may wish to consider as well as answer your questions. Registration requested, please.

Scarf Tying, Wednesday, October 23, 1:00 pm

Bring a scarf and Vicki will show you multiple ways to use it; as a scarf, belt, cape and more.

From Liverpool to Fame: The Beginning of the Beatles, Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 2:00 p.m. City of Liverpool native, Paul Groom, brings a unique perspective on the Beatles from obscurity to fame in the early 1960s. Paul attended the same high school as Paul McCartney and George Harrison, John Lennon's Sunday School, and the youth club where John Lennon met Paul McCartney. He will discuss the Beatles' family, musical influences, "skiffle", early musical tours and more. Registration requested, please.

Rock & Roll, from the Blues to the British Invasion, Wednesday, November 20, 2:00 p.m. Paul Groom will take you on a retrospective of Rock & Roll and Rhythm & Blues, examining the various influences on these musical genres as they changed over time. Registration requested, please.

College Prep. Please check our website for upcoming college prep sessions, including SAT tips, essay writing and the application process.

Harding-based Book Clubs: Local book groups are welcome to register with the Library.

Bring your list of selected titles and we will add the books to our pre-loaded Kindles. Also, watch for details of our “Book Club Swap” event to be scheduled in the fall.

Regular Activities:

Gentle Yoga, Mondays (with M.J.) and Thursdays (with Christa), both at 10:30 a.m.
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: September 12, October 10.

THE FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

A big **Thank You** to all who attended and supported *Art in Bloom* in May. We had a great turn out and many varied pieces of art found new homes!

Upcoming Friends Events: (Save the dates!)

Shredding Event: Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Municipal Building parking lot.

Wine with Friends IV, Thursday, October 24th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, at the Library.

Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of our events so we can continue to provide the kinds of programs and collections you have come to enjoy and anticipate!

Our next Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 10:15. All are welcome!

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the **October 2019 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, September 20th, 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

September 14, 28

November 9, 23

October 12, 26

December 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
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