

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2019

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Civic Association will again be sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Night at the church of Christ the King on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:30 PM. This year there are two candidates running for one position on the Township Committee. The candidates are Amanda Richardson and Nic Platt, the incumbent. As in the past, the forum will provide residents an opportunity to have their questions answered. Come out and hear each of the candidates and on November 5th, come out to the polls and vote.

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.

PLANNING BOARD

Master Plan Re-examination Report

Monday, October 28, at 7:30 PM

Municipal Building, 21 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon, NJ 07976

The public is invited to attend a regular meeting of the Planning Board to participate in shaping the Township's Master Plan Re-examination Report. The Master Plan will serve as a basis for revisions to the Township's Land Development Regulations. Everyone is welcome to attend and express their opinions.

Planning Board Notes for August 26, 2019

The Board briefly discussed its preliminary budget for 2020. It was noted that \$47,000 was budgeted for the Master Plan Re-examination and Open Space Review. The Board approved submission of the budget to the Finance Department. Planner McKinley Mertz then led a discussion of the planned Master Plan Re-examination. The Master Plan guides the decision-making of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. The last re-examination was conducted in 2013 and many changes have occurred since then. Several areas should be re-evaluated: changes to the B1 and B2 zones, bulk standards (particularly those in the R-3 zone), land use and open space issues, appropriateness of cluster development, and goals and objectives relating to affordable housing developments. The Planner will develop the Master plan review which will include review of all relevant documents (of township and county) for background and public outreach meetings to get input from residents on what they want in the Master Plan. The final report will include recommendations and maps and data to support recommendations. A draft of the report should be ready in January and a final report for approval in March. The Open Space Plan Review will be conducted using the Green Acres Program Model. While the current plan was described as detailed an excellent, the new model requires more detail and at least two public meetings. The scope of the review will include review of township, city, state and national documents, an inventory of open space land and recreation areas, and non-profit organizations with preserved lands. The open space will be analyzed relative to Green Acres guidelines such as the use of buffers, and a needs analysis will be developed. Public meetings should begin this fall with final hearing and approval scheduled for May.

GETTING RID OF THE FARM (COAH Project on Kitchell Road)

After three years of investigation and negotiation, Harding has a definite plan to exit the COAH (low income) housing project called The Farm at Harding. The Farm is the grouping of town house style apartments at the corner of Kitchell Road and Woodland Avenue. The project (land and building) was funded by Harding to meet Harding's COAH obligation approximately 15 years ago.

The Farm runs a loss of about \$50K annually, since rents do not cover operating costs. In addition, about \$100K from general tax revenue is set aside to cover current and future capital costs. All costs are likely to begin rising smartly as appliances (stoves, water heaters)

come to their end of life. As well, replacement of big ticket items (HVAC and roofs) loom in the medium term.

An agreement in principal has been reached with the Housing Authority of Madison (MHA) that would effectively get rid of The Farm and get Harding out of the low income housing business. At the same time, Harding would eliminate the \$2.4 million of debt that Harding incurred for the project. The debt would be retired at maturity (2025) using proceeds from Madison Housing (\$950K) and other funds that have been accumulating for Farm use: \$150K sewer upgrade, \$345K general improvements, \$472K Farm account. In addition, about \$600K of the \$1MM that Harding received from KRE (Kushner) as part of the development behind the old AT&T Long Lines facility on Route 202 will go toward the debt retirement. (The other \$400K will be kept to fund two more units that might be built at the Farm site.)

Harding will also get a so-called “payment in lieu of taxes,” or PILOT, annually. The amount of the PILOT is not yet determined.

Very importantly, Harding keeps the COAH credits earned by building the original project and will capture the additional credits from the 2-4 units that will be built in the future. An obvious question, asked at the meeting in September by a member of the public when this plan was revealed, is “Why would Madison Housing Authority pay Harding almost a million dollars to take this money loser off our hands?”

The answer given was twofold. First, low income housing is what MHA does. It’s MHA’s raison d’etre. Second, MHA likely believes they can run The Farm in the black. MHA are experts at running these facilities and have the scale (purchasing and contracting) and knowledge about law and regulations that a smaller entity like Harding does not possess.

An ordinance regarding this transaction will be introduced at the October Township Committee Meeting. If that goes well, the ordinance will be voted on at the November meeting. And final closing of the deal and sale of the property is targeted before yearend.

HURSTMONT RE-DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMING INTO FOCUS

Details of the plan to re-develop the site of the old Hurstmont mansion are being shared with the public at a series of six meeting. By the time you read this, most will have occurred. However, we strongly encourage those interested to see the slides of the presentation on Harding Township’s website - Concept Plan Slides 9-12-19.

The Hurstmont site is on Rt202, just north of the Glen Alpin site at the corner of Tempe Wick Road. The property is approximately 20 acres and contains the ruins of a 100+ year old mansion.

The redevelopment calls for a developer, Hurstmont LLC, to construct 250 units of age

restricted housing - 40 town home style buildings, 125 independent living units and 85 assisted and dementia care units. 40 of the units will earn COAH (Counsel on Affordable Housing) credits towards Harding's low income housing plan as demanded by the State of NJ.

Much care appears to have been taken to ensure that the project is sensitive in style to the historical character of Harding. The plan is to build into the slope so that the building height can be similar to the old mansion. Most parking will be in basement garages. Significant trees and other plantings are part of the plan. The slides show before and after renderings.

Ambulance service will be provided by a private contractor, not our New Vernon First Aid Squad.

Tax revenues from this property are expected to be much in excess of what is currently generated. Since the property is age restricted, there should be few if any school age children. However, if there are, then some of the tax revenues will be diverted to the school budget.

Again, we strongly recommend that citizens visit the Townships website and view the slides.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Save the Date! November 20.

The Harding Township Environmental Commission is pleased to announce it will host a lecture and discussion with Dr. Douglas Tallamy, Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware.

Dr. Tallamy is a well-known and highly sought after speaker and the author of a number of books, including Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard and Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities and form the basis for the foodweb that sustains all life.

More details will be announced at a later date.

OPEN SPACE

Dumping of waste or other debris of any kind on Township property is not permitted. This includes garbage, construction debris and vegetative debris, such as grass clipping, tree branches, leaves and other landscaping debris.

HARDING LAND TRUST

HLT Welcomes New Emeritus Trustees

Congratulations to Harding Land Trust's newly inducted Emeritus Trustees, Ira Berger, Susan Deeks, Tom MacCowatt, Jeanne Manley, Larry Prendergast, and David Shepperly for their demonstrated distinguished service on the HLT Board, including active participation when on the Board and consistent philanthropic support, and strong dedicated interest in Harding Land Trust.

2nd Raptor Release on HLT's Waterman Property

Harding Land Trust hosted its second Raptor Release at their Waterman property on Loantaka Lane North on September 16th. Our friends and partners at The Raptor Trust released three Eastern Screech Owlets into the meadow's forest edge. The Raptor Trust's ED, Chris Soucy, and their staff veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Norton, were on hand to answer questions about their important work, and the role that raptors in general play in our local ecosystem. Thank you to the more than 70 Harding residents that turned out for this wonderful event.

4th Annual "Celebrate Harding" Photo Contest

Sponsored by Harding Land Trust, Kemmerer Library, and Madison PhotoPlus, Harding Township students grades K through 12 from any school are invited to submit photos of landscapes, flora, fauna or wildlife (no pets) for our annual Celebrating Harding Photo Contest to photos@hardinglandtrust.org. The contest will run from October 1st to October 15th and the winners will be announced on October 30th. Rules and submission instructions are posted on the Harding Land Trust and Kemmerer Library website at www.hardinglandtrust.org and www.hardinglibrary.org. Photos will be displayed at the Library and posted on the Harding Land Trust website and Instagram and Facebook accounts after the contest. Winning photos will be on display at Kirby Hall.

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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HARDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY - SAVE THE DATE!

Lecture and Open House - Sunday October 6 @ 2 PM at The Tunis Ellicks House on Village Rd. 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? All ages are welcome. Stop by and view our exhibits on the local history of Harding Twp... This will be your last chance to view the exhibit on the history of the schools of Harding Twp.

The Harding Historical Society's Annual Antique Show & Preview Party will be held Friday Nov. 1 from 6-9 PM. Enjoy an evening with friends browsing (& maybe buying) a wide variety

of quality antiques from over 25 local 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 is open to the public (for a mere \$6 entrance fee-\$5 w/coupon) on Saturday Nov. 2, from 10 AM til 5 PM and Sunday Nov. 3 from 11AM til 4PM at the Tunis Ellicks House on Village Rd. We look forward to seeing you at our annual fundraiser.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Harding Township Health Department Influenza Clinics:

The VNA will be administering the influenza vaccine at two clinics in October 2019 at the Harding Township Municipal Building to residents of Harding Township 65 years of age and older, employees of Harding Township, and active police, fire fighters, and first aid squad members.

The clinic dates are: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 4 pm to 6 pm, and
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 9 am to 11 am

For those residents 65 years of age and older, please bring your Medicare card.

Rabies Clinib:

Morris Township and Harding Township will hold a shared Rabies Clinic at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9 am to 11 am. Please ensure your dog(s) or cat(s) are on a leash or in a carrier.

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIORS

October 11: Trip to Hunterdon Playhouse to see "Barefoot in the Park"

October 24: Jim DelGiudice, Educator & Speaker will present a program on "Face of NJ Immigration to 20th Century" and how it shaped our state.

THE RAPTOR TRUST

"Focus on Raptors" will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. at The Raptor Trust Education Center, located at 1452 White Bridge Rd, Millington, NJ. 07920. \$175 per person. This is an opportunity for committed shutterbugs to take close-up, portrait photographs of our educational raptors in a beautiful outdoor setting. Possible species include: Barred Owl, Screech Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel and Peregrine Falcon. Meet at the Raptor Trust Education Center. Space is very limited and pre-registration is required. To register, go to www.theraptortrust.org/event/focus-on-raptors/

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

Now that cooler weather is approaching and morning shadows are stretching out as the sun moves lower in the sky, it's time to start thinking about cold and flu season. One of the best ways to avoid colds and flues is to protect yourself from those pesky pathogens that compromise your immune system. These pathogens, bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites, enter your body in many ways.

Doctors and researchers agree that a "good defense is a good offense." The single best way to protect yourself is to practice good hygiene and the cornerstone of that defense should be to wash your hands often and well. Washing your hands, including the backs of your hands and wrists and between the fingers for at least 20 seconds is the starting point. Washing after going to the bathroom, before preparing food and after any "dirty" job is a necessity. Also, wash after sneezing or blowing your nose.

Other ways to protect others is to cover a cough. Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose or if one isn't available cough into your arm to minimize the spread of germs. Finally, get your flu shot early. This year's flu vaccine is at pharmacies and your doctor's office now.

Stay protected during the upcoming cold and flu season

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

Great Swamp Gala & Silent Auction 2019

Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6:00-9:30 PM

Brooklake Country Club, 139 Brooklake Rd., Florham Park, NJ

GSWA is thrilled to honor Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill at our 2019 Gala & Silent Auction, held at the Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. Purchase a VIP Premier Ticket for the private reception with our most distinguished guests and enjoy cocktails and gourmet hors d'oeuvres from 5:00-6:00 PM, prior to the start of the Gala. Our annual Gala & Silent Auction is our biggest and most exciting fundraising event of the year! The evening will include a lively cocktail hour, a delicious dinner banquet, an expansive silent auction, and remarks delivered by Congresswoman Sherrill. Purchase your ticket at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Tour the Bayshore Recycling Center
Monday, October 7, 10:00-11:00 AM

Bayshore Recycling Center, 75 Crows Mill Rd., Keasbey, NJ 08832

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recycling once it leaves the end of your driveway? This is your chance to follow its journey with your own eyes, observing how it's sorted, prepped and packaged to get it ready for the next phase. Gary Sandermeyer, VP of Operations at Bayshore Recycling, will explain it all with this behind-the-scenes tour. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to get a true understanding of the importance of recycling, the convenience and drawbacks of single-stream recycling, and how it's all done. You'll also leave with some first-hand do's and don'ts. Must provide your own transportation. This event 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.

Columbus Day Hike at the Refuge
Monday, October 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Orange Trailhead (North), approx 77 Meyersville Rd., Green Village (Harding Township) NJ
School's closed, so what better way to celebrate Columbus Day than with a crisp, Autumn hike at the Refuge? GSWA Education Associate, Adam Palmer, will serve as your tour guide through the Orange Trailhead. Come see the plants and critters of the refuge and learn how they are preparing for the approaching cold weather. This is an easy-breezy hike and a relaxing morning outdoors. Dress for the weather. Space is limited to the first 20 hikers to sign up so register today! This event 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.

Breakfast Briefing: Ed Potasnak - League of Conservation Voters
Tuesday, October 15, 8:00-9:30 AM

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

Join us for a conversation with Ed Potasnak, Executive Director of the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters. This organization is a statewide political voice for the environment where they "elect environmentally responsible candidates to state and local offices, advocate for strong environmental policies, and hold elected officials accountable to safeguard the health of our communities, the beauty of our state, and the strength of our economy." Ed will review pending legislation on The Clean Stormwater and Flood Reduction Act (Senate Bill 1073) intended to help make our neighborhoods cleaner, greener and safer; with the potential to help create good, local jobs. Come get the latest on this and other topics, and feel free to bring your questions. This event 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.

Change of Colors Hike

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Garret Mountain Reservation, 8 Mountain Ave, Woodland Park, NJ

October is the perfect time to head outdoors and check out all the vibrant colors of autumn, and Garret Mountain is the place to be. Hazel England, GSWA Director of Education & Outreach, Land Steward, will take you on a journey through the trails, identify the many varieties of trees and plants, and present to you the breathtaking Paterson Falls. Situated 500 feet above sea level, Garret Mountain Reservation offers several overlooks with panoramic views of northern New Jersey and New York City that you can't see from anywhere else in Passaic County. Be sure to grab your camera and fill up your reusable water bottle. Wear your hiking boots and dress for the weather. This event 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.

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Ski and Snow Board Club starting in January

Register by Dec 10

Registration for the Harding Township Ski and Snow Board Club is now open! All Harding residents are eligible, 11 years and older. Children ages 7 to 10 must have a parent present.

The Club will run on Friday evenings in January and February. The cost is \$350 for 6 twilight lift tickets and bus transportation to/from Harding Township School and Shawnee Mountain. Ski or Snowboard rentals, lessons and meal plan are available at additional cost.

Anticipated dates are January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 21.

For more information and to register online, please visit the Ski and Snowboard page at www.htra.info

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

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, 2018 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.

Sporting Clays and Pig Roast

Sunday, October 27, 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 includes lunch and there is an additional Lewis Cash Option. Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to download a registration form please visit our website at www.greenvillagefire.com. No shot size larger than 7 1/2 will be allowed and eye and ear protection is required.

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@gmail.com

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GVUMC, 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village

Rummage Sale and Bake Sale- October 2 and 3

Our final rummage sale of the year 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 clothes (men's, women's, children, and baby), shoes, handbags, dresses, scarves, coats, decorative pillows, bedding/blankets, adult and children's books, kitchenware/china, glassware, kids' toys, games/puzzles, stuffed animals, dolls, craft supplies, storage containers, candles, CDs, DVDs, collectibles, home décor, lamps, and much more. Like the Rummage sale event on the United Methodist Church in Green Village Facebook page for previews of items available for the sale!

Annual Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction- November 23

Mark Your Calendar: Our Annual Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction will be Saturday, November 23 from 9-3!

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Continuing the exciting *Music Made Here* series, on Sunday, October 13, CME is offering a bravura performance of organ and keyboard music, featuring internationally renowned organ virtuoso Alan Morrison, faculty member of the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music, and CME Director and Steinway Artist Min Kwon, pianist. The program will include Bach's *Concerto in A minor for organ*, César Franks' *Prelude, Fugue & Variation*, and an all-time favorite, Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 for organ and piano*.

The event will take place at 3 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, 57 East Park Place, on the Green. Tickets \$30; under18 admitted free.

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.

Lanzerotti Lecture 2019

Bettina Bierly, 'A Peek Behind the Curtain; the Backstage World of Costume for Live Performance'

Sunday, November 24, 4-5:30 p.m., Kirby Municipal Building

The Lanzerotti Lecture was instituted in 2016 in honor of Harding Township resident and former mayor, Lou Lanzerotti, in recognition of his scientific career and many achievements in space research. It aims to highlight Harding residents whose achievements have been recognized and awarded beyond the boundaries of our small community.

This year, we are very excited to announce the selection of Bettina Bierly to deliver the lecture. Bettina is a Costume Designer, Wardrobe Supervisor, Knitter/Dyer, Lecturer and former Costume Director for NYC Opera. Bettina's work has been seen at Lincoln Center, BAM, Tanglewood, SPAC, Wolf Trap, Shadowland, Bard, George St. Playhouse, Bickford

Theater and on Celebrity ships around the world.

In her lecture, Bettina will take us backstage and show us what it takes to costume a live show, sharing experiences of her current work at NYC Ballet as well as constructing silk dresses for Hamilton. Costumes and accessories will be presented and questions answered. Refreshments will be served following the lecture. Please register in advance, online or at the Library desk.

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.

'Wee Yogis' with Miss Whitney, Tuesdays, October 1 & 8, 3:45 p.m.

A fun yoga class for children age 3-6. Children will develop a mind-body connection, release stress, gain confidence and learn to express themselves through yoga, mindfulness, music and interactive play. Registration requested please, together with a contribution of \$5 per class.

Junior Garden Club, "Pumpkin, Pumpkins, Pumpkins!" Thursday, October 10, 3:45 p.m.

Our very popular monthly class returns for another season! This month, join Mrs Wilson to learn about how pumpkins grow and their uses, and then create a project with a pumpkin from the Library pumpkin patch. Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club, "Enhancing the Beauty of our town through Nature". Registration requested, please.

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, downstairs 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, Sundays, 3-4 p.m.

Please see website for dates. Join girls and boys from different schools to discuss a new book each month. Snacks available.

Teen Programs:

Jumpstart Your College Essay, Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.

Kate Balboni of Balboni College Advising will be here to give high school students advice and tips on crafting their college application essay. Registration requested, please.

College Visits, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Former College Admissions Counselor Kate Balboni returns with valuable advice for students and their parents, who are about to embark on the college application process. Registration requested, please.

Plastic Bag Recycling Update:

We have reached our goal of recycling 500lbs of plastic bags and wrap! Please stop by to see our lovely new Trex bench, made from a composite of recycled plastic, in the Children's Garden at the Library.

Adult Programs:

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. No charge, but registration requested, please, to ensure sufficient materials.

Monthly Movie Matinee, 'Yesterday', Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy this British romantic comedy directed by Danny Boyle, and re-experience the Beatles songs as if they're brand new! Featuring Ed Sheeran and Lily James. Refreshments available. Registration not required.

Book Group and Author Visit, October 15, 1:30 p.m.

The book group will be welcoming local author, Donna Baier Stein and discussing her novel, 'The Silver Baron's Wife'. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome! Registration not required.

Financial Planning for Continuing Care Retirement Communities, Thursday, October 17, 11:30 a.m.

Join Jim Ciprich, CFP®, MBA, and Melissa Weisz, CFP®, CFA from RegentAtlantic Wealth Advisors, as they discuss various senior living options and the financial considerations you may wish to make. 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.

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.

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, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Drop-in to have your blood pressure checked by Public Health Nurse, Kathy Basile. No need to register. Upcoming dates: October 10, November 14.

THE FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

The Friends of Kemmerer Library will hold their annual **Shredding Event** at the Library parking lot on Saturday, October 12, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wine with Friends IV will be hosted by the Friends of Kemmerer Library, at the Library, on Thursday, October 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements
If you have a submission for the **November 2019 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, October 18th, 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
October 12, 26
December 14, 28

November 9, 23

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

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