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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2019

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Ed Meeting (10-14-19) Student Learning Assessment Results

The results of the 2019 NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) were presented by Matthew Spelker, Superintendent. They *continue* to be extremely positive relative to recent historical results and also relative to other NJ districts. A link to the slides from the presentation are prominently displayed on the Harding Township School’s (HTS) website, www.hardingtwp.org. A small sample of positive test results include:

- 100% of all 8th grade students at HTS achieved a passing score of 4 or 5 on the English & Language Arts (ELA) assessment;
- 93% of all 7th grade students at HTS achieved a passing score of 4 or 5 on the English & Language Arts (ELA) assessment, with 81.5% of those students achieving a score of 5 on the ELA assessment;
- 93% of all 6th grade students achieved a passing score of 4 or 5 on the English & Language Arts (ELA) assessment;
- 100% of HTS students taking the Algebra 1 assessment achieved a passing score of 4 or 5 (versus a state average of 43.3% passing);
- 95% of 4th grade students achieved a passing score of 4 or 5 on the Math assessment

Because of the above outstanding results, it was noted that HTS rankings on the popular school ranking web site, www.niche.com, which already includes the above

NJSLA test results in its 2019 rankings, rank HTS and its teachers, as follows:

- HTS is the #1 Best Public Elementary School in Morris County (with a similar ranking state-wide);
- HTS is #13 (out of 719) Best Public Middle School in New Jersey - a ranking of top 1% in the State;
- HTS is #14 (out of 1,409) Best Public Elementary School Teachers in NJ - a ranking of top 1% in the State.
- HTS is #9 (out of 715) Best Public Middle School Teachers in NJ - a ranking of top 1% in the State

Will the Harding School District Be Consolidated with Another District?

This was a question asked by a member of the public during one of the open public hearing sections of the Board of Education (BOE) meeting.

In early October, Governor Murphy revealed a plan that “could ultimately lead to the elimination of nearly 300 school districts.” Harding Township School was on the list. The Superintendent noted that it appeared that all K-8 schools in NJ were presented on this same list, and as such, the plan seems to be in its nascent stage.

“The goal is to eliminate the administration, put a principal in the school, get rid of the school district, leave a principal, let the regional high school become a K-12 district,” NJ Senate president Sweeney said. “You go from 600 districts to 320.”

The comments from the Board of Education, all strongly opposed, came rapidly:

- The plan gave no thought to the 90 years of successful education of students here in Harding.
- The plan calls to combine all K-5, K-6 and K-8 districts with a 9-12 high school district.
- We are very early in the process.
- The State of NJ sends only \$440K to Harding, a small percentage of the school budget, so the State would save little money, and Harding would seriously consider foregoing those funds to remain independent.
- Harding would have only 2 of 9 board seats if combined with Madison, and therefore lose voting, curricular and operational control of HTS.
- Harding would be a loser in any combination, for many reasons, based on a prior (relatively recent), detailed study that was already completed.
- Intent is to save money - example 2 police departments to one.

- They may want us to combine with Morristown.
- We have not heard about a forced consolidation.
- Not concerned because the State is only asking districts to "look into it."
- Have received a lot of concern - 30 emails and texts.

A member of the public commented that consolidations generally cost jobs and asked if the teachers' union, the powerful NJEA, has taken a public position on the plan. "Nothing yet" was the response.

A board member said school consolidation was the #1 topic at a May meeting of school board reps from across the State. He reported that the targeted districts were ones that are smaller than HTS, financially strapped, and not providing good education results.

The meeting attendees seemed to agree that this is a topic that requires close attention, as the consequences for Harding are very powerful and negative.

Harding citizens would lose control of their school. And even if a family does not have children in the HT school, the property tax consequences could be very negative. Consider that the school tax represents just under half of a Harding homeowner's property tax bill. In almost any consolidation scheme, HT would combine with a district with a higher school tax rate. This could cause a very sharp increase in a HT homeowner's property tax bill, while the expected cost savings would largely be enjoyed by the other district's residents.

Further, higher property taxes generally mean lower property values (all else being equal). And to the extent that our excellent local school is a big reason why buyers want to move here, losing the school will further depress demand for Harding homes and depress property values.

The sanguine comments of some on the Board of Ed notwithstanding, the Board of Ed and the meeting attendees seemed to agree that this plan from Trenton demands close attention of all residents.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Notes for September 23, 2019

Mr. Saulnier reminded everyone about next month's public meeting to discuss the Master Plan. One issue that has bubbled up recently is noise, particularly that of

chain saws being used in the middle of the night. Mr. Hall reported that the GHK Realty Application for Fawn Hill Farm on Spring Valley Road has officially expired, and a new application would need to be filed. Most of the meeting was used to review amendments to the Hurstmont re-development plan. The original plan was formed prior to the designation of a re-developer, and the re-developer who has been designated is proposing amendments. The Board must determine if the changes are consistent with the Master Plan. Town Planner McKinley Mertz walked through the revisions. The classification of the facility is being changed from a “continuing care retirement facility” to “a la carte.” This will allow townhouse owners to re-sell their properties and buy into amenities. Physical aspects of the development (driveways, lighting, access, signage, etc.) were reviewed. The developer is allocating two acres for a public walking trail. A more sophisticated septic system is being proposed to handle the daily volume. Impervious coverage is being increased due to road widening required by the Fire Department. Parking will be underground, and the architectural style of the buildings will include natural materials throughout. Landscaping and tree planting were included in the plan. The Board concluded the changes were consistent with the Master Plan, and a resolution to that effect (along with recommended changes) was approved. The Board will have the opportunity for further scrutiny of the re-development when the final plans are submitted for approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The Environmental Commission will host a lecture by lecture and discussion with Dr. Douglas Tallamy, Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. Please join us on Wednesday, November 20th at Christ the King Church. The talk will start at 7:30pm and be followed by light refreshments.

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.

At the Environmental Commission meeting on October 7th, the following items were discussed:

Living Landscapes. Two additional plots in the Primrose Farm were surveyed in

September by a team led by Dr Jay Kelly of Raritan Valley Community College. Results from these surveys will be combined with results from previous efforts at the Harding Land Trust property on Dicksons Mill (Koven fields) and the Great Swamp Conservation Management Area and will provide a better assessment of the relatively health of our preserved lands.

Rolling Knolls Landfill. The commission continues to monitor progress of plans to remediate the Rolling Hills Landfill. Recommendations from the EPA are still pending at this time.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Be on the lookout for what's coming in the mail from HLT. With your support, we can preserve and maintain the rural character of our community!

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 were invited to submit photos of landscapes, flora, fauna or wildlife for our annual Celebrate Harding Photo Contest this past month. Please join us at a reception at Kemmerer Library on November 11th at 4:00 PM. All are invited to celebrate our youngest residents and their beautiful photographs which will be on display. Winners will be announced at the event so don't miss it!

Volunteer Opportunity

Calling all volunteers! Harding Land Trust is looking for volunteers to assist with trail work at our Primrose property, on Sunday, November 3 from 8:00-12:00. Parking is available at the Barrett Field parking lot off of Brook Drive South. Volunteers should bring: work gloves, boots, metal rakes and a positive attitude! Work will be on the trail section leading up to Primrose Field from Barrett. Signs will be posted with instructions. Please contact Jordan Leff with any questions at 973.267.2515!

New in town?

For more information about HLT or to receive our mailings, invites, and/or eblasts, please call 973.267.2515 or email us at contactus@hardinglandtrust.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Harding Township Historical Society is looking forward to seeing you the weekend of November 1, 2 and 3 at our 36th Annual Antique Show and sale. The Preview Party is Friday , November 1st from 6-9 pm. It is \$45 per head for a nice selection of wine and food. All the Antique Dealers will be there that night and you will be able pick out that special item before anyone else! RSVP to Hardinghist@comcast.com and you can pay at the door. The Antique Show will be open on Saturday, November 2 from 10AM to 5PM and on Sunday, November 3 from 11AM to 4PM. Admission is \$6 for an adult.

Please come and join us at our annual fund raiser!

Looking forward to 2020, we will host our Annual Meeting in the basement meeting room of Christ the King on January 23rd, 2020, at 7:30 PM. Our speaker will be Pat Sanflner. She will speak to us about Morristown and the Revolution with a focus on the Hamilton and Schuyler families. Come hear some of the history behind the famous play, "Hamilton".

Admission is free to members and \$5 at the door for non-members.

BOXCAR

Parking Solution for Harding Commuters: An App Called "Boxcar"

Parking for Harding Township residents who want to take a train into New York City was eliminated over 10 years ago when the Borough of Madison limited parking passes to their residents only. Since then, Harding commuters had few choices. Some deciding to forego mass transit altogether and drive to Jersey City or all the way into the City. Others get dropped off in the morning and picked up in the evening.

Now there may be a solution. Committeeman Nicolas Platt, a frequent commuter to New York City, tells us about a new app called "Boxcar." It's a service that has an arrangement with owners of parking lots a short walk from the Madison, Convent Station, Morristown and Chatham train stations. Commuters can reserve a designated parking space for as little as \$3.00 per day. The reservation can be done that morning or days in advance.

To get the app, go to the Apple app store, and search for the "Boxcar" transportation app, download it, and set up an account. Boxcar's telephone number is 908 485 7275. Mr. Platt says it worked well.

BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION

Fall is most riders' favorite season to ride and it is definitely my favorite time to enjoy the beauty of our area. The Spring Valley Hounds hosted a Drag Hunt with the hounds on the trails in October and Crewe Hill hosted a Downton Abbey inspired luncheon for the riders and spectators at their stable. It was a beautiful and inspiring sight and was a reminder of the historic tradition of The Hunt and its social activities that were such a part of the community in our area in the past. The tentative date for the holiday party is Sunday Dec. 15th, so keep your calendars open and an eye out for the email invite!

Don't forget - See Something/Do Something: if you're riding and see "something;" do something. Don't leave a hole, broken glass, fallen branches, etc. that could cause harm to you or your horse, or make the trails impassable, go without action. If you personally cannot correct the situation, please email dorothymccann.dm@gmail.com and the Trail Maintenance committee will be notified. Social Media: Please visit our Facebook Page at Harding Township Green Village Bridle Path Assoc. ; and, when visiting our Facebook Page, don't forget to "Like" our Page! Happy Trails. As always, remember no motor vehicles of any type are permitted on the HT/GV Bridle Path Trails!

THE RAPTOR TRUST

Join us for two exciting events in November:

Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Learn about New Jersey's owls at our Education Center, meet a live owl, and build an owl house for your own backyard. A great holiday gift for family, friends and for the owls! Ages 7 and up, \$10 per person. Optional owl box kit \$40. Please go to <http://theraptortrust.org/news/events> to register

Sunday, November 17th, at 3:00 pm.

The Raptor Trust presents: The Len Soucy Memorial Lecture Series with Jonathan C. Slaght, Ph.D. for his talk, The Salmon-Eating Owls of Russia. Blakiston's fish owls are the largest owls in the world, with six-foot wingspans and weights in the range of Bald eagles. These endangered birds are found at very low densities across northeast Asia, where they hunt for salmon and other aquatic prey in clean mountain rivers and nest in the cavities of enormous trees. Jonathan C. Slaght, of the Wildlife Conservation Society, has spent more than twenty years working on conservation issues in the Russian Far East, fifteen of them with Blakiston's fish owls, and is a foremost expert on the species. He will provide an overview of the landscape and the

diverse wildlife found within the region, followed by a description of Blakiston's fish owl biology, ecology, and the efforts of Slaght and his Russian colleagues to protect them from extinction. Join us for this special event. Space is limited, so please go to <http://theraptortrust.org/news/events/> to register!

Program location: Somerset County Parks Environmental Education Center ,190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge, NJ, \$10 General Admission, \$5 for Seniors

NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD

The New Vernon First Aid Squad wants to be sure you know when to call 9-1-1 for possible signs of a stroke.

Use the letters in "F.A.S.T." to spot stroke signs.

- **Face Drooping**—Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is their smile uneven or lopsided?
- **Arm Weakness**—Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech**—Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like, "The sun always shines in Cincinnati".
- **Time to Call 9-1-1**—If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 for immediate help.

Additional Symptoms of Stroke

If someone shows any of these symptoms, call 9-1-1 immediately:

- Sudden **NUMBNESS** or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden **CONFUSION**, trouble speaking or understanding speech.
- Sudden **TROUBLE SEEING** in one or both eyes.
- Sudden **TROUBLE WALKING**, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination/.
- Sudden **SEVERE HEADACHE** with no known cause

Knowing the signs of a stroke may be the difference between recovery and disability. Think and act F.A.S.T.

The First Aid Squad needs new members now to help respond to medical emergencies in Harding. To learn more send an email with your name, phone number and address to: joinus@nvvfd.org.

We are "neighbors helping neighbors."

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Fall-Fest Hard Cider Tasting

Tuesday, November 5, 5:30-7:30 PM

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

Apples & Autumn - Perfect Together! Come experience all things apples at our hard cider tasting. Sample eight varieties of hard (spiked) apple cider including spiced, barrel-aged, fruit and others, some of them local. We will pair them with delightful snacks including apple treats. This event is free to all non-members, and it's free to all GSWA members who bring a non-member guest. C'mon out and sample the tastes of autumn. Registration is required. Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

(Wo)man's Best Friend Hike at the CMA

Saturday, November 9, 1:00-3:00 PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 1 Tiger Lily Ln., Harding Twp., NJ

Calling all pooches! Grab your family and a leash, and c'mon out to the CMA for a crisp, pre-winter hike. We know you're ready to get some fresh air and sniff new smells. This is your day! We only ask that you play nice with other dogs, remain on your leash for the full hike, and ask your humans to bring you some water in case you get thirsty, and clean up after you. There is a limit of 15 pups (but no limit on the number of humans) so shake a leg and 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.

CMA Stewardship and Restoration Update & GSWA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 6:00-7:30 PM

Kemmerer Library

19 Blue Mill Rd., New Vernon, NJ

Join us for wine and cheese and see what we've been up to at our Conservation Management Area (CMA) on Tiger Lily Lane in Harding. Since our recent acquisition of 20 new acres, making our property over 70 contiguous acres, we have been busy! Work completed at the property from more than 2000 volunteer hours this year includes expanding our education areas to accommodate larger classes, felling more than 20 trees to block old hunting roads, creating 500 feet of boardwalk for trails, and planting 1000 native trees and shrubs. Hear about what else we've been working on as an organization. We are always hard at work on advocacy, education and water quality monitoring, in addition to our land preservation and stewardship efforts. Please join us. Registration is required.

Post-Turkey Day Hike

Sunday, December 1, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 83 Tiger Lily Ln., Morristown, NJ

We all did it - we went for that extra helping of mashed potatoes... used a little extra whipped cream on our pumpkin pie... there's no shame in that, especially when you head outside for a post-Thanksgiving hike and walk it off! Join Hazel England, GSWA Director of Education & Outreach, Land Steward, and come check out all the great work our volunteers have been doing throughout the year as we take you end-to-end tour of the CMA and contiguous trails. Enjoy the new boardwalks across the trails and marvel at the new native plants that have replaced the invasives. You won't want to miss this Thanksgiving treat! 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 PTO

Calling all Bookworms! The Harding Township School invites you to their annual Book Fair, Saturday, November 23rd @ 10AM-2PM. Purchases support HTS. Stop by the HTS Cafeteria and see a wide selection of books and fun items. The Holidays are fast approaching, why not give the gift of reading! All are welcome.

HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Herb Society of America- Northern New Jersey Unit

The Northern New Jersey Unit of the Herb Society of America would be delighted to welcome any members of the community, interested in herbs, or the use of herbs, to join us at our local meetings.

Our unit began in 1970 with an enthusiasm and respect for Herbs and Herbal History. The group was further defined by its commitment to the 18th century Wick Garden, in the Jockey Hollow National Historical Park, which we still upkeep.

To find out more about membership and local Herb Society events and lectures please email Donna Tyson at dbtyson@gmail.com or Susan Conway at melizan59@aol.com

NEW VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary presents Holiday Sip & Shop, on Thursday, November 14, 4:00 to 9:00 pm and Friday, November 15, 4:00 and 9:00 pm. There will be wine, light appetizers and Unique Holiday Shopping at the Firehouse, 22 Village Road. For more information call Anne, 908-433-0972 or auxiliary@nvvfd.org. Hope to see everyone there!

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, November 23

Holiday Bazaar Silent Auction and Crafts

Our holiday bazaar features a large silent auction with a variety of gift baskets, gift certificates, and other items. In addition to the silent auction there's an array of handmade crafts, Christmas and holiday items, delectables, jewelry, and attic treasures waiting for you. Free entry!

Green Village United Methodist Church, 9am-3pm, 500 Spring Valley Rd, Green Village. See Church's Facebook event for additional information and previews of silent auction items.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The *Sunday Speaker Series* is pleased to invite history buffs and those who enjoy discerning "the truth, a good story, or don't remember much" when it comes to the American Revolution to its next session, **The Revolutionary War: Our Collective Historical Memory**, on **Sunday, November 10 at 11:15**. Our speaker, Joel Farkas, lectures widely on American history, is a volunteer National Park Service docent at Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, and an avid collector of historical autographs. Test your memory and don't miss the fun!

Do you crave adult company while the little ones enjoys supervised play? Join the happy group at **Toddler Time** on Wednesdays from 9:30 until 11:30a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Join the fun and a tasty meal at **Let's Lunch!** on **Wednesday, November 20** at noon.

A fun event for seniors, not yet seniors--indeed anyone who enjoys good company, good conversation, and good food. Next month we will also meet on the third Wednesday because of the holiday: December 18. Mark your calendars.

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

Closing the second year of the highly successful *Music Made Here* concert series, a "Winter Gala Celebration" will be held on **Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm** at The Presbyterian Church on the Green in Morristown. It will feature a star-studded cast of musicians performing Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*, and other musical treats. Following the concert will be a celebratory dinner at the nearby Westin Governor Morris. For information and tickets to these two events, see cmemusic.org. Start the festive season on a musical note!

HARDING TOWNSHIP SENIORS

There will be a meeting on November 14, at the Church of Christ the King, at 11am, at which Harding Township Mayor Chris Yates will speak on issues in Harding Township.

THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

The Library would like to thank Jon Rafalowski and his team at Tree-Tech for the beautiful job they did pruning the Linden tree at the front of the building, and Bob Meade and his team for maintaining the landscaping at the Library. They are both extremely generous!

Operating Hours: Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.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.

'Celebrate Harding' Photo Contest Awards, Monday, November 11, 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate our beautiful town with photographs taken by Harding students. All contest entries will be on display, with prizes being awarded to first place winners in each of three age categories plus a Grand Prize winner. Pick your own favorite as you enjoy light refreshments. Co-sponsored by Kemmerer Library, Harding Land Trust and Madison PhotoPlus.

Junior Garden Club, 'Holiday Kissing Balls', Thursday, November 21, 3:45 p.m.

Join Mrs Wilson to learn about holiday traditions of decorating with fresh evergreen branches and then create a Kissing Ball to hang for the holidays. Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club, "Enhancing the Beauty of our town through Nature". Children of all ages are welcome. Registration requested, please.

Bookworms Book Club for 10-12 year olds, Sundays, 3-4 p.m.

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

Adult Programs:

From Liverpool to Fame: The Beginning of the Beatles, Wednesday, October 30, 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.

Monthly Movie Matinee, 'The Peanut Butter Falcon', Wednesday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for this 2019 American [comedy-drama](#), described as a modern retelling of Huckleberry Finn. Its plot follows a young man with [Down syndrome](#) (Zack Gottsagen) who escapes from an assisted living facility and befriends a wayward fisherman on the run ([Shia LaBeouf](#)). Enjoy the music and the feel-good story. Popcorn and cookies available. Registration not required.

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.

Lanzerotti Lecture 2019: Bettina Bierly, 'A Peek Behind the Curtain; the Backstage World of Costume for Live Performance'

Sunday, November 24, 4:00 p.m. - 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.

Regular Activities:

Gentle Yoga, Mondays (with M.J.) and Thursdays (with Susan), 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, 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: November 14, December 12.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the **December 2019 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, November 15th, 2019**. MS Word is the preferred format, thank you!

Current and past issues of the Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are available on our Website: www.HardingCivic.org. Send questions or comments about *Thumbnail* to editor to: HTCA@mail.com or PO Box 72 New Vernon, NJ 07976

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2019 Recycling Schedule

November 9, 23

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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