

# Harding Township Civic Association

## THUMBNAIL ACCOUNTS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS

“Keeping Harding Informed Since 1949”

[www.HardingCivic.org](http://www.HardingCivic.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2020

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Harding-specific information during this pandemic:

- Sign up for the AlertHarding Smart 911 system at [smart911.com](http://smart911.com)
- See Township announcements at [hardingnj.org](http://hardingnj.org)
- Sign up for Civic Association emails at [hardingcivic.org](http://hardingcivic.org)
- Email [helpforharding@gmail.com](mailto:helpforharding@gmail.com) or call 862-246-7648 for help with errands or to volunteer

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Ways you can help:

- Give time: volunteer by emailing [helpforharding@gmail.com](mailto:helpforharding@gmail.com)
- Give food: donations to the Interfaith Food Pantry can be picked up from your porch
- Give blood: to the American Red Cross

## **FOOD DRIVE**

With the unprecedented demand arising from so many unemployed, there is a critical need now to re-stock local food pantries. Harding residents are answering the call with a food drive to support the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry.

If you would like to make a donation of food and beverages with a zero-contact pick-up from outside your home, please contact Kate Barry at [caitlinbarry@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinbarry@gmail.com) or text 862-217-6438. She will coordinate a pick up time and deliver the food to the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry.

Items such as 100% fruit juice, canned vegetables, canned hearty soups, canned tuna, canned beans, cereal (low sugar/high fiber), peanut butter (in plastic jars), and spaghetti/pasta sauce are all in high demand. For an exhaustive list of most needed items, please refer to: <http://mcifp.org/donate/donate-food/>.

Financial contributions are also deeply appreciated and may be completed here: <https://mcifp.harnessapp.com/wv2/donation/one-time>. You may also designate your contribution as part of the Harding Food Drive in the notes/comments section.

Thank you so much for your generosity and assistance.

## **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Teleconference Township Committee Meeting April 13, 2020

The TC held its regular April meeting by telephone. The public was able to call in, listen and ask questions.

The budget for 2020 got unanimous final approved. With negligible changes, the budget was as we reported on in prior months. And we were assured that budget was reviewed in light of the CV19.

An unnamed patrol officer tendered his resignation on the same day as the TC meeting and the TC voted to accept that resignation effective immediately. This was unusual in our experience.

Two ordinances related to the Hurstmont Redevelopment got their first reading. Both were regarding the financial aspects of the transaction and particularly property taxes that the development will pay. The ordinances' first readings were approved in a 3 to 5 vote. Committee persons DiTosto and Modi both voted against the ordinances. A member of the public asked if Ms. DiTosto and Mr. Modi could explain their objections.

But according to rules, no discussion of the ordinance is allowed at the first reading. The answer was deferred to the May TC meeting where the full contract with the developer will be subject to public hearing and discussion before the final vote.

Covid19 Statistics (as of 4-13-20)

State of New Jersey: over 64,000 cases and 2,443 deaths

Morris County: 3,169 cases

Harding Township: 20 cases

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Planning Board Notes for April 2, 2020

The Board met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> by special teleconference to approve the written resolutions for the following applications:

1. Application PB#02-19, Mark Rolland & Kevin Roberts, 33 Long Hill Road, Block 17, Lot 41.01. Grant of conditional use and minor site plan approval for accessory apartment and approval of bulk variances for renovation/enlarged residence.
2. Application PB#01-20, Thomas Calcagni, 24 Miller Road. Special Flood Hazard Permit.

The meeting scheduled in March was cancelled.

## **HARDING LAND TRUST**

We send our best wishes and hope that you are doing well during these unprecedented times.

Tree Distribution: While a date has not been set due to Covid-19, we are again pleased to offer Harding Residents the opportunity to adopt root tree seedlings sometime this spring. Please check our website and social media pages for the most updated information. <https://hardinglandtrust.org/>

As we continue to shelter in place, we hope that you have been able to enjoy these early days of spring, as the beauty of nature abounds. We would like to share a few ways that you can enjoy being outside, if only in your own backyard for now.

5th Annual Fall Photo Contest for K-12: While still several months away, it is never too early to start taking photos. Spring is the perfect time to capture the wonder of nature that is all around us. So grab your cameras and get outside- we can't wait to see what you capture!

Our friends at the Great Swamp Watershed Association have put together a "Stay-At-Home-Scavenger-Hunt". For more information and to register please visit <https://www.greatswamp.org/event/stay-at-home-savenger-hunt/>.

## **HARDING TOWNSHIP PTO AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

The Harding Township Educational foundation (HTEF) and the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) have postponed the Harding Huskers Corn Hole Tournament/ Spring Fundraiser due to the Corona virus. Our new date will be Saturday, October 3rd, 2020. We look forward to seeing you for a great night of fun in the fall!

## **NEW VERNON FIRST AID SQUAD**

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, we asked for your help in extending our supplies of personal protective equipment. You came through like the champions we've always known Harding's residents to be. Residents scoured their cupboards, basements and garages and donated over 200 new, unused N-95 respirators. While most donations were small the volume and number of donations really amazed us. Many consisted of small numbers of respirators and other personal protective equipment, but some donations were very large. In total, they add up; helping the Harding Police Department, the First Aid Squad, and the Fire Department continue to be there to serve you.

So many Harding residents have responded to our request for N95 respirators, masks and other personal protective equipment, we can't list them all here, but want to make sure that we thank you for your generosity. We need these supplies to continue to do our job as first responders here in New Vernon. We can't tell you how gratified we are by the overwhelming response you've shown. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We hope when this is over and the "new norm," whatever that is begins to settle in, you will again search your hearts and consider volunteering as an EMT or driver for the First Aid Squad. Remember, WE ARE NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

Should you wish to reach out to us now, to add your name to our list of potential volunteers, please either call Lotte Newlin at (862) 222-3106, Larry Weppler at (917) 838-3332, or George Barry at (646)-361-5528 or email us at [JoinUs@NVVFD.org](mailto:JoinUs@NVVFD.org)

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad

## **KEMMERER LIBRARY**

As long as we are required to maintain social distancing, the Kemmerer Library will remain closed.

However, whilst the building is closed, **the library continues to operate virtually and**

**still offers a number of services that you can take advantage of from home. You can:**

Borrow eLibrary materials including eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines  
Participate in Virtual Programs  
Use our Virtual Meeting Space

### **eLibraries**

If you have a library card, the Library offers eBooks for borrowing via the Libby app (our exclusive collection for Harding cardholders) and the Cloud app (shared with other Morris County libraries). These books can be downloaded for reading on your tablet, iPad, phone, computer or Kindle Fire. Libby eBooks can also be downloaded to regular Kindles. We are significantly expanding our Libby collection now! Please check out the Tumblebook Library for children. Newly added eResources which do not require a library card include TumbleMath, TeenCloud, and an extra AudiobookCloud; there is something for everyone!

Visit [www.hardinglibrary.org](http://www.hardinglibrary.org) and click E-LIBRARY to get started!

If your library card is misplaced, or has expired, you've forgotten your PIN, or are not sure how to download digital content then please email [desk@hardinglibrary.org](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org) and we will do what we can to assist you. We can also offer instruction by phone or videoconference if you need it.

If you do not have a library card and would like one, please email [desk@hardinglibrary.org](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org) and we will make arrangements to set up an account for you. There is no charge for having a library card at the Kemmerer Library!

### **Virtual Library Programs**

In recent weeks we have established several virtual library programs using Zoom, and have plans for more. Please see [www.hardinglibrary.org](http://www.hardinglibrary.org) for up-to-date information and easy to use links.

#### **Toddler Storytime with Miss Casey, Tuesdays at 10:15 am**

Stories, songs and a craft idea for pre-schoolers and their caregivers.

#### **'Get Together for Games' with Elaine, Wednesdays at Noon, Fridays at 10:30 am**

Are you missing social contact? Looking for some light-hearted relief? Join us for conversation and a variety of fun games.

#### **Bookworms, (Book Club for 10-12 year olds), Wednesday, May 6, 3:00 pm**

We are reading Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and enjoying some themed activities via Zoom! Contact [desk@hardinglibrary.org](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org) if you'd like to join our wizarding world.

**Adult Book Group, Tuesday, May 19, 1:30 pm**

All are welcome to join the discussion of 'Lady Clementine' by Marie Benedict. Copies of this title are available on both Libby and Cloud or you may be able to borrow a library Kindle. Contact us if you'd like one!

If you have an idea for a program that you would like to see being offered, or that you can offer, then please let us know.

**Virtual Meeting Space**

The Library is offering use of a Zoom account if you have a club or group that needs a virtual meeting space. Please email [desk@hardinglibrary.org](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org) if interested.

If you wish to stay informed of library services with our regular e-mail newsletter let us know and we will add you to our distribution list. Send an email to [desk@hardinglibrary.org](mailto:desk@hardinglibrary.org).

**FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Kemmerer Library wish you health, safety and sanity during this difficult time. We extend our sincere gratitude to our local leaders, our health care workers, first responders, all essential workers, and all members of our community! We look forward to the time that we may resume events to benefit the library.

**HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:**

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the **June 2020 Thumbnail** please email to: [htca@mail.com](mailto:htca@mail.com) by **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. 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](http://www.HardingCivic.org). Send questions or comments about *Thumbnail* to editor to: [HTCA@mail.com](mailto:HTCA@mail.com) or PO Box 72 New Vernon, NJ 07976

**HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING**

During the ongoing State of Emergency declared by Governor Murphy, operations at the DPW have curtailed.

## Hours of Operation:

**Mondays & Wednesdays:** 7 am - Noon

From 7am to 8am is senior (residents 60+) recycling only. Full assistance will be provided to seniors during this period.

From 8 am until noon, recycling for all residents. No assistance will be provided during these hours.

**Social distancing must be observed at all times.**

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
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**DATED MATERIAL**

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