

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2021

URGENT: EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE THUMBNAIL

Sadie Hoberman, our editor, is going off to college this fall. We wish her great success. But the Civic Association is in URGENT need of a volunteer to find a new Editor...quickly!

SKILLS REQUIRED: Cut & Paste, Format & Layout in Microsoft Word

EXPERIENCE: None Required! Sadie will show you the ropes.

HOURS: Approximately 3 hours per month on 3rd weekend.

COMPENSATION: Lavish Psychic Income when you see your work in every mailbox in Harding.

BONUS: Invaluable Letters of Recommendation by the Civic Association Trustees to all colleges to which you apply. And this job is not just for high school kids. But if you are through with your higher education, your bonus is a pat on the back.

Interested? Contact Steve Balog at stephenjbalog@gmail.com

HARDING CENTENNIAL

In 2022, Harding Township will celebrate its centennial year, marking 100 years since our forefathers separated from Passaic Township and formed a new community, naming it after the then-President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

Slogan/Logo Design Contest: Harding Township is now asking town residents to create and/or inspire the official slogan and logo for the upcoming Centennial Celebration. The selected slogan and logo design will be incorporated in the community wide celebration of the upcoming Centennial Anniversary 2022, and our town's Centennial letterhead, and will

become the property of Harding Township. Contest rules are available on the Centennial page of our town website: <http://www.hardingnj.org/community/centennial-celebration>. The deadline for submission has been extended until **APRIL 30, 2021 at 12:00 PM EST**. All entries will be voted upon by Harding Residents. Contact Lorene Wright at 973/267-8000, ext. 712, with any questions.

Volunteer/Advertise: If you or your organization would like to suggest or chair an event, or if you or your company are interested in advertising in our Centennial calendar or at one of our Centennial events, please contact Rita Chipperson (rchipperon@hardingnj.org or 201-919-8098, Nicole Lacz (nlaczmd@aol.com or 973-879-3964), or Tracey Walters (tntwalters@comcast.net or 908-500-0781). If you have photos or videos you would like to include in the celebration, please contact us or submit to centennial@hardingnj.org.

For additional details, see our Centennial Web page at <http://www.hardingnj.org/community/centennial-celebration>.

Let's make this a grand celebration!!!

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board of Education meeting highlights: January 25, 2021.

This meeting was held by teleconference and in person because of Covid.

Dr. Matthew Spelker, the Superintendent, gave the second update on the 2020-2021 district goals. The presentation is on the HTS website.

Goal one is to measure academic progress through assessments. Baselines tests have been administered, and information about student growth/objectives has been given to parents.

Goal two is growing the STEM program. The K-6 curriculum has been completed, the new STEM facilities are great, and the current goal is to match the curriculum and instruction to the facilities. MAD-Learn, an app design program for 8th grade, was the most recent topic of professional development.

Goal three is about social and emotional learning for all students. The Climate and Culture Committee and Student Council are meeting monthly (virtually). The Child Study Team meets with students, as necessary.

Finally, goal four is continued professional development for staff to develop personalized learning. This has been very useful as a time to learn more about COVID health measures and protocols. There has been a great deal of other kinds of professional development, on non-academic and academic subjects, including on Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB).

Dr. Matthew Spelker gave the semi-annual Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (HIB) report (covering July-December 2020). There have been zero HIB incidences, and one investigation that was found to not be HIB. The policies and procedures seem to be keeping everyone safe. The police have been very helpful, and training on HIB is held every summer. There's a survey on the district website that shows the improvement over time. Dr. Spelker thanked all parents for giving the school great students and for being supportive when little things happen.

There was an involved discussion with a few parents about using the afternoon time when children are home differently. Currently, the school is in person all morning and after lunch (1-3) students are at home, where they have asynchronous learning tasks, specials, and are also encouraged to virtually meet with their teachers for office hours. The school is looking at best practices in other districts and is always willing to improve; however, they believe it is problematic to make certain of the final periods remote because then those classes would be allocated inequitable/unevenly amongst students.

Parents suggested that solutions are needed now to make the afternoon time more engaging for students. There was also concern about preparations for the NJSLA test and how students getting a shortened day will compare to students at other schools. Dr. Spelker praised the teachers, who are doing "a phenomenal job." On testing, it is very unclear whether the NJSLA test will be held, as it wasn't administered last year, due to concerns about how to administer it. Students are getting every class for a shortened period (approximately 30 minutes vs. the typical 40 minutes), and Dr. Spelker asserted that Harding students, even with slightly less in-person class time, are as, or more, prepared than any other school district's students - precisely because HTS has managed to keep in-person learning from the start of the school year, to date.

What to do during the afternoons will be an agenda item at next curriculum meeting, and was extensively discussed at the last meeting.

At the Harding and Madison articulation meeting snow days were discussed. There is one more possible traditional snow day (a day off), and after that snow days will be online instruction. Harding students at Madison High School are excelling; two received awards for academic achievement, three received the President's Award, eight received DECA awards for entrepreneurship, one won the Voice of Democracy essay contest, and three are National Merit Scholar semifinalists.

Dr. Spelker again asked that the school community to remain vigilant in following COVID protocols, and said he appreciates all the work that has been done so far by teachers and parents.

The long-range facilities plan includes attending to the 20-year-old gym roof, making sure the brick siding is watertight, and re-tiling the lunchroom floor this summer.

Special education planning has begun. Other good news includes that there are 24 incoming kindergarteners this fall - a high number based on historical figures. There needs to be a standard for entrance into the Quest program if there is no NJSLA test to qualify for it.

The Kirby Foundation donation letter for a grant for \$50,000 for the STEM lab was read out loud, and it was noted that \$189,000 has been raised from outside sources, overall, for the construction of the STEM lab - an excellent achievement.

All board business was approved, as were personnel bills and a virtual family STEM night.

Board of Education meeting highlights: February 8th, 2021.

This meeting was held by teleconference and in person because of Covid.

The first of three budget presentations was given (the other two will be March 8th and May 3rd). The presentation is on the school website. This budget is preliminary, before the state aid contribution is not yet disclosed. While there is a 2% cap on how much the budget can increase each year, the budget will increase by 3.52% this year because of COVID expenses. This is possible because, in years when the budget is under the cap, the “extra” can be banked and used in the future. It should be noted that many significant expenses, such as health benefit costs and teacher salaries, increase much faster than 2% per year.

There was a negative impact on the budget of \$166,000 (which is 1.6% of the budget) this year because of mainly unexpected COVID expenses (primarily safety related, like HEPA filters, PPE, etc.) and a decline in revenue. There are usually out of district students who pay tuition, but because of COVID, none are being accepted now by HTS. Chromebooks were purchased for every student as part of being ready for possible distance learning, if necessary. Revenue has also declined because teachers are contributing less out of pocket for health insurance, and state aid is down, and is likely to be down in the future.

The priorities for the budget are maintaining small class sizes, continuing with technology upgrades, capital improvements (including replacing the cafeteria floor and gym roof) and curriculum development and support. Enrollment is predicted to be flat (or slightly higher), although kindergarten sign-ups are higher than usual (27 currently).

The budget cannot have a surplus, but there is a funded capital reserve account that has \$600,000 in it, and is used for capital expenses like the STEM lab and critical infrastructure, such as the gym roof.

Dr. Matthew Spelker then reported on the K-2 and 3-5 STEM nights, which had great

attendance. He noted the centennial of the school will be in 2026.

Based on last month's meeting, the school is exploring options for the students' afternoon sessions, which take place remotely. A visit was planned to a local school that has a full day, including lunch, but it was rescheduled due to a COVID outbreak at the school. The monthly committee meetings will discuss the afternoon sessions and report out at the next BOE meeting. Parents are invited to a Zoom discussion to happen soon about this subject, after the committee meetings -- where logistical discussions about what can be done contractually, with the union, and regarding space, will be held.

Parents at this meeting had suggestions, including having some classes outside in tents. Discussion covered where to put the tents and the cost.

As always, the school community is asked to remain vigilant about COVID.

Davor Gjivoje congratulated the school on the virtual STEM nights. Attendance was at 90% for the K-2 night and was high for 3-5 night. He says it is encouraging that 27 kindergarteners are signed up for next year, both for long-term enrollment and as a vote of confidence in school. Everyone is working hard to add value to the afternoon block of the day. He thanked both the administration and the union, and noted the the teachers are critical to all processes, and to considering students and how they benefit. He closed by noting it is incredibly important to remain vigilant to keep all kids safe, and that there have been remarkably few incidences this year.

MARCH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: SHORT, BUT BRIEF

The regular TC meeting ran just 35 minutes. Agenda items included some financial housekeeping and a Glen Alpin diversion item. In addition, two ordinances for a second reading were kicked back to the Planning Board -- one on "small play structures" and one to "permit construction of a replacement primary dwelling while occupying and existing primary dwelling." Oh, and the consent agenda was passed: contract, appointments to Centennial Committee and Planning Board and acceptance of retirement of police sergeant.

MORRIS COUNTY- HOLDING TAXES FLAT

The Morris County Board of Commissioners (aka freeholders) released the County budget for 2021. The press release says it "holds the line on taxes while maintaining spending on critical infrastructure projects, the continuing COVID-19 response, human services and public safety."

The 2021 total spending of \$320 million is down from almost \$380 million in 2020 -- surprising reduction at first blush. The budget covers services for the 39 municipalities in Morris County. As the budget, all 72 pages, was just released hours before our Thumbnail deadline we have been unable to comb through it. Maybe next month.

HARDING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Spring Clean-Up

The Harding Township Environmental Commission invites volunteers to help with our spring cleaning. On Saturday April 24th we are planning a community wide effort to beautify the roads in our community. Our plan is for residents, volunteers and community groups to take the time to pick up any roadside litter that may have accumulated over the winter. Beginning from Kirby Town Hall at 9:00AM interested groups and individuals will be directed to a road or public area targeted for clean-up. The township will be providing gloves, trash bags and safety vests for volunteers.

Harding Land Trust will be joining us for their annual tree give away

Over 800 rooted saplings of various species will be available free to residents for planting. The saplings were provided by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

This event qualifies for community extracurricular volunteer service hours under programs recognized by the local school communities.

If you have questions regarding this community effort please contact d1_zn1rmtemp1@att.net .

Environmental Commission is partnering with the Great Swamp Watershed Assoc. in a Native Pollinator Plant Online Sale

Habitat to sustain our pollinators is vital - their services are necessary to produce fruits and vegetables and to keep our plant and wildlife communities healthy.

Native plant pollinator gardens are delightful and necessary to sustain these members of the wildlife community. Finding a full selection of native perennials that will thrive in our local area can be challenging, so GSWA has done the work for us and is having an online sale of recommended plants. On the sale webpage you'll find everything you will need:

- A large selection of robust plants sold by individual species and as kits with a variety of species
- Garden plans
- Easy-to-follow how-to resources

Beginning April 1, visit <https://www.greatswamp.org/native-plant-sale/> to browse and purchase your plants. For more information contact GSWAplantsale@gmail.com

The online sale runs through April 22. Purchased materials will be available for pickup at the Harding Township Municipal Building, Kirby Hall on May 1st. from 9:00AM until Noon.

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Notes for March 22, 2021

The approval of the 529 Waterfront Properties application on Van Beuren Road is being appealed by the Gargiulos claim, as the Board did not include the Historic Preservation Commission in the approval process. The Board approved an expenditure of \$5000 to defend

the appeal. The Board then held a hearing on the completeness of Application PB# 01-21 submitted by Mt. Kemble Associates for the development of 350 Mt. Kemble Avenue. The application is for a preliminary major site plan and final major site plan for the inclusionary residential housing development consisting of 96 multi-family units and related site improvements. The township engineer had reviewed the application and found it incomplete for several reasons. These included lack of a tax certificate, no depiction of conservation easements, lack of soil erosion and sediment control certification by the town, lack of depiction of certain features within 200 feet of the site (catch basins, bridges, culverts, storm drains, etc.), lack of depiction of certain natural features within 200 feet of the site, lack of architectural plans for all buildings and structures, lack of statement as to any existing covenants and easements, and lack of depiction of conservation easement on the site. The Applicant committed to fixing all items before the next meeting except where response by the DEP was needed. The Board approved waivers as needed. The Board then reviewed several ordinances that had been received from the Township Committee. The first dealt with small playset setback requirements which require the footprint be no more than 250 square feet and be at least 10 feet from lot line. The second was for clarification of building area and front setbacks in the RR and R-1 zones. The third added electric vehicle charging stations to accessory uses and added use in townhouse zones. Consideration of ordinances for replacement dwellings and generators, AC condensers and heat pumps was deferred. The township planner then briefed the Board on recent NJ climate change legislation which requires the township address this issue when the Master Plan's land use element is next reviewed and adopted. The goal is to minimize climate change impact, but not much direction on this has been given by the state.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Harding Land Trust's Annual Meeting **on zoom****:**

Please join the Harding Land Trust for our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 21st at 7pm from the comfort of your home. Learn about the exciting projects and environmental enhancements that HLT has been working on over the past year. Also find out about recreational activities and about how you can get involved!

To join RSVP to jordan@hardinglandtrust.org or sign on at bit.ly/hltmeeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 813 5756 6331

Passcode: 569643

Free Trees:

Harding Land Trust is pleased to announce that we will be co-hosting the annual tree giveaway with the Environmental Commission on April 24th at 9am at Kirby Hall (21 Blue Mill Road). We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, please email contactus@hardinglandtrust.org

New website:

Harding Land Trust is pleased to announce the re-launch of our website in

April: www.hardinglandtrust.org. In addition to hosting a wealth of information on our preserved land, our new site will make signing up for events and activities easier than ever. We look forward to seeing you on our properties in-person and digitally.

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.

THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY UNIT OF THE HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA

It's nearly Spring in the Jockey Hollow Historical Wick Garden and our unit is looking for people who would be interested in volunteering their time to help us tend this garden treasure.

No skills are required - and you will become acquainted with our historically correct vegetable and herb garden.

Beautiful plants, fresh air, and social distancing guidelines taken seriously- we look forward to an enthusiastic response! Give as much or as little time as you wish.

For more information please email Donna Tyson at dbtyson@gmail.com or Susan Conway at melizan59@aol.com

Looking forward to hearing from you!

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

STEAK AND LOBSTER DINNER CURBSIDE PICK UP Due to popular demand, A Curbside Pick Up Steak and Lobster Dinner will be held SATURDAY, June 12, 2021 from 5pm to 9pm or when the food runs out!!! Your favorite dinner selections will include Steak, Lobster, Chicken and Hamburgers. All dinners include Salad, Roll, and French fries. Steamed Clams, Corn on the Cob and Dessert selections are also available. Website ordering details to follow. All Proceeds go to the New Vernon Fire Company and First Aid Squad.

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY AUGUST 7, 2021 Rain or Shine!

Our 100 year anniversary is this year and we would like to celebrate by inviting the town to a free afternoon and evening of festivities to thank everyone for their support. More details to follow. The NVVFD is completely independent and raises all its own funds without tax support.

FIRST AID SQUAD

A call to 911 is stressful. You're calling because of some emergency that is beyond your own capabilities to handle. We get it. Stay calm and follow the instructions of the 911 Dispatcher - who is very highly trained and experienced in handling your exact situation. Here are some

other tips to help you prepare for this moment:

The Dispatcher will ask a series of very specific questions. This may be maddening for you. You just want help to come right now! Be assured, the moment the Dispatcher answered your call, resources are being sent your way. All the additional questions are to ensure that all the right resources - police, first aid, paramedics, fire department - are enroute and are prepared for what they will find when they arrive.

If there are additional people present, clear them away from the patient(s) and put them to work preparing for the arrival of emergency personnel.

Do what you can to make it easy for the emergency responders to find your house. Turn on the outside lights, set the blinkers of your car to flashing. Position any spare person at the entrance to your driveway to flag in the responding vehicles.

Do what you can to make it easy to gain entry. Open the driveway gate. Unlock the front door. Turn on lights, including porch lights. If the patient is capable of moving, move toward the front door. Secure any pets in a spare room or on a leash, remember your pets don't know what's going on and will also be stressed and perhaps become aggressive seeing their master placed on a stretcher and moved to the ambulance.

Have at the ready as much information about the patient's medical history, especially any medications they are currently taking and any allergies they may have. If you or a family member are at particular risk, it is helpful to always keep this information up to date and on a piece of paper that is handy. If the patient has a list of medications, make a copy for first responders.

And again, stay calm. No matter what time of day or night you call, well trained, experienced members of the all-volunteer New Vernon First Aid Squad will arrive in minutes.

In order to continue to provide the 24/7 level of excellent care that Harding has come to expect of the First Aid Squad, we always need new members as drivers, First Responders and EMT's to replace those members who retire or relocation. The First Aid Squad provides all training for its volunteers. Please join us now! To volunteer, or learn more about the First Aid Squad, contact:

- Kevin Murphy (973)-570-7032
- George Barry (646) 361-5528
- Larry Wepler (917) 838-3332

Or email us at this address: JoinUs@NVVFD.org

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We are "Neighbors helping neighbors!"

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Gardening for Pollinators - Plant It, They Will Come

Thu, April 1, 12:00 - 12:30 PM - Free on Zoom

Why plant a pollinator garden? Habitat to sustain our pollinators is vital - their services are necessary to produce fruits and vegetables and to keep our plant and wildlife communities healthy. Join us for a quick and informative Zoom webinar for a deeper look at the benefits of planting or expanding your native pollinator garden. Register at GreatSwamp.org/event, Zoom link to follow.

Native Pollinator Plant Sale

April 1-22 - Online

Native plant pollinator gardens are delightful and necessary to sustain wildlife. Finding a full selection of native perennials that will thrive in our local area can be challenging, so we've done the work for you! You'll find plant kits and a full selection of robust plants at attractive prices, garden plans, and easy-to-follow, how-to resources. Learn more at GreatSwamp.org. April 1-22 place your order at GreatSwamp.org/native-plant-sale.

Stream Assessment Training

Fri, April 2, 1-2 PM - Free on Zoom

Interested in the health of your local stream? This free training session is for you! Learn how to conduct visual and biological stream assessments, identify macroinvertebrates, and recognize environmental factors that may impact stream health. By the end, you'll have the skills you need to conduct your own assessments. Register at GreatSwamp.org/event, Zoom link to follow.

Community Yard Sale

Sat, April 17, 9AM - 1PM - Madison, Chatham Twp, & Chatham Borough

Chathams and Madison Residents - Surrounded by too much stuff? Don't fill up our landfills with these items - sell them at the community yard sale. \$10 registration fee, donated to GSWA, buys your placement on a map of participants that also lists your sale items and is shared with the public. Get outside, meet your neighbors, and make some cash! Everyone else, mark your calendar and shop the deals! Registration is required to be included on the map. Register at GreatSwamp.org/event.

Houseplants: Health Benefits & Tending Tips

Sun, April 18, 2-3 PM - Free on Zoom

Houseplants help to filter out air pollutants and clean the air within your home. Whether you're considering getting your first one or have a green thumb, this Zoom webinar is for you. Broadcasting from Back to Nature Home & Garden in Basking Ridge, Amy will introduce her top-10 favorite plants and explain why. It's also a chance to ask an expert about your own plants and learn more about these decorative and oxygen producing flora that brighten up our

homes and moods. You may even win a free houseplant! Register at GreatSwamp.org/event, Zoom link to follow.

Fungus and Lichens Walk Through the Swamp Sun, April 25, 1-3 PM

Join your fellow fungus enthusiast and GSWA educator and land steward, Adam Palmer, on a foray into the mysterious world of mushrooms, slimes, and molds. Enjoy a hike around GSWA's Conservation Management Area as we look for and talk about the important roles of decomposers, symbiotic relationships, and even parasites in an ecosystem. Register at GreatSwamp.org/event.

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is finally Spring! The Historical Society has had a busy year "zooming," and we are now pleased to offer the opportunity to visit the Tunis Ellicks House and property again in person! Naturally, mask and social distancing requirements will be observed.

The first date is Saturday, May 1st from Noon to 4PM. Please join us as part of the 2021 PATHWAYS TO HISTORY TOUR. Highlighted will be our post-Civil War era Tramp House, parlor garden and a new exhibit of Native American artifacts (most of which were found here in Harding Township). This tour offers an admission free opportunity to visit 23 of Morris County's most significant historic sites. For more information, please visit: PathwaysofHistoryNJ.net.

We are also plan to host our Annual Open House on Memorial Day after the Memorial Day parade. The House and gardens will be at their peak!

We are looking forward to seeing you!

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Shred Fundraiser - UPDATED

Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9:00am until 12:00 noon

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

All are welcome to bring their personal and business documents for shredding. The cost will be \$8 per file box and \$5 per brown paper grocery bag. Larger containers will be priced accordingly. No newspapers, magazines, books or binders please. This event will take place at the Green Village Fire House, located at 529 Green Village Road in Green Village and will be held rain or shine from 9am until 12 noon or until the truck reaches capacity - whichever comes sooner.

MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

Flag Display

Deadline May 1, 2021

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

The Green Village Fire Department would like to honor those who have served their country

or community. A 3' x 5' flag will be erected on the green in Green Village on both Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The honoree's information will be placed at the base of the flag. The cost for the first year is \$50 and \$25 for subsequent years. Please visit www.greenvillagefire.com to download a form. Forms must be received no later than May 1st.

Flea Market Fundraiser

Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 9am until 3pm

Hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

A wide variety of items will be for sale including Antiques, Baby Clothes, household items, gardening items, clothing, jewelry and maybe even the kitchen sink! This event will take place at the Green Village Fire House, located at 529 Green Village Road in Green Village and will be held rain or shine. Parking is free. If you are interested in renting table space, please go to the "Events" page on our website at www.greenvillagefire.com to download a form. Table space is limited and will be rented on a "first come, first serve" basis. For questions, please contact Janet Doherty at 973-377-4071.

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THE RAPTOR TRUST

The Raptor Trust will be reopening to visitors, by reservation only, **starting mid-April**. We will be open Wednesday through Sunday **between 9am and 4pm**. Reservations for free visitation or paid guided tours, both with access to our newly renovated gift shop, can be made through our website <https://theraptortrust.org/visit/plan-your-visit/>. Outdoor educational programs are now also available for groups of 15 or less, in addition to the virtual programs we continue to offer. Please contact Shari Stern at education@theraptortrust.org for more information.

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Harding Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!

Registration for the Harding Township Day Camp is now open and is your place for summer fun! We provide campers with a positive summer camping experience with a variety of activities that emphasize fun, relaxation and exploration!

For more information and to register online, please visit the Summer Camp page at <https://htra.info/summer-camp/>

Tennis Registration Is Now Open!

We are excited to offer this program at our Harding Township Traphagen Courts!

We have 6 sessions on Sundays starting April 25 thru June 6. Exact dates are as follows: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and June 6. Makeup date will be June 14 if needed.

We have three tennis levels and times:

Beginners (ages 5-7) practice from 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Beginners/Moderate (ages 8+) practice from 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Advanced (10+ with solid skills) practice from 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Registration is \$120 per athlete.

For more information and to register online, please visit the Tennis page at

<http://htra.info/tennis/>

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please note that the April 11 *Sunday Speaker Series* with Frank Pollaro has been postponed until the fall.

CENTER FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE

CME cordially invites its Classical Music Society members to a musical evening on Thursday, April 15 at 8 pm with CME Young Artist Graeme Steele Johnson, Dr. Chang Lee Memorial Scholarship winner, on clarinet. The program will feature, among others, the music of Gershwin, Mozart, and Debussy. An evening of beautiful music and lively conversation...who could ask for anything more? Not yet a member? Don't miss out! See cmemusic.org for details.

KEMMERER LIBRARY

Operating Hours: Monday - Friday, 10am - 2pm
 Thursday, 10am - 5pm
 Saturday, NOW 10am -1pm

The Library continues to cautiously expand services to patrons. We are fully open for browsing, with computers, printers and copiers available for use by arrangement. We continue to ask you to wear a face mask and to sanitize your hands on entering. Meeting rooms are not yet available but we offer use of a Zoom account to Harding clubs and groups that need a virtual meeting space. Please contact us if you are interested.

Curbside pickup of library materials remains available if you prefer. Item requests can be made directly on the MAIN catalog on our website (www.hardinglibrary.org) or you may contact us with requests by phone (973 267 2665) or email to desk@hardinglibrary.org. We are also happy to make selections for you!

Our eLibrary is always open! Please visit www.hardinglibrary.org and click E-LIBRARY to get started. You can access eBooks and eAudiobooks on cloudLibrary (shared between the MAIN libraries) as well as Libby (our Harding-exclusive collection).

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Storytime with Miss Debbie, Tuesdays at 10:15 am, on Zoom through April

Join our wonderful new librarian for songs, stories and a craft. Craft kits 'to go' are available for pick up from the Library in advance, then join the program via the link on our website (www.hardinglibrary.org).

Adult Book Group, Tuesdays, April 6 and 20, 1:30 pm (Outdoors if weather permits)

Join our lively book group to discuss 'Aftershocks' by Nadia Owusu (April 6); 'Daughters of Kobani' by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon (April 20); and if you like to read ahead, 'A Stranger in the Kingdom' by Howard Frank Mosher (May 4). All are welcome but please register interest to desk@hardinglibrary.org. Chosen titles are always available from the Library - either in print, or as an eBook on Libby or on pre-loaded library Kindles.

Junior Garden Club on Zoom, Sunflower Garden in a Bag, Thursday, April 15, 3:00 pm

Children age 5-13 are invited to join volunteers from the New Vernon Garden Club to make growing kits for mini sunflowers that can be given as a gift or grown yourself on the windowsill. Class size is limited so please register at www.hardinglibrary.org. A materials kit can be picked up from the Library on April 14. Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club, 'Enhancing the Beauty of our Town through Nature'.

Remote programming gives us the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs and events being offered by our partner MAIN libraries. If you're not already on our email list and would like to be kept up-to-date, please send a request to add your contact email to desk@hardinglibrary.org.

USED BOOK SALE

There will be a sale of quality used books on the lower level of the Library on Friday, April 30, 10am-2pm and Saturday, May 1, 10am-1pm.

All good quality book donations continue to be gratefully received. We are sorry but we cannot accept books in poor condition, reference books or encyclopedias. Please ask if you need a free pick-up service!

FRIENDS OF THE KEMMERER LIBRARY

Due to COVID-19, several Friends' fundraising events have been canceled, but you can still help to support the library by purchasing a raffle ticket. Proceeds will go directly to fund expansion of the eLibrary collection which is currently in high demand!

A MAXIMUM OF 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket, on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE basis. Tickets are on sale NOW until April 30. Each ticket purchased will give you the chance to win one of 4 CASH PRIZES. The drawings will take place LIVE ON ZOOM on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:00pm. The link to the drawing will be provided upon ticket purchase; you need not be present to win. See Kemmerer Library website (www.hardinglibrary.org) for further details and a ticket order form, or call in to the Library!

REMEMBER, YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the **May 2021 Thumbnail** please email to: htca@mail.com by **Friday, April 16, 2021**. MS Word is the preferred format, thank you!

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HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2021 Recycling Schedule:

April 10, 24

May 8, 22

June 5, 19

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Hours of Operation:

Wednesday: 7 am- Noon

Saturdays: 9 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

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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