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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING Events FEBRUARY 2022

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Shortest Township Committee Meeting on Record

On January 10, 2022, the Harding Township Committee logged it shortest meeting ever – only 12 minutes! This obliterates the prior short record of 32 minutes set several years ago.

Only one item was on the public agenda – an ordinance to appoint a non-resident to the Board of Health. This was done to be able to appoint assistant administrator Vince DeNave to the BOH and thereby include someone with some civil engineering background. The BOH’s primary business relates to septic systems, clean water, and environmental regulation compliance.

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECREATION ASSOCIATION

HTRA GIRLS’ LACROSSE

Registration for all Lacrosse programs are now live.

Girls in grades K – 4 are in Harding, see below for details.

Girls in grades 5 – 8 are combined with Madison, see below for details.

To register for HTRA Mini Laxers, Lacrosse and Harding/Madison Lacrosse for all grades, K-8, please visit the HTRA website [**www.htra.info**](http://www.htra.info)

HTRA Lacrosse Grades K- 2 – Mini Laxers

Lacrosse Mini Laxers is a coed lacrosse program for grades K-2.

SEASON:

Saturdays April 16 to May 14, 2022

TIME:

10:00am-11:00am

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$75

LOCATION:

Harding Township Elementary School fields

EQUIPMENT:

lacrosse stick, sneakers or cleats and water bottle

REGISTRATION:

The registration link is now open. Please go to www.htra.info to register and for more information.

HTRA LACROSSE GRADES 3 - 4

Lacrosse programs for grades 3 and 4 are in Harding.

SEASON:

March 28-May 26, 2022

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$150

LOCATION:

Harding Township Elementary School fields

EQUIPMENT:

Girls' lacrosse stick, mouth guard, goggles, cleats and water bottle

SCHEDULE:

Practices will be Monday thru Thursday 6:00-7:15pm and Saturdays 9:00-10:00am.
Games will start at 6:00pm on various days of the week and 1:00pm on Saturdays.

REGISTRATION:

The registration link is now open. Please go to www.htra.info to register and for more information.

HTRA/MADISON LACROSSE GRADES 5-8

Girls Lacrosse for grades 5 thru 8 is combined with Madison.

Registration and uniform orders are now open.

Both registration and uniform orders will close on January 23rd.

REGISTRATION

The registration link is now open. Please go to www.htra.info to register and for more information.

UNIFORMS

All players in grades 5-8 will need a uniform.

The uniform store will close on 1/23. We need to allow ample time for shipment due to potential supply chain issues. Please do not miss this window to order!

FIRST AID SQUAD

In early January, the First Aid Squad took delivery of its new ambulance. The old ambulance, purchased in 2003, was traded in for a newer rig with more modern, safer features. The new ambulance has enhanced lighting, airbags and safety belt harnesses, to keep EMT's safe while treating patients in the rig. The new harness type safety belts permit EMT's to sit forward while treating the patient thus protecting the EMT's and the patient in the event of a turn or lurch in the vehicle. Exterior lighting will provide clearer and more explicit information about the ambulance's intentions. Chevron lighting on the rear will warn oncoming vehicles of stops and turns the ambulance will be making. Front and side flashing lighting, along with reflective stripes along the sides will make the ambulance stand out and thus be safer. Improved LED lighting will enhance the EMT's ability to treat patients at the scene and in the ambulance. Newer and better electronics will help us reach patients quicker and will better support newer diagnostic and treatment equipment.

The First Aid Squad was able to purchase this new ambulance, at a cost of \$220,000, through the generosity of New Vernon's residents who have supported the all-volunteer First Aid Squad over its 48-year history. The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, of which the First Aid Squad is part, does not receive any Federal, State or local Township funding for the acquisition of its equipment or its operations.

What can you do to help? We of course need your continued financial support; the cost of the equipment that we must have available, much of which is mandated by State regulations, is very expensive. And it must be maintained. But we also need volunteers to be drivers and EMT's. There is an urgent need for EMT's. Many of our members will age out in a few years. Members move or they themselves become ill and can no longer volunteer. New members are needed to keep the New Vernon First Aid Squad vital and able to serve Harding 24/7 for the next 50 years. 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
- Donna Gandy (908) 227-2773
- George Barry (646) 361-5528

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

HARDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society was disappointed that the COVID surge forced us to postpone our annual meeting with our guest speakers Warren G Harding III (great grandnephew of President Warren G. Harding) and the Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen. It would have been a great kick off to the 100th anniversary of Harding Township. We are currently working on scheduling a new date.

MARK YOUR Calendars as we are again participating in the Morris County “Pathways to History” tour being held the last weekend in April as well as our traditional Open House to be held following the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May. 30.

More information will be coming as we finalize our plans for all of the above events.

HARDING LAND TRUST:

WINTER WALK

Harding Land Trust Winter Walk at Primrose Farm, Saturday, February 5 at 9:30am Please join us as we appreciate the year-round beauty of Harding’s natural landscape on a guided hike through the wildflower meadows and woodlands of Primrose Farm. Located in Harding Township, Primrose Farm is a 127 acre parcel of conservations land which includes wetlands, streams, meadows and woodlands.

When: Saturday, February 5 at 9:30am

Where: Primrose Farm, Brook Drive South, Harding Township

Terrain: Easy, relatively flat path. (Please be prepared for snow cover and wet conditions.) Parking at Barrett Field off of Brook Drive South

Register at bit.ly/primrosewalk or hardinglandtrust.org

KEMMERER LIBRARY:

Kemmerer Library Harding Township - to register for any program go to hardinglibrary.org

Children's Programs

Sing and Dance with Miss Carol! - **EVERY MONTH!** February 8th, 22nd - 10:15am

We are so excited to announce that we will now have Miss Carol visiting the library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Join Miss Carol for fun songs and dance! This program is designed for preschoolers.

Tuesday Storytime- Join us for silly songs, storytime and a craft - every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10:15am. February 1st and 15th at 10:15am.

Kids Crafternoon! - Join us every Friday at 3:45pm for crafting fun. This month, we will be making dinosaurs, Valentine's Day cards, and more!

NEW!! Toddler Yoga with Miss Kayla - Tuesday, February 1st at 11:15am

Join Miss Kayla on the first Tuesday of every month for some fun and easy yoga!

NEW!! STEAM Series: Build with Marshmallows - February 9th at 3:45pm

Join us to build your own structures with marshmallows! STEAM education incorporates science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics.

Lego Club - Thursday, February 10th at 3:45pm

We will try out a new Lego project each month! Kids can either work on their own creations, or build as a team. This program is intended for children grades 1-3.

NEW!! Meet the Masters - Wednesday February 16th at 3:45pm

Every third Wednesday of the month we will learn about exciting artists and do our own themed project! This month, we will learn about Salvador Dalí. This program is intended for children grades k-3.

NEW!! Storytelling in Comics Workshop with G.R. Lear - Thursday, February 17th, 4pm

Love the Dog Man or Babysitter's Club books? Come learn the basics of storytelling in graphic novels! This comics making workshop is designed for children grades 1-5. Kids will learn to use comics to tell their own stories! All drawing skill levels are welcome! G.R. Lear is a published local artist and cartoonist.

Read to a Dog - Wednesday February 23rd at 3:45pm

Creature Comfort Pet Therapy will be visiting the library at 3:45pm! Children will have the opportunity to practice their reading by reading stories to therapy dogs for 15 minutes.

Adult Programs

Adult Craft Club - Wednesday, February 2 at 1p.m.

Join us as we will upcycle books into beautiful folded book art! We will fold pages of a book to create a heart. Perfect to give to your Valentine!

Book Club - Open to all, every other Tuesday at 1:30, February 8 and 22. See the website for titles.

Yoga - Hopefully back on for February! Check the website to be sure class is running. Mondays and Thursdays at 10:15a.m. with the popular and talented MJ Turnbull!

\$10 suggested donation.

How to Find Your Voice

Thursday, February 3 at 1p.m. (in person)

Have you always dreamed of being a writer? Do you love to write and long to collaborate with others who share your passion? Join us for the writing workshop *Finding Your Voice: How to Take What Makes You Unique to Create Stories No One Else Can*. All are welcome! The workshop will be led by writer, author, and essayist Darcey Gohring.

Built in Harding

Monday, February 7 at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom)

Featuring: Steve Johnson of The Candy Store of Harding

The Kemmerer Library recently kicked off a new lecture series focused on local entrepreneurs. Join us as we dive into the stories behind Harding businesses, both the companies and their founders.

Vinnie Bruno is Back! Music of the 50s, 60s and 70s

Wednesday, February 9 at 7p.m. (on Zoom)

Chuck Berry - 1950s

Join the Kemmerer Library for a 3 part lecture series on musicians that helped define the 50s, 60s and 70s by creating musical landscapes that captivated a generation. Their influence in popular culture still endures more than five decades later. This lecture series is presented by Vinnie Bruno, a Rock Historian extraordinaire! Vinnie's knowledge of historic and musical overviews of nearly 100 rock and roll musicians and groups is incredible. He is a Beatles scholar and storyteller who presents entertaining and informative programs.

Museum of the Revolutionary War

Wednesday, February 16 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

Just in time for President's Day! Join a museum educator for a guided, virtual walk-through of the Museum's core galleries. Learn how soldiers, women, African Americans, Native Americans, children, and others experienced the tumultuous events of the Revolution through the stories and objects they left behind.

Tidy Up!

Tuesday, February 22 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

Join best-selling author and organizer Jamie Novak for this new program on how to get more done – without getting overwhelmed. This program is for you if you have a lot of de-cluttering to do or if your to-do list is two pages long. Leave this laugh-out-loud funny program with an action plan and a sense of calm about your organizing projects and never-ending to-do list.

Broadway History

Thursday, February 24 at 7p.m.

World War I: When Broadway Conquered the World - As World War I broke out in Europe, Broadway began exporting hits that would entertain the world for decades to come. John Kenrick combines a passion for entertainment history with the practical know-how earned while working on stage productions at every level from amateur to Broadway.

CSI

Tuesday, March 1 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

If you are a fan of shows such as CSI or NCIS, then you know that medical investigators can determine cause of death in murder cases based on the body. Can they really determine the cause of death or what happened to the victim based on the location of the body, how long it was there or even injuries to the body? What happens when a skeleton is discovered? How do scientists use bones to solve crimes? In this unique lecture from the Mutter Museum, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, learn about the role of forensic anthropology in criminal investigation; how skeletal remains are the key to identifying a unique individual and understanding the cause of their death.

Virtual Author Visit

Of Women and Salt: A Novel by Gabriela Garcia

Tuesday, March 1 at 1p.m. (on zoom)

A sweeping, masterful debut about a daughter's fateful choice, a mother motivated by her own past, and a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them were born.

Join Zibby's Book Club for this virtual author visit.

Kemmerer Library Art Gallery

Each month, we will be showcasing art by local artists. The February artist is Peter Dugan. Join us for a meet and greet with the artist on Friday, February 4, 4-5p.m.

Friends of Kemmerer Library Harding Township

Mini Golf IN THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Kemmerer Library Fundraiser

Friday, March 4, 2022, Adult Event 7-10p.m

Saturday, March 5, 2022, Family Event 10a.m. - 3p.m.

Please join us for this fun event where we will have holes set up through the stacks and all around the library to play Mini Golf! Go to hardinglibrary.org for more details and to buy tickets. Space is limited so buy your tickets today at hardinglibrary.org

Annual 50/50 Raffle

Friends of the Kemmerer Library Fundraiser

Drawing to be held on Friday, May 13, 2022

Support the Library by purchasing 50/50 tickets! Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. 4 chances to win cash prizes! Either stop by the library to purchase a ticket or send a check payable to “Friends of Kemmerer Library” to P.O. Box 517, New Vernon, NJ 07976 along with your name, address, phone number and email. You can then pick up your ticket at the library. Questions? Email friends@harding.mainlib.org

*The Library relies on private donations and Friends fundraising to provide 80% of our operating budget so please consider supporting these fundraising efforts.
Thanks.*

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Historic Preservation Commission of Harding Township would like to present a residential dwelling that adds aesthetic value and interest to the community. We are proud of the homes that contribute to the historical character of the township. Historic districts recognize architectural importance to commercial buildings and residents all across the nation and preserve the character and identity of the township.

Historic house of the year will be a chance for us to highlight a property that enhances our historical character in the township. Also, we would like to show how this home adds to the rural streetscape. There are many homes in Harding Township that are located down private drives that one cannot view by just passing along one of our country roads. As people travel through our town, they are welcomed with rolling hills, meadows, and bucolic surroundings.

Specific Requirements:

- The home we wish to highlight should be viewed from the road and enhance streetscape.
- Display proper use of materials including but not limited to: exterior sheathing, trim, windows, roof style, and colors.
- Architectural style that complements the rural character.
- Landscaping and lighting that is indigenous to the geographical area.

If you would like to be considered, please submit a summary as to how your residence meets the specific requirements; please email Lori Taglairino at ltaglairino@hardingnj.org. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2022.

THE RAPTOR TRUST

The Raptor Trust is a 501© 3 organization that provides free medical care to thousands of Injured and orphaned wild birds each year. Located at 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ The Raptor Trust's outdoor aviary trail is open to the public Daily from 9am to 4pm.

Please check our website and facebook page for closure information regarding icy conditions and inclement weather. There is no charge and no reservation necessary for general admission. Donations are always appreciated.

The Raptor Trust continues to offer guided tours, virtual programs, and outdoor field trips throughout the winter months.

You can email education@theraptortrust.org with any booking questions or find more information on our website at TheRaptorTrust.org

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Large Rummage Sale- 500 Spring Valley Road, Green Village
Saturday, February 12, 9am-1pm
Sunday, February 13, Noon-2pm Bag Sale
HUGE Sale! Two whole floors!

Top floor: Clothes (men's, women's, children, and baby), shoes, handbags, wallets, dresses, scarves, coats, decorative pillows, bedding/blankets, ties, gloves, hats, and more.

Lower floor: kitchenware, china, glassware, kids toys, puzzles, board games, stuffed animals, craft supplies, games, storage containers, candles, CDs, VHS, DVDs, some electronics, picture frames, art, lamps, records, home décor, and more.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW VERNON

Join Vincent Tolentino, educator at The Frick Collection, for a private Zoom tour on February 2 at 4:30. Vincent will guide participants through the Museum, discussing the history of the Gilded Age mansion at 1 East 70th Street and exploring high-resolution images of art in the permanent collection, including works by Bellini, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Holbein, Fragonard, Gainsborough, Ingres, Turner, Van Dyck, Veronese, Duccio, Velázquez, and Goya. Participants will be able to ask questions throughout the tour. Space is limited, so email the Church Office at officeadmin@pcnv.org or call 973-538-8394 today!

Although we all react differently to Covid-19's challenges, common responses include increased stress, anxiety, loneliness, and sadness. Against this background, FPCNV will present *Surviving and Thriving in An Uncertain World* on Wednesday, February 9 via Zoom at 7:30 pm. Our speaker, Kathleen Allen-Weber, is a Licensed Professional Counselor with 30 years' experience. Kathy will focus on helping us develop coping mechanisms that allow us to make our lives as positive and meaningful as possible, regardless of the challenges life throws at us. You may

register for this program at officeadmin@pcnv.org or by calling the Church Office at 973-538-8394.

You are cordially invited to the monthly *Let's Do Lunch!*, a congenial gathering of members and friends who have retired and are free to join us in lively conversation and tasty food. Wednesday, February 19 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, just please let us know that you are coming: 973-538-8394.

HARDING SENIORS

Unfortunately, The Senior Meetings are canceled until further notice due to increase in virus cases.

BRIDAL PATH ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year! The HT/GV Bridle path association is currently underway with our annual donation drive, if you have not yet received our mailer and would like to donate, please send to: P.O Box 710, New Vernon, New Jersey 07976. All donations go toward keeping the trails open and clean. The bridle path is for equestrian use only. Questions and concerns can be directed to Megan Finkle (908) 331-0600 or finklemegan@gmail.com.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the March 2022 Thumbnail, please send it via email to the editor: cheryldarmanin@gmail.com by Friday, February 18th, 2022. MS Word is the preferred format, Times New Roman size 13, 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 at: cheryldarmanin@gmail.com.

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2022 Recycling Schedule:

FEB 12th, 26th

MAR 12TH, 26TH

APR 9TH, 23RD

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday: 7am-Noon

Saturdays: 9am-Noon

Every Wednesday, seniors (residents 60+) will have full assistance available to them from 7am-9am. All residents are welcome for all hours that Recycling is open. 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 bottles to conserve space. Please remember no plastic or paper bags.

Commingled Mixed Fiber: 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: Computers, monitors, laptops, and televisions cannot be put in 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 8am-3pm.

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
Harding Open Space
Harding TWP Civic Association

Meetings as noted Time

1st Wednesday 7:30 PM
2nd & 4th Thursday 11:00AM
4th Monday 7:30 PM
1st Thursday 7:30 PM
2nd Thursday 7:30 PM
1st & 3rd Monday 7:30 PM
3rd Thursday 7:30 PM
2nd Monday 7:30 PM
2nd Wednesday 7:30 PM
2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM

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