

Harding Township Civic Association

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“Keeping Harding Informed Since 1949”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING Events May 2022

HARDING SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION???

The Facts from the Superintendent and a Czar

There has been concern that the new school regionalization plan coming out of Trenton will force Harding to merge its school with another neighboring district. To get the facts on this, we sat down with Matt Spelker, Harding superintendent of schools, and Nic Platt. He is the former Harding Mayor and township committee person and one of two “czars” appointed by Governor Murphy in 2018 to help towns pursue shared services – a strategy to save costs and thereby help lower property taxes. So, let’s get the obvious question right up front...

Are we going to lose our school (one word answer, please)? Nic Platt: “NO!” Matt Spelker: “Absolutely Not!”

Then what is going on? Both were clear that this plan is voluntary. Platt added, “There is no mandate to force towns to merge their schools. Trenton has made significant funds available to towns that want it to study if consolidation would help them.”

What towns would want to merge their school? Platt said there are about 575 school districts in the State in 564 municipalities – more school districts than towns. Some are in very difficult financial situations with few students and falling enrolment – generally in rural areas in southern and northwest part of the state. Some are having

trouble hiring teachers or replacing administrators. They may have already cut back programs and personnel but still are in an untenable situation. They may not even have the money to hire the consultants to study merging. This Department of Community Affairs grant program, makes funds available to a municipality pay for an analysis to see if there is a better way to provide quality education at a lower cost. So, a town must apply for these funds? Yes, they must raise their hand and thereby essentially signal that they are open to studying the alternatives available to them. It's a voluntary, bottoms-up program, not a top-down mandate from Trenton. Superintendent Spelker said that Harding schools are very healthy fiscally and offers all the programs desired in academics, languages, science, arts, sports, and special education. There are no fiscal or other issue that would drive Harding to look to consolidate with another district.

Could this program be just an opening phase -- with a mandate coming down the pike later? Platt, who has a good view of the politics from his perch in Trenton as one of the two czars, reporting directly to the Governor, said "No.". The law that kicked this off was a bi-partisan effort of two Republican and two Democratic state senators. Again, it is to help small districts to cope with falling enrollments and the consequential loss of state aid, deal with their fiscal challenges.

This act gives the politicians, right up to the governor, a strong response when answering criticism over high property taxes. They can point to this grant opportunity and honestly say, "Your town didn't even apply to study consolidation at no cost to the taxpayer." And on the other hand, if facing parents alarmed about rumors of school consolidation, they can truthfully point out that it's voluntary. It all hinges on the town and whether it perceives an insurmountable problem that they need the State's help to resolve. "It is purely voluntary," Platt reiterated.

HARDING CENTENNIAL

Happy 100 years to Harding - our home!

On Saturday, May 21st we will be collaborating with the Friends of Kemmerer Library's Art in Bloom to host a Centennial Gala. This event will feature art from local artists, as well as cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, and the live music of the New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players. Funds raised at the event will directly benefit Friends of Kemmerer Library to support their ongoing and future projects. Tickets can be purchased at www.HardingLibrary.org.

Thursday, September 1st marks the official 100th Anniversary of the Formation of Harding Township. To celebrate, we will be hosting a ceremony at Memorial Park to dedicate a Centennial Tree and Bench. More details are to follow.

Looking ahead, on Saturday, October 1st, we will be hosting our Centennial Margetts Field Festival—a family community day including live music, food trucks, family activities, and a fireworks display at the end of the day. If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring the event, please contact Rita Chipperson at RChipperson@hardingnj.org for more details.

Our Centennial website <http://hardingnjcentennial.com> is the best resource for information regarding the Centennial. This is also where you can purchase merchandise, event tickets, and get involved in upcoming centennial events. Merchandise can also be purchased at Kemmerer Library, including mugs, hats, magnets, and house banners.

More details of our events are to follow - please check our Centennial website for updates and information regarding purchasing tickets, locations, times, dates, etc. If you are interested in sponsoring any of our events or getting involved in their respective committees, please reach out to Rita Chipperson at the address listed above.

Lastly, we are always interested in gaining new volunteers for the Centennial Committee. There are many ways to get involved and many upcoming events to be a part of, so please contact us if you are interested.

Let's make this a grand celebration!

Your Centennial Committee,

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HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Meet the Mayor and Township Committee

April 12 was the latest installment of your Civic Association's Meet the Mayor and TC event – a chance for residents to hear from the TC and ask questions. A small group of attendees were treated to some interesting information. We will try to distill our 6 pages of notes to the highlights.

Tim Jones emphasized the unique nature of Harding with our open space and a strategy to control growth through preservation. Most recent purchase is 163 Lee's Hill Road which will provide Harding's own link to the Great Swamp and its trails.

He mentioned that Covid brought lots of hikers to both public and private land without issues.

Jones said that filing a demolition permit on the Glen Alpin building got Trenton's attention some years ago and initiated action which has led down the path to "diversion," a process of unloading this type of property. He said a proposal by two entrepreneurs to make GA a private club with a pool was rejected because the property must be accessible by the public. More proposals are coming in weeks. "Someone will take it over" and the GA restoration will not be on the Harding taxpayer.

On Hurstmont, the dilapidated estate on Rt202 just north of GA, the developers have gone "back to the drawing board" due at least in part to Covid. The preliminary new plans call for one building, not two which will be lower and smaller. It will be at least a year before ground is broken.

The group home on Rt202 for Pillar (fka Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey) has been occupied for about 7 months. There has been no demand on Harding resources and only one EMT call.

Dr Nicole Lacz, the newest TC member, introduced herself. A breast cancer radiologist and 11 years in town with prior experience on the Bd of Health and various schools volunteer opportunities. Lacz is working on the Centennial celebration, park advisory committee and 2025 affordable housing round.

Chris Yates, mayor from 2017 to 2020 and the chair of the finance committee, said again that Affordable Housing mandates from the State are the single biggest challenge for Harding. Developing a strategy for the 2025 mandate will start next month.

HT continues to develop a 10-year financial plan. HT has a AAA bond rating and is projected to be debt free by 2028 barring any new issue for capital project or open space purchase. In 2022, the average tax bill increases \$39 while total taxes

collected rose \$89K. Cost drivers are healthcare premiums, pension expense. The town is looking into a “new structure” to control healthcare costs. Municipal court, previously shared with Madison and a few other towns, is now shared with Long Hill Township a move that saves \$120K annually.

Nic Platt, the longest serving TC member at 12 years as described as “Open Space Champion” by the moderator. Platt mentioned that he is running for re-election this Fall and gave praise to Jones and (former TC member Dev Modi) for their work on the Glen Alpin diversion and to Chipperson for her work on the Centennial.

Platt highlighted that he, and Jordan Glatt, former mayor of Summit, were appointed by Governor Murphy as “czars” for shared services – a strategy to reduce municipal spending. The latest area of focus is schools and possible consolidation. Platt was clear that Harding Township schools are NOT on the menu of possible schools to be consolidated.

Rita Chipperson, a TC member since 2020, also took the opportunity to introduce herself – an intellectual property attorney with an engineering background. She is 9 years in Harding with a daughter at Oak Knoll School and son at Delbarton and serves on the Morris County Covenant House Board. Her subcommittee and liaison responsibilities are CPAC, Glen Alpin and Harding Open Space Trust. She took the opportunity to promote the Centennial events.

Interesting fact: 75 properties changed hands in 2021, almost 6% of the total in Harding. That is triple the number in each year 2019 and 2020.

Questions from the field:

When will Kirby Hall be fully open? “Relatively soon”

When will the rest of Sand Spring Rd paving be completed? “Don’t know – the State of NJ determines”

Path to Diversion of Glen Alpin? “April 18, the waiting period will be over. “Final approval in May.” Then it’s up to entrepreneurs to submit plans.”

Cell Tower Status? “TC is not able to comment as application is pending. The wireless equipment on the roof of the Hurstmont development will be hidden.”

When will Hurstmont break ground? “at least a year. Many permits still needed.”

Why are property taxes so low? HT gets no state aid. School gets some and must wait for NJ to give them teacher benefit and healthcare numbers for their budget. Remember that the school is about 50% of your property taxes while HT and Morris County are each about 25%. Yates said that HT are only low for people who have lived their lives in NJ. They are only low relative to other towns in NJ. He said they work hard to keep spending down – they have had requests for sidewalks, skating park, dog park and others. All denied. A wag in the audience blurted out: “So I guess the ferris wheel is out of the question.”

Further, fire department and EMT squad are “major line items” for most municipalities. But not at Harding as they are 100% volunteer staffed and citizen supported financially. Yates gave another example of the challenges the town faces. Bulk garbage pickup contract is in its last year of a five-year term at \$90K/year. Some of the new bid’s range to \$250K - a challenge.

Township Committee Meeting – April 11, 2022

The meeting began with a moment of silence for untimely passing of Christine Mulligan, a teacher at Harding School for 25 years. Dr Nicole Lacz, a committee person with children who been taught by Ms Mulligan reported that one of her children said she was the “happiest, nicest teacher in the Harding School”. RIP

The 2022 Budget was formally passed. Spending increased about 7% to \$10,455mm. Fulltime headcount is 35, an increase of 3 persons, while part time will be flat at 15. Property tax increase to hit residents will be a little over 1.2%.

Bayne Park, the park with the pond and skating area, will be the focus of a public meeting to be held within 3-4 weeks. Input about possible changes is sought from the public. No decisions have been made.

Committee person Rita Chipperson reviewed the events that are planned for the Harding Centennial. These include the kickoff (4-27-22), Dinner & Movie (4-29-22), Gala and Silent Auction (5-21-22), House Tour (June), Car Show (September), Centennial Celebration at Margetts field.

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Back by Popular demand! STEAK AND LOBSTER DINNER will be held SATURDAY, June 11, 2022, from 5pm to 9pm. Your favorite dinner selections will include Steak, Lobster, Chicken and Hamburgers. All dinners include Salad, Roll, and French fries. Also Available are Steamed Clams, Corn on the Cob and Dessert selections. All Proceeds go to the New Vernon Fire Company and First Aid Squad. More information will be provided on our website NVVFD.ORG

The NVVFD is planning to hold THE ANNUAL COUNTRY AUCTION Saturday September 24, 2022. We will be limited in the items we can accept and will provide more information shortly.

Thank you all for your continued support. NVVFD is entirely comprised of dedicated volunteers, and we rely on our generous supporters for funding.

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Flag Display

Deadline May 1, 2022

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.

Green Village Fire Department 100th Anniversary

Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 3pm until 8pm – RAIN OR SHINE

hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

The Green Village Fire Department is celebrating their 100th anniversary with a community barbeque. The celebration will take place on the grounds of the Green Village Fire Department located at 529 Green Village Road in Green Village on Saturday, May 14th from 3 pm until 8 pm and will be held rain or shine.

FIRST AID SQUAD

LEARN CPR

The New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad is offering a life-saving class called, “Hands-Only CPR”. This class is not an American Heart Association certified class for those requiring certification but teaches Hands-Only-CPR. It’s a 1-hour class offered by the New Vernon First Aid Squad at the Firehouse (22 Village Road) that will give you the skills to save the life of a family member, friend or even a stranger. When someone suffers sudden cardiac arrest every second counts. And as good as they are, there is still a gap between the time 911 is called and our community first responders arrive. This class will teach you what to do until more advanced help arrives. It will teach you how to save a life. And that’s a skill everyone should learn.

Our previous classes were overwhelmingly popular with residents! The next class is Saturday May 14th at 10:30 AM. Sign-up at learncpr@nvvfd.org with your name, the number of participants in your group, a telephone number and email address to contact you. If you can’t make this class but would like to be added to our list for future classes, please send us your name and email address and we will advise you as future classes are scheduled.

HARDING TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board Notes for March 28, 2022

The Township of Harding requested a six-month extension to perfect the minor subdivision for the Glen Alpin property under Application PB# 4-21. Such requests are considered routine, and an extension was granted to September 2022. The Board then considered Application PB# 01-22 submitted by the Pacchianos at 23 Ravenswood Lane who were seeking an amendment to a prior plan approval for an easement for a water main under a landscape easement. The new easement was being sought for the benefit of the Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA) who is looking to (1) complete a supply loop system to Anthony Wayne Road so that the water supply could be maintained in case of a break, (2) eliminate the need for line flushing by connecting dead ends, and (3) provide additional fire protection. The application was not complete and needed, among other things, a subdivision plan provided by a professional engineer and a landscape plan for the replacement plantings in the easement. Discussion was continued to the next meeting.

HARDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OPEN HOUSE: Memorial Day 10-12. The Tunis Ellicks house was renovated into a museum over 40 years ago and is now in need of some repairs and updates. The Historical Society first reached out to an architectural firm who specializes in the preservation of historic structures back in 2019 to prepare a Preservation Plan and the Township will now be proceeding with some of the recommendations in that report. Unfortunately, that will restrict public access to the house so stop by on Memorial Day following the parade for our last open house until repairs are completed.

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Community Volunteer Workday at CMA (Two Dates)

Saturdays, 9 AM-1 PM: May 7 & June 4

GSWA's Conservation Management Area (CMA)

91 Tiger Lily Ln., Harding Twp, NJ

Come learn more about what stewarding our 73-acre property in Harding Twp. entails by getting involved hands on! We will conduct a variety of tasks including chipping and mulching our trail network, removing invasive plants, and constructing new boardwalk. We rely on our volunteers to help us take care of this natural area that's open to the public for passive recreation and serves as an educational opportunity for students. Are you in the giving spirit and willing to brave the swamp? Wear long pants and long sleeves, and clothes than can get wet, muddy, and protect you from mosquitos! Register at GreatSwamp.org / 973-538-3500.

5th Annual Great Swamp Great Music Festival

Sunday, May 22, 12-7 PM

Giralda Farms, Chatham Twp., NJ

We're bringing back some fan favorites and showcasing some popular new bands to celebrate 5 years of bringing you live, outdoor music with good food, beer wine & cider, unique merch vendors, and so much more. Recharge your batteries at our 5th Annual Great Swamp Great Music Festival. The sprawling, tree-lined field at Giralda Farms provides a beautiful space to spread out a blanket or set up some beach chairs and get lost in 7 hours of continuous live music. Proceeds from this event, our second largest annual fundraiser, help support our mission of clean water and land. Fair warning, once you attend one, you'll want to come back every year! Tickets: \$30/adult (\$35 at the gate); \$20/high school and college student (\$35 at the gate); children 13 and under are free. Purchase tickets @ GreatSwamp.org / 973-538-3500.

KEMMERER LIBRARY:

To register for any program go to hardinglibrary.org

Children's and Teen Programs

Sing and Dance with Miss Carol! - EVERY MONTH! May 10th, 24th - 10:15am

We are so excited that Miss Carol visits 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. May 3rd, 17th, and 31st at 10:15am.

Toddler Yoga with Miss Kayla - Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:15am

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

Kids Crafternoon! - Friday, May 20th at 3:45pm

Join us at 3:45pm for crafting fun. We will be making animals!

Teen Advisory Board - Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30pm

We're looking for Teens grades 9-12 to join our new Teen Advisory Board! The Board will help plan programs for teens, as well as work on volunteer projects. Meetings count as Volunteer Hours!

Read to a Dog - Wednesday, May 25th 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.

****Save the Date!**** Our Summer Reading Kick-Off Event will be held on Saturday June 18th! Drop in to sign up for our 2022 Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. From 10am to 1pm, we will be doing sign ups, and doing ocean themed crafts, and more!

Adult Programs

Adult Craft Club - Wednesday, May 4 at 1p.m.

Join us as we make bracelets out of beads created using old books and magazines. Registration is required.

Book Club - Open to all, every other Tuesday at 1:30, May 3, 17 and 31. See the website for titles.

Yoga - Mondays at 10:15a.m. and Thursdays at noon with the popular and talented MJ Turnbull!

\$10 suggested donation.

Built in Harding - Monday, May 2 at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom)

Learn about the success story of Minuteman BBQ! Scott and Marti Lifschin, the proud owners, are the dynamic duo behind this delicious restaurant. Scott is the pitmaster extraordinaire while Marti handles the front of the house with a warm and welcoming air. Come learn more about their story and their passion to keep Minuteman going for another 50 years!

Re-Framing Harding - Tuesdays, 1-3p.m., May 3, 10, 17 and 24

Re-Framing Harding is a series of free photography classes and outdoor workshops embracing and reflecting upon the rich history and natural resources of Harding Township. The sessions will be offered to Harding patrons and will include instruction as well as photography outings to interpret Harding's changing landscapes. Historic photographs of Harding will be used as a reference and as inspiration during visits to the scenes depicted, along with historical context provided by the Harding Township Historical Society and the Harding Land Trust. The resulting photographs will be exhibited at the Kemmerer Library alongside the historic photographs that inspired them.

Viewing Children and Childhood Through Art - Tuesday, May 3 at 7p.m. (on zoom)
With the approach of Mother's Day, a timely look at how artists from the Renaissance to the 19th century have represented children. Special focus will be given to the "modern" treatment of children by Impressionist painters such as Monet, Renoir, Degas and Cassatt. Presenter is Vivian Gordon.

Virtual Author Talk & Meditation - Wednesday, May 4 at 6p.m. (on zoom)
Author, Contributing Editor at Yoga Journal, Wellness Consultant for HOAG Hospital, and Meditation Expert, Anusha Wijeyakumar will lead us in a Live Virtual Meditation and read from her book "Meditation with Intention" along with answering any questions participants may have on Meditation and its benefits to our lives.

Attracting Pollinators to a Jersey Friendly Yard - Thursday, May 5 at 7p.m. (on zoom)
Pollinators, like other wildlife, need food, water, shelter and space to raise their young. Many pollinators are "specialists" and require certain plant species to act as "hosts." Explore a diversity of pollinators and the New Jersey native plants that support them and get inspired to add pollinator-friendly natives to your Jersey-Friendly Yard.

The Marvelous Macaron - Monday, May 9 at 7p.m. (on zoom)
Learn to make and bake this delicate classic French specialty cookie. The colorful almond meringues will be piped and sandwiched with chocolate, raspberry and cheesecake fillings. Chef Suzanne Lowery will demonstrate how to create these delicious treats. Registrants will receive the recipe ahead of the program and can bake along. Courtesy of Riverdale Library.

Super Services available to Seniors - Thursday, May 12 at 11a.m. (in person)
Join us for a presentation by representatives from the Morris County Division of Aging. You will learn about the many services available to seniors (many at reduced rate or free). Even things called the Fix It program where they will send a repairman to a senior's home to make minor repairs. You will be surprised and pleased to learn of the many resources available to you.

Avoiding Garden Bloopers - Wednesday, May 18 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

This presentation covers hardiness zones, soil pH and conditions, light exposure, plant characteristics, features and attractions. Information on trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, ground covers, bulbs and annuals will be provided, along with many photos and suggestions. Whether you are hiring a professional or doing it yourself, planting an expensive tree or a tiny annual, it pays to be in the know to protect and increase the value of your landscape investments. Proper selection and techniques save time, money, and labor and add to gardening enjoyment.

Costume Jewelry Through the Ages - Monday, May 23 at 11a.m (in person)

The lecture is a brief overview that highlights how American costume jewelry evolved and changed throughout the decades in 20th century America. Shapes, materials used and the impact that culture, industrialization, Hollywood and the fashion industry had will be discussed.

The Changing Face of Television - Tuesday, May 24, 7p.m. (on zoom)

Watching television used to be a simple enterprise—you turned on the set, selected one of 500 channels, and enjoyed your program. Now, television is changing in front of our eyes. More and more viewers are canceling cable television, preferring to watch new online-only channels like Netflix or Disney +. This presentation will look at these startling developments and explain why the old days of simply “watching TV” are fast disappearing.

Kemmerer Library Art Gallery

Each month, we will be showcasing art by local artists. The May artist is Diane Revels. Join us for a meet and greet with the artist on Friday, May 6, 4-5p.m.

Friends of Kemmerer Library Harding Township

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

Art in Bloom - Centennial Celebration

Friends of the Kemmerer Library Fundraiser
Saturday, May 21, 2022, 5-9p.m.

Surround yourself with a piece of Harding history and celebrate the last century of Harding while supporting the next. In collaboration with the Centennial Committee, Friends of the Kemmerer Library are pleased to announce Art in Bloom. The main fundraiser for the Friends, this event aims to raise funds to support our town library. To be held this year at the amazing Toravell Farm. The Art in Bloom artists have been selected from far and wide. Come on out to celebrate Harding and the Kemmerer Library. Tickets are limited and can be purchased at the library or at hardinglibrary.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.

HARDING SENIORS

Meeting May 12

Join us for lunch at the Kemmerer Library. We will have a presentation by representatives from the Morris County Division of Aging. You will learn about the many services available to seniors (many at reduced rate or free). Even things called the Fix It program where they will send a repairman to a senior's home to make minor repairs. You will be surprised and pleased to learn of the many resources available to you.

Meeting May 26

Spring Luncheon at Basking Ridge County Club

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2022 Memorial Day Parade

The Harding Township Civic Association will again be sponsoring a Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2022, stepping off from the Harding Middle School at 9:30 AM and moving east along Lee's Hill Road to Village Road and then to Memorial Park on Village Road, across from New Vernon Firehouse. The ceremony at Memorial Park will commence immediately following the arrival of the parade at Memorial Park. The Ceremony honors those veterans who have given their lives in service to their Country and to our Harding veterans.

Groups wishing to march in the parade should contact htca@mail.com and plan to assemble at the Harding Middle School on Lee's Hill Road at 9:00 AM on Parade Day. Alternatively, please confirm your intention to participate in the parade and ceremony by emailing larrywepler@gmail.com.

This year we are inviting children to decorate their bicycles (helmets mandatory), wagons and scooters with colorful red, white and blue streamers and to ride in the parade in honor of our veterans. There will be prizes for the best decorations in the 7 years old and under category and for those over 7 years old.

There will be fire trucks, bands and horses and everyone is invited to march in honor of our veterans. Bring your children, your parents, your grandparents, your aunts and uncles and your pets (on a leash please) to help us celebrate our veterans on this day of remembrance.

In the event of rain, the parade will be canceled, but the ceremony honoring our veterans will go on across the street at the Firehouse 1 at 10 AM.

Calling All Veterans

The 2022 Harding Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30th will honor all U.S. veterans. We would like all veterans to attend and identify themselves so that they may be recognized for their service to our Country. It is our intent to provide transportation for all veterans during the parade portion of our celebration and then ask veterans to identify themselves from the podium with the branch and unit in which they served and the dates of their service so that they can be individually recognized for their service.

Your service exemplifies the spirit of Harding's volunteerism and is a tremendous example to all. Please contact us at HTCA@mail.com to let us know that you will participate so that we can provide transportation for the parade. We encourage all veterans to participate.

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the June 2022 Thumbnail, please send it via email to the editor: cheryldarmanin@gmail.com by Friday, May 20th, 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:

MAY 7th, 21st

JUNE 4th, 18th

JULY 2nd, 16th, 30th

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

DATED MATERIAL

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