

# Harding Township Civic Association

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING Events June 2022**

#### **HARDING CENTENNIAL**

Happy 100 years to Harding - our home!

Our Centennial Celebration is well underway, and we're excited for what's to come!

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Movie Premiere at the Bernardsville Cinema on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We had an amazing night! For anyone who was unable to attend, or would like to watch the video again, it is available to view on our Centennial Website at <http://hardingjcentennial.com/100-years-of-harding/>.

Also on our website is a variety of Centennial Merchandise for sale! Visit our online store to purchase mugs, magnets, hats, and house flags. These items can also be purchased in-person at Kemmerer Library. We currently have an online pop-up shop open for clothing items such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, and zip-ups. Our pop-up shop will be open for a limited time and then closed to process orders. It will re-open a few more times throughout the rest of the year. Visit our online store at <http://hardingjcentennial.com/online-store/>.

Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> marks the official 100<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be hosting our Centennial Margetts Field Festival—a family community day including live music, food trucks, family activities, and 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](mailto:RChipperson@hardingnj.org) for more details.

These are just a few of our many events planned for the rest of the year. Please visit our website for a full calendar of Centennial events!

Our Centennial website <http://hardingnjcentennial.com> is the best resource for information regarding the Centennial. Continue checking back for event updates and details. Please reach out to us if you are interested in sponsoring any of our events or getting involved in their respective committees.

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**

Township Committee – Historic House, Library, DPW, Bullseye!

Historic House of the Year – 24 Lee’s Hill Road. This circa 1825 home, owned by Kristen Peterson, was recognized by the Preservation Commission and the Harding TC by resolution which praised the “fantastic job of maintaining the modest integrity of the house, garage and small barn...with the use of period correct details...properly scaled materials and windows and modest additions that supplement the original scale, massing and architectural details of the farmhouse”.

Annual Library Report. Margie Ticknor, the new library director, presented the annual report to the TC regarding the activities of the Kemmerer Library and community center. Ms. Ticknor was a VP of marketing at Loreal and acquired an MS degree in library science. Her report highlighted the expanded programming and the value that Harding gets from the Morris Area Information Network, a book sharing scheme. The Library receives just \$40K from the township, unchanged in at least 10 years, while the rest of the nearly \$200K budget (as well as the original construction cost) is raised directly from residents.

Dept of Public Works Report. Tracy Toribio, department head, delivered his annual report on the DPW. He reviewed the scope of the job in terms of number of miles of roads (30 miles and 3mm sq ft of asphalt), catch basins (461), cross over pipes (243), street signs (500), etc. Toribio showed data on the road conditions (as per the Asphalt Institute Rating System) that revealed that 64% of our roads are in “good to excellent” condition and 36% are rated “fair to good”. None is in poor condition. He showed the 2022 roadwork schedule with the major project being milling and repaving of the entire length of Pleasantville Rd. The DPW has 9 employees and operates on a \$636K budget (before salaries). The budget buys fuel, salt, etc).

Old Library Room Converting to Police Dept Use. A very long discussion ensued regarding the plan to convert the old library room in Kirby Hall for interview space

by the PD. Committee person Nic Platt was concerned that a meeting space for boards, committees and commissions was now unavailable, and that the public was not involved or informed of the decision. After almost an hour, the discussion ended with a resolution to allow the township executive to proceed with the plans.

Bulls Eye Mirror Donation Acknowledged. The special mirror above the dais in the large room in Kirby Hall has been re-gilded at no cost to Harding taxpayers. The original work was of inferior quality (not real gold leaf!) and tarnished/oxidized over the few years since the redecorating. Harding resident Frank Pollaro, owner of Pollaro Custom Furniture and a resident, donated his firm's services to re-gild the mirror with 24c gold leaf...a job that was quoted by another firm at \$14K. Recall that Pollaro also donated the Chippendale tables in the same room. Thank you, Frank Pollaro.

### **VFW**

**VFW in Harding?** Yes, many years ago for a brief time there was a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Harding, however as the demographics changed, it merged with the Morristown Post which subsequently merged with the Watnog Post in Morris Plains. Today, there are several of us in Harding who are members of the Morris Plains Post, which now also covers Morristown, Madison, and the Chathams as well as Harding. This Post is quite active with many events throughout the year. Look for members Rich Olsen and Walter Ness in this years Memorial Day Parade for more information.

### **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](http://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.

### **FIRST AID SQUAD**

**Bicycle Safety** -- The rural setting of Harding and the nice weather attracts cyclists to our roads, particularly on weekends. Harding's narrow roads put vehicles and cyclists in close proximity with each other. Both must share the road.

Cyclists should always ride on the right side of the road, ride in single file and always wear a properly fitting helmet. Remember -- most cycling accidents are "bike on bike," not "bike on car." Don't follow other cyclists too closely. The greatest hazard of cycling is other cyclists.

#### **Safety Tip: *Helmets Save Lives!***

Motorists should always pass cyclists safely, slowly and give a wide berth when passing. New Jersey mandates that drivers passing a bicycle must allow a minimum of 4-feet. Motorists should use extreme caution and patience when encountering large groups of cyclists.

There is an excellent website, *BicycleSafe.com*, which gives good advice to motorists and cyclists citing 10 ways of "How to Not Get Hit by a Car."

The First Aid Squad continues to need volunteers. Please help, volunteer now.

To volunteer, or learn more about the First Aid Squad, contact:

- Kevin Murphy (973)-570-7032
- George Barry (646) 361-5528
- Donna Gandy (908) 227-2773

Or email us at this address: [JoinUs@NVVFD.org](mailto:JoinUs@NVVFD.org)

We are “Neighbors helping neighbors.”

## **HARDING TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD**

### **Planning Board Notes for April 25, 2022**

In one of the shortest meetings in recent memory, the Board approved the written resolution approving 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 meeting was then adjourned.

## **HARDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

We would like to thank everyone who attended our annual meeting on April 27, 2022. While we were disappointed Mr. Frelinghuysen was unable to attend due to Covid, Warren G. Harding III presented an engaging lecture about his great-uncle, President Harding. We will be posting an edited video of the presentation on our website [www.hths.org](http://www.hths.org) in the near future.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended the Tunis Ellicks open house as part of the Pathways to History Tour. Our site was one of the top attended sites in Morris County and visitors were very impressed with our museum and activities. We learned how to spin wool, churn butter, make a kite and engaged in witty conversation with Mr. and Mrs. George Washington. George Washington re-enactor, Sam Davis, spoke of his life and read a children’s story, George Washington, and the General’s Dog, about saving his opponent’s (a British General) dog during a fierce battle during the Revolutionary War.

## **KEMMERER LIBRARY:**

To register for any program go to [hardinglibrary.org](http://hardinglibrary.org)

### **Children's and Teen Programs**

**NEW! Make a Father's Day card!** - June 1st at 3:30pm **\*Registration is required\***  
Artist Philla Barkhorn will be leading a watercolor program to help kids make cards for Father's Day! **\*This program is for children aged 7+\***

**Sing and Dance with Miss Carol!** - June 7th at 10:15am  
We are so excited that Miss Carol visits the library each month! Join Miss Carol for fun songs and dance! This program is designed for preschoolers.

**Toddler Yoga with Miss Kayla** - Tuesdays, June 7th, July 18th, August 2nd at 11:15am  
Join Miss Kayla on the first Tuesday of every month for some fun and easy yoga!

**DIY Storytime** - June 18th, July 19th, August 2nd, August 16th at 10:15am  
This summer, we are doing DIY Storytime! Come in to read *a book* and to do a fun themed craft!

**NEW! Kids Photography Class** - Monday, June 13th at 3:00pm **\*Registration is required\***  
This is a free photography class for **children aged 10-13** offered by Dwight Hiscano Photography. The session will include instruction on professional cameras.

**NEW! Miss Carol's Beach Party!** - Saturday, June 18th at 11:00am (grades PreK-2nd grade)  
Bring your own beach towel and join Miss Carol for singing and dancing at a Beach Party to celebrate the start of Summer Reading! The Party will take place outside as weather permits.

**NEW! Summer Reading Kick-Off!** - Saturday, June 18th at 11:00am  
Drop in to sign up for our 2022 Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. From 11am - 1pm, we will be doing sign ups, making ocean themed crafts & more!

**NEW! Animal Adaptations with the Turtle Back Zoo** - Wednesday, June 22nd at 11:00am **\*Registration is required\***

The Turtleback Zoo will be visiting the library to teach about animal adaptations! Come learn about physical and behavioral adaptations and meet some of the zoo animals!

**\*Masks must be worn by all attending this program, as per the Turtleback Zoo guidelines\***

**Read to a Dog** - Wednesday, June 22nd, August 24th at 3:45pm **\*Registration is required\***

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.

**Kids Crafternoon!** - Friday, June 24th at 3:45pm

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

**Fish Printing!** - Wednesday June 29th at 4:00pm

Learn how to Fish Print with local artist Kathy Bross! We will be using real fish to make fun and easy art. **\*Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on\***

**Mad Science: Wacky Water Workshop** - Wednesday, July 13th at 4:00pm

**\*Registration is required\*** This workshop is designed for children grades K-4.) Mad Science will be coming back to the library! In the workshop, we learn all about the importance of water, how to keep our oceans clean, and we will do fun water science experiments!

**Build a Stuffed Animal!** - July 20th at 4:00pm **\*Registration is Required\***



Come build your own sea creature stuffed animal!

Ocean Birds - Thursday July 21st at 4:00pm

Kathy Bross will be teaching us about Seagulls and will be leading a fun activity!

Sharks 101 - Wednesday July 27th at 4:00pm **\*Registration is required\***

A naturalist from the Somerset County Parks Commission will be coming to teach us all about sharks! Learn about the myths and facts about sharks, and the role they play in the ocean's ecosystem.

Mad Science: Amazing Oceans Workshop - Wednesday August 3rd at 4:00pm

**\*Registration is required for this program\*** (This workshop is intended for children grades K-4.)

Mad Science will be visiting the library! Come learn about the science of sea animals and of the ocean and do your own science experiments!

Stargazing After Hours - Wednesday August 10th at 8:00pm **\*Registration is required\***

The Morris County Astronomical Society will be visiting the library for a family stargazing event after hours!

### **Teen Programs:**

**NEW! Teen Advisory Board Meeting** - Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00pm

Teens grades 9-12 are invited to join our Teen Advisory Board! The Board will help plan and market library programs for teens such as Trivia Night and Movie Night, as well as work on volunteer projects. Meetings count as volunteer hours!

**NEW! Teen Paint "Night"** - Saturday, June 11th at 1:00pm

This event is hosted by the Teen Advisory Board! Join us for snacks and an afternoon of painting! Follow paint-by-step instruction or make your own masterpiece. **This program is for ages 13+.**

**NEW! Teen Photography Class** - Saturday, June 25th at 1:00pm **\*Registration is required\***

This is a free photography class for **teens age 13+** offered by Dwight Hiscano Photography. The session will include instruction on professional cameras.

## **Adult Programs**

Adult Craft Club - Wednesday, June 1 at 1p.m.

Paint beautiful Father's Day cards with Philla Barkhorn. Registration required.

Book Club - Open to all, every other Tuesday at 1:30, June 14 and 28. 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.

Learn how to access eBooks and eAudiobooks - Monday, June 6 & Tuesday, June 7 at 10a.m. Live, virtual demonstrations of how to get started with borrowing eBooks and eAudiobooks through the Libby app. This is appropriate for both new and experienced users. (on zoom)

Built in Harding featuring Sarah Churgin - Monday, June 6 at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom)

Sarah Churgin is a woman of many talents! She was the first female chef at Tavern on the Green in NYC, she stars on Antiques Roadshow, and she owns Acquisitions Fine Jewelry and Antiques right here in Harding. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Sarah will charm you in this interview!

Virtual Tour of the Jewish Museum - The Hare with Amber Eyes exhibit - Tuesday, June 7 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

The Hare with Amber Eyes tells the story of the Ephrussi family—celebrated in the 2010 memoir and The New York Times bestseller of the same name by Edmund de Waal—and showcases the breadth and depth of their illustrious collection. The exhibition, explores the family’s rise to prominence and splendor in the first half of the nineteenth century, followed by a focus on the prolific collector and historian of art, Charles Ephrussi, to the inter-war years, and finally World War II, when the family lost its fortune and collection to Nazi looting.

From Great Estates to Public Gardens - Wednesday, June 8 at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom)

What may be a surprise to many Morris County residents is that within a short driving distance there are hundreds of public gardens. Most of them are free and offer an incredible variety of plants and designs. In some instances, these gardens were once part of private estates and the original mansion may be open for viewing. A list of all local gardens will be distributed. The presenter is from the Morris County division of the Rutgers Master Gardener program.

Discovery of a Masterpiece - Thursday, June 9 at 7 (on zoom)

Mallory Mortillaro, the Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, was cataloging the artwork housed inside of the Hartley Dodge Memorial when she uncovered a masterpiece that had been lost to the art world since the 1930’s. After a year of research, the piece was authenticated as an official work by Auguste Rodin. Mallory will share the story of how a simple art cataloging project evolved into a search for a mysterious piece’s provenance and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history.

Special Presentation at Yoga on Stability and Balance - Monday, June 13 at 10:15a.m.

Dr. David Mueller will be speaking on the importance of stability and balance as we age.

Join us for this special short presentation before our regularly scheduled yoga at 10:15a.m.

Floral Arranging with Brenda - Tuesday, June 14 at 1p.m. (in person)

Brenda Liberti, owner of Bee Lee Blooms, will join us at the Kemmerer Library for a one-hour program filled with tips and tricks for putting together a beautiful flower arrangement. All materials are provided. Registration is limited.

Winslow Homer - Wednesday, June 22 at 7 (on zoom)

Running through July, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC is exhibiting Winslow Homer: Cross Currents. Renowned for his powerful paintings of American life and scenery, Winslow Homer remains a consequential figure whose art continues to appeal to broad audiences. This exhibition reconsiders Homer's work through the lens of conflict, a theme that crosses his prolific career. Join us as Mary Vahey, professor of art history, gives us a better understanding of Homer and this exhibit.

Centennial Summer Author Series - Mondays at 7 starting June 27

The Kemmerer Library is pleased to announce a Centennial Summer Author Series in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Harding Township. Starting Monday, June 27, and running for 5 consecutive weeks (except the week of July 4), this evening series will profile published authors and photographers who have called Harding home. See website for details.

**Kemmerer Library Harding Township**  
**Summer Art and Travel Series**  
July and August 2022  
Thursdays at 11a.m. (in person and on zoom)  
More details at [hardinglibrary.org](http://hardinglibrary.org)

Thursday, July 14 at 11 a.m.	Pierre-August Renoir, French Impressionist
Thursday, July 21 at 11 a.m.	Highlights of Beijing
Thursday, July 28 at 11 a.m.	Vincent Van Gogh, Dutch post-Impressionist
Thursday, August 4 at 11 a.m.	Singapore, The Sparkling Little City State
Thursday, August 11 at 11 a.m.	Henri Matisse, French artist

**SAVE THE DATE - The Annual Harding New Neighbor Party returns! - 7/13/2022**

**HARDING LAND TRUST**

**Harding Land Trust Presents *A House and Garden Tour* – June 6th**

The Harding Land Trust House and Garden Tour will be held on Monday, June 6th. There will be 17 fabulous and unique boutique vendors available and open to the public at the Church of Christ the King from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please come and join the fun as you shop for graduation, teacher and hostess gifts and perhaps pick up something wonderful for yourself! Items on sale will include luxury handmade hats, personalized American made leather goods, handcrafted crocheted precious gemstone jewelry, premium stylish men's socks and much, much more! For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit at [www.hardinglandtrust.org/housetour22](http://www.hardinglandtrust.org/housetour22)

## **Expert Guided Meadow Tour of Primrose Farm - June 21st at 5pm**

Join Expert Landscape Designers from Larry Weaner Landscape Associates for a free walk through the Primrose Farm Wildflower Meadow. Find out about what's growing in our wildflower meadow, the process of its installation, and its future!

RSVP Recommended: <https://qrco.de/solstice22>

Park at Barrett Field on Brook Drive South

Rain Date June 22 at 5pm

Questions? Email [jordan@hardinglandtrust.org](mailto:jordan@hardinglandtrust.org)

New in town?

For more information about HLT or to receive our mailings, invites, and/or eblasts, please call (973) 267-2515 or email us at [contactus@hardinglandtrust.org](mailto:contactus@hardinglandtrust.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

## **HARDING SENIORS**

No meetings until September.

Harding Township Seniors need volunteers to speaker at their meetings. We would welcome Harding residents who would like to volunteer to speak about their hobbies or professions to Harding seniors. Our meetings are on the second & fourth Thursdays of the month. Please contact: [gwilllean@gmail.com](mailto:gwilllean@gmail.com)

## **HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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](mailto:cheryldarmanin@gmail.com) by Friday, August 19th, 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](http://www.HardingCivic.org). Send questions or comments about Thumbnail to editor at: [cheryldarmanin@gmail.com](mailto:cheryldarmanin@gmail.com).

## **HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING**

2022 Recycling Schedule:

JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

AUG 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

SEPT 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

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**

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

**DATED MATERIAL**

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