

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING Events October 2022

INFORMAL MEETING WITH SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD - IN THE WORKS

Based on requests from several Harding citizens, your Thumbnail reporter asked the Chair if the Board would participate in an informal meeting modeled on the Civic Association’s annual “Meet the Mayor and Township Committee”. We were initially told that interested residents should simply come to the Board Meetings if they wanted to learn more and ask questions. Thumbnail pointed out that the public comment section that evening was well over an hour into the Board meeting and that our “Meet the Mayor” events last about 90 minutes. Further “Meet the Mayor” is an informal exchange, not an on-the-record part of a scheduled meeting.

Superintendent Spelker then interjected that he was planning to have coffee meetings with interested parties. Thumbnail said that the Civic Association expected a turnout in line with “Meet the Mayor” (typically about 30-60 heads) given the important issues in our nation’s schools that folks read about in the media.

No date for a meeting has been set and it is not clear if any of the Board members will attend or if just Superintendent Spelker will attend. Stay tuned!

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

TC TACKLES TREE CONSERVATION Township Committee 09/12/2022

The Township Committee is working to balance private property rights with the need to protect Harding’s rural character by regulating the removal of trees, namely in the Tree Conservation Area (i.e., the buffer area around the perimeter of most residential properties.) Assistant Administrator Vincent DeNave indicated that there are problems with 1) individuals removing trees in their own Tree Conservation Area, and 2) individuals removing trees on their neighbors’ property, including in neighbors' Conservation Areas.

After much discussion with residents in attendance, the Township Committee rejected an ordinance offered by Mr. Platt which would require residents to apply for a Tree Removal Permit from the Township Zoning Officer prior to removing any trees on their property irrespective of tree location. The ordinance would also require a 1-for-1 tree replacement for any trees removed from the Tree Conservation Area. Several residents spoke against the proposal for requiring a permit on removal of any tree not in a Conservation Area, namely former Mayor Lou Lanzerotti and Planning Board Member Alf Newlin as being overly broad and a “Trenton-style solution.” Deputy Mayor Chris Yates asked residents for alternative ideas to balance property rights and tree removal. If you have ideas and/or thoughts on the issue, please contact Mr DeNave at 973-267-8000 ext 738 or vdenave@hardingnj.org.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING (8-29-22)

Special Ed Focus. A Special Ed Presentation to the Board was delivered by Dr. Chris Magno, Director of Student Services. Dr Magno said a “large portion” of the school budget is devoted to special ed. Support is rendered to students from as young as 3 to as old as 21. Fifty students of a total of 388, get special ed services. The district has 12 special ed teachers and 7 teaching assistants. Staff has increased in recent years. Two special ed teachers have been added. A part time social worker is now full time and a behaviorist’s hours have increased.

“Out of District Costs”, the expense of having to pay other schools for services for Harding children had decreased, from \$1.5mm in the 2018-19 year to \$1.06mm in the current school year. The decrease is attributed to having the ability, with the increased staffing, to deliver special education services that utilize an Individualized Education Plan within Harding.

The Individualized Education Plan is a “plan or program developed to ensure that a child with an identified disability, that adversely impacts the student’s educational performance, who is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution, receives specialized instruction and related services”.

QSAC Scores. Superintendent Matt Spelker reported on the Quality Single Accountability Continuum scores received by Harding School. QSAC evaluates compliance with NJ State regulation and is enforced by the NJ Dept of Education. QSAC has five areas: Instruction & Programs (scored 92%), Fiscal Management (100%), Governance (100%), Operations (100%), Personnel (95%). Spelker said he was proud of the scores and that they were similar to prior grading. He reported that the Instruction & Programs score of 92% was lowered by 5% because Harding “did not have significant increases in their already high student assessment scores”.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DRILL

On October 22, 2022, the Harding Township Office of Emergency Management will conduct an emergency exercise. The emergency exercise will start at 8:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm. The following organizations will participate:

- Harding Township Police
- New Vernon Fire Department
- New Vernon First Aid Squad
- Harding Township School
- Harding Township Public Works Department
- The Morris County Health Department emergency exercise will involve a variety of simulated emergency situations. Should an actual emergency occur during the exercise, normal emergency police, fire and first aid response will be in full operation if requested.

- The location will be as follows: Harding Township School parking area and field. Should you have questions please contact Lieutenant Gromek at 973-455-0500

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week

Sunday, October 9 thru Saturday, October 15, 2022

A reminder from the Green Village Fire Department to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Visit the [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week) (www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week) for additional fire safety tips.

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Sunday, October 9, 2022, from 1 to 3 p.m.

hosted by the Green Village Fire Department and Auxiliary

Kicking off this year's Fire Prevention week, the Green Village Fire Department and Auxiliary are hosting an open house. Firefighters will be on hand to provide fire safety tips for the young and old as well as demonstrate various firefighting techniques. All are invited to explore the fire trucks, try on real fire gear, spray the fire hose and enjoy some hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. The festivities are from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and the activities are on-going. We hope that members of the community will join us for this free, kid-friendly event. This event will be held rain or shine. Additional information can be found at www.greenvillagefire.com or on our [Facebook page](#).

Sporting Clays and Pig Roast

Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 9 a.m.

hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

The annual event will be held at Miele Field, located at the end of Britten Road in Green Village. The event is a 100 Target Lewis Fun Shoot. The entry fee includes lunch and there is an additional Lewis Cash Option. This event will be held rain or shine. There is a limited number of shooters so pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

For more information or to download a registration form please visit our website at www.greenvillagefire.com. No shot size larger than 7 1/2 will be allowed and eye and ear protection is required.

Raffle Drawing

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 8 p.m.

hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

Tickets are now available for the Green Village Fire Department's annual raffle. The raffle consists of six drawings. The prizes will be based on a percentage of the gross proceeds (1st - 20%; 2nd - 10%; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th - 5%). The purchase of a \$100 raffle ticket enters you in all six drawings. With only 300 tickets available, they will be sold on a "first come, first serve" basis. To purchase a raffle ticket, please visit our website at www.greenvillagefire.com to print a form. Simply fill out the form and mail it with your check (payable to Green Village Fire Department) to Green Village Fire Department, 529 Green Village Road, Green Village, NJ 07935. If sending a check, please note "Raffle" on the envelope. We will fill in your stub and forward your ticket to you. The drawings will be held at 8 pm. In an abundance of caution, only Green Village Fire Department members will be allowed at the drawings.

Contact Us or Sign-Up for E-Mails

You can stay informed of the Green Village Fire Department's upcoming events by visiting our website at www.greenvillagefire.com and subscribing to our email list using the "subscribe to email" button. There you can also choose and update your email preferences.

Our events can be viewed on our facebook pages at:

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenVillageFD.Aux/>

General questions, please email us at administrativeassistant@greenvillagefire.com

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

NVVFD AUXILIARY "BBQ" FUND RAISER:

Back by popular demand! Finally!! Please save the date and join us for our 2nd annual **All You Can Eat BBQ Buffet, Sunday, October 30th 5-7 pm** at the firehouse, 22 Village Rd. New Vernon. Food will be supplied by **Minuteman Barbecue**, Morristown. All you can eat menu includes pulled pork, pulled chicken, beef brisket, potato slider rolls, house made cole slaw, bourbon baked beans, mac & cheese, mild & hot BBQ sauce, desserts, soft drinks, and coffee. **BYOB.**

The "All You Can Eat" price is \$30/person - \$15/kids 12 and under **with reservations & check by Oct 22nd.** \$35/person at the door the evening of the event, (kids' price is the same).

For reservations and questions: Call Stephanie @ 973-222-6838

sjouetflamme@mac.com

Please come out and join us for a fun, delicious night with lots of small-town camaraderie, and help support your NVVFD!!

FIRST AID SQUAD

New Vernon First Aid Squad

It has been the experience of the First Aid Squad that falls represent a significant area of injury to Harding residents. Many falls are avoidable and there are steps you can take to avoid a fall or to minimize the risk that a fall will result in serious injury. The CDC recommends that you begin a regular routine of exercise. Exercise will make you stronger and will improve balance and coordination.

Regularly review any medications with your doctor or pharmacist; be mindful of medications that may make you sleepy or dizzy. Check to determine if other medications with less side effects will work for you. Have your vision checked at least annually.

Most importantly eliminate fall hazards around your home. Clutter on stairs and walkways can be the cause of a serious fall. Falls from more than a standing position

can result in severe injury. Falls down a flight or more of stairs or from a height of more than six feet are likely to result in injuries, including concussions, broken bones, and internal injuries.

Throw rugs, particularly small ones that are apt to slide as you walk across them, can result in a fall where the patient strikes his or her head on a counter, table or other object.

Store frequently used items in cabinets and areas that don't require the use of a ladder or step stool.

Consider installing grab bars in showers and bathroom areas where floors may be slippery and use non-slip mats in tubs and showers.

Improve lighting, particularly as you get older so that hazards are more visible.

People on blood thinners should be particularly careful. Falls can result in internal bleeding that may not be immediately apparent. And, if you do fall either consult your physician or call 911.

The New Vernon Volunteer Rescue Squad is all volunteers, all the time. We do not charge for our services and take no taxpayer monies. But we are there “**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**” 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please consider becoming a member and helping us help our Harding community. We need new members as drivers and EMT's. 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
- Donna Gandy (908) 227-2773

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

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Great Swamp Watershed Association Upcoming Events – Oct. 2022

Community Stewardship at the CMA

Monday, October 10, 9 AM - 1 PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 91 Tiger Lily Ln., Harding Twp., NJ

Are you looking for someplace to put all that elbow grease? Don't mind a little dirt under your nails? Join us for a morning of stewarding the land at our 73-acre Conservation Management Area. It takes many hands to keep our CMA in good shape. Work includes clearing and mulching trails, building boardwalks, removing invasive plants and more. Come get in on the action and leave with a sense of accomplishment! Register at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

Community Yard Sale (Madison & The Chathams)

Saturday, October 15, 9 AM - 2 PM

Declutter your home before the snow begins falling. This yard sale is open to all residents of Madison and The Chathams. Register by Oct. 12 to have your address and a list of your sale items appear on a digital, printable map. The map will be linked to the GSWA website and publicized far and wide to potential shoppers. Registration Fee: \$10 tax-deductible donation to benefit GSWA. No additional permit needed. **Everyone else**, mark your calendar for October 15 to get out and shop sustainably at this amazing three-town-wide yard sale! Be sure to check back here Friday, October 14, at 9AM for a digital map of all yard sale participants. The map will also be published in local media and on town sites.

Gala Celebration & Silent Auction

Tuesday, October 18, 6-9:30 PM

Brooklake Country Club, Florham Park, NJ

Join us for an evening of good food and drink, spirited mingling, and browsing and bidding on a large variety of unique silent auction items at our biggest fundraising event of the year! New this year - *Young Professionals* tickets at half the price of a regular ticket. Start the evening and purchase a VIP ticket to attend the private pre-Gala reception with cocktails and gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Guest speaker, Oliva Carpenter Glenn of the EPA, who will present the important topic of Environmental Justice.

Fall Colors Hike

Saturday, October 22, 10 AM - 12 Noon

High Mountain Park Preserve, Wayne, NJ

High Mountain Park Preserve features stunning, panoramic, summit views of New York City and northern New Jersey, and waterfalls. The changing leaves will provide a colorful backdrop to these amazing sights. The Preserve is home to rare and threatened plants and wildlife, including mountain mint and northern long-eared bats, as well as common local species like flying squirrels, wild turkeys, chipmunks, and white-tailed deer. Join us for a rigorous hike with some intermediate sections. GSWA Members: FREE, Non-members: \$10 for adults/\$5 for children 6-17. Registration is required at GreatSwamp.org or call 973-538-3500.

HARDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Harding Historical Society Archivists have had a busy year. We would like to thank Mary Prendergast who has spent countless hours providing both historical photos and information to the Harding Township Centennial Committee for the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Harding Township. Mary also volunteers her time researching personal requests for historical information concerning Harding History, families & homes. Archivist, Leslie Potashner, recently researched & provided information on the history of Lee's Hill Farm for the Brown Swiss Historical Society. The culmination of that information along with other research concluded with the publishing of the book "Lee's Hill and the Hull Influence" by Markus Mueller. The Harding Historical Society was presented with a signed copy of the book in recognition of Leslie's contributions. The Harding Historical Society will be purchasing an additional copy to be presented to the Kemmerer Library for all to enjoy. If you have any local historical questions, reach out to us at 973-292-3661 or email us at hardinghist@comcast.net. We're here to help!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Let's Do Lunch: a cordial invitation for our retired neighbors to gather on Wednesday, October 19th at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall for tasty food and lively conversation. Please register with the Church Office at 973-538-8394 or officeadmin@pcnv.org.

Billy Keyserling, widely recognized for his collaborative efforts to educate and mobilize community action for the common good, will address the topic, *Unity and Diversity: Unpacking America's Historical Baggage*, on October 22 from 10:00-11:30a.m. Co-sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon and The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, this timely event is open to the public and will be held at the Morristown Church, 57 East Park Place.

A Beaufort, South Carolina native, Keyserling's public service includes staff positions in the US House and Senate, two terms in the South Carolina state legislature, and three terms as mayor of Beaufort, SC, where he is still known as Mayor Billy. He retired from elected service to commit his time and financial resources to the establishment of The Reconstruction Era National Park in Beaufort. Additional efforts to foster an accurate understanding of history as a means of building unity and promoting racial equality include the establishment of the educational non-profit, The Second Founding of America, and his book, *Sharing Common Ground: Promises Unfilled but Not Forgotten*.

Further details on his speaking schedule will be available after October 1 on the Church's website or by calling the Church Office at 973-538-8394 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

KEMMERER LIBRARY:

To register for any program go to hardinglibrary.org

Pre-School Programs

Tuesday Morning Toddler Program at 10:15a.m.

Tuesday, October 4th - NEW!! Meet our new partner Ventures in Nature!

Tuesday, October 11th - Join Miss Carol for fun songs and dance!

Tuesday, October 18th - NEW!! Ventures in Nature - Let's explore the great outdoors! *

Tuesday, October 25th - NEW!! Ventures in Nature - Let's get messy with art! **

* NEW! Ventures in Nature for Toddlers! - Tuesday, October 18th at 10:15am

We've revamped our toddler program! Ventures in Nature invites you and your toddler to experience the wonder of nature through one's senses. Each session involves focusing on one sense as we explore the great outdoors! Exploration builds confidence as your child touches new textures, tastes plants, observe animal adaptations and smell the seasons changing.

** NEW! Ventures in Nature Toddler Art - Tuesday, October 25th at 10:15am

We've revamped our toddler programs! The environment has so many beautiful colors and textures. Ventures in Nature will help toddlers express this magic through art. Our open concept projects of designing leaves, animals, insects will encourage your child's creativity and awareness of their own surroundings.

Programs for School Age Children

Halloween Treats on Zoom! - Thursdays, October 6th, 13th, and 20th at 4:00pm

Kathy Bross will be leading an easy Halloween Cooking class on Zoom! Register to pick up an ingredients kit from the library and join Kathy on Zoom at 4pm for some baking fun!

Paint a Pumpkin! - Friday, October 12th at 4:00pm ***Registration is required***

Join us to Paint a Pumpkin for Halloween! Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on.

Please register each child separately

Basically Bats! - Friday, October 21st at 5:00pm ****Registration is required****

A naturalist from the Somerset County Park Commission will be coming to teach us all about bats! Bats are the only true flying mammals that are often misunderstood and feared rather than appreciated for their prowess as our best natural insect predators. Did you know that a single little brown bat can consume approximately 600 insects per hour? So, pull the plug on your bug zapper and learn some bat biology. ***Please register each child separately***

Read to a Dog - Wednesday, October 26th, 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, October 28th at 3:45pm, Join us at 3:45pm for crafting fun!

Teen Programs:

NEW! Teen Advisory Board Meeting - Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00pm

Teens 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 Pumpkin Painting - Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00pm

Join us to Paint a Pumpkin for Halloween! Please wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on.

Registration is required to ensure we have enough supplies

Adult Programs

Adult Craft Club - Thursday, October 6th at 11:30a.m. (Note date and time for this month only.)

Fun with the season! Create a pretty fall pillow out of a placemat!! Registration required.

Book Club - Open to all, every other Tuesday at 1:30, October 4th and 14th. See the website for titles.

Yoga - Yoga with MJ is back! Mondays and Thursdays at 10:15a.m. \$10 suggested donation.

Built in Harding featuring Minuteman BBQ - Monday, October 3rd at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom)

In 2014, Scott and Marti Lifschin both had different professions until Scott was laid off as a business executive in NYC. While Scott was perfecting his backyard barbecuing for over 25+ years, Marti was honing her hospitality skills and raising their children. The two took a deep breath and decided to put their life savings into the Minuteman. The gamble paid off as they have transformed the restaurant into a popular world class barbecue smokehouse and whiskey bar. There have been lots of twists and turns along the way but in the end it is a true American success story!

Scott Joplin- King of Ragtime - Thursday, October 6th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

Ragtime was a sensation that overtook the United States at the turn of the 20th century and Scott Joplin was the man responsible for bringing it into the forefront. A classically trained musician, Joplin's lifelong goal was to see ragtime accepted as a serious artform. However, his life was tragically cut short and Joplin never saw many of his dreams fulfilled. Learn about what made ragtime so special as we delve into the details of his life and enjoy select pieces by the king of ragtime writers.

The Wonders of Central Park - Tuesday, October 11th at 7p.m (on zoom)

In the early 1850's wealthy New York merchants and landowners admired the public grounds of London and Paris. They argued that New York needed a comparable facility to establish its international reputation. Find out how Central Park was created and recently restored to the beautiful place it is today. Explore the many destinations that comprise the park. Lecturer: Sheila Taub

Benjamin Franklin: A Man of the People - Wednesday, October 12th at 1p.m. (on zoom)

Benjamin Franklin excelled in virtually every aspect of science and was considered to be a political and diplomatic genius during his time. Hear about the remarkable life and accomplishments of a true genius for the ages and discover more about the multi-faceted intellect of one of America's founding fathers. Presented by Nolan Asch

Norway's Hidden Gold - Wednesday, October 12th at 7p.m. (in person)

During WWII the Nazis financed their war machine in part by seizing the gold reserves of each country they invaded. In this effort they were almost always successful--with a few notable exceptions. For thirty frenetic days, beginning April 9, 1940, Norwegians struggled to keep their country's gold reserves—worth over \$3 Billion at today's values—from the clutches of their German invaders. Through a combination of intrepidity, unsung heroism, luck, and a great deal of back-breaking effort, they succeeded. Tim Boyce will explain how they pulled off this impressive feat.

Opera Talk: Festive Operatic Gatherings - Saturday, October 15th at 11a.m. (in person)

Presented by the Opera at Florham, this program will feature operatic scenes portraying parties, dinners, balls and other festive events that always generate wonderful musical experiences. Many times, solo Arias, big ensembles, and choral singing define these famous scenes; and audiences crave seeing them over and over again. This presentation will allow us to enjoy some of these memorable musical moments! The lecturer is Lou Barrella, Musical Educator.

Lanzerotti Lecture featuring William Dudley - Monday, October 17th at 7p.m. (in person)

Back after a brief hiatus, the well-respected Lanzerotti Lecture is back. Join us for a fascinating discussion with Bill Dudley. Bill is the founder of the New Vernon First Aid Squad (and won the town's first ambulance from winning first prize in an ambulance design contest sponsored by Grumman Aircraft.), has been Fire Chief of

the New Vernon Fire Department, served on the Federal Disaster Medical Team under the National Disaster Medical System to name just a few of his commitments to our town. In addition, his team was deployed to Biloxi, Mississippi in response to Hurricane Katrina and was also involved in the response to the attacks on the World Trade Center. Please join us as we honor Bill for his selfless dedication to Harding.

WISE - Wellness Initiative for Senior Education - Wednesdays, 12-1:30p.m (in person)

October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16 and 30

WISE is a series of 6 classes that cover a wide range of topics that celebrate healthy aging brought to us by Prevention is Key. Since 1989, Prevention is Key has been dedicated to promoting the health and wellbeing of the residents of Morris County. You will learn about the aging process and how to make healthy lifestyle choices. Discuss risk factors and behaviors you should avoid to stay healthy. Examine how alcohol, prescription medications and over the counter medications affect seniors differently and how you can avoid problems. And so much more INCLUDING FREE LUNCH!

Starting Seeds Indoors: When and How - Thursday, October 20th at 7p.m. (on zoom)
Presented by Rutgers Master Gardener Grace Tshanakas. There is such joy and excitement watching as seedlings emerge and mature. The biggest excitement, of course, is from either harvesting a food you have grown or seeing a beautiful flower develop. In this presentation, you will learn everything you need to know about starting seeds indoors including seed types, supplies needed, the planting process and caring for seedlings. Handouts will include a great list of resources including Rutgers Fact Sheets.

King Tut in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb Discovery - Monday, October 24th at 7p.m. (on zoom)
Presented by Richard Veit, Ph.D. of Monmouth University. The discovery of the tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in 1922 was arguably the most famous archaeological find of the 20th century. How was the tomb discovered? Who were the scholars responsible for the find and who was the Boy King and why did his

tomb survive largely intact for thousands of years while those of so many other pharaohs were lost? This well-illustrated presentation seeks to answer those questions as we celebrate the centennial of this amazing discovery.

Paul McCartney presented by Vinnie Bruno - Wednesday, October 26th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

This lecture is a snapshot on the extraordinary career of Sir Paul McCartney. We will travel with Paul down the long and winding road through his remarkable creative groundbreaking recordings with The Beatles and continue the journey as he embarks on his subsequent post-Beatles work with his band Wings. From his early days in Liverpool and Hamburg to the most covered song of all time, “Yesterday”, to his triple platinum “Band on the Run” album we will explore the many talents of pop’s Renaissance man -- singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, arranger and painter.

Madeline Miller - Thursday, October 27th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

Join us for Madeline Miller presentation on *Circe*. Her second novel, *Circe*, was an instant number 1 New York Times bestseller. With unforgettably vivid characters, mesmerizing language and page-turning suspense, *Circe* is a triumph of storytelling, an intoxicating epic of family rivalry, palace intrigue, love and loss, as well as a celebration of indomitable female strength in a man's world.

SAVE THE DATE - Centennial Celebration at Margetts Field - 10/1/2022

HARDING LAND TRUST

PRIMROSE FARM CAMPOUT IS BACK – October 8, 2022

We are excited to announce the return of our Annual Campout! We welcome all Harding children from the age of 6 to 12 years old and a parent or guardian to camp with us under the Big Tree at Primrose Farm (15 Brook Drive South) in Harding. Register ASAP as spots are limited!

Leave all of your electronics behind, and join us for a night under the stars, a BBQ meal, and lots of fun as we listen to the music of the insects.

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2022

Time: 4PM Saturday to breakfast on Sunday

Activities: Scavenger hunt, wiffle ball, roasting s'mores, flashlight tag, owl calling and much more.

Fee: \$20 per person - Register here: <https://qrco.de/fallcampout>

More info at hardinglandtrust.org

Questions? Email jordan@hardinglandtrust.org

Annual Celebrate Harding Photo Contest

Sponsored by Harding Land Trust and the Kemmerer Library

Harding Township students in grades K through 12 from any school are invited to submit photos of landscapes, flora, fauna, or wildlife (no pets) for our annual Celebrate Harding Photo Contest to photos@hardinglandtrust.org. We invite participants to submit photographs now through November 15th. The winners will be at a reception held at Kemmerer Library in January. Rules and submission instructions will be posted on the Harding Land Trust and Kemmerer Library website at www.hardinglandtrust.org and www.hardinglibrary.org. Photos will be displayed at the library and posted on the Harding Land Trust website, the Kemmerer Library website, as well as the Instagram and Facebook accounts.

The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card, and \$50 gift cards will be awarded to the first-place winner in each age group.

HARDING SENIORS

Christ the King Church Hall @ 11:00am

October 13. Harding Senior member, Ann Downs will discuss her childhood experiences in England during World War II. To include preparing for attacks, American influence & other unusual events

October 27 “Boost Your Immunity & Health presented by MJ from Wellness Multiplies.

NEW VERNON GARDEN CLUB

The New Vernon Garden Club was organized and federated in the spring of 1982: by twelve charter members and incorporated in 2004.

The current membership stands at 80. Almost everything you see around town that is beautiful is maintained by these members. Probably the garden seen by the most people is the George Washington Bicentennial Triangle Garden at the intersection nearest the Presbyterian Church. Hundreds of cars go past that raised stone bed daily.

It was designed to survive without any supplemental water but has really taken a beating this summer so it will be reworked this fall and next spring. Keep an eye out!

The second most "famous" garden is the one in front of the Tunis-Ellicks house. It was designed to mimic how a garden would have been planted in the 1800's, when the house was built. Tucked in right next door is the Sarah D. Ortman Park, which contains only plants native to New Jersey. It was created as an Eagle Scout project (!) but is maintained by the NVGC.

Lastly, the Kemmerer Library landscape was designed by a former garden club member and the club raised and donated money to make it happen, though maintenance has been transferred to the library.

Over the holidays, wreaths purchased and decorated by the club are to be seen all around in the village. Members enjoy social events throughout the year and often, speakers and presenters come to the monthly meetings. A new plan is to have two meetings a year in the evening so that people who work can attend. If you would like to attend a GC meeting or join, would you please contact Lucy Crotty at 973.229.2166? And, men, you are welcome. too!!!

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the November 2022 Thumbnail, please send it via email to the editor: cheryldarmanin@gmail.com by Friday, October 21st, 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.

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2022 Recycling Schedule:

OCT 8th, 22nd

NOV 5th, 19th

DEC 3rd, 17th, 31st

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
P.O. Box 72, New Vernon, NJ 07976
Harding Township Civic Association

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