

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING Events November 2022

HARDING TOWNSHIP NEEDS YOU!!!

At the October Township Committee meeting, Thumbnail asked if the Township needed volunteers to serve on any of the Boards, Committees and Commissions that help make Harding run. Answer: **Volunteers are needed for ALL these entities!** They are the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Board of Health, Environmental Committee, Citizens Parks Advisory, Shade Tree, Historic Preservation, Harding Open Space Trust.

If you are interested, there is a document (Appointed Positions Registry) on the Township Website (www.hardingnj.org) that describes the process with an application form in the Appendix of that document. Go to hardingnj.org and search for “appointed” and a link to the document will appear. Fill out the application and bring it to the township clerk, Lisa A. Sharp (lsharp@hardingnj.org)

HARDING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

October Township Committee Meeting: Final Legal Hurdle re Glen Alpin Cleared
At the regular Township Committee meeting (October 18), the TC passed a resolution that clears the final legal hurdle on the way to disposal and “diversion” on the Glen Alpin property. The resolution authorized Mayor Tim Jones to execute Historic Preservation and Conservation Easements with the NJ Historic Trust. The documents were signed the following day October 19. Now Harding can proceed to

evaluate proposals (there are two currently) to purchase and use the property. The “light at the end of the tunnel” is now brighter than ever.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The rabies clinic in conjunction with Harding Township and Morris Township will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 9 am to 11 am at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. Please ensure dogs are on a leash and cats are in a car carrier.

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Santa’s Arrival and Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 6 p.m.
hosted by the Green Village Fire Department

Families can come and watch as Santa arrives by fire truck to light up the tree at the Green Village Fire House. After Santa lights the tree, he will proceed into the firehouse to hear the children’s holiday wishes. Complementary refreshments will be provided by the Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Department.

Prior to Santa's arrival, you are welcome to join your neighbors at the United Methodist Church in Green Village for their annual Hot Dog Supper. Beginning at 4:30, you can enjoy hot dogs, chips, and hot chocolate complements of the Green Village United Methodist Church. At 5:45 the group will walk from the church down a nostalgic luminary lit road singing Christmas carols to await Santa’s arrival.

Both events are free, and all are welcome. Additional information can be found at www.greenvillagefire.com or on our Facebook page.

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/>

For general questions, please email us at administrativeassistant@greenvillagefire.com

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Santa Claus is coming to our town aboard a New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department fire truck. Yes, on the nights of Friday **December 3th** and Saturday **December 4th** between 5:00 and 8:00 PM, we will be making the rounds with Santa to visit your children. In the event of an **extremely** bad rain or snowstorm on either or both evenings we will plan to have Santa meet children at the firehouse on the following weekend.

In order to determine which houses we should visit; we are asking everyone to **return the card** sent to every Harding resident to tell us whether you have children and would like us to stop. It is most important that these cards be returned to us **before November 26th**.

Please include your phone number in case Santa's helpers have trouble locating your house. The letter that will be sent has Santa's route schedule with a notation as to when and where we will have central meeting places.

If you did not receive a postcard in the mail with the route information to arrange Santa to stop, or with any questions, *please email Assistant Fire Chief Peter Finkle, nvvfdchief@gmail.com.*

We are again this year we are proud to be a collection for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program for less fortunate children. Toys for Tots accepts only new, unwrapped toys. Toys can be given to Santa's helpers at the time of Santa's visit.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE

The New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department is holding a Holiday 50/50 Raffle! There are only 200 tickets available at \$100 a ticket. Half of the gross proceeds will benefit the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department; the other half will be distributed in 3 chances to win! \$10,000 in prizes!! The raffle will be held on December 14, 2022, at 9:00pm at the New Vernon Firehouse. Winner does not need to be present. For prize details and tickets please call/text Scott at 973-390-8170 or email Mrscott.LLA@gmail.com.

FIRST AID SQUAD

Flu

Seasonal influenza is characterized by fever, cough, headache, muscle and joint pain, severe malaise (feeling unwell), sore throat and a runny nose. Illness varies from mild to severe, with most people recovering with little or no medical treatment within a week or two weeks. Infants and the elderly are at increased risk.

The World Health Organization estimates that there are between 3 to 5 million **severe** cases of the flu annually resulting in an estimated 290,000 to 650,000 deaths per annum. Each year the U.S. experiences between 12,000 and 60,000 deaths from

the seasonal flu. Last year flu deaths were down significantly. The lockdowns and the wearing of masks during the pandemic may have accounted for this reduction in flu deaths,

Flu shots help. While there is no guarantee that the flu shot will prevent you from catching the flu, but if you do get the flu, the flu shot may reduce the severity of your illness. The New Vernon First Aid Squad recommends that all residents get a flu shot annually and that seniors take the dose designed specifically for persons 65 years of age and older. It is estimated that 90% of flu-related deaths occur in people 65 and older. If you haven't yet gotten a flu shot, consider getting one now.

To reduce your chances of coming down with the flu, the CDC recommends:

- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water **for at least 20 seconds**. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.

If you do have flu like symptoms get tested. Determine whether you have the flu or Covid. In either case protect others or don't spread it to them. Quarantine or isolate as appropriate. The New Vernon First Aid Squad uses personal protective equipment on every call to protect its members and patients. The Squad disinfects its equipment between each call and uses an ultra-violet light to further disinfect its ambulances and equipment to protect patients and Squad members alike. The First Aid Squad continues to urgently need new volunteers. Please join us now! Serving Harding Township as a First Aid Squad member is an infinitely rewarding way to connect with your community and help those in critical need.

Contact:

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

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

We are “Neighbors helping neighbors.”

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Great Swamp Watershed Association Upcoming Events – Nov. 2022

Evening Briefing: “Composting: Black Gold for Your Garden” FREE Zoom Webinar

Tuesday, November 1, 6-7:30PM

Learn to make compost (decomposed organic matter) from table scraps and outdoor material. Compost added to soil yields healthier trees, shrubs, plants, and vegetables. Led by Master Gardener, Cheri Wilczek, learn all about composting. Bring your questions. Registration required: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

Breakfast Briefing: Drew Forest Update

Tuesday, November 8, 8:00-9:30AM

GSWA HQ, 568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ

The 53-acre Drew Forest located at Drew University, Madison, NJ, is in jeopardy of being sold and disappearing forever. Sitting within four watersheds benefiting the community, wildlife, and ecosystem it overlies the Buried Valley Aquifer that supplies drinking water to Madison, Chatham Borough, East Hanover, and Florham Park. Led by volunteer organization, Friends of The Drew Forest. Includes a light breakfast and Q&A session. GSWA Members: FREE, non-members: \$10 adults/\$5 children. Registration required: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

Nature Detective Discovery Kids’ Hike

Thursday, November 10, 10AM-12Noon (Teachers’ Convention Day)

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (GSNWR), Basking Ridge, NJ

What's hiding in the trees and under the freshly fallen leaves? The GSNWR is the perfect place to set off in pursuit of the region's most-wanted autumn wildlife IDing animals' tracks, scats, and other clues. All are welcome, especially children 5-12. GSWA Members: FREE, non-members: \$10 adults/\$5 children. Registration required: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

Veteran's Day Paddle

Friday, November 11 - 2 paddles available: 10AM - 12Noon & 12:30 -2:30PM
Paterson, NJ (location TBA)

Veteran's Day is a wonderful day to get out on the water for a peaceful paddle w/a small group of people as we explore the Passaic River. Adults and Children 8+ welcome. All must be able to swim. Life vests provided. GSWA members: \$30 each, non-members: \$40 each. Registration required: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

Fall Community Cleanup at the CMA

Sunday, November 20, 9:30AM-1PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 90 Tiger Lily Ln., Harding Twp., NJ

Lean into the spirit of giving and get some pre-holiday exercise. Help us put our 73-acre wetlands reserve (CMA) to bed for the winter. There's no shortage of things to do on this crisp, autumn morning. All tools provided – stay as long as you like! Registration required: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

New Moon Hike

Tuesday November 22, 5:30-7:30PM

GSWA Conservation Management Area (CMA), 90 Tiger Lily Ln., Harding Twp., NJ

Explore the stars and hike the trails of the CMA under a new moon when the stars are at their brightest. We will take advantage of the quiet autumn air listening for the nighttime creatures of Harding Township like owls, raccoon, and possums. GSWA Members: FREE, non-members: \$10 adults/\$5 children. Registration required: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

Holiday Cookies - Make & Decorate

Tuesday, November 29, 6-7:30PM

GSWA Headquarters, 568 Tempe Wick Rd., Morristown, NJ

Jump-start your holiday baking! First, decorate pre-baked, woodland creature cookies. Then make 2 types of cookie dough to take home and bake. Fee covers all supplies. BYO holiday libations. GSWA Members: \$30, non-members: \$35. Space is limited, register today: GreatSwamp.org/973-538-3500.

GREEN VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
500 Spring Valley Rd, Green Village, NJ

**Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar Craft Sale and Silent Auction, Saturday,
November 19 9am-2pm**

Start your holiday shopping at a wonderful local event! Our holiday bazaar features a large silent auction with a variety of gift baskets, gift certificates, and gift items for yourself or your shopping list! In addition to the silent auction there's an array of handmade crafts, LOTS of Christmas and holiday items, a jewelry sale, and holiday attic treasures all waiting for you.

See Church's Bazaar Facebook event for additional information.

KEMMERER LIBRARY:

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

Pre-School Programs

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

Tuesday, November 1st - NEW!! Ventures in Nature - Let's explore the great outdoors! *

Tuesday, November 8th - Join Miss Carol for fun songs and dance!

Tuesday, November 15th - NEW!! Ventures in Nature - Let's explore the great outdoors! *

Tuesday, November 22nd and 29th - NEW!! Ventures in Nature - Let's get messy with art! **

Toddler Yoga - Tuesday, November 1st, 11:15a.m.

Join Miss Kayla on the first Tuesday of every month for some fun and easy yoga!
* **NEW!** Ventures in Nature for Toddlers! - Tuesday, November 1st, and 15th 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, November 22nd and 29th 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.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Sing and Dance with Miss Carol! - Friday, November 25th at 11:00am

Join Miss Carol the day after Thanksgiving for fun songs and dance!

Programs for School Age Children - register at hardinglibrary.org

Live Animal Visit with the Great Swamp - Thursday, November 10th at 4:00pm

****Registration is required****

A naturalist from the Great Swamp will be teaching us about local animals and will bring a variety of live creatures to see up close and even touch!

Jr. Garden Club - Thursday, November 17th at 4:00pm ****Registration is required****

Join volunteers from the Harding Garden Club for fun gardening activities for kids!

Kids Crafternoon! - Friday, November 18th at 3:45pm

Join us at 3:45pm for crafting fun!

Read to a Dog - Wednesday, November 23rd, 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.

Teen Programs:

NEW! Teen Advisory Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 9th 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!

Adult Programs - register at hardinglibrary.org

Should The Electoral College be Abolished? - Tuesday, November 1 at 7p.m. (in person)

The Electoral College has been the subject of more proposed constitutional amendments than any other part of the U.S. Constitution. It is a unique institution in world government and a frequent source of dispute among politicians, parties, and voters. This talk will consider the proposed reforms to how Americans choose their presidents. Presenter: Professor Ian Drake

Adult Craft Club - Wednesday, November 2 at 1:30p.m.

Great ready for the festive winter holidays with this fun craft! Led by artist Philla Barkhorn, we will be learning how to paint with watercolor to make beautiful holiday cards. Registration required.

Book Club - Open to all. Please join this fun, interesting group.

Nov. 1st - "She Wouldn't Change a Thing" by Sara Adlakha

Nov. 15th - "Officer and the Spy" by Richard Harris

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

Investment Concerns in a Fragile Market - Wednesday, November 2 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

In these uncertain economic times, you really need to know how to invest wisely. A representative from the nonprofit organization, Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA) will help us understand the market better. SOFA's mission is to provide financial education across America, one community at a time. In this lecture, you will learn:

- How to grow your money wisely
- Why down markets create investment opportunities for wise investors with a PLAN

- Why having a game plan before the market volatility arrives is important to success?
- Do you know what you are trying to accomplish?

Built in Harding featuring Frank Pollaro - Monday, November 7 at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom)

Frank Pollaro gazes upon lumber the way most people look at fine art, carefully inspecting the nuances of grain, quality, and color. Frank's vision is to "elevate furniture to become art". He buys only "the rarest, most exotic, most beautiful examples of each species" that he can find and then turns that into masterpieces. With a goal of delivering "a product that you can't buy from anyone else, anywhere else in the world", Pollaro has set some very high bars. But he sure does deliver! They create furniture that is art and that "celebrates extraordinary materials, painstakingly selected for their unique beauty. Art made not by machines, but by the warmth of hand and heart". Join us to learn more about the masterpieces created by Frank Pollaro.

The Joys of Backyard Birding - Thursday, October 6th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

This lecture will provide audiences with the necessary information to make the hobby of bird feeding more enjoyable. Topics will include what is the best food to offer to attract the most varieties of birds, what are the different types of feeders available, why water and nesting boxes are so important as well as ways to thwart those pesky squirrels. Lecturer: Jim Walker of Wild Birds Unlimited

Discover Holiday Music with Dan Lupo - Tuesday, November 15 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

Hearing holiday music can instantly fill our minds with the smell of pine, the taste of eggnog, and the warmth of a bright burning fire, but did you know that Jingle Bells was originally meant to be a Thanksgiving song? Discover the story behind some of your holiday favorites while we learn why they truly are the most wonderful songs of the year.

After I'm Gone: Getting Your Affairs in Order - Thursday, November 17 (on zoom)

Securing important documents is just one of the many tasks we know we need to take care of, sooner rather than later. If you haven't put together your final wishes, prepared info on important papers, docs, wills, household items, etc., then join author and expert organizer Jamie Novak as she walks you through what you need to do, without getting overwhelmed. You'll log off the program with the exact steps to take to give yourself (and your loved ones) the peace-of-mind that comes with being prepared. Be ready to take lots of notes and pics with your phone.

George Harrison presented by Vinnie Bruno - Monday, November 21 at 7p.m. (on zoom)

This lecture presents a portrait of the incredible life and spiritual journey of George Harrison. From his work with The Beatles through his “solo” career to the Traveling Wilburys. We will explore the many talents and skills that made George a unique artist as a singer/songwriter, guitarist, session musician, producer, and film executive. We will also examine his enduring relationship with Ravi Shankar and his everlasting love for all things India.

Thanksgiving Floral Arranging with Bee Lee Blooms - Monday, November 21 at 1p.m.

Returning due to popular demand, Brenda Liberti of Bee Lee Blooms will be back just in time for the winter holidays. We are pleased to offer a one-hour program filled with tips and tricks for putting together a beautiful flower arrangement to decorate your festive holiday table. All materials are provided. Space is limited.

Ukraine: The Brave Fight for Freedom - Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. (in person)

Join us for a fascinating lecture by Mark Di Ionno, the former Star-Ledger columnist, and Pulitzer Prize finalist. He has written about his experience in the Ukraine for NJ Spotlight News, in a series called “Border Dispatches: Stories from the edge of war in Ukraine.”

Mr. Di Ionno left for Poland in early March to assist with the refugee crisis as millions of women, children and the elderly fled Ukraine during Russia’s unprovoked attack on their country. He returned two more times to Poland and Ukraine, then spent the summer in Kyiv, delivering humanitarian aid to civilians in the destroyed towns and villages around the capital, and taking supplies to the military into remote camps near the Russian and Belarussian border. You must hear about this first hand experience.

Kemmerer Library Seeking Board Members Kemmerer Library Harding Township is an association non-profit library, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to the Harding community. The mission of the Kemmerer Library is to improve and enrich the lives of our users through informational, educational, and recreational programs and services. The library welcomes all members of the community and offers an inviting space, well-organized and up-to-date collections, friendly professional service and well-trained staff and volunteers who are committed to the library. The Board of Trustees of the Kemmerer Library supports this mission. The Board is actively seeking new members. In addition to the standard roles and responsibilities of a board member, board members are active advocates and ambassadors for the library. Board members create library policies that promote the mission, assess, and authorize capital improvements, determine the library's operating budget, engage in fundraising, respond to community input, and partner with the library director who oversees staff and the implementation of library policies. To learn more about the Library history and the vital role it plays in our community, see <https://hardinglibrary.org/about/>. If you are interested in serving on the Library Board, please submit a short statement of your interest and resume to desk@harding.mainlib.org. The library is also seeking volunteers to join the Friends of the Kemmerer Library. The Friends are a group of committed residents who support the library by sponsoring fundraising events. If you would like to join the Friends, please let us know at friends@harding.mainlib.org.

HARDING SENIORS

Christ the King Church Hall @ 11:00am

Harding Township Senior Citizens: Meeting November 10 at Christ the King Church, 11am.

Program: Resident Linda Simonsen, will speak on how WW2 effected so many families. This is the story of one Harding family's ultimate sacrifice.

GREAT BOOK GALLERY

John C. Traynor to show at Grand Opening of Great Brook Gallery!

Our family has been hard at work restoring the circa 250-year-old Harrison House in the Historic Business District in New Vernon. We plan a Grand Opening for Great Brook Gallery, November 17-18-19 with a solo Exhibit by famous NJ artist, John C. Traynor.

The show will be a homecoming for Traynor who grew up in Mendham and attended Delbarton before going on to study with the great Frank Mason. He will be present, and all are invited to meet him, view the show and see what we have accomplished inside our historic building!

The show will be Thursday, Nov 17 from 4-8pm, Friday & Saturday 11am- 6pm. His work will remain on view until the new year.

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the December 2022 Thumbnail, please send it via email to the editor: cheryldarmanin@gmail.com by Friday, November 18th, 2022. MS Word is the preferred format, Times New Roman size 13, thank you. Current and past issues of the Thumbnail, as well as the Directory are available on our website: www.HardingCivic.org.

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

2022 Recycling Schedule:

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 always observed.

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

Meetings as noted Time

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

Historical Preservation Committee	1 st Thursday	7:30 PM
Board of Health	2 nd Thursday	7:30 PM
Board of Education	1st & 3rd Monday	7:30 PM
Board of Adjustment	3 rd Thursday	7:30 PM
Township Committee Executive	2 nd Monday	7:30 PM
Harding Open Space	2 nd Wednesday	7:30 PM
Harding TWP Civic Association	2 nd Tuesday	7:30 PM

DATED MATERIAL

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