

Harding Township Civic Association

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING Events April 2023

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

We Have a New Police Chief – Lt Gromek Promoted!

At a packed Township Committee Meeting, Lt Gromek, a 9-year veteran of the Harding PD, was promoted and sworn in as Chief of the department. The rest of our department, Gromek’s family, and a multitude of officers from neighboring departments attended to ceremony. Gromek has a BA from Kean University and a Master’s from Seton Hall. Among other awards and citations, he is an 11-time recipient of the Mother’s Against Drunk Driving Award and has two lifesaving awards. He has been acting chief since August of last year and his promotion is the result of a seven-month evaluation process and the recommendation of Robert Falzarano, Harding Administrator, and a former police officer and chief himself.

Historic House of the Year 2022 – Eddy House, 48 Meyersville Road

The Township Committee, at the recommendation of the Harding Historic Preservation Commission, awarded the Historic House of the year to the Eddy House, currently belonging to the Douglas family. The 1 ½ story gabled structure is a “wonderful contribution to the historic character of the Meyersville wooded community”. The East Jersey cottage can be seen on area maps as early as 1853 and 1868 as the home of L. Eddy, thus the name Eddy House. The homes that the Historic Preservation Commission wishes to highlight should be viewed from the road, enhance the streetscape, display proper use of scale, rhythm, massing, and materials and have an architectural style that compliments the rural character of Harding Township.

Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement for 2022 Goes to Susan Sameth

Also at the March TC meeting, Dr Louis Lanzerotti presented the annual Hesna Pfeiffer Award on behalf of the Harding Township Civic Association to Susan Sameth. Dr. Lanzerotti said that Ms. Sameth “exemplifies a life of service to Harding Township, and to a multitude of organization and people in the Harding region.” A registered nurse, Sameth has been an essential member of the HT First Aid Squad serving as a lieutenant, captain, vice president and president. She and her husband have donated generously to the Morristown Medical Center and the Emergency Department, that handle 100,000 cases per year is named for them. She has served other organizations as well – Birth Haven, Newton NJ; Christ the King Parish; “backpack food program” of the Catholic Charities in Paterson. Her extensive volunteer work has been recognized formally by Christ the King parish, Tri County Scholarship Fund and Catholic Charities. The Hesna Pfeiffer Award for Civic Engagement is named for Thumbnails long time editor who was taken from us too soon several years ago. Plaques, with the names of all past awardees, are on the wall at the entrance to Kirby Hall.

Residents Concerned About Crime and Car Thefts at Township Committee Meeting

At the March Township Committee Meeting, after the promotion and awards, the TC got down to its regular business. At the portion of the meeting where the public can speak, a group of residents from Glen Eagle Drive, a small, association owned cul de sac off Youngs Road, expressed their concern about crime – especially car thefts in broad daylight. They mentioned incidents of young people (teenager) boldly checking car doors to find unlocked vehicles to steal. The residents there have video surveillance, so they have recording. But one resident says she felt trapped in her home. A member of the Harding PD was there and agreed that there is a problem in Harding and statewide. It seems the thieves come in a stolen car and drop off 2-4 teenagers to fan out looking for nice cars that are easy to steal. There is a Morris County task force that is working with the State Police trying to get a handle on the problem. A constructive and polite discussion raised several good ideas, though given the scope of the problem, no definitive solutions other than keep your car locked and in a closed garage if possible. It was agreed that a large-scale meeting

with the key police officers, township representations and of course citizens will be held (hopefully in April) to bring up issues and relate things citizens can do to protect themselves and their property.

New Vernon 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 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. A New Jersey law passed in August 2021 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."

Also, with more electric bikes taking to the roads, please be sure to take care with Lithium-Ion batteries. We are seeing more frequent battery related fires.

- Avoid charging your device around flammable materials, such as a bed, couch or on paper.
- Charge your device with the power cord that came with it.
- Never keep li-ion batteries near heat sources or in high temperatures or such as direct sunlight, radiators, etc.
- Properly dispose of any battery or charger that is damaged.

The First Aid Squad continues to need volunteers in order to provide our 24/7 coverage, especially EMT's. 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 or Donna Gandy (908) 227-2773. Or email us at this address: JoinUs@NVVFD.org We are "Neighbors helping neighbors."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be two opportunities to celebrate **Easter** on Sunday, April 9th. The traditional sunrise service will be held in Bayne Park at 6:30 am with Christ the King. At 10:00 am we will worship in the sanctuary.

Let's Do Lunch! We cordially invite our retired friends and neighbors to join us for lunch on Wednesday, April 19th at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, so if you haven't tried it, be sure to do so and celebrate spring! Just let us know that you are coming. Church Office at 973-538-8394 or officeadmin@pcnv.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Environmental Commission Spring Clean-Up and Tree Give Away

The Harding Township Environmental Commission invites volunteers to help with our spring cleaning. On Saturday April 22nd we are planning a community wide effort to beautify our community. Our plan is for residents, volunteers, and community groups to take the time to pick up any roadside litter that may have accumulated over the winter. Beginning from Kirby Town Hall at 9:00AM interested groups and individuals will be directed to a road or public area targeted for clean-up. The township will be providing gloves, trash bags and safety vests for volunteers. Harding Land Trust will be joining us for their annual tree give away from 9:00 AM until Noon. Over 800 rooted saplings of various species will be available free to residents for planting. The saplings are being provided by Harding Township and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. There will be a wide variety of trees and shrubs suitable for all environments. The Harding Environmental Commission will be providing information on each species and tips to support successful growth. This event qualifies for community extracurricular volunteer service hours under programs recognized by the local school communities. If you have questions regarding this community effort, please contact dl_znlrmtemp1@att.net.

New! Composting Program

The Harding Township Environmental Commission would like to find out how much community interest there would be in a food and organic material recycling program here in Harding. Household organic waste like food scraps that get thrown away with regular household trash produces significant amounts of methane as it rots in

landfills. Our aim is to give residents a convenient, environmentally friendly alternative to reduce our trash, address climate change, and build healthy soil. This survey will help us identify how many households would like to participate in a pilot compost drop-off program. Many of our neighboring towns, like Madison, Summit, Chatham, and Morristown, already have sites for residents to drop off their compostable waste... Harding could be next if we have enough households interested in participating! Please provide us with some basic information so we can assess the demand for such a program. The survey can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/3ivhKps> . Please feel free to email HardingComposts@gmail.com with any questions or to be emailed a link to the survey that can be clicked on. The EC will keep you informed when and if we move forward with the program. Thank you for your time!

GREEN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Shred Fundraiser

Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 9am until noon

hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

On Saturday, April 15 the Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Department is hosting a community shred from 9 am until noon. All are welcome to bring their personal and business documents for shredding. Sensitive information will be destroyed on-site by a truck-mounted shredder provided by Absolute Shredding, LLC of Hackettstown. Not only will this fund-raiser protect privacy and help avoid identity theft, but it will also help to protect the environment as all the shredded paper will be recycled into other paper products. The cost will be \$5/brown paper grocery bag, \$8/file box. Larger containers will be priced accordingly. No newspapers, magazines, books, or binders please. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit the Auxiliary for fire scene relief, training, and community outreach. This event will take place at the Green Village Fire House, located at 529 Green Village Road in Green Village 07935 and will be held rain or shine.

Sporting Clays and Pig Roast

Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 9 a.m. – RAIN OR SHINE 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 is \$120.00 if received on or before 04/09/2023 or \$135.00 if received after 04/09/2023.

There is an additional Lewis Cash Option for \$10.00. Lunch is included with your entry fee. There will be a limited number of shooters so pre-registration is recommended. For more information, call the Fire House at 973-377-7073 or visit www.greenvillagefire.com. No shot size larger than 7 1/2 will be allowed and eye and ear protection is required. This event is held RAIN OR SHINE.

Flea Market Fundraiser

Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 9am until 3pm – RAIN OR SHINE hosted by the Green Village Fire Department Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Green Village Fire Department is hosting an indoor Flea Market on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am to 3 pm. With 20+ vendors, a wide range of items will be available for sale. Home-baked goods will be available as well. The sale will be held rain or shine. Parking is free. For questions, please contact Janet Doherty at 973-377-4071. If you are interested in renting table space, please go to the "Events" page on our website at www.greenvillagefire.com to download a form. Table space is limited and will be rented on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Flag Display

Deadline May 1, 2023, 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 veteran 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.

NEW VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAVE THE DATE. Back by popular demand! STEAK AND LOBSTER DINNER will be held SATURDAY, June 3, 2023, from 5pm to 9pm. Your favorite dinner selections will include Steak, Lobster, Chicken, Hamburgers, and NEW** Vegetarian Plate. All dinners include Salad, Roll, and French fries. Also Available are Steamed Clams, Corn on the Cob and Dessert selections. ONLINE ORDERING AND SEAT SELECTION will also be available, and we will announce the website address once it is up and running. The NVVFD is planning to hold THE ANNUAL

COUNTRY AUCTION Saturday September 30, 2023. 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.

MANSION IN MAY 2023

The Women's Association of Morristown Medical Center is pleased to announce the 20th Mansion in May, a designer showhouse and gardens with over 30 acres of rolling fields, ponds, and planned landscapes. Three Fields, in the Borough of Mendham, NJ, is on view for the entire month of May. The grand estate will be imagined and recreated by over 40 interior designers plus a team of landscape designers, led by Susan Cohan. Susan Cohan is the principal and design director of Susan Cohan Gardens, a full-service landscape design studio located in the New York/New Jersey metro area. Susan Cohan earned her certificate in Garden Design from the English Gardening School at the Chelsea Physic Gardens in London. The studio is dedicated to the creation of exceptional residential outdoor spaces and gardens. Cohan has completed projects on all scales, from small courtyards to large country estates. The finished results are frequently published in NY Metro ASID-Design, Design NJ, and The List/House and Garden. Ms. Cohan was named The Designer of the Year and received the Gold Award for Residential Design by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers in 2021. Most recently, she was invited to participate in the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show where her installed design received the Gold Award and Best Design this past June. In addition to beautiful interiors and stunning gardens, you may complete your Three Fields visit with a stroll to the Boutiques at Three Fields and coffee, tea or lunch in the Café. Three Fields was chosen by the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center for its signature fundraiser, with the proceeds of this month-long event to benefit the expansion and modernization of the Institute of Bio skills Training and Innovation Morristown Medical Center. To purchase individual tickets and for group tours: www.mansioninmay.org

GREAT SWAMP WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

GSWA Events- Register at GreatSwamp.org / 973-535-3500.

Stream Assessment Training

Saturday, April 1, 9 AM – 12 Noon

This free training session, led by Sandra LaVigne, GSWA Director of Water Quality Programs, will teach you how to conduct visual and biological stream assessments, identify macroinvertebrates, and recognize environmental factors that may impact stream health.

GSWA Native Pollinator Plant Sale Overview Webinar

Monday, April 3, 12-1 PM

Join Hazel England, GSWA's resident pollinator expert, for an overview of the native pollinator plants and plant kits available at our 3rd annual online Native Pollinator Plant Sale opening online on April 3. Learn about the plants you will need to attract pollinators to your garden and our online storefront and ordering process.

GSWA's 3rd Annual Native Plants for Pollinator Sale

April 3-28 – Opens Online @ 1:30 PM

GSWA and its Community Partners will host our 3rd Annual Plants for Pollinators online sale with convenient order pickup at multiple local sites. Order online April 3-28 and pickup your plants May 6. We've taken the guesswork out of it with a variety of pre-packaged plant plugs (young plants).

Gardening for Pollinators

April 5, 7-8 PM - FREE Zoom Webinar

If you build it, they will come - butterflies, dragonflies, hummingbirds, and other beautiful pollinators and wildlife. Learn what you will need to do to attract pollinators and why this type of garden benefits your yard, your neighborhood, and our shared watershed. *In collaboration with Long Hill Twp. Library.*

GSWA Water Quality Report Card

Wednesday, April 12, 7-8 PM - FREE Zoom Webinar

How's the water? That is the most common question we get from onlookers when we are out collecting water quality samples. Join Sandra LaVigne, GSWA's Director of Water Quality Programs, for an in-depth recap on the health of our streams and water quality data results from 2022. Bring your questions. *In collaboration with Long Hill Twp. Library.*

Foraging for Pesto: Garlic Mustard Pesto & Beyond

Thursday, April 13, 6-7:30 PM

Come make your own pesto using foraged garlic mustard and enjoy other local foraged spring treats while learning how to identify and harvest your own. We will talk about the benefits of foraging for edible invasive (non-native) species.

American Eel: A Journey from Sea to River

Wednesday, April 19, 7-8 PM - FREE Zoom Webinar

Humans have been fascinated with eels for centuries, working to learn as much as they can about them. Yet we do not have all the answers. Learn about the fascinating world of eels and their unique life cycle. *In collaboration with Long Hill Twp.*

Library.

How's the Water? GSWA 2022 Water Quality Report Card

Friday, April 21, 1-2 PM – FREE Zoom Webinar

How's the water? That is the most common question we get from onlookers when we are out collecting water quality samples. Join Sandra LaVigne, GSWA's Director of Water Quality Programs, for a re-cap of the stream updates and water quality data results from 2022. Bring your questions.

Signs of Spring Hike @ Rifle Park

Sunday, April 23, 12-2 PM

Situated on a ridge 500 feet above sea level, Garret Mountain Reservation offers several overlooks with panoramic views. Along the way, we will check out the 19th-century Lambert Castle and catch a glimpse of American history - this spot served as an excellent location for George Washington's troops to observe British movements during the Revolutionary War.

Madison & The Chatham's Yard Sale

Saturday, April 29, 9 AM - 2 PM Madison and Chatham residents, when you host a yard sale at this community event, your address and sale items appear on a digital, printable map. The map will be linked to GSWA's website and publicized far and wide to potential shoppers. Your tax-deductible \$10 registration fee benefits GSWA!

HARDING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pathways of History Tour 2023

On Saturday, **May 6th** the **Harding Township Historical Society** will again be part of the Pathways of History Tour in Morris County. The historic **1795 Tunis-Ellicks House and Tramp House will be open from Noon - 5 PM**. The museum will exhibit Native American Artifacts collected from various sites in Harding Township by local resident, Jon Miller. The witty, humorous **Benjamin Franklin will join us** as he walks the grounds for informal chats, or join him at **12:30, 1:30, and 2:30** as he speaks about his inventions, and life in Colonial America. In addition, family friendly activities will be held on the lawn. Admission is free. The event schedule is below.

12:00 Noon – 5 PM

- Tour the 1795 Tunis-Ellicks House.
- View an exhibit of **Native American Artifacts**.
- Visit the post-**Civil War era Tramp House**
- Enjoy the 19th century parlor garden.

12:00 Noon – 3 PM

- **Benjamin Franklin printer, inventor, and statesman** will speak at **12:30 PM, 1:30 PM, and 2:30 PM**
- **Make and fly your own kite** just as Benjamin Franklin did in 1752 or try your hand at **Colonial Shoemaking**.
- Join a **Butter Churning Demonstration**, and churn your own butter.

HARDING LAND TRUST

Annual Meeting April 20th at 6:30pm at the New Vernon Fire House

Please join Harding Land Trust for our Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 20th at the New Vernon Fire House. Light snacks and wine will be served at 6:30 PM followed by the business meeting and guest speaker at 7:00 PM. HLT is pleased to announce this year's guest speaker will be Bill Sheehan, Riverkeeper and Executive Director of Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. Captain Bill will present on the power and unique place that small conservation organizations have in the greater picture of environmental conservation. Drawing from his more than twenty-five years of

experience - that resulted in over 10,000 acres of woods and wetlands being protected during that time - Captain Bill will throw open Riverkeeper's toolbox and share what has worked for his organization and the river whose name they bear. You can expect a thoroughly enjoyable and informative time at HLT's Annual Meeting! Please R.S.V.P to the Annual Meeting by calling 973-267-2515 or emailing contactus@hardinglandtrust.org.

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, April 4th - Ventures in Nature

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

Tuesday, April 18th - Ventures in Nature

Tuesday, April 25th- Join Miss Carol for fun songs and dance!

Programs for School Age Children - register at hardinglibrary.org

Paint a Flowerpot—Wednesday, April 5th at 4:00pm, ***Registration is required***

Join us to paint your own flowerpot for spring!

Cookie Decorating! - Friday, April 7th at 4:00pm, ***Registration is required***

Join us for Cookie Decorating! ***We cannot guarantee accommodations for food allergies***

Kids Photography Class - Monday, April 10th at 4:00pm, ***Registration is required***

Join Kathy Bross to do a new, fun, hands-on photography activity every month and to learn how to use professional cameras. ***This program is for kids 8 and up***

Snapology Workshop! - Wednesday, April 12th at 4:00pm, ***Registration is required***

Snapology will be visiting the library! Come practice your story creating skills with hands-on Lego activities! **This workshop is for ages 5+**

After School Yoga—Friday, April 14th at 4:00pm, ***Registration is required***

Join Miss Pamela from @peaceplay for fun yoga and a Storytime!

Young Environmentalists with Somerset County Parks - Wednesday, April 19th at 4:00pm

To celebrate Earth Day, a Naturalist from Somerset County Parks will be coming to the library with LIVE ANIMALS to teach about animal habitats and about how we can care for the Earth. ***Registration is required***

Read to a Dog - Wednesday, April 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.

Penguin Party! - Thursday, April 27th at 4:00pm, ***Registration is required***

Join us to celebrate World Penguin Day by watching Disney's Penguins and by doing crafts!

Crafternoon - Friday, April 28th at 3:45pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of crafting!

Adult Programs - register at hardinglibrary.org

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

Book Club - Open to all. Please join this fun, interesting group. 1:30 p.m. at the library

Tuesday, April 4th - Exiles by Jane Harper

Tuesday, April 18th - The Book Spy: A WWII Novel of Librarian Spies by Alan Hlad

Built in Harding featuring Alex Baydin - Monday, April 3rd at 7p.m. (in person and on zoom) The featured guest for April's Built in Harding is Alex Baydin. Even as a child, Alex was driven to be an entrepreneur. With the launch of Perform Line, 15 years ago, Alex realized his dream. He pioneered a new industry around marketing compliance to help leading financial institutions and regulated industries meet their consumer protection obligations. Come hear his story!

Researching Naturalization Records: NYPL - Wednesday, April 5th at 1p.m. (on zoom)

Learn from the experts at the New York Public Library how to explore the history of how your ancestors became citizens of the United States of America, the kinds of records they generated when they did so, what information those records contain, and where you can find them.

Home Gardening Care and Maintenance - Thursday, April 6th at 7p.m. (in person)

This presentation will explore ways to improve your home's landscape as well as learn proper techniques for maintaining it. We will emphasize using organic implements and incorporating native plants. Presented by Rutgers Master Gardener Brian Mohnagan

Vikings: Myth, History, and Archaeology - Monday, April 10th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

The Vikings in popular imagination are perceived as fearsome raiders of the sea. However, as is often the case, reality is more complicated than mythology. Join us to learn more. This talk will be presented by Professor Rich Viet of Monmouth University.

Public Art: Murals in NYC - Wednesday, April 12th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

The history of Mural art can be traced back to prehistoric cave painting, but our lecture will focus on the important role of murals in NYC's public spaces beginning in 1900. Art educator Sylvia Laudien-Meo will showcase important NYC murals found throughout the city.

Identity Theft & How to Prevent It - Thursday, April 13th at 11a.m. (in person)

at Christ the King Church

Identity theft is a constant threat. 1 in 3 adults in America have experienced identity theft. Educate yourself on how people steal your personal information, so you can reduce the chances of it happening to you.

Eat The Weeds (Garlic Mustard Pesto and beyond) - Thursday, April 13th at 6p.m. (in person) Instead of weeding your yard, forage! The Kemmerer Library is pleased to partner with the Great Swamp Watershed Association to offer this program. Meet at the GSWA Headquarters to learn about the benefits of foraging for edible invasive (non-native) species like garlic mustard. Come learn about these and other types of plants that we can eat to reduce them!

Ikenobo Ikebana: Japanese art of flower arranging - Wednesday, April 19th at 7p.m. (in person) Ikebana is the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging. Over 550 years ago, ikebana had its beginnings by a pond at Kyoto's Rokkakudo Temple where Ikenobo Senkei was recognized as a master of flower arranging by arranging several dozen branches in a golden vase which drew admirers. Co-Sponsored by the New Vernon Garden Club

Spark Joy with the KonMari Tidying Method - Thursday, April 20th at 7p.m. (on zoom) We will be bringing the life-changing magic of tidying to you through this Spark Joy® program. You will learn the KonMari philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all and leave you feeling motivated to Spark Joy® in your home, office, and life!

Brainstorming about Tea Pairings - Monday, April 25th at 7p.m. (in person) Leading up to our May 15th Mother's Day Tea and Dessert Tasting, join us behind the scenes and help Marjorie Wang and Bettor Bakes baker Tori Butchin curate the menu. We will be tasting 6+ Chinese teas to decide which ones to serve, and what kind of dessert to pair them with.

Vinnie Bruno Presents the Motown Sound and the Beatles - Tuesday, April 25th at 7 (on zoom) The Beatles borrowed the Motown sound by incorporating the upbeat, pop-influenced style of rhythm and blues with danceable arrangements. As The Beatles expanded their musical palette to include ballads, orchestral arrangements, and raga rock, they in turn, influenced Motown.

Cooking Club - Wednesday, April 26th at 11 (in person) Welcome to the Cooking Club; a new initiative in 2023! Each meeting will have a theme and we will share our favorite cookbooks, recipes or family stories about that theme. April's theme is cakes (not pies, cobbler, cookies but CAKE)!

Focus on Philanthropy: Villages in Partnership - Wednesday April 26th at 7p.m. (in person) Join us as we kick off a new initiative by the Kemmerer Library called Focus on Philanthropy. As you might be able to guess, we are going to bring you stories of not for

profits that are doing their part to make the world a better place. The kickoff organization is Villages in Partnership. Join us to hear about the incredible work that VIP is doing in the rural villages of Sakata, Malawi, partnering with 26 villages and impacting over 21,000 lives.

Georgia O’Keeffe: Speaking in Color and Shapes - Thursday, April 27th at 7p.m. (on zoom) Georgia O’Keeffe, one of the most important and fascinating artists of the Twentieth Century, has given us images of audacious flowers, dramatic cityscapes, glowing landscapes, and haunting depictions of bones against the stark desert sky. This talk will examine her innovative works and her long and productive life. Presented by Janet Mandel Damn the Torpedoes...Full Speed Ahead! - First Person Portrayal of Admiral Farragut - Thursday, April 27th at 7p.m. (on zoom) You are sure to enjoy this first personal portrayal of Admiral Farragut and understand the significance of the Battle of Mobile Bay, on August 5, 1864. Admiral Farragut will be portrayed by Professor Bruce Tucker, history lecturer at Rutgers University School of Continuing Education, Naval Historian and Living History presenter.

Virtual Author Visits

Hark! A Vagrant! by Kate Beaton - Tuesday, April 4th at 7p.m. (on zoom)

Join us for an enlightening hour online with highly acclaimed Kate Beaton, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hark! A Vagrant!* And *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*.

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger - Thursday, April 27th at 8p.m. (on zoom)

You are in for a riveting hour online with *New York Times* bestselling author William Kent Krueger! Join us as he discusses his newest book in the *Cork O’Connor* series *Fox Creek* and his other works!

FRIENDS OF KEMMERER LIBRARY

SAVE THE DATE: First-ever Library Patio Party! Saturday June 9 6:00-10:00 [19 Blue Mill Road, New Vernon](#). Join us for an evening of celebration as we unveil our brand new bluestone patio and honor Jim and Sue Heineman for their endless library support. We'll have an assortment of wines, scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, and plenty of opportunities to mingle and enjoy the beautiful outdoor space. \$50 per person, plus, you'll have a chance to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets (tickets pulled at 9:00pm) and support the library's mission.

HARDING SENIORS

Harding Township Senior Citizens: Meeting 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 11am at Church of Christ the King in the Church Hall

April 13. **Identity Theft- Will** cover Social Security Number Theft, Medical Identity Theft, Financial Identity Theft, and Driver's License Theft. We will educate you on the different ways people steal your personal information, and how you can reduce your chances of it happening to you.

April 23. The Raptor Trust Bird Rehabilitation & Education Center: Program on birds of spring

HARDING TOWNSHIP CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Thumbnail & Website News and Announcements

If you have a submission for the May 2023 Thumbnail, please send it via email to the editor: hardingcivicassociation@gmail.com by Friday, April 21st, 2023. 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

2023 Recycling Schedule:

APR 1st, 15TH, 29th

MAY 13th, 27th

JUNE 10th, 24th

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.

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

1st Wednesday
2nd & 4th Thursday
4th Monday
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