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### CALENDAR

#### HARDING GREEN ASSOCIATION OPEN BOARD MEETING

*Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Feb 28,  
2018 at the Harding Library 7:45PM*

### RECYCLING

*Tuesdays 4/10, 4/24*  
Commingled aluminum and steel  
cans, plastic (#s 1 and 2), and glass  
• Commingled newspapers,  
magazines, junk mail and other  
recyclable paper

### HARDING TOWNSHIP

#### RECYCLING CENTER

**HOURS:** 7-12 every Wednesday,  
and 9-12 on Saturdays.

### Announcements:

Please note that the meetings are now changed to Wednesdays, dates are published on our website [www.hardinggreen.org](http://www.hardinggreen.org).

From the Landscaping Committee – HARDING GREEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Now that it is almost spring, the Harding Green Landscaping Committee is planning ahead for flowering shrubs and plants at the entrance to our complex.

Volunteers are needed to help water the plants and keep the entrance looking inviting and attractive. We invite all of you to consider joining us: if at least 4 people join the group, you will only have to water two weeks during the whole growing season. This is not a difficult task, but an important one for the beautification of our homes. Why not bring a friend, a spouse, a partner? It will be twice as fast, plus you will receive great accolades from residents when they drive into our complex, which makes the process fun and rewarding for all. A very long hose is kept at the entrance which stretches across both the entrance and the exit.

To volunteer, or to ask questions about this task, please contact one of the people listed below.

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### Community Maintenance Activities

Due to the storms over the last two weeks, work orders for requested repairs will be addressed the week of March 26, 2018.

The Country Nursery continues to do a very good job clearing the snow from the roadways, driveways and walkways. The board has communicated with them throughout each storm to monitor the service and control cost of the service. This has been a total team effort by all parties.

Taylor Management has requested bids from 4 vendors for the master landscape plan. We have received one back and expect the remainder by the end of March.

NJ Pest like most vendors has been hampered by the snow over the last month and will again start the exclusion process as soon as the weather permits.

Topline electric continues to work on the exterior site lights every chance they get. As of 3/21/18, all lights are on and working but more work is needed to install all wires underground. They will continue until this is accomplished. If lights do go out, we will address accordingly.

As we all are aware, Harding Green took a tremendous hit to our trees with many trees coming down, uprooted or branches falling. Following the initial storm there was an emergency effort by volunteer residents, The Country Nursery and Harmony Tree Company to remove all dangerous trees & limbs and those on homes or blocking driveways, entrances and streets. Since that time the Board has hired Harmony tree with your help to identify those trees which need removal and trimming. This huge undertaking will take time and money, so we are asking for your patience during this progress. You will see results soon and over time as we prioritize the work which is needed to be done.

### Reminders

Residents are reminded that all work order and service requests MUST be directed to Gary McHugh, our property manager. Please when emailing Gary, always cc the [hgatrustees@yahoo.com](mailto:hgatrustees@yahoo.com) email address. Gary's new onsite hours will be Wednesdays starting 6/28, 2-5PM at the Harding Green office. Gary can be reached at 973.267.9000 ext. 303 or [gmchugh@taylormgt.com](mailto:gmchugh@taylormgt.com) at his normally scheduled hours.

All external work to the community must be approved by the HGA Board before starting work. Personal property modification forms must be approved before work begins. Please visit the HGA website at [www.hardinggreen.org](http://www.hardinggreen.org) or contact Gary for the proper documentation.

## Draft Minutes of HGA Open Meeting February 27, 2018

Present

Michael Chou- President

Richard Bruno- Vice President

Sharon Grenard- Secretary

Yuiry Gruzglin- Treasurer

Gary McHugh- Property Manager

7 homeowners

1. Minutes from the January meeting approved 4/0
2. Treasurers Report
  - a. As of January 31st: Operating Account: \$51,042.52, 20 CD's \$623,000.00 app. 2.8% interest.
  - b. \$106,585.23 in a money market account
  - c. Transfer of \$13,490.00 from reserve to operating account for the roof on 5 Spruce (a free-standing home) approved 4/0
3. Manager's report given by Michael in Gary's absence
  - a. Only 5 open work orders, 2 lighting, 1 landscaping, 2 from homeowners
  - b. NJ Pest Control requested to revise our bat exclusion contract and add \$20,000 to the original price of \$45,000. They encountered many units with the old exclusion work that had to be removed; the dimensions of the soffits on our units vary and because of this their crews have to spend more time custom cutting and bending the new soffit material. The board is in the process of negotiating a better deal with NJ Pest so to include pest control inclusive of bat exclusion work.
4. Landscaping- Master Plan
  - a. The Master Plan is on our website for all to see. We plan on having a special open meeting with Jock, who did the Master Plan, to answer questions the community may have.
  - b. Gary, has sent the plans to 5 landscapers for bids. Price will decide what can be done to begin with.
5. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The landscaping committee needs people to help watering plants.
6. Snow Removal
  - a. As of the end of January we spent \$26,000 on snow removal. This last storm will be between \$10,000. and \$12,000.
  - b. Our budget for the year is \$45,500. Let us hope we don't have any more snow this season!
7. Meeting was adjourned at. 8:48pm. Approved 4/0