



March 17, 2020

Dear Harding Residents,

One of our tireless volunteers, Elizabeth Sovolos, has organized a way for us to help our neighbors. At her initiative she is working with Harding municipal officials to assist our neighbors who are especially vulnerable to the Coronavirus. As you know, the health stakes are very high for the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions. We should all find a way to help our neighbors during this time, and fortunately there is a very simple way we can do that.

Elizabeth is organizing a group of volunteers who are willing to pick up groceries, supplies, and/or medications from nearby stores. Here's how it would work:

1. Affected Harding residents email helpforharding@gmail.com or call/text 862-246-7648 with an errands request. The email and phone number are for newly created for this purpose.
2. She will match the resident with an available volunteer according to the need and volunteer's capacity.
3. She will put the resident and volunteer in touch and they can coordinate on the specifics of the request (store pick-up, list of items, timing and payment).

The grocery or prescription purchase logistics are straightforward - the resident either:

1. Provides a shopping list and money (cash or credit card) to the volunteer, or
2. Has ordered groceries/prescriptions online and provides the information for pick-up to the volunteer.

There are likely some minor logistical issues to iron out, but it is important to get the ball rolling now.

We stress that there is no long-term commitment to make; volunteering can be as limited as one trip to help one neighbor in need.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Elizabeth Sovolos with your email address, phone number and general availability by emailing helpforharding@gmail.com or calling/texting 862-246-7648.

Please join me in thanking Elizabeth for initiating this wonderful work.

Chris Yates
Mayor

21 BLUE MILL ROAD, POST OFFICE BOX 666
NEW VERNON, NEW JERSEY 07976
TELEPHONE (973) 267-8000

MARIAN & ALLAN P. KIRBY MUNICIPAL BUILDING