



Warren Township NEWS



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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Fall/Winter 2014-2015



From Our Mayor

I was recently reminded how fast the summer goes as I visited a local downtown store and saw the “back to school” sign displayed once again.

I hope your summer was great and you had time to enjoy family. The Township’s summer camp and concert programs were a success. I want to thank Public Works for their hard work getting Warren back in shape after such a tough winter; from grooming all our open space fields and parks, and completing our entire road overlay programs.

I would also like to thank our Recreation Commission for all the wonderful programs this summer. Most importantly, I congratulate the Wagner Farm Arboretum and the dedicated volunteers working endlessly on the children’s garden, butterfly conservatory, their efforts to grow fresh produce and especially in celebrating their 10th year anniversary. The Arboretum still has their Farmer’s market open on Thursdays and weekends to sell what they have grown from the rich soil of the Farm. Take a moment on the weekend -- to visit and walk thru the Wagner Farm Gardens, and see what all the Volunteers have done.

The Planning Board is in the process of reviewing our Warren Township Master Plan. This involves the re-examination of zoning districts to insure they continue to preserve Warren’s rural character while encouraging growth and development. Recommendations will be made to, and reviewed by, the Township Committee for their approval which is mandated by the State every 10 years.

I also take this moment to announce that the Township Committee and I have selected Lt. William Keane as the next Police Chief of the Warren Township Police Department. Lt. Keane was appointed to the Warren Township Police Department in December 1988 and promoted to Sergeant in July 2006 where he served as a Detective and Patrol Sergeant. He was also the recipient of the Departments Medal of Honor in 2008, and in the spring of 2013 Lt. Keane was accepted to the FBI National Academy in Virginia where he received specialized training in Law Enforcement and Executive Management. Lt. Keane will succeed Chief Russell Leffert who retires on September 1, 2014. After 32 dedicated years in his career, serving and protecting our community, and helping to make Warren Township the 3rd safest place to live in the state, I wish Russ and Robin the best during their next journey of enjoying life.

The Township Committee has been working hard on the design and

Results of Utility Hazard Inventory

95% of Identified System Hazards Have Been Resolved

In advance of the 2014 storm season, the Warren Township Committee announced the results of the Township Utility Hazard Inventory and Remediation Project conducted by a group of volunteers known as the “Warren Township Utility Advisory Committee (WTUAC).”

The Hazard Inventory was conducted in the fall of 2013 to:

- Document potential threats (hazards) to the townships electrical delivery system,
- Report the hazards to the utility companies (JCP&L, PSEG)
- Develop and implement a remediation plan to address the hazard list

More than **250** miles of the electrical system were reviewed. As a result of the hazard inventory conducted during the fall of 2013, 351 hazards were documented and reported to the utility companies. The WTUAC was assisted by Dr. Janne Lindqvist, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering at Rutgers University on the development of a “Hazard Tracker Application” used to conduct the hazard inventory.

Through the development of a collaborative relationship with both JCP&L and PSEG, 95% of the identified hazards have been reviewed and corrected by the utility companies. Jersey Central Power & Light serves approximately 85% of Warren Township and Public Service Electric & Gas serves 15%.

The Utility Advisory Committee presented the results of

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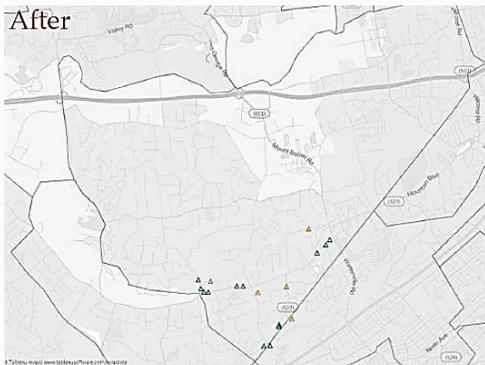
budgeting of the new Municipal Annex as well as the design of the new Arboretum Welcome Center. We are hoping to go out to bid in January 2015 and put a shovel in the ground this spring. The Township Committee is mindful of being fiscally conservative and keeping costs within or under budget,

Let’s continue to play a strong role in keeping the Warren local economy healthy by shopping and supporting our local businesses in town. The downtown neighborhood is looking better and better every year. In addition, let’s not forget our volunteers who do so much for all of us, and they do it for the love of their community.

From the entire Township Committee, have a safe and wonderful fall and winter.

Very truly yours, **Mayor Gary P. DiNardo**

the Township Utility Hazard Inventory and Remediation Project at the Township Committee meeting held on April 3, 2014. Mr. Morrison, Utility Advisory Committee, gave an update on the accomplishments of the Committee. The Committee was created as a result of all the power outages during storms. The main goal was to take control of Warren's infrastructure. The process started in September of 2013. There were five teams that surveyed the Township with phone apps that took pictures of all hazards and were documented into a database. The survey encompassed 144 miles of electric systems. There were 351 utility hazards identified: 106 wires, 29 poles and 216 tree issues. They then met with the Utility Companies. The results netted an elimination of 95% of all hazards.



The Warren Township Utility Advisory Committee was created by the Township Committee in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Their objective is to advise the Township Committee regarding the improvements to the utility infrastructure and related community education and engagement with related utility issues. The Utility Committee is co-chaired by Bob Morrison and Judy Weiniger. Committee members are Mally Becker, Scott Bowen, Lisa Caliccio, Alex Khalil, Eric Lerner and Ram Nagappan. George Lazo serves as the Township Committee Liaison.



THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN *Founded 1806*



WWW.WARREN.ORG

The Township Committee is pleased to announce the introduction of the Township's new website. The Township's original website has been in operation since approximately 1999. The goal of the new web design was to create a website that is easy to navigate and allow residents to obtain information and services from the Township.

The new site offers a fresh, modern look utilizing drop down menus and organizes topics under major headings. The colors in the site are those in the official Township seal. The site provides the following concepts:

- A Google Calendar providing Board and Commission meeting dates and times along with upcoming Township events.
- The Navigation Bar utilizes drop down menus for topics such as Our Township, Departments, Government, and Community Resources.
- Each department is represented with an overview of its services, employee contacts, FAQ's, printable handouts and helpful links.
- Online payment options are available for the Municipal Court and Tax Collection.
- Social media icons for Twitter and Facebook.
- Township news feeds.

The site was designed by the firm IDesign, Howell NJ. Much of the credit for the new web design goes to Jasmine Mathis, Administrative Intern to the Township Administrators office, for her coordinating with the consultant and Township departments as well as preparing and entering all of the content on the site.

The new website was activated on July 1, 2014. All residents are encouraged to review the site at: warrennj.org and provide comments, if any, to Mark M Krane, Township Administrator, at mkrane@warrennj.org

YOUR GREEN TEAM IN ACTION

"Wings of Life" Free Movie:

All are invited to the free showing of Wings of Life, on Thursday, October 16 at 7:00pm at the South Auditorium at Watchung Hills High School.

Food & Flowers

To address the growing concern that we are losing pollinators that one third of our foods depend upon,(in collaboration with the Watchung Environmental Commission), we have formed the Regional Pollinator Initiative.

Pesticide Free Playgrounds

The Warren Green Team provides resources to maintain a healthy, clean environment in Warren community. Printable brochures and other Information are available on the Warren Township website, under Green Team resources. Pesticide Free Zone signs have been installed in municipal playgrounds to let people know that these areas are not treated and are a safe environment for children, pets, and everyone.

Clean Air

To keep Warren's air clean and as pristine as possible, Anti-Idling signs have installed on municipal grounds. To avoid public health issues, leaving the engine running while not in traffic for more than 3 minutes is against the law in New Jersey.

To find out more about the Green Team or to get involved, please contact Chair, Laura Mandell at lauragm1@aol.com or at the Green Team FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/warrengreenteam>.

EAST COUNTY PARK TRAIL OPEN

The Warren Township Committee, the Board of Freeholders, and the Somerset County Park Commission have announced the development of the East County Park Trail. The new loop trail at the 150-acre East County Park, bordered by Dubois, Reinman and Old Stirling roads, is officially open to the public as of September 10.

The current design adds a network of multi-use trails throughout the park that will connect the existing uses and make more of the park accessible to the public. The trail features an 8-foot-wide stone multi-use loop approximately four-tenths of a mile long. Also included is a 26-space paved parking area, accessible from Reinman Road. The trail network opens up the most scenic portion of the park to the public and allows for the future development of additional passive recreational uses. The trails will provide a family friendly location designed to enjoy walking, running, biking, or pushing strollers.

HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Warren Township Committee offers a Housing Rehabilitation Program for residents who meet Affordable Housing guidelines for low and moderate incomes.

The program provides up to \$16,000 per dwelling for home improvements such as: new roof, electrical improvements, smoke detectors, etc. The funds are in the form of an interest free loan which is forgiven after a 10 year period. The loan must be repaid only if the property is sold within the 10 year period.

Interested residents can contact *Rehabco, Inc.*, at (732) 477-7750 in Brick, New Jersey or the Township Administrator's office at x252. The Township has been successful in rehabilitating over 60 houses since 1989.



Warren Township OEM - OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (908) 753-8000 Ext 262

Hurricane Sandy taught us that planning was essential to a good outcome. While we can't control the weather, or where trees fall, we can be responsible citizens and neighbors by making sure we can take care of our families for at least 72 hours.

Personal preparedness is key. If you or a family member have special needs, due to mobility or other issues, planning is critical. For example, residents who rely on oxygen to help them breathe can be compromised, since electricity is needed to generate the flow of oxygen according to Jane Asch, who volunteers as Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator.

Those eligible are encouraged to take advantage of REGISTER READY, the state's special needs registry. This enables emergency response agencies to better serve them in time of disaster. Registration is free and confidential. People with access and functional needs (or caregivers on their behalf) can register electronically by accessing www.registerready.nj.gov.

There are some simple things we can all do to prepare for the next disaster. Most are common sense, and reinforced in Sandy's aftermath.

- ♦ Have whatever you need on hand to "shelter in place" for at least 3 days – preferably 7. This includes nonperishable food, water, flashlights, prescription medication, etc. Roads can be impassable for both residents and trucks delivering supplies to supermarkets for days
- ♦ Pay attention to weather reports. If we are in the path of severe weather, make sure your car gas tank is full and cell phones charged. Fill up your bathtub with water if you have a well, so you can use to flush toilets.
- ♦ Know your utility companies (gas, electricity, phone, water, etc) and their phone numbers to contact in the event of outages
- ♦ Check up on neighbors, especially those who have special needs or are elderly

No one wants another Sandy. But, by being responsible and preparing for our households any inconvenience can be minimized.



NJ Register Ready

Available In Warren Township, this registration Web site allows residents with special needs and their families, friends and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

www.registerready.nj.gov



www.ready.gov

Learn what protective measures to take before, during, and after an emergency.

REVERSE 911

When seconds count, we'll give you a call.

From evacuation notices to missing child reports, you'll be among the first to receive vital information with an automatic call.

(We have obtained the 911 landline database so there is no need to register your landline.)



<http://www.warrenpolice.com/>

Important Tax Dates & Lock Box Info

2014 4th QTR tax due November 1, 2014

2015 1st QTR Tax due February 1, 2015

2015 2nd QTR Tax due May 1, 2015

Any questions or problems can be addressed by calling or visiting the Tax Collector at the Municipal Building. If you have any questions regarding tax payments contact the Tax Collectors office at (908) 753-8000 x 231 or 232. Any questions regarding tax assessments should be addressed to the Tax Assessors' office x 235.

PAY BY CHECK

Checks payable to: **Warren Township**

Mail to: **Township of Warren Tax Collector**
P.O. Box 1364
Bellmawr, New Jersey 08099

It is imperative that you include your tax stub with your check or your payment may not be properly credited to your Block and Lot. **PLEASE** –

DO NOT include any payments to the Warren Township Sewerage Authority in the same envelope.

DO NOT include any payments or correspondence to other Township offices. Only your check and the tax stub should be in the envelope to Bellmawr.

DO NOT mail your tax payment to the Warren Township Tax Collector's office at 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren.

PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Obtain your property tax information and pay via credit card online at

<http://warrennj.org/tax-collector/>

Tax Account Information

Block: <input type="text"/>	Owner Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
Lot: <input type="text"/>	Property Location: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
Qualifier: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	
--- OR ---		
Tax Account Id: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>	

Please make your payment in sufficient time to insure that it is received prior to the end of the grace period. Interest is calculated at 8% on delinquencies up to \$1,500.00 and at 18% on the amount over \$1,500.00. Once the balance is over the 18% threshold, interest will be 18% until all balances are paid in full.

There is a 6% year end penalty on taxes & accrued interest over \$10,000.00 that are delinquent as of December 31st.



RECIPE FOR SAFER COOKING

As the winter holidays are approaching we will find ourselves in the kitchen more often preparing great meals for friends and family. Follow these tips to protect you and your family when in the kitchen.

To prevent a cooking fire in your kitchen:

- Keep an eye on cooking and stay in the kitchen. Unattended cooking is the #1 cause of cooking fires.
- Wear short or close fitting sleeves. Loose clothing can catch fire.
- Clean cooking surfaces to prevent grease and food build-up.
- Do not leave combustible potholders, towels or food packages near the stove.
- Turn pan handles inward to prevent food, grease and hot liquid spills.

In the event of a fire:

- Call the fire department (911) immediately.
- Keep a pot holder and lid handy. If a small fire starts, put on the oven mitt and place the lid on the pan to smother the flames.
- Never pour water on a grease fire and never discharge a fire extinguisher onto a pan fire, as it can spray burning grease around the kitchen.
- If there is an oven or microwave fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you and your clothing.

Whether stirring up a quick dinner or creating a multicourse masterpiece, this is a recipe for safe cooking. For any fire safety related questions you can contact the Township Fire Marshal at 908-753-8000 ext.259.



Changing of the Guard

By Chief Russell Leffert

It is with truly mixed emotions that I have announced my retirement from the Warren Township Police Department effective September 1st, 2014. To say that my decision to retire was a difficult one would be a considerable understatement.

I have served 32 years with the department, more than half my life. It feels surreal that I will no longer get up and drive to the building that has become my second home and will not see, on a daily basis, the police officers, civilian staff and township employees whom I have come to know and respect as family.

Words cannot describe how much I have enjoyed my years as a police officer with Warren Township; especially my last 8 years as your Police Chief. I truly appreciate the cooperation, respect and support that you, the residents, have shared with me and which has made my job as Chief so very rewarding.

Warren is a terrific town on so many levels. For me this became especially evident over the past few years during back to back hurricanes, snow storms and power outages lasting weeks at a time. It was during these times that Warren’s Elected Officials, Township Employees, Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works, OEM, CERT team and countless other volunteers worked tirelessly to get our township back up and running. Warren showed its true mettle during these times and pulled through better than many surrounding towns. This is one tough community which I am proud to call home.

While it may be bittersweet to retire, I am extremely confident in the department I am leaving. The men and women of the Warren Township Police Department are the best there is. I am proud to have been given the opportunity to lead such an extremely dedicated and hardworking organization.

Through good planning for the future, the Township Committee has provided the necessary promotions to allow your new Chief of Police, William Keane, to hit the ground running with an extremely qualified command staff in place for September 1st. Chief Keane is a 25 year colleague and friend who will be an outstanding leader. I thank the Township Committee, both current and past members, for their years of support for me, and for their continued support of our fine Police Department.

While I may no longer be leading the police department, please know that as lifelong residents, my wife Robin and I will continue to do whatever we can to help keep Warren the great place it has been for us to live and raise our family. Hope to see you around town.

YOUR TOWNSHIP CLERK

Voter registration forms, vote by mail applications, party declaration forms, the location of polling places and information about all elections are available in the Township Clerk’s office in the Municipal Building.



ELECTION DAY

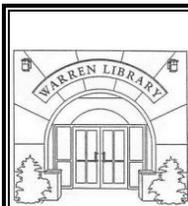
General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Polls open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

POLLING LOCATIONS

Districts 1 & 3	Mount Horeb Fire House 19 Elm Avenue	Districts 11 & 12	Warren Library 42 Mountain Boulevard
Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 13		Our Lady of the Mount Center 167 Mount Bethel Road	

If you have any questions or need guidance, please call Patricia DiRocco, Township Clerk at 908-753-8000 ext. 223.



Warren Township Library

A branch of the Somerset County Library System
"We are more than just books"



AVAILABLE SERVICES: Did you know the library has an impressive collection of digital media that you can borrow and download to your laptop, smart phone, tablet, etc.? Check out the list of eBooks and eAudiobooks by visiting the library's homepage at www.sclsnj.org. Click on Digital Media Collection for a list of titles you may borrow as well information on how to get started. If you have any questions about downloading e-books, call the reference desk at 908-754-5554 x32.

The Somerset County Library System (SCLS) has released a new mobile app compatible with most phone and tablet devices including Android, Apple, Kindle and Nook. SCLS's updated web application will allow patrons to borrow and read e-books and audiobooks more efficiently, seamlessly explore popular databases including ReferenceUSA and Mango Languages, receive push notifications, and utilize a Digital Library Card. Patrons can find and download the free application by searching "SCLSNJ" in their device app store.

The popular Museum Pass Program now features the Museum of Arts and Design in Manhattan and the Morris Museum in Morristown. Check with the library about free passes for admission to all museums in the North American Reciprocal Member program (NARM).

ADULT PROGRAMMING: On October 23rd, the yearly *Halloween for Adults* event will feature actor Neill Hartley (from the American Historical Theatre) as Washington Irving, the father of the American short story. "Irving" brings you into his world; introducing you to his work, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", the most famous short story ever written. The famous writer narrates his tale and then enters his story, becoming his alter ego, Ichabod Crane. We know that our library's patrons enjoy history-related programs. In November join us for "The Secret Quilt Code of the Underground Railroad" (November 6 @ 7 pm), and "New Brunswick and the Civil War" (November 12 @ 7 pm). Check with the library about a Musical Saturday in November when the Jan Findlay Jazz Trio, with vocalist Jan Findlay, pianist Tomoko Ohno and bassist Rick Crane, will perform jazz and blues from the 40', 50' and 60's. All programs are free to the public, but registration is required due to limited seating. To register online you may access the library's website at www.sclsnj.org or call 908-754-5554 ext 64.

YOUTH SERVICES: As usual, the Youth Services Department is planning an array of programs for children of all ages, including a performance by the Trilogy Repertory Company in January. Join us for our annual "Winter Festival" for crafts, games, snacks, and more on Saturday February 7, 2015 anytime between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Snow date: Saturday, February 21. **Teens:** Want to make a difference at your library? Join Warren Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) to help plan teen programs and displays, and give input on new materials like books, movies and video games. Members meet monthly throughout the school year, generally on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Community service hours will be awarded for attendance, and munchies will be served.

We're seeking teen artwork for our second annual Teen Art Exhibition. Stop by any Warren Library Reference Desk after October 1st to pick up exhibit information and an exhibit release agreement. Artwork will be displayed in the Warren Teen Space October 15 through October 31.

If your children have outgrown their Legos' collection, the Youth Services Dept. is looking for donations of Legos (except Duplos) to launch a new program. Call the Youth Services Desk at 908-754-5554 ext 23 for more information.

ADULT SERVICES: Warren Business Professional Networking Community (WBPMC): Email Marketing for the Small Business Owner- December 2nd from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The library will host a presentation on Email Marketing for the Small Business Owner. Learn how to promote your business using email marketing, a free, instantaneous and measurable tool that offers one of the best advertising returns for the small business owner. As always, there will be an opportunity to network before and after the featured speaker. Registration is required. Call/email the library at 908-754-5554 ext 32 or wtref@sclibnj.org to register.

The Warren Workshop will continue its Adult Crafting Programs at the Warren Library the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 pm, except for the month of December, into 2015. Look for programs on paper crafting, knitting, basket weaving, origami, drawing with pastels and more. Call the library for more information 908-754-5554 ext 32.

Friends of the Library Fundraiser on Saturday, November 8 at 2 pm will feature pastry chef Kir Rodriguez preparing a delicious dessert, which will be shared with the participants for an afternoon tea at the library. Tickets to this event are \$20/person, and can be purchased at the Circulation Desk, when registering. Registration is limited to 40 people, due to space constraints. Registration for this special event begins on October 1st.



WAGNER FARM ARBORETUM CELEBRATED **10 YEARS** **OF CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION**

On July 12th the arboretum celebrated its 10th anniversary. In the morning there was a ceremony that was attended by Warren Township, Somerset County, and neighboring town officials, as well as Arboretum trustees, members and friends. A symbolic ground breaking for the butterfly conservatory took place in anticipation of its construction. The event included vendors, games, food, petting zoo, two butterfly releases and more. Thank you to everyone that attended.

The Farmers' Market at Wagner Farm Arboretum opened its season on Thursday, June 5th. In an effort to provide locally grown produce to the community, five different local farms attend the market and offer a variety fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, flowers, dairy products, eggs, poultry, and meats. Also available are fresh pasta and sauces, artisan breads, Italian specialties including gluten free items, nuts, pickles, cupcakes, salsa, local honey, wine and more. In turn the market provides local farmers and other vendors an opportunity to sell local and healthy products. The Farmers' Market at Wagner Farm Arboretum is open from 3 – 7 every Thursday through October 9th.

On September 21 we had our first 5K run, sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors. Thank you to everyone that participated in and supported this event.

The Community Garden, to include the Giving Garden, looks great and lots of beautiful produce has come from the fruits of everyone's labor. This year the Giving Garden added a watering system as well as using a weed barrier which has made it easier for the volunteers. We are thankful for the volunteers that make it possible to provide fresh produce to the less fortunate, through soup kitchens, food pantries and the like. If you are interested in a plot for next year please call the office at 908 350-7383 to be put on the waiting list.

We will host our Holiday Boutique from December 5-December 21st. Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm, Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm and Monday through Thursday 10 am to 2 pm. Santa will be at the arboretum on December 13 & the 21st. As we get closer to the date please check our website for more details.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about any aspect of the Arboretum please call 908 350-7383 or visit our website at www.wfafnj.org.



The Warren Township School District has just completed the first year of the implementation of a multi-year Strategic Plan. Listed below are the highlights of our efforts to “shine brighter every day” in our school community. Check out our website and/or Facebook page to learn more. Additionally, please note that any community member can subscribe to our district eblast system to receive informational emails from our district. Go to <http://www.warrentboe.org/> and look for the “Follow Us” invitation on the right side of the page. Click on the envelope symbol to subscribe. As always, you can contact Superintendent Dr. Tami Crader at tcraider@warrentboe.org. We invite all members of the community to learn, work, and celebrate with us.

- Communication Highlights
 - New website/facebook page
 - Monthly Superintendent updates to Township Committee
 - Parent information sessions (Common Core, Technology, Mathematics, etc.)
 - Pride in Our Schools Publication/Increased media coverage
 - Communications Coordinator
 - FAQ structure on the district's website
 - Parent surveys regarding communication
- Technology Highlights
 - One device: One student Chromebook initiative
 - Four-year vs. five-year replenishment plan
 - Standardized equipment list for schools
 - Competencies for teachers and students
 - Technology coaches in each building
- 21st Century Highlights
 - Train-the trainer model
 - 90 teachers trained
 - Google applications training
 - Parent information sessions
- School Environment Highlights
 - Brand-related activities (Shining Brighter Every Day)
 - School security audit
 - School Security Committee
 - Warren Character Education program
- Assets Highlights
 - Demographer study
 - Warren Education Foundation revitalization
 - Upgrades to facilities/ROD grant approvals



Warren Township Recreation Commission



Warren / Watchung Recreation Cooperative Agreement

Watchung & Green Brook residents may register for Warren programs and visa versa (See selected registration dates.) with the exception of the Easter Egg Hunt and Fishing Derby.

Registration begins for Warren Township residents April 14th 8am and Watchung Boro/Green Brook May 12th



8th Annual Yuletide Bonfire Family Festival & FIREWORKS! Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 5pm-8 at the Municipal Complex. Enjoy live music, teen bands, carousel, train rides, carriage rides, games, ice skating, sledding, and free refreshments.

Volunteers & sponsors needed, to sign up and for more information go to:

www.wtrec.ivolunteer.com/bonfire
and <http://warrennj.org/donation-sponsorship/>



Santa is accepting letters from Warren residents between November 20 and December 12. Letters dropped off in the red mailbox in front of the Municipal Building will go directly to Santa, your child will receive a handwritten reply. Volunteers needed: To sign up and more info go to www.wtrec.ivolunteer.com/santa.



Spring Easter Egg Hunt & Wagon Parade held at the Municipal Pavilion area on April 11th at 1:30pm for 3-5 yr olds & 6-10 yr olds. The cost is \$8 for the Egg Hunt, the Wagon Parade is free. Receive a bag of goodies when you decorate your wagons, bikes or strollers for Easter or Spring. Three prizes will each be given to the most original, funniest and the prettiest. A raffle for a free bike and other items will be held at the end.

Adult Men's Basketball Mondays 7-10pm from September to June (Nov.-March time changes) at Warren Middle School. Watchung, Green Brook and Warren residents welcome. For more information email Eric Cheshire at echesh37@aol.com

High School Intramural Basketball Registration begins October 1 and ends Dec. 1 or when full. Games are played at WHRHS on Mon., Wed., and Fridays. Cost is \$110/approx. 10 games. Parent release form required. Watchung, Green Brook, Long Hill and Warren teens 9-12th grade welcome.

Adult Coed Volleyball Mondays 7-10 pm from September to June at Warren Central School. Watchung, Green Brook and Warren residents welcome. For more information call John Alapatt at (908) 647-4951.

Spring Tennis Lessons Starting March 30 - Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. 4, 5, 6 or 7pm Held at the Greenwood Meadows courts or the Municipal Courts. \$100 per 6 sessions, 55 minutes long for ages 4 to adult. To register and for more info go to our website.

Register by credit card at www.warrennj.org/recreation/register (Only Visa & MasterCard accepted), mail forms with a check to Warren Township, 46 Mountain Blvd. Warren NJ 07059 or drop in on the 3rd floor. Join our email list at www.warrennj.org for a weekly Recreation Newsletter.

If you wish to **donate or sponsor** an event, thank you. See our website for info & forms.



**WARREN TOWNSHIP
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

→ → → 4th Quarter 2014 Sewer Bill due November 1, 2014 ← ← ←

BILLING UPDATE

*****THE AUTHORITY HAS UPDATED ITS UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE AND A NEWLY FORMATTED BILL WAS SENT OUT IN JANUARY FOR THE FULL YEAR. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANOTHER BILL THIS YEAR.*****

The due dates for payment remain the same – February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1 - with a ten day grace period until the 10th of each respective month.

To avoid having your sewer payments mistakenly applied to your property taxes, do not send your payments to the lock box address that is used only for property taxes. Instead, please be sure to send sewer payments directly to:

Warren Township Sewerage Authority
46 Mountain Blvd.
Warren, New Jersey 07059

While the Authority does not accept credit cards, you can streamline your bill payment by adding us to your online bank account bill payment feature.

Please note that in January 2015 you will be receiving your annual sewer service bill which will include ALL FOUR QUARTERS and a stub for each. As always you can pay each quarter individually or the total bill in January.

REMINDERS

The Authority would like to remind you:

It is illegal to have your sump pump or your roof leaders attached to your sewer line. The reason behind this prohibition is the extra water increases inflow into the treatment plants, especially during times of heavy rain and storms. This inflow of what is otherwise clean water can effect the operation of the plants, as it introduces higher volumes of water than the plants are designed to treat.

In order to maintain the integrity of the collection system, the Authority asks that certain materials are not flushed or poured down the drain, as they can get tangled in the systems screens, or in your sewer lateral located on your property, which can cause a back up into your home, or otherwise cause problems at the treatment plants. These materials include:

- any types of handy wipes or paper towels
- feminine hygiene products
- paint, primer and solvents
- construction material
- rags and other cloth
- duct tape, athletic tape, and other adhesive tapes
- dental floss
- cooking grease

EMERGENCIES

If you have a sewer emergency during business hours, please contact us at 908 753-8000. **Should you have a sewer emergency after office hours, please call the Warren Township Police Department at 908 753-1000, and they will alert our on-call operator.**

THE WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL

Municipal Alliance

SERVING:
Warren Township
Watchung Borough
Long Hill Township
Green Brook

108 Stirling Road
Warren, N.J. 07059
(908) 604-2021



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

The Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance (WHRMA) is seeking runners, walkers or contributors to participate in their Annual 5K Run and Family Fitness Walk. The "WHRMA 5K Run" is a fundraiser for the WHRMA which serves the communities of Long Hill, Green Brook, Warren and Watchung by providing Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Abuse (ATOD) prevention services.

WHRMA provides prevention education for all; from elementary school students to our senior citizens. Our programs address:

- intervention, assessment and referral
- support to those dealing with addicted or mentally-ill loved ones
- training in our school systems, police departments, Parent Teacher Organizations etc.

WHRMA Annual 5K Run/Fitness Walk Day
Sunday, October 19, 2014,
at Watchung Lake's Mobus Field,
with registration by mail or through the internet site:
<https://register.bestrace.com/register>

Contributors or General Questions call: Carolyn Seracka 732-968-1051 ext. 3 or Jack Walsh 908-561-888

Warren Township must comply with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Stormwater Management Requirements. These requirements include ordinances limiting pollution in our streams, maintenance of catch basins and community education.

SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings. You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Properly Use And Dispose Of Hazardous Products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Don't Litter

Keep Pollution Out Of Storm Drains

Clean Up After Your Pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.

And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't Feed Wildlife

Limit Your Use Of Fertilizers And Pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.
- 2011 New Jersey Fertilizer law—Requires Professional applicators to undergo training, requires reformulated fertilizer to minimize nitrogen and phosphorus loading, and restricts fertilizer—no application for consumer's between November 15 to March 1.
Link for more information:
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater/>

Dispose Of Yard Waste Properly

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

(609) 633-7021

WARREN TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF HEALTH

(908) 763-8000 ext 239

In conjunction with

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC)

www.middlebrookhealth.org

FREE Rabies Vaccination for Cats & Dogs

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be sponsoring several rabies clinics in the fall in order to assure availability of free rabies vaccines for our cat and dog owners. Residents can bring their pets to any of the locations below. Cats must be transported in a carrier and all dogs must be leashed.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday - 11/1/14	9:00 am to 10:00 am	South Bound Brook Municipal Garage, 44 Washington Avenue, South Bound Brook, NJ
	11:00 am to Noon	Green Brook Fire House, 115 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook, NJ
Saturday – 12/6/14	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Watchung Fire House, 57 Mountain Blvd, Watchung, NJ
	11:00 am to Noon	Bound Brook Police /Borough Hall, 230 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook, NJ

In addition, residents are reminded of these rabies prevention measures:

- Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to the local health department (*so post-exposure treatment can begin immediately if needed*)
- Immediately report any wild animal showing signs of unusual behavior
- Do not feed or handle wild animals
- Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals
- Call the health department if you find a bat in your home
- Be sure all family pets and agricultural animals are up to date on their rabies vaccinations
- Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats
- Animal-proof home and yard
- Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own



DOG AND CAT LICENSES



In preparation for the annual licensing of residential pets, Warren Townships Animal Control Office Board of Health **has included the 2015 License application form as an insert in this newsletter and will also make them available on the Township's website at www.warrennj.org**. Please submit your application(s) along with the required documentation and fees beginning December 19, 2014.

All dogs that reside in Warren Township must be licensed annually by January 31, and cats by March 31. The licensing of dogs and cats is important to protect the health of Warren residents and pets.

In order for your pet to be issued a license, proof of an up-to-date rabies inoculation must accompany your application. *If this information was submitted in 2014 and rabies verification is valid for the entire year of 2015, it is not necessary to enclose this information.* Please note that proof of rabies must be valid for the full year of 2015. Please review the checklist and fully complete the application to avoid a delay in license issuance.

The licensing fees provide a number of services:

- Funds for free rabies clinics.
- Support to the Warren Township Animal Control Officer
- Funding to the State of New Jersey to sponsor Low Cost Spay/Neutering programs as well as partial funding for the Seeing Eye Program.

In addition, the license itself, when worn by the animal, provides an invaluable identification resource. Please mail the completed license form(s) the with the appropriate fee to:



Pet owners please complete the inserted application form and along with fees and required documentation mail or drop off to:

Board of Health
46 Mountain Blvd.
Warren, NJ 07059

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm
(908) 753-1223



Leaves will soon begin to change color and fall onto the ground. It is against the law and extremely important not to blow leaves or any other debris into the street, storm drains, or catch basins. When leaves and debris cover the catch basins or clog the drains, water drainage issues and/or flooding may occur.



You may drop off your Christmas trees up until January 16, 2015. Please place them next to the side of the parking lot just outside of the DPW gate. Make sure all decorations are removed. Enjoy the season!

We are quickly approaching the winter season which means snow. As usual, the Department of Public Works will be keeping a very sharp eye on the weather and will respond accordingly. Just a few tips on how to minimize the discomfort of snow and ice:

- If you must shovel snow, please do so in moderation.
- *****DO NOT have your driveway plowed out before the end of the storm and before your road has been plowed.*****
- If you clean your driveway before the road is plowed (curb to curb) you risk having it closed up again by a snow plow.
- Don't be surprised if one side of your road is plowed and the other side is not plowed until a considerable time later. This is done per plan and is a way to plow the route in the shortest possible time.
- Make certain that you keep all vehicles off the road when snow is expected.
- If you park your vehicle at the end of your driveway, when snow is expected, make certain that the nose of your vehicle is back far enough so that it does not interfere with the plows.
- After the snow, make certain that your vehicle is properly equipped for driving in winter conditions.

Public Works would like to remind residents that the pushing/plowing of snow onto township roads is prohibited by ordinance. Please advise your contractors. This could create an unnecessary safety hazard.

If you feel we have missed your street, and in an emergency situation this could happen, please call 908-753-1223.

Although we are always very careful when plowing the roads, some damage may occur to mailboxes. When the wet heavy snow or ice that is thrown by the plows hits the mailboxes, sometimes they may get damaged. Please report any damage to us in writing or by phone within 36 hours. All complaints will be verified by a foreperson to determine the appropriate action.

Our commitment is to the residents of Warren Township. We are continually trying to improve our performance and progress. We do need your assistance. If you see a problem, please call. We will certainly respond to your request or concern in a timely manner.

The last day for the 2014 Mini Dump is September 27, 2014.

Pride in our Past – Promise in our Future



2014 Warren Township Committee

Bottom row (from left): Carolann Garafola Mayor Gary DiNardo, Deputy Mayor, Mick Marion
Top row (from left): George Lazo and Victor Sordillo

Important Numbers

General (908) 753-8000
 Township Administrator X 250, 252
 Township Clerk X 221, 222

Board of Adjustment..... X 260
 Board of Health X 239
 Warren Media X 267
 Building/Construction Office..... X 241, 242
 Engineering Department..... X 243
 Municipal Court..... X 225, 226
 Planning Board X 243
 Recreation X 270, 271
 Sewerage Authority X 258
 Tax Assessment..... X 235
 Tax Collector X 231, 232
 Zoning Office..... X 243

Library (908) 754-5554
 Emergency Management (908) 753-1000
 Police, Fire & Rescue..... (908) 753-1000*
 *Dial 911 for any EMERGENCY
 Public Works Department..... (908) 753-1223

All correspondence should be addressed to individual departments and mailed to :

Township of Warren
46 Mountain Boulevard
Warren, NJ 07059-5695

Important Websites

- Warren Township..... www.warrennj.org
- Library www.somerset.lib.nj.us/warren.htm
- Police..... www.warrenpolice.com
- Schools www.warrentboe.org
- Watchung Hills Reg. HS www.whrhs.org
- Somerset County www.co.somerset.nj.us
- New Jersey..... www.state.nj.us

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