



# Warren Township NEWS



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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Fall/Winter 2013-2014

## From Our Mayor

I hope you all had a great summer. Although we had a couple weeks of oppressive heat and some torrential rain storms, the weather was pretty good. I spent a weekend on Long Beach Island, and was pleased to see major restorations completed on that part of the Jersey Shore.

We are now in the middle of hurricane season. After Irene and Sandy, Warren Township has prepared for another potential catastrophe. I hope we do not have to implement our plans this year or in the near future. The new Utility Advisory Committee, led by Committeeman George Lazo, has been very active over the past six months. In fact, one of the community members, Robert Morrison, testified before the Bureau of Public Utilities regarding the preparations and readiness of the providers of electricity to Warren Township. Volunteers from the community will be surveying the entire town looking for infrastructure weaknesses, such as damaged utility poles, sagging power lines and vulnerability from falling or damage trees. This information will be placed into our Geographic Information System (GIS) database for attention by the utility companies. In addition, we have enhanced communication methods so everyone will be kept informed of the condition of the town and the restoration activities.

As we finish up our summer activities and school begins, so do the many sports programs. Although life becomes much more structured in the Fall, we must always schedule family time. A walk through the Wagner Farm Arboretum, a picnic at the East County Reserve Park, or fishing at the Dealaman Nature Trail & Pond offers a glimpse of the tranquility of a simpler life this historic farming community still offers its residents.

We chose to move to Warren because of the services of the community and beauty of the surroundings and stay here because of the people.

As always, we are here to serve and will continue to do our very best to ensure that Warren Township remains the best community in New Jersey and one of the best in our nation.

Victor J. Sordillo - Mayor

## STAY IN THE KNOW

<b>Join Our Mailing List</b>	
Email: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Go"/>

The Township has implemented through its website, the ability to provide an "email blast" concerning subjects of importance through email to all who REGISTER by utilizing the services of Constant Contact.

This form of communication will be invaluable during emergencies, weather related events, road closures, recreation programs, etc. All residents are encouraged to sign up. It is important for the Township to reach you.

In order to register, go to the Warren Township website ([www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org)) and enter your e-mail address on "Join Our Mailing List." You will then receive email blasts any time there is a subject of main concern to Township residents.

We encourage you to forward the information to your family, friends and neighbors to share the information.

## PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU - THE WARREN RESIDENT

The eyes and ears of the residents help us identify potholes, drainage issues, property maintenance concerns and numerous other issues.

The Township Committee and Township staff are here to assist you. Often residents are unaware which department to contact for those complaints. To facilitate this communication a general complaint email address - **[complaints@warrennj.org](mailto:complaints@warrennj.org)** - has been established. All emails with complaints will be reviewed and distributed to the applicable department for follow-up action. As always, residents may use the Township directory to call or email an applicable department directly.

*All public safety issues e.g. Police, fire or EMS should be reported directly to the Police Department at 908-753-1000 and not to this address.*

**Please note that Warren Township emails are now @warrennj.org. Any sent to the old @warrenbtoe.org address will be UNDELIVERABLE.**



Warren Township  
**OEM -OFFICE OF  
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
 Jane Asch, Coordinator (908) 753-8000 x 262  
[jasch@warrennj.org](mailto:jasch@warrennj.org)

In this issue of the Newsletter, the Warren Township Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is enclosing a bright yellow, laminated card to be used as a resource tool to assist you in preparing for an emergency, and to provide you with information during and after an event. Please **SAVE THE CARD** and place it where you can easily find it. Please also check out the online websites we have listed for further information on emergency preparedness.

Warren Township has experienced three significant weather events in the past couple of years: Hurricane Irene in August 2011, the October 2011 Nor'easter and Hurricane Sandy in October 2012, that have resulted in wide spread power outages for a week or longer for most residents. In learning from these experiences, please prepare now to shelter in place, and take care of yourself and your family. Create a Family Emergency Plan that includes what your family and you will need to do to endure long-term power outages.

If requested by authorities during and immediately after an emergency, **STAY OFF THE ROADS** until it is determined and broadcasted that it is safe for cars to be on the roads. Allow First Responders (Police, Rescue Squad, Fire Department, OEM, Community Emergency Response Team, Health Department, and Department of Public Works) to do their jobs. Not only do you jeopardize your own life by being in a vehicle on the roads immediately after a major storm, but you also endanger the lives of our First Responders.

**Due to safety considerations, the Township Department of Public Works will not remove trees entangled with wires. The power utility company must first advise that the power is shut off, and then Township crews will cut the trees and remove the trees on the road.**

During prolonged and widespread power outages, the Office of Emergency Management will open, as needed, warming or cooling centers as a place to get information, charge electronic devices, and if possible, free WIFI access. Hours will vary depending on the event. If needed, OEM will either open overnight shelters, or have addresses of regional overnight shelters.

For emergency events affecting the entire region, there will not be traditional sources of mutual aid available since our neighboring municipalities will be dealing with the same level of damages. Our First Responders will be busy, if not overwhelmed, responding to the many emergencies. Please have patience. Take responsibility for yourself and your family, and plan ahead now.

Thank you!



**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BRITE NITES EVENT!**  
**Wagner Farm Arboretum**  
 197 Mountain Ave, Warren, NJ – 908-350-7383  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
 Advance tickets: \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00  
 Children/Seniors available online at [wfafnj.org](http://wfafnj.org)  
 or at the office location.  
 Children 3 and under are free.  
 At the gate cash or check only:

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS**



In order to better serve residents and permit applicants, effective August 1, 2013 the Construction Code office (Building Department) is accepting credit cards for payment of permit fees.

The use of credit cards is optional. The Construction Code office will continue to accept checks for payment of fees but cash is not accepted.

Questions? Please contact the Construction Code Office at 908-753-8000 ext. 241 or 242.

**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 50 houses since 1989.

# GET AHEAD OF THE WINTER FREEZE

It is never too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check off these ten tips to get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Have furnace inspected and serviced by a qualified professional. (Furnaces should be serviced at least once a year.)
- Have chimneys and vents cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. Check for creosote build-up. (Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service should be done once a year.)
- Make sure your fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass, is in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- Have a covered metal container ready to use to dispose of cool ashes. The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home or any nearby combustible materials and buildings.
- Educate children to stay at least three feet away from fireplaces, wood/pellet stoves, oil stove or other space heater.
- Use only seasoned dry wood for fireplaces or wood stoves.
- If you use a portable space heater make sure it has an automatic shut-off device if it should get tipped over.
- Portable space heaters must be plugged directly into a wall outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. (Place notes in several places reminding you to shut off any space heaters when you leave a room or go to bed).
- Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working. You need a smoke detector on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. Smoke detectors over 10 years old should be replaced.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are working. A carbon monoxide alarm should be located, at a minimum, outside each sleeping area, within 10 feet of each bedroom. Carbon monoxide alarms over seven years old should be replaced.

This information is presented by the National Fire Protection Association and the Warren Township Fire Marshal's Office. For additional information contact the Warren Township Fire Marshal at 908-753-8000 ext. 259.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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



Pretty soon the leaves will start to turn color and fall onto the ground. It is extremely important not to blow the leaves or any debris into the street, storm drains or catch basins. If leaves and debris cover the catch basin tops or clog the drains, water drainage issues and/or flooding may occur.



### Christmas Tree Disposal

You may drop off your Christmas trees up until January 15, 2013. 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 for plowed 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 see what should be done to correct the problem as per Resolution No. 2004-255 adopted on September 23, 2004.

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 2013 Mini Dump is September 28, 2013.**

# YOUR TOWNSHIP CLERK

The Township Clerk's office is an important link between residents and the Township Committee. The Office maintains custody of legal documents and Township records. Information and copies of ordinances, resolutions and minutes of Township Committee meetings may be obtained here. The office also issues licenses such as liquor, raffles, flea market/public auction and block party permits.

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.

The Township Committee encourages residents to attend their meetings. See your local government at work!

The Township Clerk's office is an excellent source of information and can assist you in obtaining the services you require. Patricia DiRocco and her staff are always happy to lend assistance to residents and the general public. New residents may be especially interested in obtaining the very useful Township Information Pamphlet available at our office and on our website ([www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org)). ...Please stop by!



## ELECTION DAYS:

**Special General Election - Wednesday, October 16, 2013**

**General Election- Tuesday, November 5, 2013**

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  
44 Mountain Boulevard

Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 13      Our Lady of the Mount Center  
167 Mount Bethel Road  
(old location Washington Valley Firehouse)

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

## Important Tax Dates & Lock Box Info

**2013 4<sup>th</sup> QTR tax due November 1, 2013**

**2014 1<sup>st</sup> QTR Tax due February 1, 2014**

**2014 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Tax due May 1, 2014**

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.

### **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.**

As always you may pay your bill in person at the Municipal Building.

*Please mail in sufficient time to insure that it is received prior to the end of the grace period. Interest is 8% on the first \$1,500 delinquent and 18% for delinquencies exceeding \$1,500. A 6% year end penalty is issued on delinquent taxes over \$10,000.*



By Chief Russell Leffert

Like many of you, I grew up in an era when car safety for children consisted of your mother's arm being thrust across your chest as she applied the brakes. While it seems crazy that we were allowed to ride unrestrained in the front seat, oftentimes standing, we somehow managed to survive. That being said, great strides have been made in aftermarket child seats and the seatbelt/airbag systems in today's vehicles.

Now that I have grandchildren, paying closer attention to the when and how's of children's car seats has become the norm. To some new parents, the age and weight guidelines in regards to Child Passenger Safety (CPS) are confusing and appear difficult to follow. Hopefully this writing can help to simplify the guidelines.

The CPS Law is based on the model of 8 or 80. Children under 8 years old who weigh less than 80 pounds should be secured in a child safety or booster seat.

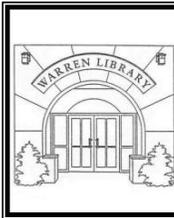
- Infants up to 1 year old and up to 20 lbs. should be placed in a **rear-facing** child safety seat and secured in the rear seat of the vehicle. Be sure that the infant seat you are using matches the size and weight of your child. This information is found on the label of the seat itself.
- Children over the age of 1 year old who weigh over 20 pounds should be transitioned to a **forward-facing** child safety seat and secured in the rear seat of the vehicle. Be sure that the infant seat you are using matches the size and weight of your child. This information is found on the label of the seat itself.
- Children at or around the age of 4 who weigh at least 40 pounds should be transitioned to a **booster seat** and secured in the rear seat of the vehicle. Be sure that the booster seat you are using matches the size and weight of your child. This information is found on the label of the seat itself.
- The child will need to ride in the booster seat until such time the vehicle's adult lap/shoulder belt fits them properly. A child properly fits in a vehicle's seat belt system when:
  - ♦ The lap belt portion crosses the child's lap in the area of the upper thighs (pants pocket area) **and**
  - ♦ The shoulder belt portion of the belt rides across the child's chest and **not** across the child's neck.
  - ♦ Most children outgrow their booster seats at or around age 8 when the child is 57 inches (4'9") tall.
- When the child outgrows the booster seat **and** fits into the vehicle's seat belt system properly, the child should ride in the rear of the vehicle with the vehicle's seat belt securely fastened.

The Warren Township Police Department has three (3) officers trained in the installation of child safety seats. Ofc. Patrick Mizeski, Ofc. Robert Apisa and Ofc. Joseph Grasso are certified as "National Child Passenger Safety Certified Technicians" and will be glad to assist any person with their child passenger safety needs. Child seat inspections are conducted by appointment with the Traffic Safety Bureau. Please contact the Traffic Bureau Supervisor, Ofc. Patrick Mizeski at 908-753-8408 Extension 1.

All parents are encouraged to review the child seat manual and attempt installation prior to arriving at the police station. Once at the station, the technician will inspect the child seat for proper fit/installation, make recommendations, and correct any deficiencies.

Of utmost importance is that we all remember to be good role models. Our children learn from, and mimic the behavior they see. Please set a good example and fasten your seatbelt each and every time you're in a vehicle. It could be one of the most important lessons we teach our children.

Further information on child passenger safety can be found on New Jersey's Department of Law & Public Safety Website at: [http://www.nj.gov/lps/hts/childseats/childseats\\_newlaw.html](http://www.nj.gov/lps/hts/childseats/childseats_newlaw.html)



## Warren Township Library

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



**Teen Space To Undergo Renovation:** Look for exciting changes as the library transforms and updates the teen space located on the second floor. The highlight of the project will be a wall mural designed and created by teens, instilling a sense of ownership among those who work on the project while developing and fostering their artistic ability. Local teens from Warren and Green Brook are welcome to participate in the planning by joining the Teen Advisory Board. For more information please contact Linda Tripp, Young Adult Librarian at [ltripp@sclibnj.org](mailto:ltripp@sclibnj.org).

**Warren Business Professional Networking Community:** To conclude a yearlong series of programs geared to Small Business Owners, the library will host another Speed Networking Event on Monday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Participants will get a chance to perfect their 30 second "elevator speech", practice marketing skills, try out a new sales pitch and expand their professional network. In addition, guest speaker, Sylvester Di Diego will address how to market or sell yourself. Di Diego has served as a strategic business advisor to start-ups, small businesses and Fortune Global 500 companies in the USA, the Americas and Asia and will share his experience on the vital skills needed for self-promotion.

**Youth Services:** Meet the Author Series: Look for this new series for kids on the library's website. Various local authors will be featured in programs during the following months: October, November, December, and March. Winter Festival 2014: The Library's Youth Services Department will host its 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Winter Festival" on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Come in out of the cold! Stop in the library between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM to participate in a variety of activities – crafts, WiiU games, board games, and other fun stuff! Snow date is Saturday, February 22. More information will be available as the event approaches. Funded by the Friends of the Warren Township Library.

**Programs for Adults:** Another great lineup of programs will take place during the fall. Some of the highlights are authors' talks by: Pulitzer Prize winner Jonathan Schuppe about his book "A Chance to Win" (10/19 at 2 pm); singer, songwriter and author Paul Evans Pedersen Jr will present a program of stories and songs based on his book "The Legendary Pine Barrens: New Tales from Old Haunts" (10/23 at 7 pm) and master storyteller and historian Marc Mappen will take us back to the roaring 20s with "Prohibition Gangsters" (11/09 at 2 pm). By popular demand some of our most celebrated performers will be back at the library: actress Linda Kenyon will portray Eleanor Roosevelt (11/16 at 2 pm); Chris Roselle from RAVE ON! will be back with his band "Carnaby Street" to perform songs from the British Invasion, including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Monkees (11/23 at 2 pm) and the last musical program of the year will be another captivating performance by singer and actress Maggie Worsdale in "Blazin' Blondes" (12/14 at 2 pm). All programs are free to the public, but pre-registration is required as seating is limited.

**Museum Pass Program:** The very successful Museum Pass Program, which enables library patrons to check out passes for free admission and special discounts at select museums in the metropolitan area, has added the stunning Brooklyn Botanic Gardens to the list of free passes. The other available passes include the Guggenheim Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, the Children's Museum of Manhattan in NYC; and Grounds For Sculpture in NJ. For complete information about the Museum Pass Program, please access the website at [www.sclsnj.org/museumpass.htm](http://www.sclsnj.org/museumpass.htm).

**Fundraiser for the Friends of the Warren Township Library:** Do you have VHS tapes, 8 or 16mm movies, photos, slides or photo albums? Aging, humidity, acidification, not to mention accidental damage, can ruin a lifetime of memories. Drop off those personal collections on Saturday, October 5 from 11 am to 2 pm and the company Digital Memory Media will professionally convert your media to DVDs. Once scanned and digitized, patrons will be notified of a date and time to retrieve their materials from the Library. Twenty percent of the proceeds will be credited to the Friends of the Warren Twp Library.

# WARREN TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

→ → → 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2013 Sewer Bill due November 1, 2013 ← ← ←

## BILLING UPDATE

The Authority has updated its utility billing software and a newly formatted bill was sent out in June for the third and fourth quarter payments. The due dates for payment remain the same - 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 mail your payment to the lock box. 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 or online payments, you can streamline your bill payment by adding us to your personal online bank account bill payment feature. Or you may pay your bill in person at our office in the Municipal building.

**Please note that in January 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

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 affect 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 backup 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

## EMERGENCIES

The Sewerage Authority has three treatment plants and 19 pumping stations located throughout Warren, and our licensed operators are available and on call 24/7. 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.**

## SEWER & TAX LIENS

The 2013 tax sale will be held in early December 2013. The sale will include tax and sewer balances from 2012. You will be receiving various notices prior to the tax sale and there will also be a list in the Echoes-Sentinel in November.

It is very important that you make every effort to pay the 2012 balances before the tax sale. Once a lien is sold at the sale, the lien holder is entitled to pay any delinquent balances. After two years, they can begin foreclosure proceedings.

Please note that even a sewer lien is foreclosable and if a sewer lien is sold, any delinquent taxes can be paid by the lien holder. A small balance can become a large lien which must be paid in full to redeem the lien.

If you have any questions please contact the Tax Collector's office. (908-753-8000) ext. 232



## WARREN MEDIA TV

Warren Media, your local cable station, can be viewed on Cablevision Channel 15 and Verizon Channel 44. Warren Media original programming can be accessed on the Warren Media TV link on our Township website.

Township Committee meetings are aired every day at 10am and 5pm. We also air special events like the Annual Memorial Day Parade and other local programming and recently had a segment on the cable access program New Jersey Access featuring Wagner Farm Arboretum.

Look for the return of "Check It Out!" from the Warren Library and a few specials too. As always Non-profit groups and organizations can post messages on our bulletin board by emailing [lgeorge@warrennj.org](mailto:lgeorge@warrennj.org).

Please feel free to email comments or concerns and volunteers always welcome. Again thank you for your continued support!

## BUS SERVICE FOR SENIORS



The Township Committee has been contracting with the Somerset County Division of Transportation to provide bus service to Warren residents since 2002. Unfortunately, an insufficient number of Warren seniors have utilized this bus service.

The Township Committee has met with the Senior Advisory Committee and the Warren Senior Citizen Club. There has been an agreement to continue the bus service but decrease the service from 2 days a week to 1 day a week for a trial period beginning September 1st to April 1st in order to determine if seniors have an interest in the bus service. The Township Committee approved the contract at their meeting of August 15, 2013.

**Effective September 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, the bus service will be offered for 4 hours on Wednesdays.** For 2 hours Wednesday mornings the bus will visit the Blue Star Shopping Center, Route 22, in Watchung, to visit stores such as ShopRite, Kohl's, Dollar General, etc. On Wednesdays afternoons, the bus will visit Bridgewater Commons Mall beginning at 2 PM and ending at 4 PM. In addition to the above, the bus service will be available for the annual senior picnic, senior citizen club meetings, and the Christmas party, all of which occur on Wednesdays. The bus program is provided at no cost.

**Interested seniors must register by contacting the Somerset County Division of Transportation at (908) 231-7115 or (800) 246-0547.**

The Township Committee and the Warren Township Senior Advisory Committee encourage all Warren seniors to utilize this valuable service.



## SHINING BRIGHTER EVERY DAY

The Warren Township School district will begin to focus on its promise, or “brand,” developed by teachers, administrators, parents, and community members over the last year through a district-wide strategic planning process. “Shining Brighter Every Day” will be used to motivate and inspire the entire school community and will help to guide both day-to-day decisions and long-term decisions made by district students and staff.

The Strategic Plan also articulates major goals in each of five areas and then more specific goals through action plans.

AREA OF FOCUS	MAJOR GOALS
Technology	Provide cutting-edge, technology-rich environments for our students so that they become creators, collaborators, upstanding digital citizens, critical consumers, and innovators.
Communication	Strengthen two-way communication between school district and community it serves.
School Environment	Provide a caring, safe, respectful, and collaborative environment where all members of the school community strive for excellence and are inspired to achieve their personal best, academically and socially.
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learning	Provide students with engaging and meaningful lessons that will prepare them for future studies and careers in a global economy.
Assets	Pursue grant opportunities as well as the revitalization of the Warren Educational Foundation as alternative revenue sources.

The following work has begun:

Technology: Implementing Google/Chromebook initiative at Warren Middle School

- Designating a teacher at each building as technology coach

Communication: Exploration of Facebook, other social media tools, and face-to-face parent sessions

- Revising district website
- Piloting a parent portal at Mount Horeb School

School Environment: Conducting a safety/security audit

- Planning for district-wide character education program

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning: Training of additional 30 teachers in scenario-based instruction

- Extending professional development offerings

Assets: Researching educational foundations

*Look for more specific information and updates on the district's website and Facebook page.*

# WARREN TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF HEALTH

(908) 763-8000 ext 239

In conjunction with

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC)

[www.middlebrookhealth.org](http://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 - 11/2/13	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 – 12/7/13	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
- 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
- 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

### FLU CLINICS

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be offering a public flu clinic on:

**Thursday, September 26**

**from 11:00 am to noon**

**at Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church.**

The flu vaccine reduces the incidence of illness in the community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone over six months of age get a flu vaccine each year, but it is especially important that certain people get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications.

You can also search for clinics throughout the State at: <http://www.nj.gov/health/flu/findflushot.shtml>

### GET YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN VACCINATED!

Although control of communicable disease, mostly by vaccination, is viewed as one of the 10 Great Public Health Achievements of the 20th Century immunizations are not always viewed as being beneficial. Immunizations, like any medication, can cause adverse events. However, a decision not to immunize a child also involves risk. It is a decision that puts the child and others who come into contact with him or her at risk of contracting a disease that could be dangerous or deadly.

Consider measles. One out of 30 children with measles develops pneumonia. For every 1,000 children who get the disease, one or two will die from it. Thanks to vaccines, we have few cases of measles in the U.S. today. However, the disease is extremely contagious, and each year dozens of cases are imported from abroad into the U.S., threatening the health of people who have not been vaccinated and those for whom the vaccine was not effective. Just this year multiple cases of measles were identified in our communities.

The Commission further feels that compliance with existing regulations and recommendations will decrease the risk of communicable disease to the entire community and further promote one of the greatest success stories in public health, namely universal immunization programs. Check with your doctor or call the health department to be sure you and your family are up to date on your vaccinations.

### RADON

Testing for radon in your home is the only way to know if there is a problem and testing is recommended once the weather starts to get colder and homes are closed up for the season. Testing can be accomplished by yourself or by hiring someone. As winter approaches the Health Commission will have radon test kits available at a small fee.



Warren Township  
Recreation Commission



**FALL/WINTER : OCTOBER 2013 – APRIL 2014**

**TENNIS LESSONS** Online Registration is now open for fall tennis lessons at the Municipal Complex and Greenwood Meadows. Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. 6- one hr. lessons for \$100. For ages 4 to adult. Rain makeups are Thursdays. Instructor Steve Levin.

**ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL** (18+ and out of high school) Mondays 7-10pm, starting September 16 continuing through June 9, Warren Central School. Must be a Warren, Watchung or Greenbrook resident to participate. Contact John Alapatt at (908) 647-4951

**ADULT COED BASKETBALL** (18+ and out of high school) Mondays 7-10pm, starting September 16 continuing through June 9, Warren Middle School Gym. Must be a Warren, Watchung or Greenbrook resident to participate. Contact Eric Cheshire at: echesh37@aol.com

**HIGH SCHOOL INTRAMURAL REC BASKETBALL** Online Registration begins Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – 10am. For 9/10 -11/12th grades. Play M,T and/or F; 7 & 8pm. Games played at the Watchung Hills Regional High School gyms 1/2 & 5/6. \$105/10 games. Parent release form needed. If games are canceled, games are not made up. No walk-ins. No refunds. HS basketball team participants may not play. Limited 170.

**LETTERS TO SANTA** Santa, once again, has given the Recreation Commission permission to collect mail for the North Pole. Drop off your letters to Santa at the specially designated red “**Letters to Santa**” mailbox, located in front of the Municipal Building beginning Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> to December 13. Your child will receive a hand written letter from Santa

**CALLING ALL WARREN STUDENTS** Recreation is looking for volunteers, Adults and students going into 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades, to help with the **LETTERS TO SANTA** on December 13 from 3PM – 6PM

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YULTIDE BONFIRE WINTER FESTIVAL** January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – 9pm Saturday at the Municipal Complex. Carriage rides, live music, ice skating, sled riding, games, rides and lots of free refreshments. Any resident or business interested in participating with the planning committee or interested in donating to the event please call the Recreation Director. Watch for more info coming soon.

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**EASTER EGG HUNT & WAGON PARADE** April 12<sup>th</sup> check our website for MORE INFO

**RECREATION DOES NOT GOVERN YOUTH SPORTS.** Please refer to individual sports websites. Go to “Youth Sports” on the recreation website for further information.

**SPONSORS & DONORS NEEDED FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS**

This is a great way to advertise your business. Sponsor a program. Donate to Camp scholarships. Stop in or call the Recreation office for more information. Let’s talk.

**TRAILS ARE OPEN!!!** Online pamphlet w/ information and maps included. Look for the Spring cleanup

**Registration & more information Online at [www.warrennj.org/wtrec](http://www.warrennj.org/wtrec) Visa & MasterCard accepted**

or mail form with a check to Warren Recreation, 46 Mountain Blvd. Warren, NJ 07059

See website [www.warrennj.org/wtrec](http://www.warrennj.org/wtrec) for special needs and financial scholarship information – Sorry no refunds

Register for the WEEKLY NEWSLETTER email by going to [warrennj.org](http://warrennj.org) and signing up

[www.weatherclosings.com](http://www.weatherclosings.com) for cancelations or rainouts

Eleanora Hermann, Recreation Director

908-753-8000 ext 270

Linda Palumbo, Administrative Assistant

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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](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://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

Market ends  
Tuesday, November 26



197 Mountain Avenue, Warren, NJ 07059

[www.wfafnj.org](http://www.wfafnj.org)

908-350-7383

Thursdays, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### ZONING OFFICE

The Township requires permits for all sheds, fences, tree removal and signs. Application forms may be obtained on the Warren Township website at [www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org) or may be picked up in the Planning/Zoning Office on the first floor of the Municipal Building. The fee is \$25.00 for each permit. The Zoning Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and may also be reached at 908-753-8000 ext. 243.



### DOG AND CAT LICENSES



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 2012 and rabies verification is valid for the entire year of 2014, it is not necessary to enclose this information.* Please note that proof of rabies must be valid for the full year of 2014.

Licensing Applications are available in the Board of Health office in the Municipal Building and will also be available on the Township's website, [www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org). 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) to the Township's Board of Health with the appropriate fee.

Any questions? Please contact the Board of Health at 908-753-8000 ext. 239.

### Pride in our Past – Promise in our Future



#### 2013 Warren Township Committee

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

### Important Websites

Warren Township..... [www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org)  
Library..... [www.somerset.lib.nj.us/warren.htm](http://www.somerset.lib.nj.us/warren.htm)  
Police ..... [www.warrenpolice.com](http://www.warrenpolice.com)  
Schools..... [www.warrentboe.org](http://www.warrentboe.org)  
Watchung Hills Reg. HS..... [www.whrhs.org](http://www.whrhs.org)  
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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 :

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