



# Warren Township NEWS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Fall/Winter 2010/11

## From Our Mayor...

Dear Warren Township Residents,

It looks like summer is over. I hope you all enjoyed the great (maybe too hot for some) weather. At the end of July, I was reminded just how fast the time passes as I visited a local retailer and saw them building the "back to school" display. As a parent, I recall the anticipation of school returning with relief and glum. The structure of school is great for the children but spending time with the family at the beach or in the yard is surely rewarding.

Warren Township offered many activities for our residents in the summer of 2010. These included the summer camp, the concerts, and the outdoor movie nights. All were a hit. I attended two of the events and found the local talent extraordinary. Also, the feedback I received from the parents regarding the summer camp was very positive.

Although the summer is a slow time of year for the Committee, we are proud to announce the purchase of a large piece of property to add to the open space inventory. This 52 acres site off of Mountain Avenue was in the process of being slated for a housing development. The dozen or so homes would have placed a burden on the Woodland School and cost the taxpayers through increased school budgeting. We were able to partner with the County and negotiated a very low cost to the township of \$850,000. The timing was right for the purchase and the parcel protects the environmentally sensitive Passaic River basin.

I am now in my 20th year here. This is the longest that I have resided in any town my entire life. Warren is a great place to live.

Thanks for your support.

Regards

Victor J. Sordillo - Mayor

## Senior Affordable Supportive Housing

(SASH)

### Available in Warren Township!

Many do not realize that there is a unique, affordable option for Senior housing located right in Warren Township. Cooperative Housing (CHC) is a non-profit organization that provides housing and services for those 62 and older, in ranch-style homes instead of a large facility. Residents pay only a fraction of the cost of other Senior housing options, because fees are based on a sliding scale according to income and assets, and those eligible for CHC's SASH program must receive less than \$56,000 per year in total income.

At CHC, residents have their own private suite with bedroom and full bathroom, and share the spacious living room, dining room, and kitchen. This shared living model offers the best of both worlds: privacy in one's space, and companionship when desired. Many services are also included such as grocery shopping, meal preparation, housekeeping, maintenance, nursing supervision, laundry assistance, and activities.

CHC offers two different types of housing: Independent living for independent Seniors, and Supportive housing for those who need some assistance in daily living. CHC can help Seniors preserve their assets, so that funds will be available should greater care be needed later.

CHC is expanding in Warren Township! Warren Township has partnered with CHC since 1995. The Township has also provided approximately 1.85 acres of property near Stirling Road and Lindbergh Avenue for the construction of 3 homes and the Township has received affordable housing credits for those units. Ten additional units are planned with construction starting soon. For more information or to be put on the waitlist, please call Cooperative Housing at (908)526-8130, or visit [www.chchousing.org](http://www.chchousing.org).

The Township has also provided 1.8 acres to Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey (CPNJ) at the same location for housing for the developmentally disabled. For further information contact CPNJ at <http://cpnj.org/>.

## School Safety

By Chief Russell Leffert

With another school year drawing near I am reminded of how often I am approached by parents who have questions regarding the level of safety in our schools. Of surprise to me, is that so many of the residents I encounter are not aware of the amount of security and police presence we provide in our schools.

Unfortunately, the security practices that can typically be employed to protect commercial and government type facilities and the like do not apply well to school campuses. School buildings, typically designed with an eye towards public entry, present significant security challenges. These challenges can be best offset through the use of surveillance technology and the physical presence of police officers.

By way of our DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and SRO (School Resource Officer) programs, several of our officers are in our schools on a regular and often daily basis. In the DARE Program our officers are in our Elementary Schools throughout the school year teaching the ten week curriculum. Currently five of our officers rotate through the schools teaching grades 2 and 5 in all four of our grammar schools. The Dare program has been in place for over 20 years with eleven of our officers trained as DARE Officers.

Our SRO program, instituted in 2003, is in place at our Middle School and the Watchung Hills Regional High School with the thrust of the program dedicated to the High School. The SRO program is a single officer dedicated for the full school year. The continuity of having the same officer on campus daily is a tremendous security asset as the officer becomes personally familiar with the school facility, its problems, its faculty and its students.

A large problem in policing these days is the lack of officer/citizen contact due to patrol being performed predominately by vehicle. The School Resource Officer however is more akin to the old policing model of the "beat cop". The officer has daily face-to-face interaction with the faculty and students who become "his neighborhood". Policing the school in such a manner develops a level of trust which flows in both directions. These reasons alone though are not enough to make the SRO program successful. It takes the acceptance and cooperation of school administrators. When effective SRO programs are identified they can typically be tied to a successful relationship between the police, school officials, teachers and students.

Fortunately in Warren Township we have such relationships. Communication and cooperation between our police department and the local and high school administrations is excellent. Accolades from parents regarding both programs are received with regularity. Fortunately, when these relationships and programs are successful the ones who benefit most are our children.

As this school year commences and you see a Warren Police Officer on one of our school campuses, please take a minute and introduce yourself. I feel that after doing so, you will share the same pride that I have in the officers who put forth such a commitment to the safety of our children.



## Winter Holiday Safety



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following these few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use lights that have a label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets or a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw in type bulbs.
- Use proper clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.
- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.

This information is brought to you by the National Fire Protection Association and the Warren Township Fire Marshal's Office. For any questions on this information you may contact the Warren Township Fire Marshal's Office at 908-753-8000 extension 259.



### **Christmas Tree Disposal**

Between December 26<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> you can drop off your *undecorated* Christmas tree(s) by the ball field parking lot that is located just to the left of the entrance to the DPW yard. Please make sure all decorations are removed.

### **HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The Warren Township Committee offers a Housing Rehabilitation Program for residents who meet Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations for low and moderate incomes.

The program provides up to \$15,000 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.

In order to be eligible, the following guidelines are in effect as of 2010. Income cannot exceed the following amounts per households:

1 person.....	\$57,120
2 person.....	\$65,280
3 person.....	\$73,440
4 person.....	\$81,600

Income levels are updated after May 1<sup>st</sup> and can be found on the Warren Township web site:

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

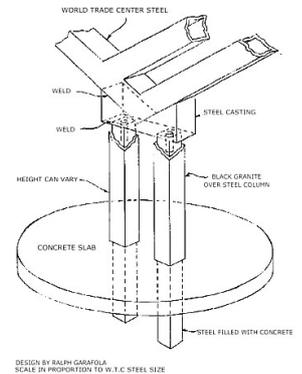
## WARREN TOWNSHIP 9-11 HEROES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

The 9/11 Memorial Service conducted on September 11 at the flag pole on the grounds of the municipal complex to recall the memory of those who perished at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 served as the kickoff for a fundraising campaign to construct a "9-11 Heroes Memorial Monument" to be dedicated next year on September 11, 2011, at 9 AM which is the Tenth Year Anniversary of September 11, 2001.

In the fall of 2009, a committee was formed to begin planning the monument with the following Township officials: Police Chief Russ Leffert, 2009 Fire Chief Tim McGowan, Township Administrator Mark Krane, Deputy Mayor Gary DiNardo, Artist & Designer, Ralph Garafola, and 2009 Mayor Carolann Garafola. In addition, Governor Donald DiFrancesco offered to head up the fundraising plans.

The goal of constructing the monument is to obtain a piece of the steel from the original Twin Towers of the World Trade Center through the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The purpose is to use the steel beams as part of this monument to remember those who lost their lives.

The plans for the monument include: Building a base for the monument, installing a paved walkway, plantings of flowers and shrubs and illuminating the area. The 9-11 Heroes Monument will sit on the knoll of the grassy area between the parking lot of the municipal complex and the row of trees that ring the complex. The monument was designed by Ralph Garafola as a donation to the Township and will be represented by two pieces of steel as the base, surrounded by black granite and a large piece of additional I-beam steel which will sit on top of the two granite towers. A circular base of cement will be poured to hold the structure. The granite will be etched with the numbers of lives lost on September 11, 2001.



Assistance will be sought from various construction companies' for in-kind support and to facilitate building the structure so that no tax dollars will be used to erect this monument. **Anyone interested in assisting with the monument or to make a financial contribution, please make checks payable to: "9-11 Memorial Fund" and mail to: Community Volunteer Fire Company, c/o 9-11 Memorial Fund, 14 Community Place, Warren, NJ 07059.** For further information contact: Mark Krane at 908-753-8000 x 250 or Carolann Garafola at 908-647-6538 or 908-922-1973. All donations \$1000 or more will be acknowledged on a separate plaque adjacent to the monument.

### Emergency Preparedness

Winter storms, power outages, gas leaks, flooding – all typical (yet extremely disruptive) events which can affect our lives at any moment, often striking quickly and without warning. Being prepared for emergencies is essential at home, school, work and in your community.. There are many simple, (and yes, inexpensive) items you can have on hand better prepare yourself and your family.

When preparing for a possible emergency situation, think first about the most basic of needs: fresh water, food, clean air and warmth. With these in mind, kits should include:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both

Flashlight and extra batteries; First aid kit; whistle to signal for help

Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities; Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)

There are, of course, many other items to have readily available. Residents are encouraged to visit <http://www.ready.gov> for a full overview of preparedness steps. In addition, for the month of September, additional preparedness resources will be highlighted on the MBRHC website at [www.middlebrookhealth.org](http://www.middlebrookhealth.org).

### THE FACTS ABOUT BLACK BEARS IN N.J.

New Jersey's black bear population is growing. There are now confirmed bear sightings in all 21 of New Jersey's counties. Bears are attracted to residential neighborhoods by garbage odors – so securing your garbage can and securing the contents within the can, is one of the best ways to prevent bears from entering your neighborhood. Instead of throwing loose food into a plastic liner or can – wrap it tight in newspaper before discarding it and/or use your garbage disposal instead of your garbage can. Black bears have a remarkable sense of smell and can detect scents at more than two miles away from a food source. Black bears also have excellent hearing and can see well, although they are near-sighted. They can especially see well at night due to a reflective layer in the back of their eyeball which mirrors the moonlight.

Black bears actively forage for food in the spring after they emerge from dens and in the fall when they are actively feeding to prepare for the winter den period. They are also very active throughout the summer breeding season. These are the times of year when black bear/human encounters are most common, due to bears searching for food. Throughout late summer and fall, black bears need to consume a minimum of 20,000 calories a day to prepare for the winter den season.

Black bears are typically not aggressive animals and tend to be wary of people. They do, however, engage in posturing to intimidate other animals and people when establishing dominance or when they feel threatened. When agitated, a black bear may pop its jaws, utter a series of huffs, or swat the ground. Problems between black bears and people can occur when bears learn to associate people with food.

To report a black bear sighting, nuisance, or damage to property, contact the NJ Department of Environmental Protection 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337) OR the Warren Township Police department (908) 753-1000. For more information on coexisting with bears, visit:

[www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts\\_avoid.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts_avoid.htm)



## Wagner Farm Arboretum and Learning Center

*We're Growing In Your Community!*

### **~Holiday Boutique~**

Local artists, crafters, and vendors will showcase their work for sale at the Arboretum starting **November 19-21 and continuing every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until the weekend of December 17-19.** Handmade jewelry, stationery, glassware, honey products, candies, baskets, birdhouses, paintings, prints and nature photographs will be available to purchase. **The Boutique will be open on Fridays 9:00 -5:00, Saturdays 10:00-5:00 and Sundays 11:00 -4:00.** Sales support the Wagner Farm Arboretum as it continues to expand gardens and offer educational opportunities for the community.

### **~Brite Nites and Haunted House Showcase~**

This year the Wagner Farm Arboretum will host its first **Brite Nites/ Haunted House Showcase.** This first of its kind event, Brite Nites, will consist of a pumpkin path that wanders through the fields and gardens of the Arboretum. Hundreds of creatively carved and lighted pumpkins will be on exhibit. In addition a Haunted House Showcase will be displayed in an Arboretum building. Food, beverage, and seasonal items will be sold. A photo booth will be on the site along with the "Talking Pumpkin Family." Don't miss a fun-filled evening for the family. **Open October 22-24 and 29-31 (7:00-9:00 PM).** To purchase tickets, go to [www.wfafnj.org](http://www.wfafnj.org).

Any individuals or groups who would like to join in pumpkin carving should contact Lisa Young at [la.young@yahoo.com](mailto:la.young@yahoo.com). Anyone who would like to volunteer for this event should contact Suzanne Prichard at [sprichard@wfafnj.org](mailto:sprichard@wfafnj.org) or Carol Senff at [csenff@wfafnj.org](mailto:csenff@wfafnj.org).

### **Important Tax Dates & Lock Box Info**

**4<sup>th</sup> QTR 2010 Property taxes due November 1, 2010**

**1st QTR 2011 tax due February 1, 2011**

**2nd QTR 2011 tax due May 1, 2011**

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.

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.

FROM NOW ON, PLEASE 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.

### **Sewer Bill DUE DATES:**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2010 – November 1, 2010

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 – February 1, 2011

Payments are paid DIRECTLY to the Sewer Authority as directed on the bill – NOT to the Lock Box. As always you may pay your bill in person at the Municipal Building. *A reminder that they become delinquent 10 days after their due date.* We do not accept credit cards.

If you have a sewer emergency after normal business hours, you are reminded to call the Warren Police Dept. at 908 753-1000. The Authority has on call personnel at all times.



[www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org)  
Please visit the official Warren Township web site frequently for current information about our township.  
We welcome your feedback.

***Did you know that the information contained in this newsletter and much more is available in the Township website?***

### **MINI DUMP**

You can get rid of old furniture, appliances and items that you no longer want or need at the Warren Township Mini Dump (located at 1 Bardy Road) which is open to all Warren Residents.

**Open Saturdays THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 2010**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, ASPHALT SHINGLES, PROPANE TANKS, PAINT CANS, RECYCLABLES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**



**Warren Township Library**  
**A branch of the Somerset County Library System**  
**"Making a difference in people's lives"**

**New Director of the Somerset County Library System**

The Somerset County Library System welcomed a new director at the end of April 2010. Mr. Brian Auger had been the Assistant Director of the Howard County Library in Maryland since 1996. He had previously worked as Regional Librarian for the Montgomery County Library System also in Maryland. Mr. Auger has a Master's degree in library science as well as a Master's in religious studies. The staff of the Warren Twp Library welcomes Mr. Auger and looks forward to working with him. Ms. Elaine Whiting remains the Warren Branch Director.

**New Jersey State Budget and the library**

What's happening with the NJ State budget and NJ Libraries and more importantly, how does it affect us at the Somerset County Library?

The NJ Fiscal Year 2011 State Budget provides a total of \$7,957,000 for library funding. Further broken down that is \$4,299,000 for the New Jersey Library Network and \$3,658,000 for state per capita aid which translates to a 43% cut. Funding in the state budget has remained relatively flat for the last 20 years.

The original proposal would have surely eliminated interlibrary loans state-wide. Since Warren is a member of the Somerset County Library System, we already have access to materials at 7 other branches. The cut to interlibrary loan would have been the courier company and database used by NJ libraries to share materials. With the addition of funding, this service was saved for now. Also some of the more popular databases were also saved; EBSCO – a database for magazine and journal searches and REF USA for business and residential searches.

**New Warren Library Blog**

If you would like to keep up to date on the latest news from the library, upcoming programs, weather-related closings, etc. visit our new Blog at [www.warrenlibnews.blogspot.com](http://www.warrenlibnews.blogspot.com). The Warren Twp Library is also working on setting a Twitter account, which will up and running towards the end of the summer.

**Special Events at the Library**

We have been working hard putting together a fascinating lineup of programs for the fall and winter. The Adult Programming Dept. has booked close to 30 presentations just for the fall season, with everything from fall gardening, yoga classes, historical talks, concerts, etc. Registration for Adult Programs as well as the always popular kids programs will start on September 1st. As usual, registration can be done online, by going to [www.somerset.lib.nj.us/warren.htm](http://www.somerset.lib.nj.us/warren.htm). Click on the menu to go to the adult or the children's calendars to register. Or call us at 908-754-5554 for more information or assistance with registration.

**Township Clerk's News**

As a reminder, registered voters can vote by mail for any reason. *Please refer to the Township's website [www.warrennj.org](http://www.warrennj.org) for information on downloading the Vote By Mail application and also for Voter Registration Forms.*

**Important DATES to remember:**

**General Election – November 8<sup>th</sup> – Last day to register to vote – October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Polling Locations:**

District	Location	District	Location
1 & 3	Mount Horeb Firehouse 19 Elm Avenue	7 & 8	Middle School 100 Old Stirling Road
2 & 4	Mount Horeb School 80 Mount Horeb Road	9	Woodland School 114 Stirling Road
5 & 13	Angelo L. Tomaso School 46 Washington Valley Road	11 & 12	Warren Township Library 42 Mountain Boulevard
6 & 10	Our Lady of the Mount Parish Center 167 Mount Bethel Road		

The Board of Elections is seeking Poll Workers. The compensation is \$200 per Election Day. If you are interested, please call 908-231-7084.

The Township Clerk's office is happy to serve you. Please call 908-753-8000 ext. 223 or stop by to see us anytime!

WARREN TOWNSHIP  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

in conjunction with  
**Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC)**



**Rabies Clinics**

Rabies continues to be a concern in our state, with an average of 200 – 300 cases each year in all animals. In fact, at least 3 rabid raccoons have been identified in Middlesex County just this summer. Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect both people and animals. While the majority of rabies cases in the state have been in wild animals such as raccoons, skunks and foxes, these cases can pose a significant threat to unvaccinated domestic animals, which can contract the virus from wild animals and transmit the infection to humans.

The rabies vaccine is available at no charge for domestic cats and dogs, through the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission. Because the vaccine is provided by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, residents can bring their pets to any of the locations below. Cats must be transported in a carrier and all dogs must be leashed.

MBRHC is sponsoring free rabies clinics in the fall. The tentative dates of the clinics are as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION		
Saturday - 11/6/10	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 – 11/20/10	10:45 am to Noon	Middlesex Borough Garage	110 Main Street	Middlesex, NJ
Saturday – 12/4/10	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Watchung Fire House	57 Mountain Blvd	Watchung, 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 that post-exposure treatment can begin immediately if needed)
- Immediately report any wild animal showing signs of unusual behavior
- Be sure all family pets and agricultural animals are up to date on their rabies vaccinations
- Animal-proof home and yard
- Do not feed or handle wild animals
- Avoid contact with stray animals or pets other than your own
- Try to prevent your pets from coming into contact with wild animals
- Screen off vents to attics and other areas that could provide shelter for bats

**Flu Clinics Now Being Scheduled for the Fall**

This fall, the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will again be providing affordable influenza (flu) vaccines to local residents, to help reduce the incidence of illness in the community. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone over six months of age should get a flu vaccine each year, it's 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.

This year's seasonal influenza vaccine will protect against the H1N1 virus, as well as two other strains of influenza.

Pre-registration will be required for all clinics and will begin in September. At this time, the flu clinics are only for those 18 and older. The flu vaccine is free to those with Medicare Part B, but residents must bring their Medicare card. Others will be charged \$20 for the flu vaccine.

Flu clinic dates are still being finalized, and will be posted on both the MBRHC website ([www.middlebrookhealth.org](http://www.middlebrookhealth.org)) and the Warren Township website as soon as they are available. They will also be advertised in local papers.

For more information, please call 732-356-8090 ext. 254 or 908-753-8000 ext. 239.

**DOG AND CAT LICENCES**

In our continued effort to reduce costs and increase efficiency the Warren Township Board of Health will not be mailing dog and cat licensing applications to Township residents and businesses this year. Instead, **we have incorporated the applications as an insert into this newsletter and they are available on the Township's website at [www.warrennj.org/](http://www.warrennj.org/)**. Please save this newsletter and submit your application(s) along with the required documentation and fees beginning December 20, 2010. All dogs that reside in Warren Township must be licensed annually by January 31, and cats by March 31.

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 2010 and rabies verification is valid for the entire year of 2011, it is not necessary to enclose this information. Please note that proof of rabies must be valid for the full year of 2011. 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 licensing form(s) to the Board of Health with the appropriate fee.

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

(Source: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/stormwater>)

## 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

### 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

### Dispose Of Yard Waste Properly

### Keep Pollution Out Of Storm Drains

#### Limit Your Use Of Fertilizers And Pesticides

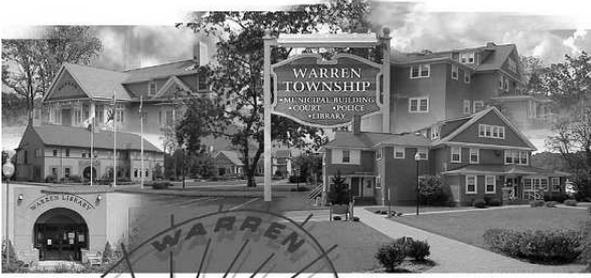
- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

## 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



**PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
Rahway, NJ  
Permit No. 755**



**Township of Warren**  
Somerset County  
46 Mountain Boulevard  
Warren, NJ 07059-5695  
(908) 753-8000

**Pride in our Past – Promise in our Future**



**2010 Warren Township Committee**

Top row L to R: Frank Salvato, Mal Plager  
Bottom row L to R: Carolann Garafola, Vic Sordillo – Mayor,  
Gary DiNardo – Deputy Mayor

**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)
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