



Warren Township NEWS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Fall/Winter 2012/2013

From Our Mayor

For Warren Township senior citizens and special needs children, a number of extraordinary services are available that many don't know about yet. First, a confidential and free service called "Register Ready" is available to anyone with a medical need for a dependable and continuous electrical supply. In the event of a power outage or other emergency, our local Emergency Responders would use the "Register" to prioritize needs for emergency power equipment or evacuation to a site with the needed capabilities. You can enter people into the "Register" by going on-line to www.registerready.nj.gov or contacting our Warren Township Clerk, Patricia DiRocco on 908-753-8000 x233. Also, if you would like to receive Reverse 911 emergency messages on your cell phone, go to www.warrenpolice.com, click on the Global Connects icon and follow the instructions to add your cell phone number.

Transportation for seniors and those with special needs can be problematic but Ridewise of Raritan Valley has introduced a new service to take care of this population. For an annual membership of \$25 and \$3 per mile, professional drivers will provide door-to-door assistance for any sort of needed trip. Contact Real Life Choices Transit on 908-502-5072 to schedule transportation from 7am to 6pm, seven days a week. Warren Township also contracts with the Somerset County Transit System (1-800-246-0527) to provide a bus for Warren residents two days each week.

For seniors age 62 and older, Cooperative Housing (CHC) had been offering quality housing to those who qualify as low or moderate income. There are three such homes on Lindbergh Avenue across from Woodland School and this housing includes private bedrooms, private bathrooms, home cooked meals and nursing and cleaning services. The administrative office for CHC is 62 East High Street in Somerville and Angelo DeOrio is the CHC Executive Director; CHC can be reached on 908-526-8130. On a personal note, my mother lived for several months in a CHC facility until medical issues forced her into a nursing home. I found the staff caring and knowledgeable, offering a safe, loving environment for the elderly who could not be with family.

In 1977, Valerie Goldstein lost her young life to cancer and her parents, Sue and Ed Goldstein, started the Valerie Fund, a non-profit organization that funds treatment centers that are child-friendly for children undergoing cancer treatment or with blood disorders. I was fortunate to be a part of this year's fund raising efforts which brought in \$75,000 from the citizens of our town for the Fund. I sincerely thank Sue and Ed for their leadership, inspiration and friendship in making the Valerie Fund the success that it is. If you would like to learn more, go to www.TheValerieFund.org.

Please join us

9-11 Heroes Monument Unveiling

Sunday, November 4, 2012, 10 am
at the Municipal Complex



On Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 10:00AM, the Warren Township Committee will conduct a ceremony unveiling the Township's 9-11 Heroes Memorial at the Municipal Complex to those who perished on 9/11/01.

The event will be hosted by Warren Township Mayor Carolann Garafola and the Township Committee. In attendance will be many elected New Jersey officials, the Heroes Memorial Committee, Donors and representatives from the Township's Police, Fire and Rescue Squad.

The Warren Township Committee recently passed a No Smoking ordinance that prohibits smoking on township property, including parks and recreational areas; Warren is now consistent with the Somerset County smoking bans. With this ordinance, our children are being told that we care about their health and seniors and others with breathing problems can enjoy Warren's beautiful environment without being subjected to second-hand smoke. Finally, this ban should send a message to those who just drop their cigarettes on the ground without putting them into proper receptacles. Not only will our air be clean, but now our grounds can be clean.

Finally, I want to thank our Department of Public Works who spent a very hot, sweaty summer completing our 2012 Road Overlay Program. Under the direction of Doug Buro and Mike Lovett, work included parts of King George Road, Mountain Avenue, Sawmill Road, Angus Lane, Valley View Road, Sandlewood Drive and Old Stirling Road. The \$800,000 spent on these projects is the most money ever spent in one year on our roads and we know we have more to do. It could be worse – did you know that Warren residents used to be responsible for keeping up their own section of roadway!

Always feel free to reach me at home, 908-647-6538, or at cagarafola@optonline.net.

Carolann Garafola - Mayor

Warren Township



BRONZE CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

Warren has met the rigorous criteria and is now a Bronze Certified Sustainable Jersey town. Donna Drewes from Sustainable Jersey presented the Township Committee and the Warren Green Team with a plaque commemorating this event on August 16th. Warren now joins 109 New Jersey municipalities throughout the state that have become certified in this voluntary program. To see the full documentation of Warren's accomplishments click on the green Warren Township pin on the link:

<http://sustainablejersey.com/community/map.php>.

IDLING FREE NEW JERSEY FACTS:

- Just 10 seconds of idling uses more gas than restarting your car.
- Idling harms your engine and exhaust system. It only takes 30 seconds to warm-up your car and start driving on freezing days.
- Children are especially vulnerable to air pollution. They breathe faster than adults, inhale more air per pound of body weight, and stand at tailpipe level.
- You are not safe from air pollution inside an idling vehicle. Exposure to some pollutants is actually higher inside an idling vehicle than at roadside.
- Idling hurts our air quality and environment. Car tailpipes emit carcinogens and other toxins, contributing to ailments such as asthma and heart disease, with smog-forming chemicals.
- In most cases, New Jersey state law prohibits idling for more than 3 minutes. (N.J.A.C. 7:27-14,15 and N.J.S.A. 39:3-70.2)

For more information see:

www.stopthesoot.org/sts-idle.htm

COMING UP

Please look for details about a movie to be shown about an Environmental issue at the Warren Courthouse on a Thursday evening in October.

Please set your calendar for the Spring 2013 Green Fair to be held on May 11, 2013. If you would like to volunteer and or be a vendor for the May 2013 Green Fair, please contact Ila Gillenwater at irgillenwater@hotmail.com

Looking for more information about the environment? Please check out the Warren Green Team pages of the warrennj.org or [facebook.com/warrengreenteam](https://www.facebook.com/warrengreenteam).



Codington Farmstead Calls For Volunteers

Open to the public for the past seven years, the Codington Farmstead at 15 Mt. Horeb Road in Warren has significantly expanded its operations and is seeking additional volunteers to help maintain the 260 year old property. According to Doug Reeder, the Farmstead's Director and Warren's current Citizen of the Year, "we have just made a dent into what the Codington Farmstead could become and we're impatient to get moving on other aspects of the Farmstead's history."

Mr. Reeder, along with Warren's Mayor Carolann Garafola, Anne Mellen, former head of the Warren Girl Scout community and Dave Peterson, longtime student counselor at Watchung Hills Regional High School, serve as the effective Board of Directors for the Farmstead and all were part of the original ten person team of citizens who helped open the house and property to the public in 2005. The Codington Farmstead tours have been voted one of the highlights of the Somerset County October Historical Tours for the past several years.

According to Mayor Garafola, "we have learned that volunteers come in all shapes and sizes, all ages and all interests so there is always a place for someone to join us." Highlighting some of the work scheduled for this year:

- Antique furniture restoration and upholstery
- Geneological research and wall display
- Conservation of artwork
- Display of antique kitchen utensils
- Tree trimming and removal
- Cleaning and opening new spaces for tours
- Maintenance of library archives
- Docent tours

Current on-going projects include restoration of one of the outbuildings on the property (the cowshed) and identifying and reframing 19th century Codington family photos.

Volunteer time commitments are entirely the decision of the volunteer and all volunteers will be assigned a "coach" for their project who has experience in the area being worked. Volunteer work at Codington qualifies as community service for most schools and has also served as the basis for Eagle Scout projects and Girl Scout Gold and Silver awards. Adult volunteers are also needed since many of the students have to return to school in September and cannot maintain the pace of volunteerism they had during the summer.

To become a volunteer, call Doug Reeder on 908-580-1052, Anne Mellen on 732-356-7164 or Dave Peterson on 732-356-3899.

In May thru November, Docent-led Tours of Codington Farmstead are open to the public the first Sunday of each month from 1pm to 4pm.

WHRMA Annual 5K Run/Walk October 14, 2012 at Watchung Lake's Mobus Field

We are seeking runners, walkers to participate in our WHRMA Annual 5K Run/Walk which will help support our programs for the coming year. Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance is a community partnership organization comprised of volunteers that service the communities of Warren, Watchung, Green Brook, and Long Hill Townships. As a N.J. Municipal Alliance, we are part of the NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Runners/ Fitness Walkers may register at:
<https://register.bestrace.com/register/?event=10980>

Questions call: Carolyn Seracka 732-968-1051 ext. 3
or Jack Walsh 908-561-8883

Electrical Safety

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffee maker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.

Please note the following safety tips:

- **Have all electrical work performed by a licensed electrician.**
- **When buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a licensed electrician.**
- **Only plug one heat producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) into a receptacle at a time**
- **Arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) are a kind of circuit breaker that shuts off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home. Use a licensed electrician.**
- **Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.**
- **Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month to make sure they are working properly.**
- **Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for TEMPORARY USE (less than 90 days as stated on the UL listing on the cord). Have a licensed electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.**
- **Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. There should be a sticker that indicates the maximum wattage light bulb to use.**

Important Reminder

Call a licensed electrician or your landlord if you have:

- **Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers**
- **A tingling feeling when touching an electrical appliance**
- **Discolored or warm electrical outlets**
- **A burning or rubbery smell coming from an electrical appliance**
- **Flickering or dimming lights**
- **Sparks from an outlet**

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.



The Residential Burglary

By Chief Russell Leffert

As anyone who has been the unfortunate victim of a residential burglary will tell you, of all the property crimes which a person can be the victim of, a home burglary is probably the most traumatic; the unnerving reality that a stranger has been in your home and most likely your own bedroom creates a substantial feeling of personal violation.

We are often asked what can be done in an attempt to lessen the likelihood of being the victim of a burglary. In the past we have answered with the usual proven methods such as lights on timers, adding deadbolts to exterior doors and installing or using your alarm system. Over the past several years, after participating in several county and statewide burglary investigations, we have developed new information and made numerous arrests which have given us great insight into the burglars and their operating styles.

The new style burglary crews who have been targeting Warren Township recently are career burglars who typically strike between 6PM and Midnight. They work in groups of 2-4 persons, driving high end vehicles which do not stand out in your neighborhood. Home entries are typically gained by shouldering front or rear doors or smashing out rear glass sliding doors. Depending on the crew, exterior phone lines may be cut and/or interior alarm panels may be ripped from the walls. The actor/s is in and out of the residence within minutes with master bedrooms being the central target area.

What you can do:

- The old basics still apply. If you want to avoid being the victim of a burglary, make it harder for a burglar to get in. Install quality door locks/dead bolts.
- Lock your doors. Also, if your home has an attached garage, be sure to lock and deadbolt the door between the house and garage.
- If you do not have one, install a quality alarm system with a cellular back-up. If you already have one, USE IT. Install motion lights on the perimeter of the residence.
- Install and/or make sure your intercom system is working properly. Oftentimes the burglar will simply walk up and knock on a door. If someone answers, they quickly move on. Being able to acknowledge a knock at the door from a distance via your intercom is an excellent safety method.
- Install a high quality surveillance system with views of the street, driveway and house perimeter. Ensure that the system records and saves for extended periods.
- Install a quality safe in your residence. Remember that the safe must be fastened securely in the residence to avoid the risk of the entire safe being removed.
- Be aware of your daytime deliveries. Make sure your FED EX, UPS, dry cleaning deliveries etc. are placed in an area out of view from the street if you are not going to be home to accept them
- If you're going away, make arrangements for your mail and newspaper deliveries. Overflowing mailboxes and newspapers strewn on the driveway are just more indicators of a vacant home.
- Help each other out. Work with your neighbors or friends to make your house looks occupied even when it is not.
- Add your home to the Warren Police Vacant House List. If you are going on vacation and do not have someone checking your residence, signing up for this program will ensure that our patrol officers drive by your home checking for conditions which may not be appropriate to your vacant home.

As always, the Warren Police Department remains willing to assist you in any way we can. If you would like to have a security survey performed on your residence, please contact Sgt. Larry Frank at (908) 753-1000 ext. #325.



WAGNER FARM ARBORETUM

197 Mountain Avenue Warren, NJ 07059

Contact: Megan Frackoviak, PR and Community Relations, Email: PR.WFAF@Gmail.com

3rd ANNUAL BRITE NITES EVENT.

Over 1,000 Glowing Pumpkins and Other Spooky Halloween Family Activities!

October 19th, 20th & 21st and October 26th, 27th & 28th

TICKETS ARE SOLD BY THE HALF HOUR

INCREMENTS:

7:00, 7:30 AND 8:00PM.

Price includes admittance to the lighted pumpkin path and the haunted showcase.

Advance tickets: \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00

Children/Seniors available online at wfafnj.org or at the office location 197 Mountain Ave, Warren, NJ.

At the gate: \$12.00 Adults, \$9.00

Children/Seniors.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The annual Wagner Farm Arboretum Holiday Boutique will open on November 30, 2012. The Boutique will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. between November 30 and December 23. The Arboretum is located at 197 Mountain Avenue, Warren.

The Boutique will offer a wide range of jewelry, art work, including photography on canvas, water color, and pottery. Local honey and honey products as well as homemade candies and baked breads will also be available during each of the four weekends the Boutique is open. New vendors' merchandise and items created by popular, favorite local artists will be for sale. Candles, stationery, clothing, pocketbooks, ornaments, and other home décor and holiday gift items will be available.

The Boutique accepts cash or checks. Credit cards cannot be processed at this time. Proceeds from the Holiday Boutique will support the Arboretum and its educational programs.



Warren Township OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Jane Asch, Coordinator (908) 753-8000 x 262

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

After our experiences last year with two storms in succession causing extended power outages for many, we have learned that disasters do and will happen here. How prepared are you for another event? Now is the time to prepare for a disaster, and the most important part of preparedness is to have a **Family Disaster PLAN**. Your plan should definitely include what your family and you will do if you lose electricity for a week or more. If your home is supplied by well water, have a plan for a place to go or consider buying a generator. Below is a quick reference list of essential needs to assemble a Disaster Plan. More detailed information, and suggestions can be found at the following websites:

Somerset County (click on Emergency Preparedness) www.co.somerset.nj.us

American Red Cross www.redcross.org

New Jersey Homeland Security www.njhomelandsecurity.com

Disaster Supply Kit (update every six months)

- Water (one gallon of water per person per day)
- Food (a three day supply of non perishable food per person)
- First Aid Kit
- Tools and Supplies (such as flashlight, batteries, battery powered radio)
- Clothing and Bedding (one change of clothing per person, one blanket per person)
- Special items (medications, eyeglasses, baby items, important family documents, extra set of keys, credit card, cash)

Emergency Action Plan

- Develop a Family Contact List for every member (work, school and cell phone numbers)
- Create an Emergency Contact List (out of area contacts, utility companies, physicians)
- Decide upon Reunion Points to meet (outside your home & outside the neighborhood)
- Keep informed. To access emergency information during a disaster, use the following media :
- Warren Township's website at www.warrennj.org
- On line daily newspaper Warren Patch at www.warren.patch.com
- Warren Cable Station at Channel 15 (Cablevision) or Channel 44 (Verizon FIOS)
- Somerset County Emergency Alert System Radio Station: WNJT 88.1 FM
- Area newspapers such as The Echoes Sentinel and the Star Ledger
- Plan ahead for Care of Pets (crate, leash, food)
- Know how to turn off water, gas and electricity in your home

PLAN AHEAD - BE PREPARED

TOWNSHIP CLERK'S NEWS

GENERAL and SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION: Tuesday, November 6th
last day to register to vote is October 16th

ATTENTION VOTERS: The School Board Election, formerly held in April, will be combined with the November General Election. Voters will receive one ballot. The ballot will have separate sections for the School Board and the General Election. Please call Patricia A. DiRocco, Township Clerk at 908-753-8000 ext. 223 with any questions.

REMINDER FOR VOTERS: Please vote at the following locations:

District	Location	District	Location
1 & 3	Mount Horeb Firehouse 19 Elm Avenue	2 & 4 & 5 & 13	Washington Valley Firehouse 146 Washington Valley Road <i>(Formerly Mount Horeb School & Angelo L. Tomaso School locations.)</i>
11 & 12	Warren Township Library 42 Mountain Boulevard	6 & 10 & 7 & 8 & 9	Our Lady of the Mount Parish Center 167 Mount Bethel Road <i>(Formerly Middle School & Woodland School locations.)</i>

Registered voters can vote by mail for any reason. Please refer to the Township's website www.warrennj.org for information on downloading the Vote By Mail application and also for Voter Registration Forms.

The Township Clerk's office is happy to serve you. Please stop by anytime!

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.

Sewer Bill DUE DATES:

4th Quarter 2012 – November 1, 2012
 1st Quarter 2013 – February 1, 2013
 2nd Quarter 2013 – May 1, 2013

The 2012 First and Second sewer use bills will be mailed out in early January. If you do not receive yours please call our office.

Payments are paid DIRECTLY to the Sewer Authority as directed on the bill – NOT to the Lock Box. We do not accept credit cards. Please remember to include your account number on your checks. Additional information is located on the back of your bill. As always, you may pay your bill in person at the Municipal Building. *A reminder - your payment becomes delinquent 10 days after the due date.*

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.

Important Tax Dates & Lock Box Info

4th QTR 2012 Property taxes
 due November 1, 2012
 1st QTR 2013 tax due February 1, 2013
 2nd QTR 2013 tax due May 1, 2013

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.

Did you know that Township information is now available on

(twitter)  ***(Facebook)***  ***and (Warren Patch)***  ***?***

Links are on the Township website home page: www.warrennj.org.



Warren Township Library

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

The Somerset County Library System is pleased to announce that Carolyn Della Sala will become branch director of the Warren Township Library, effective September 11. We encourage you to stop in to introduce yourself and welcome our new director.

New Initiatives and Programs Have Been Added To the Offerings That the Library Has For Our Patrons

Museum Pass Program

Begun in August, patrons with a valid library card can reserve free passes to a number of museums in the metropolitan area. The museums participating include: the Children's Museum of Manhattan, the Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms in Morris Plains, NJ. To learn more about this exciting new program and book your next trip to a local museum, please go to:

<http://www.somerset.lib.nj.us/museumpass.htm>.

Or talk to a librarian at our Reference Desks.

Freegal and Naxos Music

Music lovers rejoice! Freegal is a downloadable music service that provides access to the catalog of artists in Sony Music Entertainment, using your computer, smart phone or tablet. Library holders can download three songs a week for free with their library card and pin numbers. Naxos is a streaming music catalog of over 400 independent labels of Classical, Jazz, World, Classic Rock and Nostalgia genres; no downloading, just bring it up in your browser, find something you would like to listen to and click play! Library patrons can also access the Naxos Sheet Music Library to download and print copies from a selection of over 40,000 pieces. To access these services in the library catalog, just do a keyword search for either Freegal or Naxos.

Programs for Adults at the Library

Based on what our patrons indicated in the surveys about adult programming, we have put together a lineup of very attractive programs for the fall. Some of the presentations to look forward this fall are several authors' visits. On 10/6 humor columnist Laverne Bardy visits the library to talk about her book "How the (bleep) did I get this old?", a compilation of her popular column which has made readers laugh for years with her firsthand experiences into the world of aging. And if her last name sounds familiar, yes, she is related to the Bardy family of Bardy Farms. On 10/30, as part of our traditional Halloween-themed programs for adults, mystery author E.F. Watkins will talk about the writing styles and subgenres of mystery in "The Many Moods of Mystery: from cozies to chillers". On 11/3, award-winning Star-Ledger columnist and author Mark Di Ionno will be back at the library for a book signing of his debut novel "The Last Newspaperman". On 11/8, New York Times bestselling author Andrea Kane discusses her

work with the FBI and visits to Quantico in "Murder, Mystery and the FBI". Two great music programs will close this year's Musical Saturdays @ Warren Library: "Best of Broadway" with singer Maggie Worsdale on 10/20, and "Music for Colonists, Patriots and Presidents" on 11/17. This performance by flutist John Burkhalter and Harpsichordist Donovan Klotbecher will feature the chamber music enjoyed by colonial Americans in the 18th century. The Traveling Literary Theater will present their rendition of the classic "A Christmas Carol" on Saturday, December 15. All our excellent programs are free to the public but pre-registration is required due to limited seating.

Youth Services Department @ Warren

Registration for children's and teen programs being held in November and December begins on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 9:30 AM online, by phone, or in-person.

Family Film Festival will take place on December 26, 27 and 28 at 2:00 pm. No registration required and the titles will be announced.

Winter Festival 2013— no registration required. The Warren Township Library Youth Services Department will host its 5th annual "Winter Festival" on Saturday, February 9, 2013. 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, Wii games, board games, and other fun stuff! Snow date is Saturday, February 23. More information will be available as the event approaches. Funded by the Friends of the Warren Township Library.

Registration for programs can be done in person, by phone or online, by going to www.sclsnj.org/warren.htm. Under "Links of Interest", click on the menu to go to the adult, teens or the children's calendars to register. Or call us at 908-754-5554 for more information or assistance with registration.

Friends of the Warren Twp Library

An ongoing and very successful Friends of the Library Book Sale, located on the shelves in front of the DVDs, has been raising money to help fund our programs for children and adults. Membership to the Friends of the Library supports a wide range of high quality children and adult programs that appeal to library patrons of all ages.

Warren Library is on Twitter

If you would like to keep up to date on the latest news from the library, upcoming programs, weather-related closings, etc. follow us on Twitter@warrenlibrarynj.



Director: Eleanora Hermann, RA
Administrative Assistant, Linda Palumbo
 908-753-8000 ext. 270
Recreation@warrentboe.org

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL (18+ and out of high school) Mondays 7-10pm, starting September 19 continuing through June 13, Warren Central School. Must be a Warren or Watchung resident to participate. Contact John Alapatt at (908) 647-4951

ADULT COED BASKETBALL (18+ and out of high school) Mondays 7-10pm, starting September 19 continuing through June 6, Warren Middle School Gym. Must be a Warren resident to participate. Contact Eric Cheshire at: echesh37@aol.com

HIGH SCHOOL REC INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL Games are held Monday, Wednesday, or Friday nights at Watchung Hills Regional High School from 7-8pm. Girls may also participate. Sign-ups begin October 5 and end November 30- **NO EXCEPTIONS. Limited to 130 participants.** ANY 9-12th grader who lives in the sending district area of WHRHS may register.

LETTERS TO SANTA Santa has given the Recreation Commission permission to collect mail for the North Pole. Drop off your letters at the specially designated red "Letters to Santa" mailbox, located in front of the Municipal Building beginning Nov. 26th to December 14.

CALLING ALL WARREN STUDENTS Recreation is looking for volunteers, Adults and going into 8th – 12th grades, to help with the Annual Bonfire being held in January. Also sponsors can email or call the Recreation office for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A REAL TREAT, "BARBARA HARRIS & THE TOYS" IN CONCERT!! FEBRUARY 1, 2013 (snow date Feb. 8th) - Do you remember Barbara Harris & The Toys from the 60's? Or their big hit, Lover's Concerto? Then check out www.barbarastoy.net. The Recreation Commission is proud to be able to bring to you this wonderful female group, in concert, at the Watchung Hills Regional High School on 108 Stirling Rd. in Warren. ***Opening for this exciting act is our very own Bob Marino & Barbra Lawson, like you have never seen them before!*** Show begins 8pm. A donation will be accepted at the door to support the Valerie Fund, helping children with cancer. Children under 18, special needs, and seniors over 60 are FREE. **Snow date and place will be Feb. 8th at The Stonecrest Community Church on 11 Technology Drive North, Warren NJ.**

If you would like to sponsor this event please contact the Recreation Department at 908-753-8000 ext 270 or ehermann@warrentboe.org

ANNUAL EGG HUNT & WAGON PARADE: Planned for April 6

RECREATION DOES NOT GOVERN YOUTH SPORTS. For info on sports, please refer to individual sports websites. Go to Youth Sports on the recreation website- for further information.

Registration & more information Online: Visa & MasterCard accepted
 or mail form with a check to Warren Recreation, 46 Mountain Blvd.
 See website www.warrentboe.org/wtrec for special needs and financial scholarship information – Sorry no refunds
Give us your email @ recreation@warrentboe.org in order to be the first to find out when sign-ups begin
www.weatherclosings.com for cancelations or rainouts

WARREN TOWNSHIP				
B O A R D O F H E A L T H				
in conjunction with Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC)				
FREE Rabies Vaccination for Cats & Dogs				
Rabies vaccination is available at no charge for domestic cats and dogs, through the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission and the vaccine is provided by the NJ Department of Health. 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 - 11/3/11	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 – 12/1/11	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

THANK YOU RESIDENTS!

SURVEY 2012

The Township Committee distributed a survey of municipal offices in the Spring issue of the Warren Township newsletter. Residents replied with both positive and negative comments and we greatly appreciate your feedback. We have listened to the responses and have made changes such as: installing signage in and around the municipal complex, providing a directory in the foyer of the municipal building so residents know where departments are and we shared your responses with those departments or employees who were specifically mentioned.

The Township Committee continues its goal in providing a customer friendly atmosphere in the municipal complex. Residents are encouraged to complete upcoming comments form to be located in the Township website in order to address further issues or concerns of departments or employees. Please let us know your feedback.

Thank you all who participated in this survey.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is transmitted through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick, also known as a deer tick. The ticks are often found on the body in the groin area, armpits, and scalp. Typical symptoms of Lyme disease are fever, headache, fatigue and sometimes a skin rash that looks like a bull's eye. The good news is that Lyme disease is treatable and preventable. Lyme disease, once diagnosed, can be treated through the use of antibiotics. It is preventable because ticks need to be attached to you for 36 to 48 hours for them to transmit the disease.



So, to prevent Lyme disease, keep the ticks off of you or remove them immediately. Use an insect repellent that contains at least 20% DEET and remove tick habitats (high grass and weeds). Avoid walking in wooded, bushy areas with high grass or leaves and when walking in the woods, walk in the center of the trails. Perform "tick-checks" regularly to prevent ticks from attaching and follow the steps below to remove identified ticks.

Use a fine-tipped tweezers and grasp tick as close to the skin as possible.

Pull upward with a steady, even pressure. (If head part remains in the skin and can't be removed, leave it alone and let skin heal.)

After removing tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

If you feel that you have been exposed to Lyme disease please contact your local physician for follow-up.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(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.

We are again approaching the winter season. With the joy and warmth of the Holiday Season, unfortunately, comes this stuff called SNOW. As usual, the Department of Public Works will be keeping a very sharp eye on the weather and will respond by making preparations in advance accordingly. Just a few tips on how to minimize the discomfort of snow and ice: * If you must shovel snow, please do it in moderation. * Don't over do it. Rest often! * **Don't 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 Township Snow Plow.** * Don't be surprised if one side of your road is plowed and the other side not for 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 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 our 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.

Homeowners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks per Township Ordinance.

Although we are always very careful 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. Please report any mailbox 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.

If you feel we have missed your street, and in an emergency situation this could happen, please call the DPW.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO SERVE!



Christmas Tree Disposal

You may drop off your Christmas trees up until February 17th, to the side of the parking lot just outside of the DPW gate. Please make sure all decorations are removed. Enjoy the season!

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

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 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



What is our School District’s Brand?

This fall, members of the school community and community at large will be invited to participate in a long-range strategic planning process for the Warren Township School District. Analyzing how we are currently viewed by our stakeholder groups and envisioning how we wish to be viewed will be important first steps in this process. Watch for information regarding this important initiative. Your ideas are welcome.

Invitation to our Community

The Warren Township Board of Education would like to invite the entire community to subscribe to our “e-Blast” system. By registering on the district’s website, you can automatically receive information about school happenings, budget, Board of Education meetings, and district initiatives. To register, go to <http://www.warrentboe.org> , look directly under the blue bar and double click “Subscriptions,” where you will be guided step-by-step through the process.

What’s Happening At Our Board Meetings

September 24	Curriculum Revision Overview	November 12	Strategic Plan Progress Report
October 15	Math Placement Process	November 26	NJ ASK Presentation
October 29	Update on New Teacher Evaluation System	December 10	Initial Budget Deliberations
	January 7	Reorganization	

BOE meeting dates for 2013 will be approved at the January 7th Reorganization Meeting.
Watch for meetings and student presentations at your home school.

Technology Improvements

Students in Warren continue to benefit from the support of both the Board of Education and the schools’ Parent Teacher Organizations. Both organizations strive to replenish and enhance the technology equipment in all buildings. Teachers and students utilize electronic white boards, iPads, laptops and tablets, as well as a variety of software programs and website licenses. In today’s digital world, the Board and Administration work hard to find the financial resources to provide state-of-the-art equipment for the members of our school community. Technology is never purchased just for the sake of the technology itself, but to enhance the educational experience of our students. When the Board of Education budget cannot fund additional purchases, the schools’ Parent Teacher Organizations have generously stepped in to supplement.

Opportunities to talk with the Superintendent...

Superintendent’s Coffees will be held on the following dates: Watch for confirmation and location information

- October 4th at 2:00 p.m.
- February 20th at 7:00 p.m.
- December 19th at 9:30 a.m.
- April 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Flu Clinics Available:

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be offering public flu clinics in the fall of 2012. Due to the unknown delivery date for vaccine, clinics had not been scheduled at the time of this article, but you are encouraged to contact the Commission at 732-968-5151 or 908-753-8000 ext. 239 beginning in September to learn the times, dates, and locations of our clinics. You can also search for clinics throughout the State at: <http://www.nj.gov/health/flu/findflushot.shtml>



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



DOG AND CAT LICENSES

In preparation for the annual licensing of residential pets, The Warren Township Board of Health **has incorporated the application as the last page in this newsletter and will also make them available on the Township’s website at www.warrennj.org**. Please save this newsletter, cut out the application form and submit your application(s) along with the required documentation and fees beginning December 19, 2012. 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.

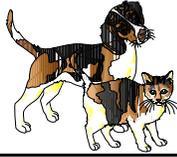
In order for your pet to be issued a license, proof of an up-to-date rabies inoculation must accompany your application. *If this information was submitted in 2012 and rabies verification is valid for the entire year of 2013, it is not necessary to enclose this information.* Please note that proof of rabies must be valid for the full year of 2013. 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.





WARREN TOWNSHIP
DOG / CAT LICENSE APPLICATION
 Board of Health, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059

2013

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If your dog/cat was licensed in Warren during 2012 and proof of rabies and neutering has been previously submitted, or if your animal was inoculated at the Township's Rabies Clinic, it is on file in the Health Office. (Please note: RABIES VERIFICATION MUST BE VALID FOR FULL YEAR OF LICENSURE). If previous proof has not been submitted, please enclose with your application. It will be returned with your licenses.

Name of Owner _____ Day Phone # _____
 Night Phone # _____
 Please check if number is unlisted

Address _____
 Email Address _____

DOG

Name of Dog: _____ Breed _____ Sex _____
 Color & Markings _____ Age _____ Hair _____ Spayed/Neutered _____
Long,Medium,Short Yes/No (Proof if needed)

DOG FEES

FEES: \$ 10.00 (Neutered) – **Postmarked on or before January 31, 2013**
 \$ 13.00 (Non-neutered and over 6 mos. old) – Postmarked on or before January 31, 2013

LATE FEE: ADDITIONAL \$5.00 Per dog for renewals postmarked February 1, 2013 or later.

CAT

Name of Cat: _____ Breed _____ Sex _____
 Color & Markings _____ Age _____ Hair _____ Spayed/Neutered _____
Long,Medium,Short Yes/No (Proof if needed)

CAT FEES

FEES: \$ 7.00 (Neutered) – **Postmarked on or before March 31, 2012**
 \$ 10.00 (Non-neutered and over 6 mos. old) – Postmarked on or before March 31, 2013

LATE FEE: ADDITIONAL \$5.00 Per cat for renewals postmarked April 1, 2013 or later.

Have you enclosed the following?:

- CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO "TOWNSHIP OF WARREN" in the amount specified. A SEPARATE check is required for Dogs and Cats.
- SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.
- VERIFICATION from your veterinarian for:
 - Rabies - MUST BE VALID FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF LICENSING
 - Neutering
- THIS APPLICATION FULLY FILLED OUT.

If you fail to license your animal for the year 2013 and he/she is involved in an incident, such as a bite, fight, complaint, or Animal Control Officer referral - AN INVOLUNTARY LATE FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE CHARGED IN ADDITION TO LICENSING FEES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
 BARBARA STREKER @ 908-753-8000 ext. 239

*The licensing of dogs and cats is important to protect the health of Warren residents and pets.
 PLEASE LICENSE YOUR PETS*

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 Back row l to r: Committee Persons George Lazo and Mick Marion

Important Websites

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

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- Board of Adjustment.....X 260
- Board of HealthX 239
- Warren Media.....X 267
- Construction Office.....X 242
- Engineering Department.....X 248
- Municipal Court.....X 226
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- RecreationX 270
- Sewerage Authority.....X 258
- Tax Assessment.....X 234, 235
- Tax CollectorX 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

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