



Warren Township NEWS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

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From Our Mayor...

With the United States economy's poor health and the State's impending budget cuts, we usually don't think too much about the impact all of this is having on Warren Township. I can assure you, however, that the impact is real and it could be very large. The Township Committee members and I are spending much of our effort trying to minimize the impact of the declining economy on the financial well-being of our residents. The idea of a property tax increase is abhorrent to all of us and we are taking steps right now to insure that real cost reductions are achieved so that tax increases will not be needed. Some of these efforts include:

- * Meeting with our Boards of Education to look at the cost efficiencies of shared services and discussing any tax increase proposal
- * Negotiating a new municipal budget within Warren that is something all departments can live with given the reality of lower State aid and lower tax assessments.

While we do this, we must also look after the very real needs of Warren and her citizenry:

- * Insure the safety of our residents by working with the Fire/Police/Rescue squads on supporting their equipment needs
- * Grow our recreation assets by working with Somerset County to acquire additional Open Space land; improve our fields and services to accommodate our citizens need for recreational activities
- * Investigate new ways of reaching out to Warren families in need during this difficult time (e.g., Seniors)
- * -Pursue a joint "Job Fair" with Watchung Borough

Carolann Garafola, Mayor

»» *Thank You* ««

George W. Dealaman

The Warren Township Public Library and the Warren Township Committee would like to publicly recognize and express its sincere gratitude to the family of George W. Dealaman for his extremely generous bequest to the library of \$100,000.00.

We know how important the library was to Mr. Dealaman, this gift and his previous gifts have helped us grow and thrive and have benefited all in the community over the years.

We plan to continue to honor his legacy with another plaque and to expand our library programming. Our appreciation is perpetual, as was his generosity.



CODINGTON FARMSTEAD

First Sundays Re-open May 3rd

1pm to 4pm

The end of winter is here and springtime at Codington Farmstead is a true celebration of life with leaves emerging on the 150 year old walnut, apple

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Park and Ride Survey

Available on www.warrennj.org

April 1st through April 30th

The Warren Township Committee with the assistance of New Jersey Department of Transportation, Somerset County Planning Board, and RIDEWISE of Raritan Valley, is discussing the feasibility of developing a Park and Ride commuter lot near Exit 33 and/or Exit 36 of I-78. Your assistance through this survey is important to assist the Township Committee in our decision process. Your input in responding to the short survey is greatly appreciated and will allow the Township Committee to render an appropriate decision.

The survey will be available on the Warren Township web site (<http://www.warrennj.org>) from April 1st through April 30th. For residents that do not have internet access from their private residence the Warren Township Library located at 42 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, NJ has computers available for your use.

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 \$11,000 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. 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 45 houses since 1989.

In order to be eligible, the following guidelines are in effect as of 2008. Income cannot exceed the following amounts per households:

1 person.....	\$54,152
2 person.....	\$61,888
3 person.....	\$69,624
4 person.....	\$77,360

Additional information is available on the Warren Township web site: www.warrennj.org.

PARIS Service Shared with Somerset County

Township Clerk's Office

Under the guidance of the Township Clerk, *the Township has joined with Somerset County in a shared services program utilizing PARIS (Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support) Grant funding from the State.* At no cost to the Township, there has been a major re-organization of municipal records with the assistance of municipal staff and County consultants. Over 20% of Township records have been reviewed and marked for destruction according to law. When State approval is received, these records will be shredded. In addition, over 400 file boxes containing permanent records will be shipped to an archival facility for safe keeping. The Township, along with other municipalities, will again join with the County in applying for \$1.8 million in PARIS grant funding from the State. The next stage of the shared services program will be to bring paper documents to an electronic format so that Township records will be protected and recovered in the event of a disaster.

The Township Clerk's Office is an excellent source of information and guidance and an important link between the residents and the Township Committee. The Township Clerk serves the municipal corporation and the governing body, serves as Election Official and as Records Manager. The office also issues licenses such as liquor, raffles, flea market/public auctions and block party permits. Copies of ordinances, resolutions and minutes may be obtained in this office.

Did you know that the Warren Township MASTER PLAN, MUNICIPAL BUDGET, ORDINANCES and TOWNSHIP MAPS are available on www.warrennj.org?

Warren Township continues to lead the way...

Low-Income Housing COAH

COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) was formed as a result of a Supreme Court decision over two decades ago that declared that there was not enough low and moderate income housing available in all municipalities. Since the decision, COAH has issued two sets of required housing numbers that each town had to fulfill within a certain timeframe.

Third Round Rules released late last year by COAH stripped away most provisions that would have benefited a Township like Warren. This has resulted in a forceful response by the majority of Mayors throughout the state as new requirements were predicted to increase property taxes. The Township Committee is working with neighboring municipalities to challenge the regulation in order to insure the assigned numbers are appropriate

Warren Township has always led the way in managing its' low and moderate income requirements. As other towns brace and are struggling to fulfill the State of New Jersey's low and moderate income housing requirements, Warren Township, having filed its affordable housing plan with the state in December 2008, continues to be in compliance with Affordable Housing statutes in order to assure tax payers are protected.

Sewerage Authority

All sewer service customers are billed twice a year, each bill having two stubs attached for payment remittance. Homeowners should have received the first and second quarter bills in early January. **Third and Fourth Quarter bills will be mailed in early July.**

Bills become delinquent the 10th day after the due date and are subject to an 18 percent annual interest. Additional information can be found on the back of the bill for mailing addresses and hours. Bills can be paid in person at the Municipal Building or by mail. We do not accept credit cards. Bills that carry the previous year's fees are subject to the annual Township tax sale held each December.

The Authority's three sewerage treatment plants located in the Northern parts of Warren and various pumping stations throughout the Township are undergoing major refurbishment and upgrading due to their age and current Department of Environmental Protection requirements. These projects are being funded through bonds which were issued in 2003 and 2006.

The Authority meets every third Wednesday of the Month and is comprised of seven volunteer board members who reside in Warren. The public is welcome at these meetings which begin at 8PM in the Warren Township Courtroom.

After hour's sewer emergency:

A reminder to homeowners that if you have a sewer emergency after regular weekday hours please call the Warren Township Police Department at 908 753-1000 and they will direct your call. The Authority has on call wastewater treatment operators twenty four hours a day seven days a week.

Be A Good Witness

By Chief Russell Leffert

There are two schools of thought regarding the economy and rates of crime. Suffice to say, some experts believe that the status of the economy does not affect crime, while others believe that a bad economy drives the crime rate upward. Personally, I subscribe to the latter and in these times, am mindful of a potential rise.

The Warren Police Department is continually working on ways to proactively combat crime in our community. One of our proven and most effective tools, is the use of residents as our extended eyes and ears of the police department. Our community at large is a force multiplier which must not be overlooked. Citizen observation and documentation of good information regarding criminal activity is oftentimes crucial in arrests and prosecutions. That being said however, eyewitness observations are only as effective as the witnesses themselves. Here are a few suggestions that may help you to be a good witness.

Don't trust your memory

- Write down what you observed as soon as possible after the event.
- If you have artistic abilities, sketch what you saw.

Don't discuss your observations

Do not "compare notes" with other witness or talk about the event prior to speaking with the police.

Use reference points in an attempt to be specific

Most doorways in a house are 80". When estimating the height of a person ask yourself, how much of the doorway did the subject fill up?

Compare vehicle sizes, styles and colors to other vehicles parked nearby or vehicles you may be familiar with.

Use all of your senses. What you see, hear or even smell may be of great importance.

What alerted you to what you saw?

- Did you hear, smell or feel something prior to your observations?
- Did a vehicle have a loud exhaust, oddly colored lights?
- Did a person remind you of someone else, someone you know?
- Did you recognize a cologne, fragrance or perfume?

Don't filter out information

Advise the police of everything you recall. Even the smallest piece of information may be the key. Our current DNA technology means that a piece of hair, flake of skin or smudge of saliva on a discarded toothpick may be the piece of evidence needed to make a case.

Most importantly though is to remember that you can only be a good witness if you are willing to get involved. Don't talk yourself out of calling the police. We want to hear from you, we can not do this job alone. If something doesn't seem right, trust your instincts and call us. You may have just the piece of information we need. Don't put yourself in a situation where you have to say, "Oh I wish I had called you", because trust me, our response will always be the same. We wish you had called us too.

Warren Township Library



Did you know the Somerset County Library System can borrow materials for you from other libraries nation-wide?

The Warren Township Library is a branch of the Somerset County Library System (SCLS) which now boasts eight branches. As an SCLS library card holder, you have access to all materials available in the system. This access means a library courier travels to each branch every day so materials requested are delivered to your home branch for pick-up. Requesting materials through the library homepage is easy to do.

Visit the SCLS website online at www.somerset.lib.nj.us. You will see in the middle of the homepage a box that allows you to specify your search by title, author, keyword, etc and type in what you are looking for. Once you find it, you can place the item on hold by clicking on the place hold box and typing in your library barcode and your PIN (typically the last four digits of your home telephone number). One of the other convenient features is the ability for you to see a list of items checked out on your card, renew items before they are due back and find out where you are on the list for items you are waiting for. The library will contact you when the item you request is in either via email or telephone.

With nearly a million items in our combined collections, it is hard to believe we request materials from libraries outside of the Somerset County Library System but we can and we do. This service is called Inter Library Loan. It is a costly expense for the library so we ask you to take that into consideration before making a request. Visit SCLS online at www.somerset.lib.nj.us Click on the Search page of the website and then click on Inter Library Loan to initiate a request. There is a list of FAQs for more detailed information. Of course, you can always come in and make your request in person or call us at 908-754-5554 x28. Consulting with a librarian is always a good idea as often we own excellent alternatives for a title requested.

Hope to see you at the Library.

Department of Public Works

MINI DUMP

Open every Saturday
(Excluding Holiday Weekends)

April 4, 2009 through October 24 2009



You can get dispose of old furniture, appliances and other items that you no longer want or need at the Warren Township Mini Dump which is open to all Warren Residents.

The hours of the Mini Dump are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There is a slight fee for using the dump - cars = \$15.00, station wagons = \$20.00, small van or pick-up = \$35.00, full size van = \$55.00, and a full size pick-up \$75.00.

The Warren Township Mini Dump, located at the Public Works Garage, 1 Bardy Road, is open to all Warren Residents.

Help us help you ---

New Jersey isn't called the Garden State for nothing - things grow quickly here. Please let us know about any vegetation that needs to be cut back along township roads.

Pot holes and sink holes can happen quickly please let us know if you should spot one - also please know that pot holes and sink holes cannot be repaired in extreme cold.

We have a lot of trees in Warren Township. Please let us know about any dead, diseased, downed trees and branches on township property.

When it rains it pours. Please report any water drainage problems to us. Many times, drainage problems are because the catch basins or gutters are clogged with leaves - oh, and please do not blow grass cuttings or leaves into the gutters - it's against the New Jersey Clean Water Act Rules.

**The Warren Township Department of Public Works
(908) 753-1223.**



Wagner Farm Arboretum and Learning Center

We're Growing in Your Community!

We are very proud to announce that our organic **Community Garden**, including the Giving Garden, was a great success in 2008. It was quite amazing that although we doubled the size of the garden, all of the plots were rented and we continued to maintain a waiting list. By the end of February 2009 the Community Garden is once again full with a waiting list. The Giving Garden portion also doubled, making it possible to have donated over 5000 pounds of produce to the needy. The Giving Garden is always in need of volunteers, both individuals and groups, so if you would like to help in the Giving Garden please contact Ernie Cottrill at elcottrill@wfafnj.org.

Children's Garden Open House

Saturday, May 16 (rain date - Sunday, May 17)

Last fall with the help of many volunteers we were able to start the Children's Garden. The New Jersey Land Conservancy organized a group of over 40 volunteers from Chubb & Son, a group from Citicorp, and along with many individuals we were able to start a portion of each of the four quadrants of the Children's Garden. The NJ Land Conservancy is in the process of organizing another group to work on the Children's Garden in June of this year. During our plant/art/craft sale weekend we will be opening the garden for a sneak preview. We need volunteers to help with the garden's development as well maintenance. There are still many items that need to be funded. If you would like to become involved in the Children's Garden please contact Holly Hall at administrator@wfafnj.org.

5TH Annual Plant/Art Sale

May 15, 16 & 17

We will have annuals and perennials as well as vegetables for sale. We will have artwork and crafts by local artists as well as crafts created by students. Again we will have a silent auction.

"**Our Growing to Give**" program was such an overwhelming success that we have been asked to coordinate the program again this year for all of Central School as well as some students from the kindergarten and third grade classes at Mount Horeb School. This program gave the students an opportunity to plant vegetable seeds and grow the seedlings in their classrooms until they were mature enough to be planted in the Giving Garden. They not only learned about growing food and organic gardening but also about giving back to the community and helping the less fortunate.

Our **Children's Garden Club**, which had a great first year, will continue in the Spring. The club, which includes local children ranging in ages from 5-17, including children with special needs, met once a week at the arboretum. The children along with their parents had their own plot in the Giving Garden, which they planted and maintained. The club also helps with other tasks in the Giving Garden such as planting, weeding, watering and harvesting. In addition to gardening the club also does nature related and seasonal crafts.

If you would like to learn more about the arboretum please visit our website at: www.wfafnj.org.

WARREN TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF HEALTH

in conjunction with

MBRHC

(Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission)

WELL WATER TESTING

Numerous residential wells are tested and found contaminated with various potential health hazards every year. In response to this, *many municipalities and the State require testing of wells prior to the sale of a property and for rental properties*. The health department urges all property owners whose properties are served by a private well to test the well on an annual basis. We suggest testing for the compounds required by the State's Private Well Testing Act if you sell your home, but at a minimum wells should be tested for chemical and bacterial contamination. Well testing must be conducted by a private state certified laboratory. A list of these laboratories can be found at:

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pwta/pwta_lablist.htm.



SEPTIC SYSTEM CARE

Maintaining a Subsurface disposal system (septic system) can save you money and prevent a potential health hazard for both you and your neighbors.

Do pump your septic system frequently.

Do conserve water:

Do inspect your septic field area.

Do Not run heavy equipment over your distribution field.

Do Not place recreational equipment on your distribution field.

Do avoid biological additives.

Do avoid chemical additives.



Child Health SERVICES

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission and its member municipalities, Bound Brook, Green Brook, Middlesex, South Bound Brook, Warren, and Watchung, contract with the Community Visiting Nurses Association to offer a monthly child health conference. The child health conference offers services at no cost to children in need who reside in the municipalities of the Commission. Some of the services available are as follows:

- Childhood immunizations
- Infant and Preschool age physicals by a licensed physician
- Counseling and education by registered nurses
- Diet counseling
- Lead testing
- Guidance and education on child development

YOUR HEALTH COMMISSION'S WEB SITE

www.middlebrookhealth.org

TAX ASSESSMENT

Warren Township conducts an annual state approved reassessment program, where our goal is to inspect about 25% of the properties each year and evaluate values of all properties each year. Sales studies, analysis, investigation, and reviews are conducted annually with values being established reflecting the market as of October 1 of the pre-tax year. This program provides the capability to address fluctuating market trends upward or downward.

Important Dates

February 1: Postcards are mailed to Residents with assessments for the current year

May 1: Deadline for filing of tax appeals

August 1: Deadline for filing of farm assessment applications

October 1: Valuation date for all real property in a district

Residents should have received their 2009 assessment notice in the mail around February 1, 2009. Tax assessments are based on market value, or sales of comparable properties throughout town as of October 1st of each year.

Tax Appeals

In New Jersey, the specific remedy for property tax complaints is by appeal of the property's assessment to the County Tax Board and the various courts.

Appeals must be filed with the County Board of Taxation on or before May 1, 2009. There is additional information on the state website at the following link: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation>

You may call the county (908-541-5701) and get forms and directions mailed to you. Forms and information can also be obtained from the county tax boards located in county office building.

Somerset County Tax Board
P.O. box 3000
27 Warren St., 4th Floor,
Somerville, NJ 08876

If you are dissatisfied with the judgment of the County Board of Taxation you may file an Appeal with the Tax Court within 45 days of date of judgment final.

If the property's assessed valuation is greater than \$750,000 the taxpayer or taxing district may bypass the County Board of Taxation and file a petition of appeal called Form of Complaint with the Tax Court by April 1 of the tax year.

Added Assessments

New construction, structural additions and improvements are valued and taxed under the Added Assessment law. This way the property does not avoid its fair share of the tax burden for the rest of the year. The value is added from the first day of the month following completion through to the end of year. Bills are sent around October 1, and are due on November 1.

In 2008 Warren Township collected 98.93% of taxes billed. Thank you for insuring your timely payment.

RABIES CLINIC

The Warren Board of Health in conjunction with the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be offering *one* rabies clinic this spring. All residents are encouraged to have their dog or cat vaccinated against rabies.

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Washington Valley Fire House
Washington Valley Road
Warren, NJ

If your pet has been previously vaccinated the health department recommends that your dog or cat be vaccinated every other year. If your pet has not been vaccinated against rabies now is the time. **The clinic is free to all.** All dogs must be controlled on a leash and cats must be contained in a carrier. We recommend that you confirm by calling 732-356-8090 or 908-753-8000 ext. 239 just prior to the clinic.

Warren Township, Watchung Borough &
The Warren Business and Professional Assoc.
Proudly Announce

JOB FAIR & NETWORKING EVENT

**AT
Warren Middle School**

100 Old Stirling Road
Warren, NJ 07059

April 18, 2009

(Time & Details to Follow)

Important Tax Dates

**2nd QTR 2009 tax due May 1,
2009**

**On or about July 24, 2009,
the tax bills for
3rd & 4th QTR 2009 and 1st & 2nd QTR 2010
will be mailed to residents.**

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.

If you are paying your own taxes, please mail in sufficient time to insure that it is received prior to the end of the grace period. After the 10th of the month, interest is charged at a rate of 8% for the first \$1,500 and 18% thereafter.

ZONING OFFICE REMINDER

The Township requires permits for all sheds, fences, signs and tree removal. Application forms may be obtained on the Warren Township website at 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 (except holidays) to answer questions and receive zoning complaints. We may also be reached at 908-753-8000 x 243 or email alane@warrentboe.org.

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Fire Officers for 2009

Tim McGowan Fire Chief
Al Shjarback Asst. Chief Mt. Bethel Fire Co. #1
George Cooney Asst. Chief Mt. Horeb Fire Co. #2
Kai VonRiman Asst. Chief Community Fire Co. #3
John Tucker Asst. Chief Washington Valley Fire Co. #4

Last year the Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department responded to 374 fire calls of various types. We held 53 training drills covering many fire extinguishment and safety topics. During October Fire Prevention Month we conducted Fire Prevention presentations in all the Township grammar schools, and many of the private schools and day care centers.

The Fire Department operates 4 fire pumper's, 1 ladder truck, 3 support vehicles, 2 water tankers, 1 brush/rescue unit, 1 incident command unit, 1 fire police vehicle and 1 storm/food trailer out of 4 fire houses and has an active membership of 79. The members of the Department are committed to providing the residents of Warren with the best fire protection we possibly can.

You will be pleased to know that the Fire Department maintains the highest ISO rating a volunteer fire department can attain and has for over 30 years. This rating is used in determining what your homeowner's insurance company will charge you to insure your home. The higher the ISO rating the lower the premium. The ISO rating is based on many things, the availability of water/hydrants, the number of pumper's and ladder trucks, the equipment carried on fire apparatus, the number of volunteers and their level of training, and response time to calls just to name a few.

Your Fire Department is one of the few fire departments in the area that respond to calls from residents with flooded basements. We would like to review the criteria we use for responding to these types of calls. The fire department will respond only when the amount of water in the basement is at least 8 inches deep or above the first step of the staircase. Our pumps can only pump the water level down to about 1 inch unless there is a sump hole. Please keep in mind we have a limited number of pumps and will respond to your call as soon as we can. We do our best in prioritizing the calls received. So if we don't respond to your call right away we ask that you be patient, we will get to you. Please be aware that we can't spend a lot of time at each house or leave our pumps at your house for extended periods of time. Our mission is to get you out of trouble as best we can and move on to the next resident. It is your responsibility to take whatever action necessary to maintain a dry basement going forward. Sometimes that may mean purchasing and maintaining your own pumps. Recently we put a new Storm/Flood trailer into service to be able to more efficiently care for the needs of residents during storms.

Antique/Classic & Race Car Show

The Fire Department is running the 4th annual Warren Township Antique/Classic & Race Car Show on September 13, 2009. Last year there were over 300 cars on display. All proceeds from the show go toward the purchase of firefighting equipment. Please come out and support your Fire Department it's a great day for the family. **Please keep in mind the fact that we are 100% Volunteer, we save the taxpayers of Warren approximately 2 million dollars a year by not having to pay for a career fire department.**

It is my fervent hope that you don't need our services, but if you do I will promise you that we will do all we can to help you in a professional and respectful manor.

Fire Chief Tim McGowan (908) 753-8000 x 269.

Have you checked your smoke detector batteries lately? Now is as good a time as any.

Clothes Dryer Fire Safety

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

Safety Tips

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional
- Do not operate the dryer without a lint filter. Clean the lint filter before and after each use. Remove accumulated lint around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible **metal** venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean the lint out of the vent pipe or have a lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be serviced by a professional to ensure that the gas line and connections are intact and free of leaks.
- Avoid overloading the dryer. Follow the manufactures operating instructions
- Do not leave the dryer running if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Make sure the outdoor vent flap is not covered by snow.
- Never dry items that come in contact with flammable substances, such as cooking oil, gasoline, paint thinner, alcohol.
- Keep the dryer area clear of things that can burn, such as boxes or clothing

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 Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance

What we believe...

Prevention education is a buzz word. We raise funds for it, write grants to support it and hope schools and other social institutions would encourage it. But just what is Prevention Education.

Once a young child or teenager has had an alcoholic drink or used an illegal substance or used a substance illegally, the chance to prevent substance abuse has all but disappeared. Literature clearly supports education, discussion, and early intervention as a means to prevent that first incident. The longer you keep a child away from substances, the greater hope for a non-addicted life. The stronger, the more confident, and the better self esteem of a child, the greater hope there is for a non-addicted life. Conversely, alcohol and drugs stunt emotional growth, lead to poor choices, cause medical and psychological problems, stop educational growth and can destroy families and futures.

We tell our children to "...look both ways before crossing a street..." and we tell them why. Unfortunately, for many different reasons, we do not deliver that same message about the use/misuse of substances. Municipal Alliances believe in educating to prevent the first incident. We believe in educating to reinforce the dangers of substance abuse. We believe in educating to support a confident child or to shore up a depressed one. We believe in educating to provide coping skills for life's ups and downs. We believe in educating to provide for early identification of the high risk child.

We educate kids but we also educate their parents through our Parenting Series. We have had special sessions for senior citizens on the dangers of mixing prescription drugs and alcohol and the danger that exists when they medicate themselves.

Prevention education is awareness, information, self identification and coping skills. If you believe as we do, join us!

**Call us for HELP
(908) 753-6903**

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CODINGTON FARMSTEAD - First Sundays and persimmon trees, the blossoming of the daffodils planted in the 1870's and the annual vegetable garden planting. Closed for the winter, **the Codington Farmstead opens again for docent-led tours on Sunday, May 3rd, from 1pm to 4pm and, then, the first Sunday of each month through November.**

Located at 15 Mt. Horeb Road on the west side of Warren (just a block from Pingry School), the Codington Farmstead is **run by a group of volunteers called the "Friends of Codington"** and consists of fifty-five acres of hiking trails, a 200 year old oak forest and a five bedroom farmhouse built in 1740 and lovingly maintained by the Friends group. "We have a lot of projects planned for the next few months," says Doug Reeder, curator for Codington Farmstead, "and we would really like to expand our Friends group, especially with some of our young residents in the Girl/Boy Scouts and students who are looking for meaningful volunteer work. No particular skills are needed and much of the work involves cleaning, painting and outdoor activities. For people with a more creative nature, there are many historical exhibits we would like to see completed in the house."

Individuals or groups who would like to be a part of helping maintain Codington Farmstead and adding to the history of Warren should contact Doug Reeder at 908-580-1052 or dougreeder@optonline.net.

2009 BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NEW APPOINTMENTS

The Township Committee extends congratulations to *NEW* appointees (see below) and to those who have been re-appointed to Boards, Commissions and Fire Departments. Thank you for volunteering your dedication and service to the Township. A complete list of all Board, Commission and Committee appointees is available on the Township Website.

<u>Boards & Commissions</u>	<u>2009 NEW Members</u>
Planning Board	Derrick Freijomil
Sewerage Authority	Jack Costa Richard Titus
Traffic Advisory Committee	Robert Gray
Youth Services Commission	Rev. Brent Haggerty Jeanne Neuwirth Dan Reeves

Did you know that the Warren Township BOARDS & COMMITTEES MEETING CALENDARS, AGENDAS and MINUTES are available on www.warrennj.org?

WARREN MEDIA TV 15

This past year Warren Township's Cable Station has had a few changes and can now be viewed by **both Cablevision customers on Channel 15** (or Channel 99.6) and **Verizon customers on Channel 44.**

Cablevision is now transmitting Channel 15 by digital signal only. In August Cablevision sent a notice to all customers that the change meant that a Cable Box would be required to see the channel or have televisions with a QAM tuner (a feature found on most newer digital televisions). Most Cablevision customers have at least one Cable Box and so on those TV's connected to the box would find Channel 15. If you have older televisions in your home that do not have a Cable Box on them, then you will not be able to see Channel 15. But, if you have newer digital televisions and do not have a Cable Box on them, then you can see our station at Channel 99.6. I know this is very confusing and the practice is called Channel Slamming when the signal goes digital and is sent to the end of the channel lineup.

For more information please contact Cablevision at 732-356-1300. If you have any questions/comments about Warren Media TV please call 908-753-8000 ext 267, we'd love to hear your comments.



2009 Warren Township Officials

Top row L to R: Frank Salvato - Committee Member, Patricia DiRocco - Twp. Clerk,
 Mal Plager - Committee Member, Mark Krane - Twp. Administrator,
 Jeffrey Lehrer - Twp. Attorney
 Bottom row L to R: Vic Sordillo - Deputy Mayor, Carolann Garafola - Mayor,
 Gary DiNardo - Committee Member

Important Websites

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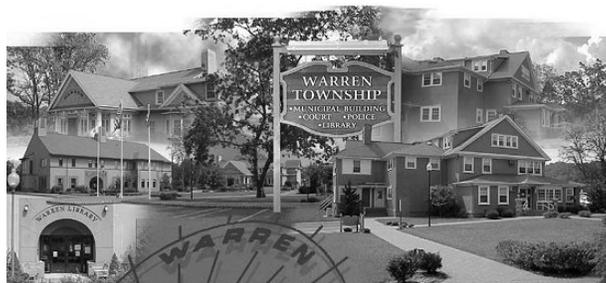
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