



Warren Township NEWS

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Spring/Summer 2013

From Our Mayor

The Township Committee is presently establishing the budget for 2013. It is a critical process in that it has a direct impact on your property taxes. Although running the Town accounts for only about 12% of property the tax bill, we diligently examine all aspects of spending.

One aspect of the budget is State aid although it has been reduced over the years and had to be made up by increases in the amount paid by the property owners. In 2013 for the 3rd consecutive year it will remain unchanged. This reality, while unwelcomed, was required to put New Jersey back into better fiscal condition. Over the past three years, the State passed balanced budgets, saved over \$100 billion in pension reforms and cut millions in wasteful spending.

Our children and seniors want to continue to live in New Jersey to be close to family and friends but, when property taxes make up 25% or more of household budget, this may not be an option. Like you, your Township Committee wants family close to us and, as your elected officials, focusing on property taxes is one of our most urgent priorities.

The Township Committee, under the leadership of our Finance Chairwoman Carolann Garafola, is working long hours on our 2013 spending needs and producing a budget that supports the needs of our residents. Some of our uncontrollable expenses include state imposed pension obligations and debt service for open space purchases and purchase of Fire Equipment. We also continue to see increases in healthcare costs and have implemented appropriate cost sharing with employees.

One of the more difficult budget restrictions is the Tax Levy Cap (TLC). The State only allows us to increase, with exclusions, the TLC by 2% annually. Although this is a good practice for some communities, it has a negative effect on others. This is due to the fact that if we go below the CAP in a given year, our base is reduced. Over the years Warren has been very fiscally conservative so we are restricted from making some investments in the future. In fact, we are at less than 10% of the allowable debt. For a public entity, we are in great financial condition.

As most of you are aware, there is a formal process to appeal your property tax bill if you believe that your assessment is inaccurate. If you have any questions on the process, contact the Tax Assessor's office 908-753-8000 ext. 235.

Thank you for your continued support and for taking the time to understand the process.

Victor J. Sordillo - Mayor



@warrennj.org

Coming 5/1/13

On May 1, 2013, the Township of Warren will implement new email addresses for the Township Committee and all non-police department staff.

The Township Committee has determined that the Township should utilize an email address with its own identity with the same address as the website. Effective May 1st the email address for the Township will be, by means of example, mkrane@warrennj.org. You may check the directory in the website for the parties you are seeking to reach.

The Warren Township Police Department, in order to comply with NJ Attorney General Regulations, must maintain a separate email address. Their email address is and will remain, by means of example: rleffert@warrenpolice.com.

The Township has utilized the email system of the Warren Board of Education since 2000. The Township greatly appreciates the service provided by the Board of Education and its technology staff.

We appreciate your cooperation during this transition period as we try to improve our service to our residents.

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

WARREN GREEN FAIR

April 27, 10am - 1pm Municipal Parking Lot
Rain Date May 4, 10am-1pm

You are invited to

THE 3RD WARREN ANNUAL GREEN FAIR

This FREE event, sponsored by The Warren Green Team will be held Saturday, April 27, 10am -1pm at the Warren Municipal Parking Lot. (Rain date of May 4)

- **Bring your books for a Book Swap** where you can trade books you no longer need for other books of interest!
- **Community Groups & Environmental Information**

Free Tree Seedlings to the first 300 participants!



We anticipate that the Tree species offered will be White Oak, Eastern Pine, Douglas Fir, Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, or Northern Red Oak. Trees should not be planted in the front yard so as to insure that the trees do not interfere with power lines as they mature.

Recycling Old Medicines, -Eyeglasses' Styrofoam, Electronics including TVs, computers, cell phones, video games and systems, Shoes- gently worn or new'. Ink toner & cartridges. -Books, DVDs, CDs. -Bottle Caps. Textiles such as clothing, sheets, drapes, & towels.

Paper Shredding (completed in front of you!)

Spring News from the Warren Township Green Team:

- ✚ If you are doing any plantings or gardening consider native plants, which are adapted to thrive in our soil and climate. Native plants also help support the ecosystem.
- ✚ Consider minimizing your use of lawn and garden pesticides. An informational brochure on pesticide reduction is available to all on the Warren Township website on the Green Team pages and the Warren Green Team Facebook page.

For more information about the Green Fair and other Green Team programs, please check out the Green Team pages of the Warren Township website or our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/warrengreenteam

Or contact Laura Mandell, Green Team Chair at lauragm1@aol.com



Wagner Farm Arboretum

www.wfafnj.org

2013 Spring/Summer Events

- Tuesday, April 2..... **GROWING TO GIVE**
- Thu, May 16 (Rain date: 5/17).....Garden Prep
- Wed, May 29 (Rain date: 5/30).....Planting
- May 10, 11, & 12 **SPRING BLOOMS**
- Friday, May 10.....Plant Sale
- Saturday, May 11Children's Garden Event
-Garden Art Contest
-WFA Art Exhibition
-Plant Sale
- Sunday, May 12Plant Sale
- Sunday, July 14..... **HONEY EXTRACTION & CRAFT FAIR**
-Honey extraction by Rich Lepik,
-Garden Art Contest
-Morris Somerset Beekeepers
- Wednesday, August 21 **MOVIE NIGHT**
-Alice in Wonderland

Wagner Farm Arboretum

197 Mountain Avenue, Warren, New Jersey • 07059
908 350-7383



NJ Register Ready

Available In Warren Township

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

www.registerready.nj.gov



Warren Township Rescue Squad *Needs Your Help!*

NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

At the Rescue Squad building, 6 Bardy Road
(behind the Municipal complex)

Sunday, May 5, 2013

1:00pm-5:00pm

Warren Rescue Squad is an all-volunteer organization that responds to the medical emergency calls for the town. On Sunday May 5, 2013, the Warren Township Rescue Squad will host an open house for residents who are interested in learning more about membership in the Squad, as well as its numerous benefits.

Tours of the building will be offered and refreshments will be served. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with the EMTs and learn about what they do. During the Open House, there will be giveaways, and children can explore the ambulances.

Please call (908) 753-2477 for more information.

YOUR TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

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

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

The Township Clerk's office is an excellent source of information and can assist you in obtaining the services you require. Patricia DiRocco and her staff are always happy to lend assistance to residents and the general public. New residents may be especially interested in obtaining the very useful Township Information Pamphlet. Please stop by!

2013 ELECTION DAYS:

Primary Election Day – Tuesday, June 4th – Polls open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

General Election – Tuesday, November 5th – Polls open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

The School Board Election, formerly held in April, is now combined with the November General Election.

NOTICE TO VOTERS IN DISTRICTS 2, 4, 5 AND 13

POLLING LOCATION CHANGE

Please be advised that the polling location for voters in Districts 2, 4, 5 and 13 has been changed from Washington Valley Fire Company to Our Lady of the Mount Parish Center at 167 Mount Bethel Road. The change is in effect for the all elections. If you have any questions or need guidance, please call Patricia DiRocco, Township Clerk at 908-753-8000 ext. 223.

Districts 1 & 3	Mount Horeb Fire House 19 Elm Avenue	Districts 2, 4, 5 & 13	Our Lady of the Mount Center 167 Mount Bethel Road <small>(old location Washington Valley Firehouse)</small>
Districts 11 & 12	Warren Library 44 Mountain Boulevard	Districts 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10	Our Lady of the Mount Center 167 Mount Bethel Road



**Warren Township
OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**
Jane Asch, Coordinator (908) 753-8000 x 262



Portable Generator Safety

The frequency of storm events year round appears to be increasing and frequently these events result in power outages. Portable generators are useful in these situations. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) would like to remind you of some basic safety measures for generator use:

- Carefully read and adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for safe operations of a generator.
- Never use a generator indoors or in an attached garage because the engine gives off carbon monoxide which is lethal to humans.
- Generators must be operated outside the home, and at least ten feet from the house.
- Generators should be secured with a lock and chain.
- Gasoline for generators should be stored in a well-ventilated area, and in approved, non-glass safety containers.
- To avoid "backfeed" into power lines and a house fire, only a licensed electrician should "hardwire" a generator into your home.
- Always turn the motor off to fill a generator with gasoline, and never fill a generator while the engine is running.
- If the generator must be connected to the house wiring to power appliances, a qualified electrician should install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electric Code and all applicable state and local electrical codes. A permit is required for this installation and can be obtained from the Construction Department in the Municipal Building.

OXIDIZERS + HYDROCARBONS



(Chlorine + Gasoline/oil/lighter fluid)



= POTENTIAL FIRE

During the spring/summer months homeowners deal with hazardous chemicals constantly. Proper storage of these chemicals is imperative in order to avoid a potential fire.

Gasoline, charcoal lighter fluid, motor oil, and other hydrocarbon products need to be stored separately from oxidizers such as chlorine and other pool chemicals. The possibility of these two products combining together can produce heat and significantly increase a potential fire.

The Warren Township Fire Marshal's Office urges you to never store these products in your home. These products should be stored in a separate storage shed / building away from the main home. Make sure that the oxidizers and hydrocarbons are well separated from each other to avoid contact.

This message is from the Warren Township Fire Marshal's Office. For further questions on safe storage practices contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 908-753-8000 ext 259. Have a safe spring / summer.

Power Failures, The New Normal?

By Chief Russell Leffert

When Hurricane Irene struck in August of 2011 we were told it was a 100 year storm. When we had 9 inches of snow in October 2011 we were told again, a 100 year storm; and Hurricane Sandy, yet another 100 year storm. While most know that the phrase “100 year storm” really means that storms of these magnitudes only have a one percent probability of occurring in our location during the stated year, these overwhelming odds don’t give us much comfort as the monster storms just seem to keep coming one after another.

Unfortunately the common denominator of these storms for us, the residents of Warren, has been the loss of power for days and weeks at a time. While I would like to tell you that things are better now and we won’t lose power again anytime soon, I won’t mislead you. The truth is, where we are located on the grids of both Public Service Electric & Gas [PSE&G] (we’re on the Northernmost end) and Jersey Central Power & Light [JCP&L] (we’re on the Southernmost end) it is really about WHEN, rather than if we will lose power again.

The most important thing that you must do when your power goes out is to **notify your power company**. One of the misconceptions that many residents have regarding power outages is that your power company **knows** when you lose power. Unfortunately this is not completely true. While the company may know when an area of town is out, small clusters of outages or individual houses without power can be missed.

When significant power outages occur, the power company sends its repair crews and other resources to the areas with the largest number of outages first. While the power companies tell us that some buildings in our area such as schools, emergency services facilities (Police, Fire, EMS) and the business district will receive priority service, the truth is that the number of outages is what drives the repair response. The larger the outage, the higher the priority. With this in mind, I cannot stress enough the importance of making your individual notification to the power company when your power goes out. It’s the “*squeaky wheel*” story; the more residents who call, the higher priority our outage becomes.

Here are some ways in which to be better prepared to help the power companies help you.

- Gather and write down all the information you may need about your power service **NOW**. Don’t wait for your power to go out to start searching for numbers. You may also put much of this info in your cell or smart phone for easy access.
- You should **know** information such as-
 - Which power company services your home (JCP&L or PSE&G)
 - Your exact home address **and** nearest cross streets to your home.
 - Your power company account number
 - The pole number of the telephone pole closest to your home (printed on a small metal plate on the pole)
 - The emergency phone numbers to report an outage to your power company -
JCP&L - 1(888) –LIGHTSS, 1(888) 544-4877
PSE&G - 1 (800) 436-PSEG (7734)

Both power companies offer the opportunity to open online accounts allowing you to report outages online. Open these accounts NOW before your power is out.

- [FirstEnergyCorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)
(https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/outages_help/Report_Power_Outages.html)
- [PSEG.Com](http://www.pseg.com/home/customer_service/outage_info/index.jsp) (http://www.pseg.com/home/customer_service/outage_info/index.jsp)



Click the Global Connect icon at www.warrenpolice.com and follow the instructions for adding your phone number to the system.

NEW HAPPENINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Spring is in the air. We venture outside into the warm breezes and watch as the foliage begins to bloom. Now is also the perfect time, given the storm we faced the end of last year, to take a really good look at your home or business. Check that all roofing is in place, gutters are clear of debris, leaders are functioning properly and all exterior coverings are intact.

Spring is also a time for new growth and new beginnings. So, with the combined efforts of the Township Committee, the Township Administrator and the Township Construction Official, here are some of the new and exciting things happening in the Construction Office.

First and foremost, the Construction Office will be accepting credit cards as an alternative form of payment for the fees it collects. No longer will residents and contractors be held to only paying by check or money order.

Second, residents and contractors will be able to track the progress of their own individual permit application via the internet. This will allow each applicant to see the progress of their own permit from the plan review stage, through the inspection stage and into its final stage to have a Certificate issued. It will also allow each applicant to respond faster to review or inspection comments as they arise.

And lastly, inspectors will be equipped with computer tablets in the field to be able to access information needed for inspections and to log in results immediately after the inspection is completed to allow permit holders information needed to move their project forward faster.

These changes will begin by mid-April and be completed by the end of June.

Changes, such as the ones listed above, along with some lessening of regulations by the State of New Jersey, will allow for a more efficient, faster permit process and enable the Township to provide exemplary service to its residents.

Any and all questions can be directed to Jeff Heiss, Construction Official, at (908) 753-8000 x 256.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Municipal Office hours?

The Warren Municipal Offices located at 46 Mountain Boulevard are open between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. You can reach us by phone at: (908) 753-8000 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also go to the [Directory page on the Warren Township website \(www.warrennj.org\)](http://www.warrennj.org) and locate individuals by department. If we are not in, please leave a message and we will return your call as promptly as possible.

Do I need a license for Dog(s) and Cat(s)? If so, how do I obtain a license?

Any resident who owns, keeps or harbors a dog and or cat of licensing age in Warren Township shall annually apply for and procure a license from the Board of Health department at the Municipal Building or by printing an application form available from the Forms page of the Township website. Dog licenses are processed in January and Cat licenses in March of each year.

What are the recycle pick-up dates? How/where can Hazardous material be disposed of?

Somerset County provides an annual schedule of drop-off dates and locations for Hazardous materials and Recycle pick-up schedule. A package containing this information is mailed to residents each year. The Department of Public Works will provide you the upcoming dates and will send you a copy of the current pickup schedule if you give them a call at (908) 753-1223. The schedule is also available on the Township web site (www.warrennj.org) on the Public Works page.

Can the Township employees be contacted by email?

The Township employees are reachable via email. Simply visit the [Directory page on the Warren Township website \(www.warrennj.org\)](http://www.warrennj.org) and locate individuals by department.

When do I need a permit?

A permit is required prior to any activity that involves road openings including the installation of curbing. - call the DPW (908) 753-1223. Permits are needed for most construction activities and questions can be directed to the Construction Dept. at (908) 753-8000: plumbing and electrical work (ext. 241 or 242). Most tree removals also require a permit (ext. 243).

What are the utility companies in Warren Township?

Gas – PSE&G
Phone – Verizon
Electric – JCP&L or PSE&G
Cable – Cablevision / FIOS
Water – New Jersey American Water Company

Strategic Planning Process

A district-wide strategic planning process has successfully begun in the Warren Township School District. The results will guide the Board of Education and administrative team in directing resources and developing programs over the next several years to address the ever-changing world of our students. After gathering input from the community and from staff, a steering committee was created, comprised of Board of Education members, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. They met to review data and establish subcommittee topics. Topics that have been identified are the following: Assets, 21st Century Learning, School Environment, Communication, Technology

Subcommittees eagerly began the challenging task of establishing goals in each of these areas and will present these goals to the steering committee in the near future. The steering committee will continue to meet throughout the year to provide motivation, direction, and oversight to the working subcommittees. By the end of the school year, recommendations will be made to the Board of Education. We are excited to have such support and collaboration in these endeavors which will ultimately have a positive impact on the future of the district.

Warren Township Schools Present at State-Wide Conferences

The Warren Township School District has the reputation of providing high quality programs to its students. Staff members shared two of the district's programs this year at two separate state-wide conferences. Teachers and administrators presented the district's work in the area of assistive technology to superintendents and school board members at the annual New Jersey School Boards conference held earlier in the year in Atlantic City. In January, district staff members also presented the work being done in the area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) through the newly implemented Innovation and Design course to the state-wide TECHSPO conference attendees.

Pride in Our Schools

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. Please check our website for the latest Pride in Our Schools publication, which highlights just a few of those successes. Go to www.warrentboe.org to see the link.

School Budget Conversations

Although the Board of Education voted to move the annual school board election to November and to stay within the mandated 2% tax levy cap to eliminate the requirement for a budget vote, Board members and the Superintendent are committed to sharing budget information with members of the public. A public input session was held on February 25th and the preliminary budget hearing was held March 4th. Superintendent Dr. Tami Crader and Business Administrator Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt will hold budget conversations in the Board of Education Conference room on April 11 at 1:30 p.m. and April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

School Security

The district is working hard to assess its current safety and security practices. Working closely with the Warren Township police, we have focused district attention to our current security plans and practices. Our efforts include the following:

- Meeting regularly with Warren Township police
- Consulting with security experts
- Updating our emergency management/safety and security plan
- Training staff and students in proper security procedures
- Practicing monthly emergency drills
- Increasing police presence on school property throughout the day

Our first priority has always been, and continues to be, the safety of our students. Schools have already tightened arrival and dismissal procedures, as well as procedures for allowing visitors into the buildings. Additionally, the district is in the process of reviewing security audit proposals from reputable security firms and plans to conduct a comprehensive assessment of buildings, procedures, and equipment.



Warren Township Library

A branch of the Somerset County Library System

"We are more than just books"

Warren Business Professional Networking Community:

The Warren Business Professional Networking Community (WBPNC) is a group designed primarily for those business professionals and/or business owners in the Warren-Watchung, NJ area, interested in networking opportunities. In conjunction with the Warren Township Library, this group has been established as a venue not only to network but also to learn through programs designed to highlight topics of interest to jobseekers and the local business community. Join this newly created group in LinkedIn. The first meeting took place in February when the LinkedIn account executive for the Greater New York City area and an experienced executive recruiter gave an informative talk about using LinkedIn to promote small businesses. The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 13 from 6 to 9 pm. Vicki Lynne Morgan, President of Russmor Marketing Group and a member of the Small Business Development Center at Raritan Valley Community College, will explore the five critical foundations that are easily applied to any business model including manufacturing, wholesale, retail and service-related industries. Entrepreneurs and business owners will discover that their personalized 'road map' based on the five foundations will enable them to move forward to achieve their goals. Keeping with the format of networking events the Warren Library has hosted in the past, there will be an opportunity to network with other attendees before and after the presentation as well as a chance to ask questions. The September 16th meeting will be "Challenges in Tough Economic Times for Small Businesses". Light food and refreshments will be served.

Open House @ Warren Library:

On Saturday, April 20 from 11 to 2 pm, the Warren Twp Library will open its doors to host an Open House. If you are new to the area, or have not been at the library in a while, this will be an opportunity to find out about everything that the Library has to offer. Learn how to download eBooks, free music and more with hands-on demonstrations. At noon singer and storyteller Jim Rohe, will entertain audiences of all ages. Play games with our new Wii U. Find out about the free Museum Pass Program, which will enable you to check out passes for free admission and special discounts at select museums in the metropolitan area, including the Guggenheim Museum, the Frick Collection, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in NYC. And in NJ visit The Stickley Museum and Grounds For Sculpture. On May 2 at 7 pm, a docent from Grounds For Sculpture will present an illustrated program to highlight the interesting history of this special place located in Hamilton, NJ. Learn about upcoming events and have a sneak-peek at the new seasonal exhibitions.

Programs for children, teens and adults:

Summer Reading Clubs for children and teens of all ages will begin on Monday, June 17, 2013. This year's themes are: "Dig Into Reading!" – for preschoolers and elementary age children and "Beneath the Surface" – for teens. Please check the library's website or stop in and pick up program flyers for complete information on all the fun events happening at the Warren Township Library this spring and summer.

Our programs for adults continue to draw in record numbers of patrons of all ages. Two "Musical Saturdays @ Warren Library" are planned for adults during the spring. The Madison String Quartet will be at the library on Saturday, April 27 at 2 pm to perform a concert entitled "From Beethoven to Buenos Aires" with an eclectic program that will include pieces from Latin American composers. On Saturday, May 18 at 2 pm the group Rave On!! will feature the music of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison and other legends of early rock-n-roll. All programs are free to the public, but registration is required for most of them as seating is limited.

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. Your tax-deductible 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 and Facebook:

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 and "like" us on www.facebook.com/WarrenLibrary.

**WARREN TOWNSHIP
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

2nd Quarter 2013 Sewer Bill due May 1, 2013

Billing Update:

The Authority is in the process of updating its utility billing software and anticipates a newly formatted bill to be sent out in June for the third and fourth quarter payments. The due dates for payment will remain the same - August 1 and November 1 - with a ten day grace period until the 10th of each respective month. To avoid having your sewer payments mistakenly applied to your property taxes, do not send your sewer payment to the lock box associated with your property taxes. Instead, please be sure to send sewer payments directly to:

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

While the Authority does not accept credit cards, you can streamline your bill payment by adding us to your online bank account bill payment feature. The accounts desk can also be reached via email at skwwtsa@aol.com regarding your balance or any other questions you may have.

The Sewerage Authority has three treatment plants and 19 pumping stations located throughout Warren, and our licensed operators are available and on call 24/7. If you have a sewer emergency during business hours, please contact us at 908 753-8000 Ext 257. Should you have a sewer emergency after office hours, please call the Warren Township Police Department at 908 753-1000, and they will alert our on-call operator.

The Authority would like to remind you:

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

In order to maintain the integrity of the collection system, the Authority asks that certain materials are not flushed or poured down the drain, as they can get tangled in the systems screens, or in your sewer lateral located on your property, which can cause a back up into your home, or otherwise cause problems at the treatment plants. These materials include: any type of handy wipes or paper towels, feminine hygiene products, paint, primer and solvents, construction material, rags and other cloth, duct tape, athletic tape, and other adhesive tapes, dental floss.

Important Tax Dates & Lock Box Info

**2nd QTR 2013 tax due
May 1, 2013**

On or about August 1, 2013, the tax bills for 3rd & 4th QTR 2013 and 1st & 2nd QTR 2014 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.

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.

ZONING OFFICE

The Township requires permits for all sheds, fences, tree removal and signs. Application forms may be obtained on the Warren Township website at www.warrennj.org 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 complaints. We may also be reached at (908) 753-8000 x 243.

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.

Do you know Warren has the following...

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS*

BOARD OF HEALTH

Seven members, six appointments from Township residents serving a three year term. Responsible for regulating activity relative to sewage disposal, potable water, enforces NJ Sanitary Law. Reviews development applications for wells and septic. Manages Animal Control Program.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A Committee to explore and develop strategies in an effort to increase business development in the Township.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Residents appointed annually to address cable issues and performance of cable company. Advises Township Committee, on best use of cable for Warren residents. Deals with operational issues of Township's Public Access Station.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Seven members, serving 3 year term. Responsible for research use and possible use of open land areas. Advises Planning Board on development issues, minutes, books, maps of open lands. Conducts programs on environmental issues.

GREENBROOK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION

Two residents appointed to represent Warren Township at Flood Control Commission meetings. The commission advocates drainage improvements into Greenbrook basin.

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

Eighteen members, serving for a 3 year term. Three (3) members shall be members of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church Manages Township owned properties; Research Township history and sites; conducts programs about Township history; makes recommendations to Township Committee.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Seven members, five of which are residents appointed for a five year term. The Advisory Board serves as a liaison to the County Library Board; manages library assets on behalf of Township Committee; makes rules for library operations; insures operation of library.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGMT.

Citizens and department representatives are appointed by the Mayor for a one year term to develop and implement a plan for Emergency Management in the event of an emergency.

OPEN SPACE SITE ACQUISITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (O.S.S.A.A.C.)

This Committee is responsible for providing recommendations to the Township Committee relative to sites to be utilized for open space and for recommending a central policy and guidelines relative to open space acquisition. Seven members appointed for a two year term (except the initial appointment).

PLANNING BOARD

Class IV membership - Six members and 2 alternate members appointed by the Mayor for four year term. Reviews, amends and adopts master plan, administers land subdivision and site plan ordinance; reviews applications for development; reviews general planning issues; reviews proposed Township Committee Zoning and Land Use Ordinance for consistency with Master Plan.

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSION

Seven members, serving for a 5 year term. Coordinate recreation activity by sporting leagues, use of Township property for recreation purposes. Conducts cultural programs, Township basketball and summer recreation programs.

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Five residents over the age of 60, appointed for a 5 year term to advise Township Committee on senior issues.

SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Five members, serving a 5 year term. Manages the Wastewater Treatment System for Township; collects fees for same; reviews all development to which public sewers will be provided.

VEHICULAR & PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Shall advise Township Committee, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment as to traffic issues relative to pending development applications. Advises Township Committee as to intersection and road improvements and maintenance on County and/or Township roads. Makes recommendations on other traffic issues.

WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE

Five residents serving for a one year term along with representatives of Watchung, Long Hill, Greenbrook Townships, to implement programs for drug and alcohol prevention and counseling.

ZONING / BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Seven members who are residents, appointed by the Township Committee for a four year term, plus two alternate members who are residents, appointed for a two year term. The Board reviews decisions of the Zoning Officer, on appeals of aggrieved parties and grants variances from the Zoning Ordinance as permitted by law.

***Let us know if you are interested in volunteering to serve the Township by completing and submitting the application form available on the Forms page of the website (www.warrennj.org) or obtain a copy from our Township Clerk.**

WARREN TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF HEALTH

(908) 753-8000 Ext 239

in conjunction with

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC)

www.middlebrookhealth.org

111 Greenbrook Road
Green Brook, NJ 08812

Kevin G. Sumner
Health Officer/Director.org

PET LICENSING

Pet owners are required by local law to license their pets every year. In order for the license to be issued, the owner must present proof that a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated the pet against rabies and that the duration of immunity from that vaccination extends through at least ten months of the twelve-month licensing period.

The Health Commission has learned that pet licensures seem to be declining and we want to tell you why it is important to license your dogs and cats. Licensing your pet allows local authorities to identify the animal and its owners if it happens to get loose. The license tag enables the quick and easy return of your loved animal. In addition, licensure proves that the pet is appropriately vaccinated against rabies. If your pet happens to bite someone then its license tells local authorities that it is current on its rabies vaccine and the bite victim has less to worry about. Your license fees are used toward the provision of animal control services. A licensed animal control officer is available to provide professional services when an animal incident occurs.

Finally, failure to license your pet may lead to enforcement action and penalties by the health department and/or police department. So, please license your pet by contacting the municipal building. It is one sign of a responsible pet owner.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be reinvigorating its strategic planning efforts in the spring of 2013. In order to make the final document a realistic and valuable tool Health Officer Kevin Sumner strongly encourages the input of Commission residents. Are there strengths, opportunities, or activities of the Commission that you truly value or that you question? We would love to hear your thoughts on what you think your local health department should be doing and what it should look to accomplish over the next few years. Let your thoughts and voice be heard.

Health Officer Kevin Sumner would love to talk to you. Contact him at 732-968-5151 ext. 1 or by email at: ksumner@middlebrookhealth.org.

The Commission staff and members want to assure that we are providing the best and most important services, in an effective and efficient manner.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2013

TIME: 8:30 am to 9:30 am

WHERE: Washington Valley Fire House

Washington Valley Road, Warren, NJ

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, with the Warren Township Board of Health, will be offering one rabies clinic this spring. 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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

(908) 753-1223



MINI DUMP

Public Works Garage, 1 Bardy Road

Open every Saturday

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

(Excluding Holiday Weekends)

May 4, 2013 through September 28, 2013

The Mini Dump is located at the Warren Township Public Works Garage, 1 Bardy Road, Warren, New Jersey. Commercial vehicles and trailers are not accepted. There is a fee for using the dump, please refer to www.warrennj.org for complete list of fees. Visit the Township website for a detailed list of what items are accepted.

Reporting Problems:

Call us to report overgrown vegetation, missing street signs, etc., or with any questions. Pot holes and sink holes can happen quickly. Notify us if you see any. Remember pot holes and sink holes cannot be repaired in extreme cold temperatures. Report any water drainage problems. Many times, drainage problems are because the catch basins or gutters are clogged with leaves. It is against the New Jersey Clean Water Act Rules to throw anything into the catch basins or in the streets.



Somerset County Household Hazardous Waste Day

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the

Warren Township Public Works Garage at 1 Bardy Road

Call us for a detailed list of what items will and will not be accepted.



EASTER EGG HUNT/SPRING WAGON BIKE PARADE Come join us on **April 6** (rain date April 7) Yes, it is after Easter! Sign in 1:30, parade begins at Municipal Complex parking lot at 2pm. Egg Hunt after parade is for ages 3-6 & 7-10; \$7 per child. Lots of prizes will be given away. **Must** pre-register online. No walk-in's please *Residents only*

TENNIS LESSONS Beg to low intermediate, Ages 4-Adult. 6 weeks, one day a week, 55 minute classes. Cost: \$100
Spring: Starting April 8 Fall: Starting Sept. 16th. *Summer Camps too* **Pre-Register online**

TRAILS CLEANUP DAY Recreation is looking for volunteers to cleanup Glenhurst Trails on **April 14th** from 9am-noon. Please call the recreation office to sign up.

MEET PLAYGROUND & TEEN CAMP DIRECTORS – April 18 at 7pm at the Susie B Boyce Court House. Camp Registrations begin April 15 until camp is full. Deadline is June 17 – 1pm.

FREE FISHING DERBY family event on **May 18th** at Dealaman Nature Trail Pond. Prizes for ages 5-14! Casting & Fishing Demo at 11am sharp. Just show up & show proof of residency. Park off of Technology Dr. *Residents only.*

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS June 5 Keynotes- 50's-80's classics; 26th Michael Craig Band- classic pop; **July 31st** Susana Rich/uses Poetry, Theater & Music to entertain. Starts 7:30pm & all held at Municipal Complex court yard.

CONCERT SERIES June 19th "Nostalgia" a 16 Piece Big Band; Concert for kids both interactive fun **July 10th** "Simple Gifts" Folk Art; **July 24** Presley & Melody all at 7pm; Held at the Municipal front parking lot, rain place is the Stonecrest Community Church off of Technology Dr. by the post office.

ROCK, DOO-WOP AND CAR CRUISE AT WHRHS July 19th - Car Cruise 5:30 PM - Concert 8 PM. As Seen on PBS TV - Host Don K. Reed, WCBS FM, Shirley Alston Reeves, Original lead of The Shirelles, (Soldier Boy, Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow) Larry Chance & Earls, (Remember Then, Life Is But A Dream) And Bob Marino with Barbra Lawson. ANTIQUE CAR CRUISE in front parking lot. Tickets will be on sale soon. Check out VIP Seating and meet and greet celebrities.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM Starts **July 1st** for 5 weeks, Mon. 12-3 at the Warrenbrook pool and Tues.-Fri. held at the Municipal Pavilion from 9am-3pm for grades 1-5 Warren residents only. **Registration will begin April 15th**

TEEN CAMP starts July 1st for 5 weeks for grades 6-9. Held at the Pop Warner Field House Old Stirling Rd. Trip every Wednesday. Sign up per week or just for the trip. **Registration will begin April 15th.**

MOVIE NITE/FAMILY CAMPOUT Bring your tents for the 2nd Annual Family Campout on **Aug 2nd-3rd** (rain date Aug 3-4) held at the Warren Pavilion & fields. A movie, games & crafts are on the activity list. Come just for the Movie Nite "TBA" or for both movie and campout. Register online for campout.

KINDERGARTEN CAMP **Aug 5-9th** from 9am-3pm held at the Pavilion & playground area. Register April 15

LEGOS ENGINEERING CAMP for Girls n Boys **Aug. 5-9** - 9am-1pm @ ALT School

LEGOS STAR WARS ROBOTICS ½ day n NASA Space ½ day CAMP **Aug 12-16** - 9am-3@ ALT

LEGOS CAMP **Aug 12-16** from 9am-3pm held at a Township school TBA (*We may have another camp Aug. 19-23*)

MOVIE NIGHT "Alice in Wonderland" held at Wagner Farm on **Aug 21st** starting at 7:30pm

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL **Sept 24th - June** (Mon) Central & Middle School. Check web

CALLING ALL WARREN STUDENTS going into 10th – 12th grades. If you are looking to complete your required volunteer hours and like working with children, become a volunteer Counselor in Training (CIT). Also volunteer to help at our recreation events. Go online for an application form or call 908-753-8000 ext. 270

If you would like to sponsor an event please contact the Recreation Department at 908-753-8000 ext. 270

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. Warren, NJ 07059
See website www.warrennj.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



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Top row (from left): George Lazo and Mick Marion

Important Websites

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

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- Board of Adjustment..... X 260
- Board of Health X 239
- Warren Media X 267
- Construction Office..... X 241, 242
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- Sewerage Authority..... X 258
- Tax Assessment..... X 235
- Tax Collector X 231, 232
- Zoning Office..... X 243
- Library..... (908) 754-5554
- Emergency Management (908) 753-1000
- Police, Fire & Rescue..... (908) 753-1000*
- *Dial 911 for any EMERGENCY
- Public Works Department..... (908) 753-1223

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