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From Our Mayor...

Anyone who has lived in Warren Township 15 years or more has observed significant growth. According to the US census from 1990 to 2000, our population increased by almost 33%.

It was the year 2001 that the present Township Committee took office. Our mandate was to manage further development in the Town in order to maintain as much of the rural character and quality of living as possible. Our growth over the last 7 years has been around 10% to just under 16,000 residents.

Our first task was to look at the zoning ordinances. We instructed the Planning Board to update the Master Plan. A Plan was mandated by NJ State law in 1975. Periodically, the Planning Board looks at the land use and determines what future use is in the best interest of the Town. The Township Committee reviews the Plan and adopts ordinances to ensure that the Plan is enforceable. Ordinances that we adopted included requiring a minimum of six new homes on a cul de sac to avoid homes on large lots being torn down to support the addition of 2 or 3 new homes; and elimination of "flag lots" to avoid homes being built behind others on deep lots. Without these two ordinances alone we could have seen hundreds more new homes built in Warren.

Another major effort of this Committee was acquisition of land for "open space". Not only is this land no longer available for development but it provides opportunities for both passive and active recreation. We built walking trails, playgrounds and ball fields. Since 2000, we have almost doubled our inventory of "open space" owned by the Town to approximately 750 acres with an additional 250 acres purchased by the County with our support.

Last year we took another look at the Master Plan. The Township Committee adopted sixteen ordinances to support the objectives of smart and controlled growth. The ordinances included increasing lot sizes in some areas from ½ acre to 1 acre and from 1 ½ acre to 3 acres. Our objectives include savings trees, preventing flooding, and controlling traffic. The results will be a better quality of life for all of us.

Every holiday season the 1946 movie with Jimmy Stewart "It's a Wonderful Life" is run several times. I am sure that everyone has seen it. Well, even though some may complain that we have grown too fast and Warren is not the Town it used to be, I believe we are better now than we would have been if not for the efforts of Frank Salvato, Carolann Garafola, Mal Plager, Gary DiNardo and the many employees and volunteers that we are so blessed to have in Warren. This Town would be very different and not as wonderful if this Committee and the many supporters were not engaged so passionately. I am proud to be part of this team and a resident of this community.

Victor J. Sordillo, Mayor

The Residential Burglary

By Chief Russell Leffert

As anyone who has been the unfortunate victim of a residential burglary will tell you, of all of the property crimes which a person can be the victim of, a residential 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 having lights on timers, adding deadbolts to exterior doors and installing or using your alarm system. Over the past few years though, after making some excellent arrests of career burglars, we have developed some new information through extensive interviews with the burglars themselves.

2 TYPES OF BURGLARS

There are basically two types of burglars. The **drug addict burglar**, stealing enough to make his or her next purchase of drugs, and the **career or professional burglar** who makes a living committing burglaries. Although each may have differing motivation for their crimes, they often look for the same flaws in a home's security.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A BURGLARY

- A typical residential burglary occurs between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Monday to Friday. The last thing that a burglar wants to find in your home is you, the homeowner. Most persons, if not working, are running their errands and the like between those mid-day hours.
- Oftentimes the burglar will simply walk up and knock on the front door and/or the back door to determine if someone is home. If there is no answer, the burglar will then seek to make entry at a weak point in the house perimeter.
- The master bedroom and bathroom vanities are main target areas - both being areas where jewelry and, frequently, prescription drugs are kept.

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Fire Department News

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Fire Officers

Tim McGowan - Department Chief

Mike Gonnella - Asst. Chief Mt. Bethel
Kai VonRiman - Asst. Chief Community

David Dante - Asst. Chief Mt Horeb
Ryan Valentino - Asst. Chief Washington Valley

Your Fire Department is one of the few fire departments in the area that responds 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. 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. Please remember we are **volunteers**.

Warren Seniors: The Fire Department will come out and replace the battery and inspect all smoke detectors at no cost for Warren Township Seniors. We will also provide and install detectors for those seniors who have none. Seniors who are interested in this **free** service can call (908) 753-8000 ext. 271 or 269 and leave a message with your name and a phone number you can be reached at and someone from the Fire Department will contact you to schedule the inspection. This is also a great time for all residents of the Township to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Residents who have a Fire Hydrant on their property should remember that it is their responsibility to keep the hydrant clear and visible. That means there should be no shrubs, rocks, or other obstructions that would prevent the Fire Department from seeing or accessing it. You should also be sure that during the winter the hydrant is clear of snow, sometimes the plows pile up snow and block the hydrant.

The Members of the Fire Department would like you to know that we strive to provide the residents of the Township with the best fire protection we possible can. **Warren Township has the highest ISO rating (ISO is an Insurance Industry Organization) that a town can have with a Volunteer Fire Department, your fire insurance premium is based on this rating. The higher the rating the lower your premium is.** It takes a lot of work and effort to achieve that rating and hold it as we have for the last 30 years. We are an organization of approximately 70 active members and in the course of a year we spend on average 8,000 person hours training and responding to a variety of emergency calls throughout the Township. Our members are very dedicated and community-minded people. Many of them are also EMT's with the Rescue Squad or either serving or have served on various Boards and Committees within the Township.

Finally we would like to thank you all for your continued support. We hope that when and if we ever meet it is at a parade or other type of event, but if it is that we respond to an emergency that involves you or your family we pledge that we will do all we can to help and comfort you.

We welcome any and all who would like to volunteer to serve their neighbors as Firefighters. If you're interested please call the Chief on (908) 753-8000 ext. 269.



RABIES CLINICS

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission is sponsoring free rabies clinics in the fall. The *tentative* dates of the clinics are as follows:

Date	Day	Time	Location
November 3, 2007	Saturday	9:00 am to 10:00 am	South Bound Brook Municipal Garage 44 Washington Avenue, South Bound Brook, NJ
		11:00 am to 12:00 noon	Green Brook Fire House 115 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook, NJ
November 17, 2007	Saturday	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Bound Brook Police Station 230 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook, NJ
		10:45 am to 12:00 noon	Middlesex Borough Garage Main Street, Middlesex, NJ
December 1, 2007	Saturday	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Watchung Fire House 57 Mountain Blvd, Watchung, NJ

Dates and times are tentative and should be confirmed by calling (732) 356-8090 or (908) 753-8000 ext. 239 just prior to the clinic.

Dogs and cats are welcome. Dogs must be restrained on a leash and cats must be in cat carriers.

The Residential Burglary (Continued from page 1)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

The old basics still apply. If you want to avoid being the victim of a burglary, make it hard for a burglar to get in.

- Install quality door locks/dead bolts on all entry points.
- 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 do have one, USE IT. Also, when setting up your alarm system, have the entry delay programmed with only enough time for you to successfully enter and cancel the alarm.
- Install motion lights on the perimeter of the residence. Although the majority of residential burglaries are during the day, we have experienced enough evening burglaries over the years to warrant attention to nighttime lighting.
- Install a quality safe in your residence. Remember though, 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 newspapers. 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 look occupied even when it is not. Friends can also change the lights you have on timers to avoid the same look night after night.
- Add your home to the Warren Police Department vacant house list. When on this list, the dayshift patrol officers will drive by your home checking for conditions which may not be appropriate to your vacant house.

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. 407.

WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
in conjunction with
MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH
OFFERS
ANNUAL FLU CLINICS

Flu and pneumonia vaccinations will again be offered to eligible community members in October and November. Below is the tentative schedule, but note that dates may change depending on vaccine shipment schedules. Additional dates may be added if there is community demand.

Date	Day	Time	Location
October 31, 2007	Wednesday	11:00 am to 12:00 noon	Recreation Center, Middlesex Borough
November 1, 2007	Thursday	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Our Lady of the Mount Church, Warren Township
November 7, 2007	Wednesday	6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	United Methodist Church, Bound Brook Borough
November 8, 2007	Thursday	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Nutrition Center, South Bound Brook Borough

Pre-registration is required for all clinics and will start the first week of October. Both flu and pneumonia vaccines are free to those with Medicare Part B, but you must bring your Medicare card! Others will be charged at a rate necessary to cover the costs of administration of the vaccine. To register for any of the above clinics, or for more information, please call (732) 356-8090 ext. 254 or (908) 753-8000 ext. 239.

We Need Your Input?

As part of its local flu pandemic response planning efforts, the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC) is inviting residents to take part in community focus groups to help the Commission better identify the pandemic-related issues of greatest concern to residents. Sessions will be held during evening hours in October, and run approximately 1½ hours. Interested in participating? Please call the MBRHC at (732) 356-8090 ext. 254 or email the department at MBRHC@middlebrookhealth.org.

WARREN RESCUE SQUAD

Warren Rescue Squad is an all volunteer organization that responds to the medical emergency calls for the town. The Squad owns and operates three ambulances and this November they will replace one of the ambulances with a new model for a cost of \$200,000.

In July 2003 the Township of Warren contracted with Atlantic Ambulance to cover the weekday day shifts (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) except for Tuesday, which is still covered by Warren Squad members. This outsourcing to Atlantic Ambulance was necessary because of a lack of volunteers to handle the weekday hours. The Squad currently has 26 members including 20 EMTs, 1 Driver, 3 Trainees, and 2 Cadets. At present, most members cover each week in shifts of 12 hours and they also take a 32 hour shift every 6th weekend, from 6 a.m. Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday. However, the Squad has introduced more flexible scheduling to encourage new members. **And with an infusion of only two new members in the category of EMT or Driver, Squad members would be able to reduce their weekend duty to every 7th weekend.**

If you or one of your family members are interested in helping your neighbors and learning life-saving skills please call the Squad at (908) 753-2477 and leave a message indicating the best time to contact you. A Squad volunteer will call you back and tell you about the membership requirements and the training that is necessary to become an EMT or a Driver. This training is free for Squad members. The Squad also has an excellent free cadet program for high school students who are 16 years and older. The cadets volunteer for shorter weekday nights (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.) so that Squad calls do not interfere with their school work. The Squad acknowledges with pride and with regret this year's graduation of an excellent cadet and first-rate EMT, Jamie Flynn. She begins her freshman year at Oberlin College this fall.

Warren Rescue Squad also welcomes the opportunity to work with younger members of the community and will coordinate with youth groups such as Boy and Girl Scouts to work on their badges and projects. **While reaching out to help the community the Squad seeks help from Warren residents; please contact Warren Rescue if you can volunteer to help the Squad as a CPR instructor or as an attorney - no duty shifts required.**

Important Property Tax Due Dates

4th QTR 2007 tax due November 1, 2007

1st QTR 2008 tax due February 1, 2008

2nd QTR 2008 tax due May 1, 2008

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 ext. 231 or 232. Any questions regarding tax assessments should be addressed to the Tax Assessors' office ext. 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.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CALL

911

FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE?

When the police dispatchers, who are trained to respond to these emergencies, receive a 911 for illness or injury, they alert 1) a patrol car, 2) the Rescue Squad and 3) possibly, a Paramedic team. Following a set of medical protocols, the dispatcher will alert the Paramedics, who are licensed to provide additional medical care (EKGs, blood work, medications, etc.). If the Warren Rescue Squad is not available, the dispatchers call for "mutual aid" from surrounding towns. The Warren Squad also responds to aid calls for its neighboring communities.

The police cars are supplied with patient oxygen and defibrillators and all the responding officers have CPR training. Squad members respond from their location in Warren and do not need to stay at the Squad building during their duty shifts but they must remain in town. One or more crew members will drive the ambulance to the call site and the other crew members may go directly to the call site in their own vehicles, with some exceptions, such as a motor vehicle accident on Route 78.

In order to help the Rescue Squad find your home, Warren residents are encouraged to make sure the address of their house is in large and clearly visible letters.

The Squad routinely takes patients to any of the three area hospitals they request, Muhlenberg, Overlook, or Somerset. Burn patients are taken to St. Barnabas and patients who have suffered significant injury are taken to the trauma center at Morristown Memorial or Robert Wood Johnson.

United States Census 2010

Our Township has recently received the first of what will be many written materials kicking off the activities building to the realization of the next United States Census. Data collected in the upcoming census will be used to apportion Congress while helping communities across the nation plan for and receive funding for schools, transportation, health care and other services. Currently the Engineering Department is updating maps and address lists in preparation. Although it seems a long way off our Township Committee and our Township officials will keep our residents aware and involved by sharing pertinent information via our newsletter (Warren Township News), Warren Media TV 15 and our Township web site (<http://www.warrennj.org/>).

The Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance

Do you have concerns? Are there issues with your child or with your spouse? Are Drug or alcohol issues causing problems? Do you have a suspicion that a loved one may have a mental health issue? We can help. Anyone who lives in the four-town area of Warren, Watchung, Long Hill and Green Brook can call us at 908 753-6903. We, the Alliance, employ professionals to return your call and to help you. Our confidential professionals will intervene, assess and refer you for the proper help.

But we do not only react! We are proactive and have, since, 1990, brought approximately \$500,000 into the four-town area to provide prevention education for our students and their parents and for our senior citizens.

In addition to our on-call professionals, The Alliance was part of the grant that initiated the first Project Graduation. The Alliance supplied the funds for Challenge Day at the regional high school as well as the funds to initiate the Challenger Club. The Alliance has hosted three Parenting sessions for the region on topics such as Suicide, Disordered Eating and Computer/Internet abuses. The Alliance provided for Peer Leadership Training, for Drug Education, for Parenting libraries for DARE and many more programs

Who are we? We are 20 volunteers from the four towns and one representative from the high school. We are teachers, counselors, social workers, grandparents, parents, police, Township Committee members, Rescue Squad members and other interested parties. We are charged with writing a grant based on the needs of our towns. We submit this grant to both the County of Somerset and the County of Morris and they, through the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, award us our funds.

One of the criteria for obtaining the grant funds is to raise matching funds and we have done this since 1990. We meet 10 times a year and plan our Parenting Meeting and our Fund Raisers and our programs.

In fact, on September 29, 2007, we will have our Alliance Day Run and Mayor's Challenge Walk. It is our major fund raiser. Our run is held in Watchung and is a beautiful and certified 5K. The Walk is held at the same time and the "Cup" for the most walkers belongs to Watchung until the '07 Walk Challenge. You will find a printable application at the Warren Township web site: <http://www.warrennj.org/> in Special Events. Come Run or Walk! It is fun and there are prizes and goodies and food.....

We always welcome new members and urge you to call our number and leave a message about joining our committee. Leave your phone number and we will return your call.

The Watchung Hills Municipal Alliance
...call us for help
(908) 753-6903

WARREN MEDIA TV 15



So far this year your local channel has had a few changes. For starters, Warren Media TV has moved from Cablevision Channel 22 to Channel 15. We hope that this change has not interrupted your loyal viewing. The other ongoing news is the event of Verizon FIOS coming into the Warren area. Verizon FIOS must carry our station as well but as of the printing of this newsletter we are still awaiting the hook up of our station to Verizon.

We hope that you have been enjoying our programming and truly encourage input and suggestions from our viewing audience. We also would like to encourage those of you that are interested in creating local programming to come forward and volunteer for Warren Media TV. Please feel free to contact the station at: Warren Media TV 15, 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren, NJ 07059, or email at lgeorge@warrentboe.org

Thanks for your continued support,
Warren Media TV 15

PARKS AND RECREATION

This has been an exciting year for The Recreation Commission. The Elm Avenue Park is now open for children to enjoy, our Walking and Hiking Trails are open and maps and specific information on each is available at the Municipal Building.

We introduced new after school programs in the Elementary Schools. A Theatre Program was one of the many new programs. Our summer activities and playground programs have entertained lots of youngsters of various ages.

We are growing and changing and very much looking forward to the hiring of our new full time Recreation Director in the very near future. We are very fortunate to have Dina Fornataro working with us for the last couple of months until our new Director is hired. Dina has done a fantastic job for us and we will miss her when she leaves at the end of this month.

The Recreation Commission is always looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteers from the Community to get involved in activities, projects, programs and special events. Please feel free to contact us if you have interest in volunteering:

Adriane at (908) 647-6427 or AdrianeJStewart@aol.com
or the Recreation Department at (908) 753-8000 ext. 270.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

September – June	Adult Basketball Program (Monday Nights)
October – December	Fall After School Programs (Art, Science, Drama)
October 13	Trip to Broadway Show
November – March	High School Recreational Basketball Program
December 8	Trip to Radio City's Christmas Spectacular



Wagner Farm Arboretum Enjoys Bountiful Harvest & the Growth of a New Community

Thanks to the work of many, the Wagner Farm Arboretum Foundation is enjoying its first harvest from its Community Garden and Giving Garden that have yielded a bountiful crop of vegetables and fruit for the gardeners, their families, and for those in need. To date, 55 people have signed on for a plot in the Community Garden and 45 people have donated their time to grow food in the Giving Garden. Throughout the summer, the Giving Gardeners delivered hundreds of pounds of produce each week to the Somerset County Food Bank network.

With Keith Cooper leading the Community Garden Committee assisted by Holly Hall, and Ernest Cottrill leading the Giving Gardener's Project, a community of committed gardeners have come together to work the land at Wagner Farm Arboretum located at 197 Mountain Avenue, Warren.

More to Accomplish... Fundraising Continues

According to Suzanne M. Smith, President, "This fall and winter, we're focusing on continuing to grow our community and we're hoping to raise enough funding this year to start the Children's Garden in 2008."

Carolann Garafola and Roberta Monahan of Warren are leading the fundraising effort. "We are now offering new ways for the community to support the Arboretum through naming opportunities," said Garafola.

Residents can now show their support by purchasing items that will appear in the planned Formal Garden. Paving Stones with 3 engraved lines will be available for \$100, park benches for \$750, trees for \$500 each and life size cows for \$2000. Anyone interested in lending their support through the purchase of these items should visit the Web site at: www.wfafnj.org or call Roberta Monahan at (908) 647-4632.

In May, the Arboretum raised over \$4000 through its Third Annual Plant and Art Sale that drew hundreds of people and a benefit volleyball tournament organized by Michal DiCalogero, a high school student who has joined the Arboretum's fundraising committee. She organized the members of the Warren Police Department, Fire Department, High School Students and employees from Starbucks to play at the Warren Middle School.

In Addition to Vegetables, a Community is Growing!

In addition to the opportunity to grow and enjoy fresh vegetables for their own families and others, many are finding that taking part in the Community and Giving Gardens is not only helping them connect with nature, but also with neighbors.

"I'm thrilled to be part of this effort to preserve this beautiful property. I love the idea that families can come here to work the earth together," said Trustee Julie Gnoy.

For more information about Wagner Farm Arboretum or to sign up for a plot for 2008, please visit the Web site at: www.wfafnj.org or call Suzanne Smith at (908) 647-3737.

WARREN TOWNSHIP

PLANNING BOARD

The Master Plan and Amendment to the Master Plan are available on the Warren Township website at www.warrennj.org or a copy may be purchased for a fee from the Warren Township Planning Board Office during the regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (except holidays). The Planning Board can be reached at (908) 753-8000 ext. 243.

ZONING OFFICE

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 ext. 243.

Christmas Tree Fire Safety

Approximately 33 million real Christmas trees are sold each year. They provide a special beauty, as well as a fresh aromatic presence, to homes, businesses and other locations. But the higher fire risk associated with real trees requires they be maintained to the maximum safest extent possible.

Real trees should be placed out of sunlight and away from other sources of heat, such as fireplaces, heating ducts and radiators. They should not be placed where they could possibly impede escape from a fire or other emergency.

Lighting for real trees placed indoors should be UL approved for indoor use. The use of outdoor lights on an indoor tree can lead to drying of the tree needles, and possible ignition. Other forms of lighting, particularly spotlights, should be kept away from the tree and other ignitable items. No electrical or other potential ignition sources should be energized while the tree is unattended. Candles and other open flame devices such as oil lamps or heaters should never be used on or near a tree.

Fire safety for real Christmas trees depends heavily upon maintaining the moisture content of the trees at as high a level as possible. When the tree dries beyond a certain point, it cannot re-hydrate, even when the stem is completely submerged in water. Dried trees with brittle, brown and shedding needles can be easily ignited and will burn rapidly. Trees that are maintained at high moisture levels, however, resist ignition and continued combustion. The needles may flame if subjected to open flame, but will self-extinguish after the ignition source is removed.

Tree dehydration after cutting can be rapid. Winds, low relative humidity, and placement in the sun or in close proximity to a heat source can accelerate the progress of dehydration.

In making their selection, consumers should look for trees with high moisture content and avoid purchasing those with brown spots and dry brittle needles. When bounced on the ground on its stem, a fresh tree should only lose a few needles.

The tree stem is the pathway for water to reach the branches and needles. During harvesting, the tree stem can become clogged with dirt, and if the tree sits for any length of time before being brought inside and placed in water, a protective natural coating of sap will form across the bottom of the cut stem. The dirt and protective coating prevent water from penetrating the stem. Cutting a half to an inch off the stem will reopen the stems path and will allow it to absorb fresh water. A fresh cut should be made whenever a tree has stood for more than 24 hours without being placed in water. Straight cuts are generally preferable, since 70 to 80% of the water moves up the tree through the stems outer rings. Angled cuts do not increase the surface area of the outer rings and can actually reduce water uptake if the water level falls below the outer end of the cut stem. The tree stem should always be kept in water once the fresh cut has been made, and the water level replenished regularly. Refill ordinary water at room temperature.

When the tree appears to no longer be taking up water from the stand, or when the needles become brown or drop off excessively, remove the tree and dispose of it properly as soon as possible.

For any fire safety related questions you can contact the Township Fire Marshal, Tom Byrne, at (908) 753-8000 ext. 259.



We are again approaching the winter season. With the joy and warmth of the Holiday Season, unfortunately, comes this stuff called SNOW. If last season was any indication of things to come, we should have a very active snow season. As usual, the Department of Public Works will be keeping a very sharp eye on the weather and will respond accordingly. Just a few tips on how to minimize the discomfort of snow and ice:

- If you must shovel snow 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.

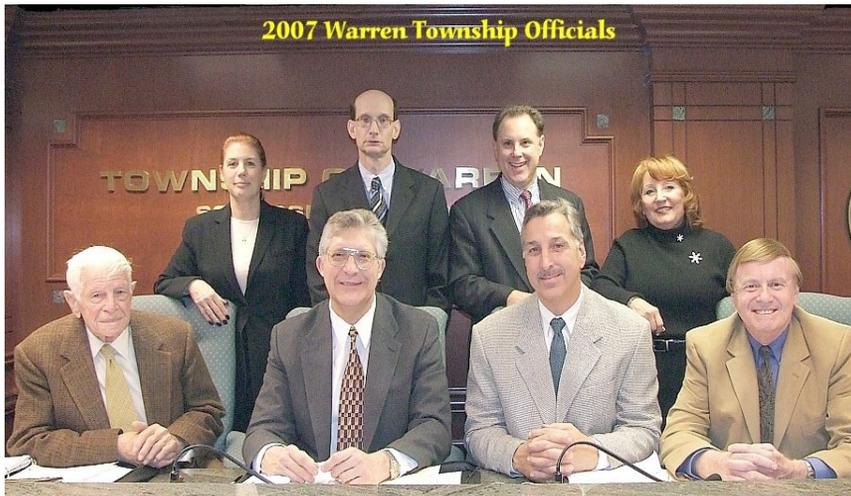
Make certain that you keep vehicles off the road when snow is expected. If you park your vehicle at the end of your driveway, when snow is expected, make certain that the nose of your vehicle is back far enough so that it does not interfere with our plows. After the snow, make certain that your vehicle is properly equipped for driving in winter conditions. Enjoy the season!

If you feel we have missed your street, and in an emergency situation this could happen, please call the DPW at (908) 753-1223. IT'S A PLEASURE TO SERVE!

**MINI DUMP OPEN
until OCTOBER 27, 2007**

Christmas Tree Disposal

Between December 26th and January 31st you can drop off your *undecorated* Christmas tree(s) by the ball field parking lot that is located just to the left of the entrance to the DPW yard. The trees will be chipped up so nothing is wasted. Just please make sure all decorations are removed. Please don't hesitate to call the DPW at (908) 753-1223 if you have any questions.



2007 Warren Township Officials

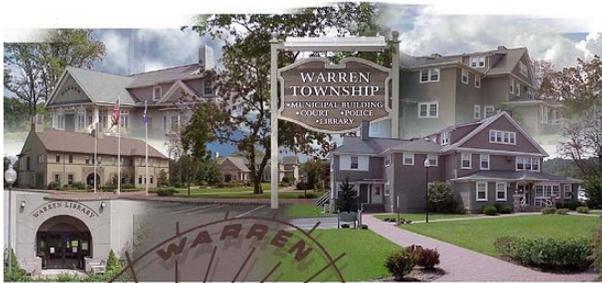
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 Bottom row l to r: Frank Salvato – Committee Member, Vic Sordillo – Mayor, Gary DiNardo – Deputy Mayor, Mal Plager – Committee Member

Important Numbers	
General	(908) 753-8000
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Emergency Management	(908) 753-1000
Police, Fire & Rescue	(908) 753-1000*
	*Dial 911 for any EMERGENCY
Public Works Department	(908) 753-1223
All correspondence should be addressed to individual departments and mailed to :	
Township of Warren 46 Mountain Boulevard Warren, NJ 07059-5695	

Important Websites

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R e m i n d e r

**Daylight Savings Time changes back to
 Standard Time on the First Sunday in
 November.**

**Turn clocks back on
 November 4, 2007**