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From Our Mayor

The top priority in New Jersey for every single town is to address the issue of the Affordable Housing Obligation in terms of how many affordable units will be built in each town. Developers will build the affordable units and, in return, they get to build market-rate units, as that is the system. The landmark Mount Laurel Decision in the courts and the Fair Share Housing Act (1985) has governed the required building of units all over New Jersey. Although some towns have not met their responsibility to follow the law, Warren has and will continue to do so. This is the right thing to do as an Inclusive Community that follows the laws.

The wrinkle in the fabric of the present system is that there is a lot of misinformation in the public arena and different interpretations by judges, by Fair Share Housing, by Developers and by towns as to HOW DO WE DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF UNITS TO BE BUILT. COAH's (Council on Affordable Housing) Round One for 1987-1993 and Round Two for 1994-1999 used a methodology to determine the number of units each town had to build and that worked very successfully--we thought. In 2007, the NJ Appellate courts told COAH to change the system. In 2013, the NJ Supreme Court invalidated the NJ Appellate Decision. Thus in 2014, COAH did not adopt the changes in the rules. In 2015, the NJ Supreme Court abolished COAH and put the issue of Affordable Housing into the Court system by requiring each town to file a Declaratory Judgement Action in Superior Court to establish it's affordable housing obligation through 2025.

It is now 2017 and every single town continues to struggle to get to an end decision. What has Warren done so far? We met our duty and obligation for Rounds One and Two, unlike other towns. We have been meeting for almost two years with developers, with Fair Share Housing, with planners, with each other in Executive Session, with attorneys, and with other Township officials to look at how we can meet the letter of the law. We hope that other towns are working as diligently as Warren as this is a New Jersey Statewide issue, not just a Township issue.

The problem is that our 'obligation' is an elusive number right now due to the law not being very clear. The courts all over the state have the option to use various standards based on decisions by judges, and Fair Share Housing is dealing with intensive pressures from developers in the settlement process.

In 1987, I sat on The Planning Board, listened to the developers, and worked on the planning for our Affordable Housing Responsibilities. Our intent was successfully accomplished, and included the building of apartments and townhouses now located all over town. In addition, during my time as an elected official, we have supported the building of an Over-55 community with 240 units, senior apartments, assisted living facilities, independent living for over 60, and apartments for special needs adults (all private entities which pay millions of dollars in taxes every year without increasing the school population), as well as 4 stand-alone not-for-profit group homes for adults with special needs.

It was smart of the Warren Board of Education to keep a school open as they will receive more of our children over the next ten years. It was smart that our Warren Police Department has continued to plan for appropriate communications equipment as they will need it. It was smart that the Township bought a new ambulance and a new fire truck as we are going to need those two vehicles to safeguard everyone. It was smart that our Township Committee has taken hold of "the elephant in the room," i.e. meeting our Affordable Housing Responsibility with smart growth planning.

In conclusion:

1. The Home Rule of Township Growth and Planning has been taken out of the hands of Warren Township officials and every other town in New Jersey.
2. We will do what we need to do to plan and support the building of Affordable Housing as Warren has met the letter of the law on this issue since 1987, and it is the right thing to do.

This expectation and standard needs to occur in every town in New Jersey.

Our community stands tall and is a role model for the rest of the state. Once we know what the "obligation" is after sorting out the parameters, there will be public information so that all of our residents can celebrate with us, reflect and speak to us and to the developers, and welcome new people to our town, just like I was welcomed 42 years ago in 1975.

From the entire Township Committee, have a safe and wonderful fall and winter season.

Very truly yours,

Mayor Carolann Garafola



Warren Township Police Department

Chief William Keane

The Missing Kids Readiness Project

In May 2017, I attended the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) Seminar, in Alexandria VA, for Chief Executive Officers. The purpose of my attendance at the training center is to provide information and assistance to law enforcement executives to improve community response to missing children.

Following my certification in the program, all Warren Township Police Officers and Dispatchers completed the online training offered by the NCMEC for the Missing Kids Readiness Project. The goal of the project is to promote policies and best practices for responding to calls of missing, abducted and sexually exploited children. Agencies like ours are recognized by the NCMEC for meeting essential training and policy elements demonstrating preparedness for responding to a missing child incident. Participating and being certified with this project gives us access to national resources, models of proper policy, tools to communicate with the press, counseling resources/programs for victims, and procedures for initial action taken by the responding officers and supervisors to hopefully ensure a successful outcome.

The Warren Township Police Department is fortunate to be one of a select few agencies throughout the state to be certified in this program. "Armed with the information, knowledge and operational resources gained through meeting the project criteria, the Warren Township Police Department is now positioned to respond more quickly, comprehensively, and effectively when a child's life may be at stake."



TOWNSHIP CLERK

As the General Election is just around the corner, please feel free to call the Clerk's office with any questions regarding the voting laws. Voter registration forms, vote-by-mail applications, party declaration forms, the location of polling places, and information about all elections are available in the Township Clerk's office, 908-753-8000 ext. 223.



GENERAL ELECTION TIMELINE:

October 17, 2017: Voter Registration Deadline for General Election

October 31, 2017: Deadline to apply for a Mail-in-Ballot by mail for General Election

November 1, 2017: Sample Ballots for the General Election will be mailed

November 6, 2017: Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Applications for General Election

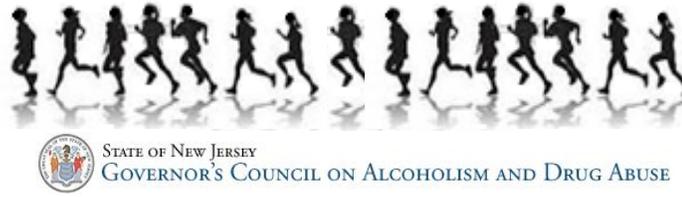
NOVEMBER 7th – ELECTION DAY

POLL LOCATIONS

*Districts 1 & 3
Mount Horeb Fire House
19 Elm Avenue*

*Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 13
Our Lady of the Mount Parish Center
167 Mount Bethel Road*

*Districts 11 & 12
Warren Library
42 Mountain Boulevard*



Annual Great Pumpkin 5K Run/Fitness Walk Day

The Watchung Hills Regional Municipal Alliance (WHRMA) is inviting you to participate in their Annual Great Pumpkin 5K Run and Family Fitness Walk on Saturday, November 4th 2017, at Mobus Field in Watchung. The “WHRMA 5K Run” is a fundraiser which serves the communities of Long Hill, Green Brook, Warren and Watchung by providing Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Abuse (ATOD) prevention services for community citizens, schools, and municipal agencies.

The WHRMA is part of a network of community-based anti-drug coalitions sponsored by New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA). “Municipal Alliances are established by municipal resolution and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. The Somerset County GCADA awards funds to each Municipal alliance for prevention programs. To secure these awards the individual Alliances must raise matching funds to receive the grants from the Drug Education Demand Reduction Fund.

WHRMA provides prevention education for all--from elementary school students to our senior citizens. Our programs address:

- intervention, assessment and referral
- support to those dealing with addicted or mentally-ill loved ones
- training in our school systems, police departments, Parent Teacher Organizations, etc.

We are seeking runners, walkers or contributors to participate in our WHRMA Annual 5K Great Pumpkin Run/Walk which will help support our programs for the coming year. Please consider participating in our event or becoming one of our contributors.

Saturday, November 4th at 9:00 a.m.
at Watchung Lake’s Mobus Field

For registration form e-mail cseracka@gbtps.org (subject: WHRMA Run)
 or sign-up at website: runsignup.com

Please note that registration ends on October 11, 2017

Contributors or general questions call:

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



STAY IN THE KNOW

Join Our Mailing List	
Email: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Go"/>

The Township has implemented through its website, the ability to provide an “email blast” concerning subjects of importance through email to all who REGISTER by utilizing the services of Constant Contact.

This form of communication will be invaluable during emergencies, weather related events, road closures, recreation programs, etc. All residents are encouraged to sign up. It is important for the Township to reach you.

In order to register, go to the Warren Township website (www.warrennj.org) and enter your e-mail address on “Join Our Mailing List.” You will then receive email blasts any time there is a subject of main concern to Township residents.

We encourage you to forward the information to your family, friends and neighbors to share the information.

HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Warren Township Committee offers a Housing Rehabilitation Program for residents who meet Affordable Housing guidelines for low and moderate incomes.

The program provides up to \$16,000 per dwelling for home improvements such as: new roof, electrical improvements, smoke detectors, etc. The funds are in the form of an interest free loan which is forgiven after a 10-year period. The loan must be repaid only if the property is sold within the 10-year period.

Interested residents can contact *Rehabco, Inc.*, at (732) 477-7750 in Brick, New Jersey or the Township Administrator’s office at x253. The Township has been successful in rehabilitating more than 60 houses since 1989.



Warren Township Library

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



The Warren Township Library and all branches of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey will be closed Saturday, December 3rd, Sunday, December 4th, and Monday, December 5th for installation of our new Integrated Library System (ILS). The ILS is the software we use to check in and out materials, catalog materials, and manage our patron database.

ART SPACE @ WARREN

The Warren Library has several exciting exhibits planned for the upcoming months. The current art show, *Escape into Landscapes*, featuring oil paintings by Sung Gross, will be on exhibit until the end of September. Works of art by Warren photographer and painter, Ghanshyam Patel, will be on display in October and November. Be sure to stop by and see the beautiful and unique jewelry designs created by Jacqueline Panila whose work will be on display in the enclosed glass case for two months beginning in October. Are you interested in exhibiting your works of art or sharing a special collection? This is a great opportunity for artists to showcase their work so please contact library staff member, Kathy DeCristofaro at kdecrist@slibnj.org for more information and scheduling options.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Family Movie Days** December 26-28 (Tues-Wed) 2:00 pm
- Winter Break Game Days** December 26-30 (Tues-Fri) board games and activities in the children's area
- New Year's Eve Celebration** December 29 11:30-12:30
- Trilogy Repertory Play** (January - Day and Time TBA);
- Winter Festival** - February 3 (Snow Date: Feb 10).

March is "Family Read Aloud Month"

ADULT PROGRAMS

Recipe Club - Calling all cookbook lovers & foodies! The Warren Township branch's recipe club is looking for members! The Recipe Club meets monthly on Monday evenings. Gourmet chef skills are not required - this is a wonderful way to learn from others and share your best cooking and baking tips. Share your favorite recipes and discover some new ones. Attendees are also welcome to make a dish for the group to sample.

Special Needs Social Hour - The Warren Township Branch of SCLSNJ offers monthly programs on Monday evenings for adults (21+) with developmental disabilities. Game and puzzle nights, crafting, yoga, music, gardening and dance are just a few of the offerings.

OTHER SERVICES

Visit the Business Center on the second floor of the library to use the librarian-curated business book and periodical collection, use our business conference room, and schedule one-on-one business-focused librarian assistance.

Qello Concerts - Visit our website and learn more about your free access to Qello. Qello Concerts are the only place to watch over 1700 of the most amazing live moments in music. It's the world's largest collection of full-length concerts and music documentaries streamed on-demand to just about any digital device. It's like a never-ending concert ticket.

SCLSNJ's Museum Pass program allows you to check out passes for free admission and special discounts at 17 museums in the metropolitan area. Museums include Academy of Natural Sciences, Battleship New Jersey, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Cooper Hewitt Design Museum*, The Frick Collection, Garden State Discovery Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Lehigh Valley Zoo, Museum of The City of New York*, Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), Morris Museum, New-York Historical Society*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts*, Storm King Art Center, and the United States Golf Association. *Denotes museums new the Museum Pass program in 2017.

For complete program information or to register for programs, go to SCLSNJ.org or call the library at 908-754-5554.



Important Tax Dates & Lock Box Info

2017 4th QTR tax due November 1, 2017
2018 1st QTR Tax due February 1, 2018
2018 2nd QTR Tax due May 1, 2018



Any questions or problems can be addressed by contacting the Tax Collector at the Municipal Building at (908) 753-8000 x 231 or 232. Any questions regarding tax assessments should be addressed to the Tax Assessors' office x 235.

PAY BY CHECK

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 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 of July 24, 2017, the Tax Collectors Office now collects Sewer payments.

PAY ONLINE

Obtain your property tax information and pay via ECheck/ACH (no charge) or by credit or debit (with a fee).

<http://warrennj.org/tax-collector/>

Tax Account Information

Block: <input type="text"/>	Owner Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
Lot: <input type="text"/>	Property Location: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>
Qualifier: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Search"/>	
--- OR ---		
Tax Account Id: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Enter"/>	

Please make your payment in sufficient time to ensure that it is received prior to the end of the grace period. Interest is calculated at 8% on delinquencies up to \$1,500.00 and at 18% on the amount over \$1,500.00. Once the balance is over the 18% threshold, interest will be 18% until all balances are paid in full.

There is a 6% year-end penalty on taxes & accrued interest over \$10,000.00 that are delinquent as of December 31st.

Check out "Warren Gateway" on the Township Website

In order to improve our services to residents, Warren has enhanced the electronic services available through our website by way of the Warren Gateway. If you go to the home page on the website (warrennj.org) and click on the Warren Gateway box, you can do the following:

- Pay your parking/traffic tickets online
- Pay your Taxes and Sewer bills online
- Check the status of your Construction Permits (you will need to create an account login in order to use this function)
- Fill out an OPRA Request (you will need to create an account login in order to use this function.)
- Sign up for Emergency Notifications through Nixle.

TOWN CALENDAR

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARREN GATEWAY

PRESS RELEASES & EBLASTS

FAQS

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



Superintendent's Corner

The Warren Township School District kicked off the 2017-2018 school year on September 7, 2017. Schools opened with 1,746 students and over 30 new staff members after an incredibly busy summer of work in the district. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the buildings and grounds and technology departments, the buildings were gleaming and ready for students upon their arrival with a few key changes: reconfiguration of entrances at Angelo L. Tomaso and Mt. Horeb schools to increase safety and security, new water bottle filling stations in all five schools, the installation of pilot active learning space classrooms throughout the district, the replacement of every light bulb in the elementary schools as part of a state program to increase energy efficiency, and the implementation of a new visitor management system at all schools that dramatically improves our ability to control access to the buildings while schools are in session.

On the curriculum and instruction front, students are experiencing adjusted master schedules that increased time for health and physical education in grades K-5 and time for core academic instruction and the arts in grade 6. The curricula for all elementary science classes were updated to reflect changes in state requirements and world languages curricula were amended to reflect an instructional philosophy that focuses on conversation and consistent practice with the target language.

Of course, all of this is done within the framework of a whole child approach to education where we strive to ensure that each student is healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and challenged in our schools. I look forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year and working with the entire Warren Township Schools community to continue *shining brighter every day!*

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

BOE: <https://www.warrentboe.org/board/>

Warren Schools: <https://www.warrentboe.org/>

Warren Township Holiday Walk

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Join us for the 5th Annual Warren Township Chamber Walk!

Enjoy the parade as Santa rides through the center of town and watch as Warren is transformed into Santa's Village. Santa will take photos of your children while collecting their wish lists.

There will be refreshments and a lot of fun activities.

For more details, contact Evan, Chamber President, at (732) 844-0239.

Event is free of charge!!

For more details,
please go to the Warren Township
Chamber of Commerce website – www.warrenchamber.com.



WARREN TOWNSHIP – BOARD OF HEALTH

(908) 763-8000 Ext. 239

In conjunction with

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission (MBRHC)

www.middlebrookhealth.org

FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission will be offering several rabies clinics this fall. All residents are encouraged to have their dog or cat vaccinated against rabies. Throughout the spring and summer, cases of rabies were reported throughout the state, including around our area. Rabies vaccination is the best defense for our pets. 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 clinics are free to all.**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday - 11/4/17	9:00 am - 10:00 am	South Bound Brook Municipal Garage, 44 Washington Avenue, South Bound Brook
	11:00 am - Noon	Green Brook Fire House, 115 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook
Saturday – 12/2/17	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Watchung Fire House, 57 Mountain Blvd, Watchung
	11:00 am to Noon	Bound Brook Police /Borough Hall, 230 Hamilton Street, Bound Brook

ZIKA VIRUS DISEASE

Zika virus disease (ZVD) is a disease caused by the Zika virus that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. Zika can also be spread through sexual contact and from a pregnant woman to her fetus. Many infected people will not have symptoms or will only have very mild symptoms. The most common symptoms are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. People usually do not get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected.



Zika can cause a severe birth defect called microcephaly (abnormally small head) severe fetal brain defects, and other conditions such as Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

CDC RECOMMENDS SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND WOMEN TRYING TO BECOME PREGNANT

Pregnant women in any trimester should consider postponing travel to areas where Zika virus is spreading. Pregnant women who do travel to one of these areas should talk to their doctor first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip. Women whose partner has traveled to an area where Zika is present should abstain from sex, or correctly and consistently use condoms for all sex acts, throughout the remainder of the pregnancy. See your doctor if you are pregnant and have traveled, or plan to travel, to an area where Zika is present.

Finally, no local mosquito-borne Zika virus disease cases have been reported in New Jersey, but there have been travel-associated cases. Eliminating the presence of standing and stagnant water can go a long way to reducing the mosquito population and other mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus. Stagnant water can collect in many places around the home, such as bird baths, empty ceramic pots, discarded tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters, and plastic wading pools to name a few. Please take the following steps to prevent mosquito breeding:

- Replace water in your birdbaths every couple of days.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other water-holding containers that are outside.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools.
- Turn over plastic wading pools, wheelbarrows, and buckets when not in use.
- Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with fish.

By using these simple control measures, you can help reduce the population of mosquitoes around your home and will be more able to enjoy the spring and summer months!

If you have specific questions please contact the health department at 732-968-5151 or 908-753-8000. For more information, visit us at www.middlebrookhealth.org and the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>.

FLU SEASON MEANS FLU SHOTS ARE NEEDED

The flu vaccine reduces the incidence of illness in the community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone over six months of age get a flu vaccine each year, but it is especially important that certain people get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications.

For example, the following groups are at particular risk:

- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
 - Health care workers
 - Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
 - Household contacts of out-of-home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (too young to be vaccinated)

You can search for clinics throughout the State and learn more at:

<http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/flu.shtml>.



DOG AND CAT LICENSES



All dogs and cats that reside in Warren Township must be licensed annually by January 31. The licensing of dogs and cats is important to protect the health of Warren residents and pets.

In order for your pet to be issued a license, proof of an up-to-date rabies inoculation must accompany your application. *If this information was submitted in 2017 and rabies verification is valid for the entire year of 2018, it is not necessary to enclose this information.* Please note that proof of rabies must be valid for the full year of 2018.

Licensing Applications are available in the Board of Health office in the Town Hall Building and will also be available on the Township's website, www.warrennj.org. Please review the checklist and fully complete the application to avoid a delay in license issuance.

The licensing fees provide a number of services:

- Funds for free rabies clinics.
- Support to the Warren Township Animal Control Officer
- Funding to the State of New Jersey to sponsor Low Cost Spay/Neutering programs as well as partial funding for the Seeing Eye Program.

In addition, the license itself, when worn by the animal, provides an invaluable identification resource. Please mail the completed license form(s) to the Township's Board of Health with the appropriate fee.

Any questions? Please contact the Board of Health at 908-753-8000, Ext. 239.

BUS SERVICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Warren Township along with Somerset County offers senior citizens, (60 years and older) and persons with disabilities (18 years and older) bus services to various locations in Warren and throughout Somerset County.

Please call the Division of Transportation at 908-231-7115 or 1-800-246-0527 to register and arrange for services or request a "Transportation Services Brochure."

Funded by Warren Township
WEDNESDAY ONLY

9:00 a.m. – Blue Star and/or Watchung Square Mall.

12:00 p.m. – Bridgewater Commons Mall and/or
Walmart in Manville

\$2.00 donation requested
DAILY

Pick up for doctor appointments.

Warrenbrook Senior Center
Call Senior Center to arrange for pick up.
908-753-9440.



Programs & Events

Adult Coed Volleyball Mondays 7:00-10:00 pm from September 18 to June 11 at Warren Central School. Watchung, Green Brook and Warren residents welcome. For more information email Mike Rotolo at michael.rotolo1@gmail.com



Adult Men's Basketball Mondays 6:00-9:45 pm from September 18 to June 11 (Time changes to 7 pm starting in November 27 then returns to 6 pm on March 26) at Warren Middle School. Watchung, Green Brook and Warren residents welcome. For more information email Eric Cheshire at echesh37@aol.com



High School Intramural Basketball Registration is now underway and ends Nov. 27 or when full. Games are played at WHRHS on Mon., Wed., and/or Fridays. Cost is \$100/approx. 10 games. Parent release form required before program begins. For WHRHS sending district **Gr 9-12 home schooled and private.**

Letters to Santa Santa is accepting letters from Warren residents between Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 4 pm. Letters dropped off in the red mailbox in front of Town Hall or mail to; "Santa" Warren Twp. Recreation Commission, 46 Mountain Blvd., Warren, NJ 07059. Your child will receive a handwritten reply after December 15. Mom and dad please make sure to include a return address. No stamp needed! Volunteers needed. To get more information and/or sign up, go to www.wtrec.ivolunteer.com/santa_001.



You're invited to the largest event of the year!!!! Annual Yuletide Bonfire Family Festival & FIREWORKS! Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Municipal Complex. (rain date 27) Enjoy live music, petting zoo, carriage rides, games, ice skating, sledding, marshmallow roasting, free hot chocolate, two food trucks and much more! Volunteers & sponsors needed, to sign up and for more information go to www.wtrec.ivolunteer.com/bonfire_002 and <http://warrennj.org/donation-sponsorship/>.



Register by credit card at www.warrennj.org/recreation/register (Only Visa & MasterCard accepted), mail forms with a check to Warren Township, 46 Mountain Blvd. Warren NJ 07059 or drop in on the 1st floor. **Join our email list at www.warrennj.org for a weekly Recreation Newsletter.**





Warren Township Fire Prevention/Fire Department Generator Safety Tips



Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can lead to power outages. For temporary solutions, many people turn to portable electrical generators. Many homeowners are unaware that the improper use of a portable generator can be risky. Keep safety precautions in mind when using this appliance.

Safety Tips

- Generators should be operated in well ventilated **outdoor** locations away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- The generator should be placed so that exhaust fumes cannot enter the home through windows, doors and other openings.
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for proper placement and mounting height. Should CO enter the home and pose a risk, an alarm should sound.
- The generator must not be refueled while it is running. It should be turned off and allowed to cool down before refueling.
- Fuel for the generator should never be stored in the home. Gasoline and other flammable liquids should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled safety containers
- Appliances should be plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor rated extension cord. The cord should be checked for cuts or tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- 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.

This information is provided by the National Fire Protection Association and the Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (908) 753-1223



Leaves will soon begin to change color and fall onto the ground. It is against the law and extremely important not to blow leaves or any other debris into the street, storm drains, or catch basins. When leaves and debris cover the catch basins or clog the drains, water drainage issues and/or flooding may occur. Please note that Warren does not offer leaf collection. You could contact a local recycling or yard-waste center to dispose of your leaves.



You may drop off your Christmas trees up until January 15, 2018. Please place them next to the side of the parking lot just outside of the DPW gate. Make sure all decorations are removed. Enjoy the season!

We are quickly approaching the winter season which means snow. 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:

- All ice and snow shall be removed from sidewalks by the owner or tenant of lands abutting, bordering or adjoining public streets of the Township, or public streets of the County of Somerset, within 12 hours of daylight after such ice has formed or snow has fallen, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- If you must shovel snow, please do so in moderation.
- *****DO NOT 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 snow plow.
- Don't be surprised if one side of your road is plowed and the other side is not plowed until 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 all 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 the plows.
- After the snow, make certain that your vehicle is properly equipped for driving in winter conditions.

Public Works would like to remind residents that the pushing/plowing of snow onto Township roads is prohibited by ordinance. Please advise your contractors. This could create an unnecessary safety hazard.

If you feel we have missed your street, and in an emergency situation this could happen, please call 908-753-1223.

Although we are always very careful when plowing the roads, some damage may occur to mailboxes. When the wet heavy snow or ice that is thrown by the plows hits the mailboxes, sometimes they may get damaged. Please report any damage to us in writing to jseverini@warrennj.org or by phone (908-753-1223) within 36 hours. All complaints will be verified by a foreperson to determine the appropriate action.

Our commitment is to the residents of Warren Township. We are continually trying to improve our performance and progress. We do need your assistance. If you see a problem, please call. We will certainly respond to your request or concern in a timely manner.

SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings. You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water bodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Don't Litter

Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

Clean Up After Your Pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
 - An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
 - Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.
- And remember to:
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't Feed Wildlife

Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.
- 2011 New Jersey Fertilizer law—Requires Professional applicators to undergo training, requires reformulated fertilizer to minimize nitrogen and phosphorus loading, and restricts fertilizer—no application for consumer's between November 15 to March 1.

Link for more information:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater/>

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

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- Police www.warrenpolice.com
- Schools..... www.warrentboe.org
- Watchung Hills Reg. HS..... www.whrhs.org
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