



Warren Township NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN



SPRING/SUMMER 2019



FROM OUR MAYOR,

Dear Warren Residents,

Welcome to the year 2019! As I walk through the Township campus, I can smell that spring is in the air and long to welcome the warmer weather.

After negotiating for 3 1/2 years with Fair Share Housing to meet our State housing obligations, I am happy to say we have negotiated one of the best deals in the State, thanks to this Township Committee; we can move on and look forward to having a very good year!

We were lucky that Ole' Man winter was kind to us compared to other parts of the country. As always, we have to thank Doug Buro, Superintendent of Public Works, along with all DPW employees who spent sleepless nights plowing and salting our roads so we were able to get out in the morning. Now that spring is here, they will once again start to clean the roads and plant flowers along Mountain Boulevard to beautify our downtown area.

We are completely moved in, unpacked and very comfortable in our new Town Hall for just over 2 years. We hope our residents are just as comfortable visiting our new building and that you are easily finding your way. This year, the Township Committee has made a commitment to spend over \$1 million on road improvements. I believe it's important that residents see where their tax dollars are being spent. We recognize the importance of safety while traveling within Warren township.

Once again, we have been named as one of the Best Places to Live in New Jersey, and the Second Safest Community in New Jersey for 2019. We are proud to have a fine, dedicated police department under the leadership of Chief William Keane, who ensures the safety of all Warren Township residents.

If you haven't already heard, it is with a heavy heart to advise you that our long-time Committeewoman Carolann Garafola will be retiring after 23 years of service. Mrs. Garafola is one of the most caring, hard-working people you will ever meet. She has had a significant impact on my life and on Warren Township. It has been an honor to

work with her for over 19 years. I wish Carolann a happy retirement in Florida.

I thank our Recreation Department for the great job at our bonfire; it was a great turnout! I remind everyone to sign up early for our summer camps and programs as they fill up quickly.

I also thank all the non-profit organization's that support Warren Township community, such as Lions Club, Wagner Farm, Warren Chambers and the Blue Ridge Sportsman Club. Thanks to all the volunteers that sit on boards or commissions, and I congratulate the Green Team for getting us a grant from the State for our new electric car charging station.

In conclusion, I remind everyone to support all of our local businesses in our community, as a thriving community depends on our businesses doing well. I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2019!

With kindest Regards,

Mayor Gary DiNardo

“STAY IN THE KNOW”

Join Our Mailing List

Email:

In order to be more transparent, The Township Committee 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 is utilized during emergencies, announce events, road closures, recreation programs and other important township issues. 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.



Important Collection Dates & Lock Box Info
2019 2nd QTR TAX due May 1, 2019
2019 2nd payment SEWER due August 1, 2019



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 ext. 235.

PAY BY CHECK

Checks payable to: **Warren Township**

Mail **TAXES** to: **Township of Warren Tax Collector**
P. O. Box 1364
Bellmawr, NJ 08099

Mail **SEWER** to: **Township of Warren**
P. O. Box 1216
Bellmawr, NJ 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 payments to the Warren Township Tax Collector's office at 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren.

PAY ONLINE

Obtain your property tax & sewer 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"/>			

Sewer Account Id: <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>		Owner Name: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>	
		Property Location: <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>	

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.

*Tax and Sewer ACH payments will begin on August 1, 2019. Forms will be available online and in the Tax Collector's office beginning July 1, 2019

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

The Mini Dump is located at the Warren Township Public Works Garage, 1 Bardy Road, Warren, NJ 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 and of accepted items.

Reporting Problems:

Pot holes and sink holes can happen quickly, notify us if you see any. Report any water drainage problems. Many times, drainage problems are because the catch basins or gutters are clogged with leaves. **PLEASE DO NOT** throw anything into the catch basins or blow grass cuttings or leaves into the street - it's against the New Jersey Clean Water Act Rules. Please let us know about any vegetation that needs to be cut back along township roads especially where sightline issues exist.

MINI DUMP

Public Works Garage - 1 Bardy Road

Open every Saturday
(excluding Holiday weekends)

9 am - 1 pm

May thru September 2019



Township Clerk

The Township Clerk's office is an excellent source of information and can assist you in obtaining the services you require. Cathy Reese, Megan Phillips and Nancy McClintock are always happy to lend assistance and guidance for residents, new residents and the general public. Located on the 2nd Floor of Town Hall.

2019 ELECTION

POLLING LOCATIONS:

Districts 1 & 3 **Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, Codington Hall, located at 42 Liberty Corner Road**

Districts 11 & 12 **Stonecrest Church located at 11 Technology Drive, North**

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

2019 Primary Election Timeline

May 14, 2019 - Voter Registration deadline for Primary Election

May 28, 2019 - Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot for Primary Election

May 29, 2019 - Mailing of Sample Ballots for Primary Election

June 4, 2019 - Primary ELECTION DAY - Please Vote! Polls are Open 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

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.

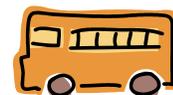


HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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.



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."

DAILY

\$2.00 donation requested

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

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

Warren Township Health Department

RABIES CLINIC

The **Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission**, with the Warren Township Board of Health, will be offering one rabies clinic this spring. All residents are encouraged to have their dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies. Spring is upon us and we can expect to see more of our local wildlife. Just as we do, our furry friends become more active when the weather improves. Along with this activity comes the increased risk of exposure to rabies. We saw several cases of rabies over the winter months and expect to see this continue through the spring and summer. **The clinic is free to all so get your pets vaccinated now.**

DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2019

TIME: 9 am to 10 am

**WHERE: Washington Valley Fire House
Washington Valley Road
Warren, NJ 07059**



Residents should also be aware that the Health Department also offers several rabies clinics in the fall of each year.

STAGNANT WATER & INSECT CONTROL

It is springtime (finally) and along with the season comes rain and winter runoff. These conditions are ideal for creating pools of stagnant water. In addition, vacant or unsold homes may result in an increase in swimming pools that are no longer being maintained. All of this may result in breeding conditions for mosquito larvae. Mosquitoes are linked with diseases such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). If you live near a home that has a swimming pool that is not maintained please notify the Health Department at (908) 753-8000 ext. 239 and (732) 968-5151. For low-lying areas in your neighborhood that collect water, contact the Somerset County Mosquito Commission at 1-908-541-5021.

Below are other steps **you** can take to prevent mosquito breeding on your property:

1. Make sure there are no items in your back yard (like garbage can lids, buckets, baby pools, recycling, plant holders, etc.) which can accumulate water.
2. Remove all tires without rims or any other garbage that can store water (like jars, cans etc.)
3. Remove accumulating leaves from drainage swales or drainage areas on your property.
4. Change water in birdbaths, fountains, and troughs weekly.
5. Aerate ornamental pools, or stock them with fish.
6. Clean gutters so water does not pool.
7. Make sure stored boats are not accumulating water. Store small boats upside down.



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

SEPTIC CARE

Spring-cleaning does not just apply to your closets. When you think of spring-cleaning, you should also think about cleaning your septic tank. As a general rule of thumb, you should pump your septic tank every three years, but every household is different and depending upon your use and the age of your system, you may need to pump your tank more or less frequently. The bottom line is you need to pump and maintain your septic system to avoid problems and very costly repairs. You can access [septic guide](https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/septicmn.pdf) at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/septicmn.pdf> for more detailed information about your septic system and its care.

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

One of the major activities of the health department is to investigate and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. While the health department personnel are trained, experienced disease investigators, we cannot do this job alone. Vaccination is a critical step in helping our work. Immunization against communicable disease, particularly childhood immunization, is considered one of the ten greatest achievements of public health in the 20th Century. It is recognized as one of the means by which public health has extended the average life span by 25 years over the last century. However, because of vaccine hesitancy, resistance, and other factors, we are seeing a reemergence of vaccine preventable diseases as evidenced by the recent outbreaks of measles across the United States. We know that vaccines are safe, effective, and one of the best ways to prevent illness and the spread of disease. CDC provides recommended vaccination schedules for [adults](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html) and [children](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html).

- Adult - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html>
- Children - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

Visit these sites to see if you are protected. You can also check with your doctors to be sure you and your family are adequately protected. It may make you a lifesaver!



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 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
- ◆ Pay your parking/traffic tickets online

Warren Township Park & Ride

Warren Township launched a Park & Ride with bus service to the New York Port Authority on September 4, 2018. The Park & Ride is located at 300 Warren Corporate Center Drive and the bus service is provided by Lakeland Bus Company.

Tickets cost \$13.75 each way and can be purchased at the Krauszer's on Mountain Boulevard, the New York Port Authority, or from the bus driver.



For more information or to apply for a FREE Parking Permit for the Park & Ride, please contact the Warren Township Clerk's office.

The decision as to whether or not to continue the Park and Ride will be made by the Township Committee based upon ridership.



TOWNSHIP OF WARREN POLICE DEPARTMENT

44 Mountain Boulevard
Warren, New Jersey 07059
(908) 753-1000
www.warrenpolice.com



William E. Keane
Chief of Police

NJSACOP

The Warren Township Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau is pleased to announce our **Spring 2019 Child Passenger Seat Check Event**. This free event is set to take place at the Mt. Bethel Volunteer Fire Department parking lot on **Wednesday May 22, 2019 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**.

The Traffic Safety Bureau consists of three National Child Passenger Safety Certified police officers that will guide participants on the proper installation and use of **your** supplied child seat. Warren Traffic Safety officers find that 90%, of child seats inspected need some type of correction. Common misuses are an improper seat for the child's weight/age, expired seat, improper LATCH or seatbelt routing, tangled shoulder belts, improper rear facing angles and child seats with manufacturer recalls that have not been updated or completed.

The Traffic Safety Bureau stresses this is a **hands-on** event and participants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with their child seat owner's manual and learn basic nomenclature prior to arrival at the inspection site. Please unbox any new seat and make an attempt to install the seat using the guidelines in your manual. Upon arrival an Officer will inspect your seat and make recommendations and help make corrections for proper installation.

The Warren Township Police Department is committed to child seat safety and we hope the community takes advantage of this free event. The date, location, and times will also be posted on our website, [warrenpolice.com](http://www.warrenpolice.com), and our Facebook page for your convenience.

Chief William Keane

Warren Township Sewerage Authority

PROJECT UPDATES

The Warren Township Sewerage Authority ("WTSA") has been hard at work trying to identify and resolve Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issues within its Stage I/II and Stage IV Sewer Service Areas (Please visit <http://wtsauth.org> to view a map of the WTSA Sewer Service Areas). As a result of these efforts, you may see jet and closed caption television trucks in your neighborhood. The WTSA anticipates a lining project will commence within these areas in Spring/Summer of 2019.

It also appears that sump pumps are illegally connected to the sanitary sewer system and the WTSA asks for your help in removing them. Please be advised that, as per the WTSA's Rules and Regulations, those determined to have illegal sumps connected to the sanitary sewer system can be fined up to \$1,000.00, plus an additional \$250.00/day until the violation is resolved. The WTSA will be intensifying its effort to locate and remove illegal sumps from the sanitary system starting this Spring.

REMINDERS

To maintain the integrity of the collection system, the Authority asks residents to not flush or pour certain materials 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 backup 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 (all types)
- ◆ Paint, primer and solvents
- ◆ Construction materials
- ◆ Rags and other cloth
- ◆ Duct tape, athletic tape and other adhesive tapes
- ◆ Dental floss
- ◆ Cooking grease or any type of cooking oils

EMERGENCIES

The WTSA operates three treatment plants and 20 pump stations located throughout Warren Township. 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. Should you have a sewer emergency after office hours, please call the Warren Township Police Department at 908.753.1000, and they will alert the Authority's on-call operator.



Warren Township Fire Department



Fireworks Safety

- ◇ The only types of items that can be legally purchased and used in New Jersey are Sparkling and Novelty devices. These include items that when ignited will either smoke, sparkle, snap or snake.
- ◇ Handle and discharge these devices only under adult supervision.
- ◇ Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of device being used and should follow the label directions on the novelty device packaging.
- ◇ Light only one sparkler at a time and hold it away from your body and others.
- ◇ Sparkler wires can burn up to 1800 degrees and should be immediately placed in a bucket of water to avoid injury, as they can remain hot after they burn out.
- ◇ For more information on what types of devices are legal for use in NJ please visit the Warren website at: warrennj.org/fire-bureau/fire-safety-tips-2

Barbecue Safety

- ◇ Before using a Grill, check the connections to the grill from either the propane tank or other fuel source.
- ◇ Always turn the fuel source off when done using the grill and allow sufficient time for the grill to cool before covering or moving it.
- ◇ Always make sure the grill is at least 10 feet from all combustible materials such as vehicles, decks and structures. Never grill indoors such as in your garage.
- ◇ Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- ◇ Be careful when using lighter fluid to never add fluid to an already lit fire as it can cause the fire to travel up into the container and explode.
- ◇ Keep all matches, lighters and lighter fluid away from children and never let them light the grill. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- ◇ When using a charcoal grill dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in a plastic, paper or wooden container.
- ◇ Never grill or barbecue in enclosed areas as carbon monoxide will be produced and may cause a lethal condition.

Remember in the event of an Emergency immediately CALL 911



Welcome Spring at the Warren - Watchung Green Teams's Green Fair



**All are invited to the 9th annual Green Fair
on May 11 from 10 am to 1 pm, at the Warren Middle School**

Fun Activities for All Ages:

Rizzo's Wild Life will present from 11am - 12:30pm ➡ **Don't miss the Baby Gator!**

Enjoy interactive displays and fun activities. There will be valuable information on how you can improve our environment. Visit local groups and businesses with information and demonstration displays.

➡ Electric Car Display!

We will be collecting items that are hard to recycle.

Please bring for Recycling:

- Styrofoam (clean block type Styrofoam)
- Household Papers for On-Site Shredding
- Electronics & Scrap metal (until truck is filled)
- Plastic Bottle Caps

Bottle Cap Collection:

Somerset County cannot accept plastic bottles with bottle caps attached. The Green Team collects clean, hard plastic screw caps, such as those found on orange juice containers and liquid clothes detergents at the library for re-purposing. Please bring clean plastic bottle caps only for this collection. The plastics collected get repurposed as handles for toothbrushes, disposable razors and other items.

Green Team Meetings:

Green Team Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Municipal Building, the next meeting will be held on May 2. All are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Green Team Chair, Laura Mandell at lgmandell@gmail.com

➡ **Unwanted medicine can be dropped off 24/7 at the Warren Police Dept.**

**Please check the Warren Township Website, the Watchung Borough Website or the [Warren Green Team FaceBook](#) page for updates.



Warren Township
Recreation



Spring & Summer 2019 Programs & Events

Director's Note: I would hope that all our residents will be able to take part in our exciting schedule of Spring/Summer programs and events. Please look for new events and programs that may be added to this list that will roll out for Summer 2019. Thank you.

Summer Concert Series: Bob Marino & Barbara Harris (June 19); Fabulous 50's Night featuring The Keynotes (June 26); Lost in Place (July 10); Ross Griswold & The Second Line (July 17). All concerts take place at the Warren Municipal Pavilion Area and start at 7pm.

Annual Fishing Derby: will take place on May 18 from 11am-2:30pm (hard rain date only May 19). This is a free event open to Warren Residents only. Prizes for ages 5-14. Free hats for the first 200 participants by Warren PBA and free food provided by the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club. NJ Fish & Game will be bringing the Show & Tell Tank.

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

Adult Men's Basketball: Mondays 6-10pm from September to June (Nov.- March time changes) at Warren Middle School. Warren, Watchung and Green Brook residents welcome. For more information, email Eric Cheshire at echesh37@aol.com

Spring Tennis Lessons: Session 2 is a 6-week class starting the week of May 13. These lessons are open Warren, Watchung and Green Brook residents ages 4 to adult and costs \$100 per session. The deadline to register for Session 2 is May 13 at 10am.

Summer Camp registration is now open for Warren residents. Warren residents who register early will receive a \$10 discount on the Summer Playground Program & Teen Camp until May 6, 11am. Watchung and Green Brook residents may register after May 6, 11am. Register early as camps fill up fast! No refunds.

Jr. Field Hockey Clinic: Sunday's, June 2, 9, 16, 23. Grades 1-4 from 8:30am-9:20am & Grades 5-9 from 9:30am-11am at Duderstadt Field. Cost is \$50 Grades 1-4 and \$75 for Grades 5-9. This clinic is open to the residents within the sending district of Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Summer Playground Program: June 25-July 27 M-F 9am-3pm, Monday's 12-3pm. \$235/5wks for Warren Residents and \$325 for Watchung & Green Brook Residents.

Summer Teen Camp: July 1- August 2, Monday-Friday, 8:45am-2:45pm; 3 trips a week. Register by the week. Warren residents each week \$225 (Week 1: \$215) and Watchung & Green Brook Residents \$250 each week (Week 1: \$235).

Little Kids Camp: Aug. 5-9 for 4-6 year olds - 9am to 1pm; \$85

Legos Camp: Aug. 12-16 for 6-12 year olds - 8:45am to 2:45pm; \$200



All Spring and Summer Programs/Events fliers are available on our website at www.warrennj.org/recreation

Director: Joseph Passaro
Program Coordinator: Amanda Altavilla

908-753-8000 ext. 270
recreation@warrennj.org

Warren Township Library

Updates from SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library Branch

SCLSNJ is now a designated official passport acceptance facility. Passport services are available at the Bridgewater branch at 1 Vogt Drive. On Wednesday evenings, SCLSNJ passport acceptance agents will offer services from 6 - 8pm at branches throughout SCLSNJ on a rotating basis. Services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis during the hours posted below. No appointment necessary. Passport Services will be available at Warren Township Library from 6 - 8 pm on **5/1, 7/3, 9/4, and 10/30**.

Adult Services Department

- 6/8** *What's the 411 on Genealogical DNA Tests - Saturday, June 8 at 11am - 12pm*
Anthony May will discuss how to select the right DNA test, know the pros and cons, understand the results in the context of your family tree and maybe make big family history discoveries.
- 6/18** *Project Apollo: Origins, Missions, and the Legacy - Tuesday, June 18 at 7pm - 8:30pm*
Prof. Robert Stengel, Princeton University, will examine Project Apollo from his viewpoint as the principal designer of the Apollo Project Lunar Module manual control logic, at the Draper Laboratory.
- 7/25** *Senior Self Defense - Thursday, July 25 at 1:30pm - 2:30pm*
The senior self defense techniques are simple, quick, and effective, and require no special strength or flexibility.
- 8/6** *Dogland A Journey to the Heart of America's Dog Problem - Tuesday, August 6 at 7 - 8pm*
Jacki Skole, journalist and professor of communications, set off to trace the origins of her newest family member. This resulted in Dogland a mix of memoir and investigative journalism.
- 10/1** *Capital Parenting How to Start a Business While a Full Time At-Home Parent - Tuesday, October 1 at 7 - 8:30pm* Learn how to run a business while being a stay-at-home parent from our panel experts.

Youth Services Department

Summer Reading Challenge

Students in Warren Township can continue reading and borrowing books even when the schools are closed for the summer. Our Summer Reading Challenge is open to all ages and runs from June 17 to August 17. When you join this fun program you will have opportunities to win prizes and reinforce your reading skills at the same time. Pre-registration begins on June 1.

Warren Township Youth Services Department has many programs on the horizon.

Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Story times begin the week of April 23 and run through May 30th. These interactive sessions provide early literacy skills through sharing books, telling stories, singing songs, making crafts, and engaging in creative play. Registration is required.

Drop-in Activities (no registration)

Crafts: Encourage your child's creativity by making a craft together. Recommended for ages 3 and up, featuring the following themes:

Mother's Day (Tues. May 7, 3:30 - 7pm and Saturday, May 11, 11am - 3pm), and **Father's Day** (Tuesday, June 11, and Thursday, June 13, 3:30 - 7pm)

Construction Zones - STEM Activities for Families: Work at your own pace with hands-on, age-appropriate STEM activities. Saturday May 25, July 13, and August 3 at 11am - 2pm.

6/25 *Let's Cook! - Kitchen Chemistry: Cake Experiment (entering grades 3-6) Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 4pm - 5pm. Please register.*

Did you know that baking is a chemical reaction? We will experiment with cakes to see what happens when we leave out certain ingredients.

7/10 *Make Your Own Graphic Novel, Wednesday, July 10 at 6 - 7:30 pm, for grades 7-12. Please register.*

Join illustrator and author Barbara DiLorenzo, for a hands-on instruction on creating your own graphic novel, from start to finish. All materials will be provided.

7/31 *Teddy Bear Sleepover, Wednesday, July 31 at 6 - 7pm. Please register.*

Bring your (2nd favorite!) stuffed animal to the library for story time followed by a sleepover.

Pick up your friends the next day and see photos of their adventures from the night before.

Please contact the Warren Township Library at 908-458-8450 or sclsnj.org for information about additional programs and services. Even better, stop in and see for yourself!



Warren Township Board of Education

Superintendent's Corner

Summer Fun registration is in full swing at www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/registration. Sessions will run Tuesday, June 25, 2019 through Friday, July 26, 2019.

The Warren Township School District offers children attending kindergarten through eighth grade opportunities for enrichment activities and early, extended, and after care services for a fee. Academic support courses are available to Warren residents, free of charge, upon teacher recommendation. Enrichment and academic support courses are available for out-of-district students for a fee.

New courses for 2019 include *A Star is Born*, *Creative Writing and Bookmaking*, *The Art of Nature*, and *Summer Fun Live*.

The Early Bird Deadline is May 3, 2019. Those paying their fees in full by this date receive a 10% discount.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.



Warren Township Rescue Squad

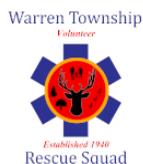
Upcoming Events:

Community "Hands-Only" CPR Training on Wednesday
May 22 from 6pm to 8pm starting every half-hour.
Stop by and learn how to save a life!

Blood Drive on Sunday, June 2 from 9 am to 2 pm.
Give the gift of life!

Recruitment Drive is ongoing. Free training for drivers and
EMTs. Spring is here! Volunteer!

The WTRS family wants
to thank the residents and
Township for their
generosity and support.



Follow us on Facebook @WarrenTownshipRescue
Find us at WarrenRescue.org



Warren Township Engineering Department



During the spring we may experience some minor flooding as we have had abundant rainfall over the last year. Please keep any storm water inlets clear of debris. If you have any questions concerning property in Warren, the Engineering Department does have the FEMA FIRM maps in the office and can help you.

Flood Insurance

If you don't have flood insurance, then talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods; however, because Warren participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. At last count, there were 91 flood insurance policies in Warren; If you are covered, check out the amount and check to see if you have contents coverage. Remember even if the last flood missed you or you have done some flood-proofing, the next flood could be worse. Flood insurance covers all surface floods.

If your flooding problem is caused or aggravated by sewer backup, check out a sewer backup rider to your homeowners insurance policy.

Flood Safety

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole **or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.**

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the power company or city emergency management office. PSE &G number is 1-800-436-7734 and JCP & L number is 1-888-544-4877. Emergency information is available on the Warrennj.org website also.

Have your electricity turned off by the power company. Some appliances, such as television sets, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.

Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Community Ratings System (CRS)

The National Flood Insurance Programs (NFIP) Community Ratings System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS:

- Reduce flood damage to insurable property

- Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP

- Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management



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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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- General (908) 753-8000
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- Township Clerk X 221, 222, 223
- Board of Adjustment..... X 243
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- Tax Assessment..... X 235
- Tax Collector X 231, 232, 263
- Zoning Office..... X 243
- Library..... (908) 458-8450
- Emergency Management (908) 753-1000
- Police, Fire & Rescue..... (908) 753-1000*
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