



**Town of Warren**

**Spring Newsletter**

**April 2017**

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

As many of you know, for the first few months of the new year, you seem to be rushing around getting all your information for your tax returns and figuring out what your household budget will now be. It's the same for us in the Town Hall. Each department has been reviewing what they have currently expensed in their budget compared to what they will need for the next fiscal year's budget — what has increased, new programs, State mandates, supplies, etc. We gather all this information, summarize the expenses in an overall report for the Board of Finance.

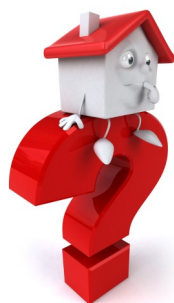
That is usually the easy part. The hard part is determining the income side of the budget. Some of you may be following the State of Connecticut's responses to what is or what is not going to be funded to the towns. Some changes the State has mentioned could be a new formula to calculate the amount of Educational Cost Sharing Funds (ECS) for towns, the amount of revenue that is distributed from the casinos, State property assessments within the town, and the possibility of towns paying a portion of the teacher's pensions.

These are just a few items that will impact each town's budget. As we await the State budget that could, might, maybe, possibly happen within the next few months, here in Warren we are working very hard to keep our budget expenses and the mill rate to the very lowest possible amount without hurting programs, customer services, and our infrastructure.

Join us on Thursday, May 4th for the Town's Budget Hearing at the Town Hall at 7:30pm. All Warren Residents are welcome to review the budget, comment, ask your budget questions or state your concerns to the Board of Finance and Selectmen.



The proposed budget will be posted on the town's website for your review prior to the hearing.



## 2017 Revaluation of Property

The Town has contracted eQuality Valuation Services, LLC to perform the 2017 Revaluation. Property owners will be notified by email as to when the inspections will begin with updates as to the area of

Town being inspected. We encourage property owners to submit an email address to the Town in order to receive these updates. General updates will be published on the Warren Website.



On March 14th, we said goodbye to Richelle (Land Use Office) and wished her the very best as she starts her new full time job. We will miss her.

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## Dates to Remember

Regional School District: Budget Hearing Monday April 17th 7-8pm Wamogo HS  
Regional School District: Budget Meeting Monday May 1st 8-9pm Wamogo HS

Town of Warren: Budget Hearing Thursday May 4th 7:30pm Warren Town Hall  
Town of Warren: Town Meeting Thursday May 18th 7:30pm Warren Town Hall

## From the Office of the Town Clerk

### June is Dog License Month!

Pursuant to Sec. 22-338 of the CT General Statutes all dogs over six months of age must be registered. A current rabies certificate must be submitted or be on file with the Town Clerk. Neutered or spayed dogs are only \$8, male or female dogs are \$19.

*Get your beagle legal and remember a tag is a lost dog's ticket home!*





## Social Services Department

### Income Tax Preparation Assistance:

AARP Foundation Tax Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone age 50 or older that cannot afford a tax preparation service. IRS –certified volunteers, provide one-on-one tax preparation assistance at area locations. If you would like to make an appointment contact Sullivan Senior Center, 88 East Albert Street,



Torrington, telephone 860-489-2211. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers free tax help for low-to moderate-income (under \$50,000) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Volunteers, sponsored by various organizations, receive training to help prepare basic tax returns.

Call to schedule an appointment. Community Action Agency of Western CT, 66 North Street, Danbury, 203-744-4700. WESTCONN VITA, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT, 203-797-4511. Danbury-VITA, Inc., 152 Deer Hill Avenue, Suite 105, Danbury, 203-826-9517.



**Renter's Rebate Program:** If you are a senior 65+ or a person with a disability, and pay rent or share rent for an apartment, a cooperative, congregate housing, subsidized housing, or for a rooming house, you may be eligible for this program. The application period is April 1 to October 1, 2017. The rebate amount you may receive is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments you made in the PRIOR year (2016). Income limits: single person \$35,200.00; married couple \$42,900. Those that apply must meet at least one of the following criteria: Individual or spouse must be 65 years of age or older as of December 31, 2016. Renter must be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of death had qualified and was entitled to this program (provided the couple was living together at the time of death). Renter must be 18 years of age or older who is permanently and totally disabled under Social Security Disability guidelines. All Renters must have resided in the State of Connecticut for at least one year at any given time. To schedule an appointment, contact Leah Pullaro, Warren Social Services 860-868-7881.

### Caregiver Wellness Program:

Catherine Vlasto, LCSW, a clinical social worker from New Milford VNA and Hospice, will present a program on **Caregiver Wellness** at Kent Senior Center, 1 Swifts Lane on March 29, 2017 at 10:00a.m. All caregivers are welcome. Lunch will be served afterwards at a suggested donation of \$4.00/person. Reservations are required for lunch. If you would like to stay for lunch, please call 860-927-2055 by Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Wellness of the caregiver and the recipient are equally as important. The psychological health of the family caregiver is negatively affected by providing care. Higher levels of stress, anxiety, depression and other mental health effects are

common among family members who care for an older relative or friend. It's easy to focus on everyone and everything other than yourself. *But remember:* Caring has an "I" in it. You can only care for others if you take care of YOU.

If you are unable to attend this program due to the needs of the person you are caring for and are interested in learning more, please contact Leah Pullaro, Warren Social Services, 860-868-7881.



# From the Office of Land Use

## Sequence of Events for Construction of Dwellings, Additions, Pools or Accessory Buildings in the Town of Warren

As winter draws to a close, many residents begin to plan for spring building and improvement projects. Please be aware that dwellings, additions, barns, garages, decks, pools, and sheds all require permits. *This includes "COVER-IT" type sheds and Storable Swimming Pools.* The Inland Wetlands Regulations, Zoning Regulations and Town Ordinances are available online at [www.warrenct.org](http://www.warrenct.org). Here is a summary of the various steps involved for obtaining the required approvals:

For a new house, have a soil scientist flag any wetlands on the lot and have an engineer/surveyor develop a site plan that shows the proposed house, driveway, septic system, well location, and any wetlands or watercourses located by the soil scientist. Contact Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436 for a list of soil scientists.

For a new house, obtain approval from the Torrington Area Health District for the proposed septic system and well location. If there is a septic system on your lot, the Health District must approve all additions, decks, and accessory buildings. The Health District has a separate pool application permit that must be obtained for all new swimming pools. Contact Richard Rossi, Sanitarian, at Torrington Area Health District at (860) 489-0436.

Obtain an Inland Wetlands Permit from the Warren Inland Wetlands Commission for any work proposed within 100' of a wetlands or watercourse (the regulated inland wetlands areas.) The Commission regulates construction, filling, and removal of material within the regulated wetlands and watercourse area. Contact Stacey Sefcik, Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:30AM and 12:30PM at 860-868-7881 x 117. The Inland Wetlands Commission currently meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at Warren Town Hall. Applications should be submitted one week prior to a meeting.

Obtain a driveway permit from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the First Selectman for all new driveways and modifications to existing driveways. The Town's driveway regulations are detailed in Section 9 of the Town of Warren Zoning Regulations. Applications are available in the Land Use Office and the First Selectman's Office.

Obtain a Zoning Permit from Stacey Sefcik, Zoning & Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, for proposed houses, additions, decks, pools, and accessory buildings -- including "cover-it" sheds and storable pools. The required setbacks in all zones throughout the Town of Warren are 30 feet for the front yard and 25 feet for side yards and rear yards. Properties located on or near the shorelines of major water bodies within Town may be required to meet additional Shoreline Setback requirements (see Section 16 of the Zoning Regulations.) Pools, decks and accessory buildings all require Zoning and Building permits and must meet the minimum zoning setback requirements.

Obtain a Building Permit from Joe Manley, Building Official. (860) 868-7881 ext. 111. He is available on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7:30AM to 8:30AM and Thursday afternoons from 4:30PM to 6:00PM.

Please be aware that while projects such as drainage improvements, patio installation, shoreline stabilization, pond maintenance, and removal of beaver dams may not require zoning or building permits they will likely still require Inland Wetlands approval. If you are in doubt as to whether a permit is needed for your proposed project, please contact Stacey Sefcik prior to commencing any work.

The Land Use & Building Office personnel are available to answer any questions you may have and to help you navigate the permitting process in order to get your project underway as quickly as possible.

Stacey Sefcik

Zoning & Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer



# Friends Of Warren School

**Looking** for a local summer camp???

Reserve the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>!!!

We are partnering with Creative Compass Dramatics, a theatrical company that is stationed in both Chicago and NYC to offer a theatrical day camp. This would be a weeklong camp for students in Warren and surrounding towns. Cost would be \$175 per child. It is open to children pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a weeklong residency performance program where students learn all the workings of a Broadway musical with professionally trained actors and educators. At the conclusion of the week the students are prepared to perform an entire musical for the community. This program is designed to purposefully and intrinsically instill skills of character such as trustworthiness, respect, and responsibility while students stretch their muscles of creativity and bravery through the art of theatre.

*Additional details will follow soon!*

## **Screen Free Week**

***May 1<sup>st</sup> through the May 7<sup>th</sup>***

Additional details and further information will be available soon!

**Monday:** Afterschool craft program

**Tuesday:** Activity sponsored by the Warren Public Library

**Wednesday:** Region 6 District Spelling Bee held at Warren School from 6-7PM.

**Thursday:** Fire truck rides sponsored by the Warren Volunteer Fire Company at 7PM.

**Friday:** Community service night

**Saturday:** BBQ dinner fundraiser and Community Bingo night

## **Town Wide Clean Up**

**Saturday April 22, 2017**

**Community Center**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Come to the Community Center to get your garbage bags and rubber gloves. You select the stretch of road you would like to clean.

A dumpster will be

located at the Warren Town

Garage for the garbage you collect.

Refreshments will be available at the Community Center.

This event is co-sponsored by the Warren Land Trust and

Warren Parks and Recreation.

Rain date is Sunday April 23, 2017



# COMMUNITY CLEANUP

V O L U N T E E R  
*all that's missing is U!*

The Town is always looking for residents who would like to volunteer their time on a Town Committee. Most Committees meet from one night a month to meeting on an as needed basis. Consider volunteering. Contact the Selectman's Office for more information.



## Park and Recreation Department

## Coach Bus Trips



### ***Chicago Cubs vs Boston Red Sox, Fenway Park, Boston***

**Saturday, April 29; 4:00pm game time**



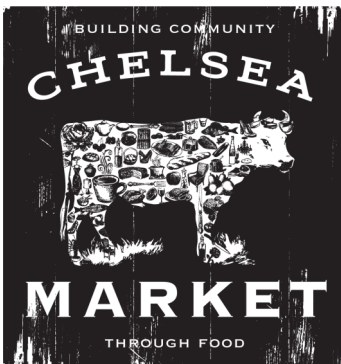
Witness the Sox take on the reigning 2016 World Series Champions in Bean Town!

**Cost: \$135.00 per person** includes ticket to game (seating in Grandstand 7 & 8),  
unlimited food buffet prior to game time in Champions Club;  
motor coach transportation, bus parking, driver gratuity and snack bag.

## ***High Line / Chelsea Market, New York City – Sunday, May 21***

Enjoy leisure time in this most unique park in New York City!

The High Line is a 1.45 mile-long New York City linear park built in Manhattan on an elevated section of a disused NY Central Railroad spur called the West Side Line.



Take advantage of the option to visit the spectacular new Whitney Museum at the end of the High Line at Gansevoort Street. Nearby Chelsea Market has become one of the greatest indoor food halls of the world.

**Cost: \$45.00 per person.**

## ***Sail Boston, Boston Harbor, Boston – Sunday, June 18***



We'll enjoy a tour of the Boston Harbor aboard *The Provincetown II* viewing all of the Tall Ships from the water. Free time to explore the ships in the Harbor along with fine food and shopping opportunities at Faneuil Hall Marketplace (Quincy Market).

**Cost: \$85.00 per person**



## ***Lady Liberty Lunch Cruise, New York City – Thursday, July 13***

Step aboard a luxury yacht and lunch in style as we cruise by New York's iconic landmarks including, of course, Lady Liberty, Ellis Island and the Brooklyn Bridge.



An exquisite lunch buffet, dessert station and on board entertainment awaits us.

**Cost: \$95.00 per person**

## ***Los Angeles Dodgers vs. New York Mets, Citi Field, Queens – Saturday, August 5***



The old team is back in town! Enjoy this exciting match up at the beautiful Citi Field in Flushing Meadows.



**Cost: \$95.00 per person** includes ticket, motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snack bag. Game starts at 4:05 pm. Seats are in section 335

## ***Oldest Rivalry in Baseball History, Bronx, New York City – Saturday, August 12***

It's a rival almost as old as the game itself! New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox at Yankee Stadium.



**Cost: \$105.00 per person** includes ticket to game (seating in Section 232), motor coach transportation, bus parking, driver gratuity and snack bag.



## ***Bronx Zoo / NY Botanical Gardens / Little Italy, New York City Saturday, September 9***



Choose between the expansive Bronx Zoo or the breathtaking NY Botanical Gardens (admission fee required) followed by time to eat your way through Little Italy in The Bronx.



**Cost: \$45.00 per person**



Price includes motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snack bag.



### ***Fall Splendor in Vermont – Sunday, October 1***



Enjoy a leisurely ride up to The Green Mountain State to revel in Mother Nature's colorful masterpiece. We'll delight in a two-hour train ride along with stops at Quechee Gorge, The Vermont Country Store, Billings Farm and more!

**Cost: TBD**

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### ***Haunted Happenings, Salem, MA – Sunday, October 29***

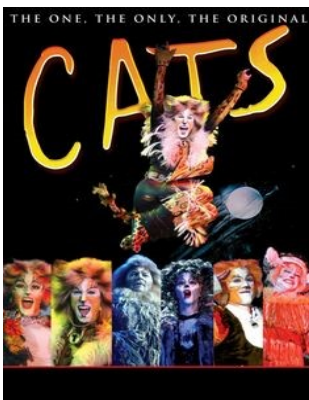


Experience America's most exciting Halloween Festival in the bewitching seaport of Salem, MA.

**Cost: TBD**

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### ***CATS on Broadway, New York Sunday, November 12***



This wonderfully imaginative show remains one of the theater's most unforgettable experiences. The original creative team reunites to give CATS a new life for a new generation.

**Cost: TDB**

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### ***Christmas Prelude, Kennebunkport, ME – Saturday, December 2–3***



Voted the #2 Christmas Town in America by HGTV!

Santa arriving by lobster boat, Hat Parade, Pooch Parade, craft fairs, fireworks and so much more!

**Cost: TBD**





## ***Christmas Spectacular / Radio City, New York City***

**Wednesday, December 13**

For over 80 years,  
the Radio City Christmas  
Spectacular,  
starring the *Rockettes*,



has continued to create  
lasting memories for generations  
of families that have made this  
cherished show a Holiday  
tradition.

**Cost: TBD**

## **More Park and Rec Trips .....**

**Nature's Art Village**



**Tuesday, April 25th**

Nature's Art Village down in Montville truly has something for everyone! During our visit, we'll start our day at The Gateway Museum. It is an indoor village of progress, showcasing the 200 year growth of American trades. Our guided tour will highlight innovations from printing presses to potato planters, discovering the technology that defined a nation. We'll depart Nature's Art Village for a delicious lunch at a locally owned restaurant.

When we head back to Nature's Art Village after lunch, we'll enjoy free time to explore their Antiques Market & Museum. The Antiques Market is an antique shopper's delight with 12,000 square feet boasting over 90 antique vendors. \*Voted "Best Antique Stop" by Yankee Magazine 2014!\*

If antiques aren't your thing, but arts and crafts are, you'll want to head over to The Shops at Nature's Art Village instead! Here you'll find one of a kind natural stone jewelry, minerals and beads. Along with fabulous toys, puzzles and unique artful gifts and treasures!

Payment immediately upon sign up is greatly appreciated. We will leave the Warren Community Center at 8:30a.m.  
**COST \$12.00 for admission and transportation by Northwestern CT Transit**



**Lenny and Joe's**

**Outlet Stores**

**Tuesday, May 9th**

We're heading to the Connecticut shoreline for a day of fine dining and fine shopping! First we'll dine at one of the shore's most popular seafood restaurants—*Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale Restaurant*! We'll delight in such lunch offerings as famous fish tale chowder and fish tale platters, baked stuffed casseroles, broiled fresh fish fillets and of course, lobster or crab rolls! There are also plenty of selections for the land lubber.

Following our delicious lunch, we'll travel over to the *Clinton Crossing Outlets*, where bargains await us. At this beautiful, spacious, outdoor outlet mall, we'll enjoy shopping at *Ann Taylor, Chico's, Talbots, Yankee Candle*...and more! We might stop at the Hammonasset Beach in Madison. Bus departs at 8:30 am from the Warren Community Center. **COST \$8.00**





## **Block Island**

Come aboard the fastest ferry from the mainland at New London, Connecticut to be transported to Block Island in an hour and fifteen minutes. Enjoy the peaceful patchwork of fields bordered by old stone walls, saltwater farms with views rolling down to the sparkling ocean, the Southeast Lighthouse perched atop majestic Mohegan Bluffs, and panoramic views across the tranquil island to the Block Island



## **Friday, June 9th**

Sound. Bird-filled maritime scrubland to butterfly filled meadows make Block Island a world unto itself. Explore the shops and lunch on your own.

***COST is \$43.00*** includes ferry transportation and bus transportation by Northwestern CT Transit

## **Baseball in Hartford - The Yard Goats**

### **Wednesday, July 19th**

Let's go Goats! Game time is 12:05 PM. **The cost is only \$20 per person** so bring the gang! Price includes a ticket to the game, Northwestern CT Transit to and from the stadium, plus lunch including a hotdog, soda, and chips.



## **..... and Events!!**

Tai Chi for Seniors returns to the Warren Community Center starting **Thursday April 6th**



The Tai Chi program last spring at the Warren Community Center was so well received, that we've decided to offer another six-week series! Yay for YOU! Tai Chi nurtures your complete being. Simple movements and breathing promote relaxation of the mind and body. Tai Chi gently encourages healing energy to flow through every cell of your body, awakening your senses and stimulating your awareness. General benefits of Tai Chi include boosting the immune system, reducing anxiety and depression, lowering blood pressure, alleviating stress responses, increasing breathing capacity, improving balance and coordination and helping to reduce chronic pain. All exercises may be done in a seated position, if need be.

Our six-week Tai Chi series begins **Thursday April 6, 2017** from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Community Center. There is **No Cost** for the ENTIRE six-week series. SPACE is limited. You must register with the Park and Recreation office or with Northwest VNA.



## LUNCH time

### Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> Lunch at the Hopkins Inn



Have lunch with friends at the Hopkins Inn high above the northern shore of Lake Waramaug taking in expansive views of the lake, vineyard, and surrounding foothills. A little light entertainment is planned as well.

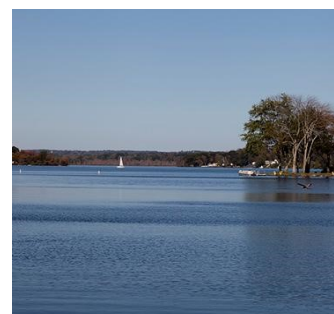
Our special price can't be beaten. Don't miss this delightful afternoon.

Join us! Please submit registration form that is on the Town website.

### Picnic Lunch at Morris Town Beach Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Picnic together under the comfort of the pavilion at Morris Town Beach with our friendly and neighborly Morrisites! On the shore of Bantam Lake we'll gather to be served a catered lunch. For amusement, there will be musical entertainment, door prizes, and games of chance. Feel free to bring your own beach chair.

Lunch served at noon. **Tickets are \$15 per person.**



### SAVE the Dates

Saturday June 24 – Northern Sharks  
Saturday July 8 – Whiskey Wine & Coke  
Saturday July 29 – Truck Stop Troubadours  
Saturday August 19 – Time Rider  
Sunday September 17 – 60's Satisfaction

### Paddleboard and Kayaking Clinic presented by Sportsmen's of Litchfield



June dates to be determined - please reference

Town Website

Warren Town Beach

Although there is no fee **you must register** so we know how many kayaks and paddleboards to have at the beach.

Please call Park and Recreation office at 860-868-7881 ext. 113 or email at [parkrecredirector@warrenct.org](mailto:parkrecredirector@warrenct.org)





## Warren Town Beach Parking Permits Summer 2017

Available at the Park and Recreation office and the Town Clerk's office starting Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please reference the application on the Town website.

**Please note the application is a fillable form.**

## Lifeguards Wanted: Warren Town Beach Summer 2017



Warren Parks and Recreation Department is looking for lifeguards and gate guards for Summer 2017. Additional information and the application are on the town website. All guards must be certified.

If interested in this seasonal employment opportunity, contact the office at 860-868-7881 ext. 113 or email [parkrecredirector@warrentct.org](mailto:parkrecredirector@warrentct.org)

## Fitness Classes



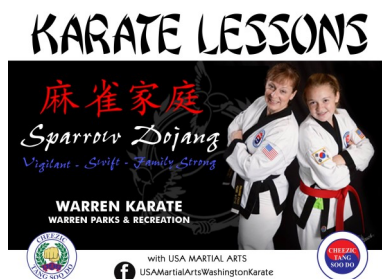
All classes are held at the Warren Community Center

**Wednesday** - Boot Camp  
Interval Training with Carla  
6:30-7:30 pm

**Saturday** - Boot Camp Muscle  
Conditioning with Carla  
7:30 - 8:30 am

For additional information please contact Carla at [Carlahangevine@hotmail.com](mailto:Carlahangevine@hotmail.com)

## Warren Parks & Recreation Karate Classes



Program is run by Frannie Caco from USA MARTIAL ARTS.

Friday night classes start at 6:00 PM for ages 3-6 and 6:30 PM for ages 7- 70; 10 week session

Tuition is \$70 each and \$50 for family add-ons (\$10 additional for weapons class at 7:30 PM) Checks to Martial Arts.

Contact Frannie Caco at 860-868-5031 or email [caco06777@yahoo.com](mailto:caco06777@yahoo.com)

## Veterans Memorial Committee



Spring is upon us and the Memorial is looking fantastic. Once the snow is melted work on the platform and memorial stones will begin again. In the meantime, what a better way to start the **BBQ** season than by purchasing a Veteran's Memorial Apron.

Our **Denim Apron** has three pockets and adjustable ties to fit any size. Each apron is only \$20.00 and will benefit the memorial.



Aprons can be purchased at the Town Hall during normal business hours and at the Memorial Day Parade: Sunday May 28, 2017.





## Warren Public Library

The Warren Public Library is happy to announce the following events happening March and April. Stop by or contact the library for more information.

**Warren School Student Art Show** – April 2-25 with a **Reception** on April 2, 3:30-5:30 P.M. The theme this year is inspired by artists who use nature in their work. Students will study and generate artworks in the style of Monet, Cézanne, Van Gogh, and Georgia O'Keeffe.



**Pre-K & Kindergarten Story Hour** – Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Come in and enjoy a craft, story, and some fun. Please check the library website for specific subjects and books of the week.



**Stitch Night** – Fridays 7-9 P.M. March 17, April 21, and May 19. Bring your stitching project: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, and come in and enjoy a relaxing evening sharing projects and ideas with other stitchers, solving problems and exchanging a few stitches.



**Warren Public Library Book Club**  
Thursdays 5:30 P.M. March 23, April 20, and May 18.

Books to be announced on the library website, [www.warrenpubliclibrary.org](http://www.warrenpubliclibrary.org).

Join in on lively discussions of very interesting books.



**Gentle Hatha Yoga with resident Jody Cohen**

Friday mornings at 9 A.M.

A new six-week session of classes will begin May 5th. Contact the library at [warrenpl@optonline.com](mailto:warrenpl@optonline.com) for further information.



# APRIL EVENTS

### Gemology Club

**Thursday, April 13, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**

Upper and Senior blended recommended.  
Learn the basics of gemology while studying blue topaz and start your very own collection  
Snacks provided.

### Family Movie Night presents *Sing*

**Friday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.**

All Ages. Enjoy a fun family movie filled with music, dancing, and laughter.

Bring your own blanket and we will bring the popcorn!

### Friday Friends Story Time

**Friday, April 14, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.**

Our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade friends are welcome to join story time over spring break.

Bigger kids are always welcome too!  
Enjoy stories, snacks, crafts, and free play.





The Warren Historical Society discovers, celebrates and preserves Warren's history through its collections, programs and exhibits.

An important reminder to parents and students: we are now accepting applications for the **Warren Historical Society Scholarship**! Two awards of **\$1000** each will be presented, with funds to be used toward applicants' post-secondary education. Current or former Warren residents who attended the Warren school for at least two consecutive years are eligible. The application is due **May 1**, and requires a project focused on Warren's history. We are happy to provide guidance on project selection and execution. For further details and to download the application, visit the WHS website: [www.WarrenCTHistory.org](http://www.WarrenCTHistory.org).

Also coming up this spring from the Warren Historical Society:

### **Arts Heritage Program: Drawing in the Style of Eric Sloane**

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the CT Department of Economic and Community Development Office of the Arts, we will offer sessions in which students and parents learn drawing skills in the style of Eric Sloane, whose finely detailed drawings of barns, fields, and agricultural tools were influenced by his time in Warren. Sessions will be led by artist Albert Coffill, and will be preceded by a visit to the Sloane Museum in Kent. An exhibit of participants' works will be open to the public at our annual Open House. Further details forthcoming via email blast or on our Facebook page. To be added to our email list, contact Joanne Mansfield at [jnnmansfield@gmail.com](mailto:jnnmansfield@gmail.com).

**4/18** Visit to Sloane Museum

**5/2** Drawing session for Warren School students grades 1-6

**5/6** Drawing session for private school and home-school students and general public

### **WHS Open House – Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-8pm, Warren Community Center:**

Join us for an exhibit featuring items from our collection, a showing of WHS Arts Heritage Program drawings, announcement of scholarship awardees...and refreshments and conversation with friends and neighbors!

We hope you've enjoyed recent exhibits in our Town Hall display case, including collection items from election memorabilia to wedding paraphernalia. New exhibits are on the way; keep an eye out for notice of them on our Facebook page.

We have open hours! Come by the Historical Society museum space in the Warren Community Center on Mondays from 9am-12pm. If there is something in particular you'd like to research, view, or pursue, please contact our Town Historian Ellen Paul at [warrenhistorian@hotmail.com](mailto:warrenhistorian@hotmail.com).



The Warren Land Trust is an advocacy group dedicated to the preservation of the rural character of Warren. Our mission is to preserve farmland, open space, natural and endangered resources such as wetlands, forests and wildlife habitats, to encourage outright gifting of land for permanent protection and the use of conservation easements to preserve open space.

Spring is on its way, and we are putting away our snowshoes and lacing up the hiking boots. We hope you will join us for the following events!

**Town Clean-Up: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am-2pm (Rain Date Sunday, 4/23), Warren Community Center** – Along with Parks & Rec, we encourage you to help us commemorate Earth Day, and keep Warren's roadsides clean and beautiful! Stop by the Community Center to pick up garbage bags and rubber gloves, and select the stretch of road you'd like to work on. A dumpster will be located at the Town Garage for the refuse you collect. Refreshments will be provided at the Community Center. A great opportunity for kids to get involved in community service and enjoy the outdoors!

**Lecture: Jeffrey Ward, "The Importance of Trees," April 30<sup>th</sup>, Washington Montessori School, 2pm** – Co-sponsored with the Lake Waramaug Association and Steep Rock Association. Sure, their greenery is pleasant, but why do trees really matter to us? Forester and horticulturalist Jeffrey Ward will provide a compelling presentation on the subject, focusing on our local environment. Stay for refreshments and discussion after the lecture.

**CT Trails Day Hike, 6/3, 10am, East Kent Hamlet Preserve, 39 Kent Hollow Road** – Kick off Summer hiking season with this Warren Land Trust annual favorite! We will explore the old Camp Francis Girl Scout Camp, part of which is in Warren, and which we helped the Kent Land Trust acquire. Details forthcoming – check our website or email us at [info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org).

Save the Date:

9/17: Housatonic Heritage Walk with the Warren Historical Society

9/23: Community Hike and Picnic hosted by Adil and Zarinna Mulla

9/30: Parks & Rec/WLT Cider Run 5K

And...an opportunity to support our land conservation mission:

**Give Local 2017, April 25-26** – This 36-hour online giving campaign hosted by the CT Community Foundation benefits hundreds of regional nonprofit organizations, including ours. Supporting the Warren Land Trust is as easy as a few clicks on your computer or taps on your phone. And every dollar donated is stretched with bonus funds provided by Connecticut Community Foundation and generous sponsors. To learn more, visit [givelocalccf.org](http://givelocalccf.org), or email us at [info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org).





## Warren Congregational Church's Annual **WINTER DINNER SERIES**

### MENU

#### *Roast Beef*

Mashed Potatoes

Salad

Dinner Rolls

Famous Home Baked Desserts!

Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea



Saturday, April 22nd  
4:30pm to 7:00pm  
Warren Church Parish Hall  
Corner of Routes 45 & 341

\$15.00 per person      \$5 Kids (12 yrs & under)  
Free Delivery for Warren Residents 70 and over!!



Warren Church  
Community Childcare  
and Preschool

Happy Spring from  
WCCC!



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Save the date - Pancakes with the Easter Bunny will be on Saturday, April 15, 8 -10:15, at the Congregational Church Hall followed by the Park and Rec Easter Egg Hunt. Please come out to support our center. 100% of the proceeds goes to WCCC.

We are also making preparations for our summer camp. Registration will begin in May. We have some great trips and programs planned. Space is limited.

As always, I would love for community members with a special talent (arts & crafts, cooking, outdoors, bi-lingual, etc.) to come in and share with us.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or ideas.

~Sarah B. Churyk, WCCC Director

### **Warren Volunteer Fire Company Inc.**

#### ***Celebrates 75 Years***

**The Fire Company is celebrating 75 years of serving the community this year.**

**After the Memorial Day Parade Sunday May 28th please join us for hotdogs, chips and cake.**

The fire company responds to fire and medical emergencies calls for the town of Warren and our mutual aid companys like Cornwall, Kent, Bantam and Washington. There are times we are called to town much farther away to help them battle large



fires or emergencies. The members spend many hours a year training and keeping up certifications that are required in addition to up keeping the fire house and equipment.

Thank you for your support over the years and in the future!

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# Pancake Breakfasts

**All you can eat:**

**Pancakes -plain or blueberry,  
sausage, O.J., coffee or tea.**

**Adults \$5.00, children \$2.00  
Children under 3 are free**

**Proceeds from the breakfast benefit the  
Auxiliary Scholarship Fund**

**Additional information call  
Vicki Rumble at  
860-868-2187**



**Mark Your Calendars  
Sunday, April 23rd**

**Sunday, May 21st**

**Sunday, June 18th**

**Warren Community Center  
7:30am — 11:00 am**