

TOWN OF WARREN WINTER NEWSLETTER 2023



From the Highway Department

Happy New Year to all. With the Winter Season upon us, we would like to remind everyone on a couple of Town Ordinances. We are urging residents to be mindful about the roads and would like to stress the importance of keeping our roads safe. A couple of issues we face each year are: old habits of placing snow in the roads or across the roads when you are snow plowing your driveways; the other is parking on the streets during or after a snow storm, hindering the plowing and sanding efforts of the Town. Please help us keep you safe during these winter months.

Town Ordinance adopted October 15, 2015 regarding the "Placement of Snow in Public Right of Way"

No person shall move, deposit or place, by any method or means, snow or ice from any private property, including, without limitation, sidewalks, driveways, shared driveways and private roads or rights of way in or onto any public road, roadway or right of way.

Any person who violates the ordinance may be liable for up to \$100 per offense.



Town Ordinance Regulating Parking Dated November 5, 1999

Winter Season Parking Ban in effect from now until April 15th. Vehicles, trailers or any other type of vehicle as defined in the CGS 14-1, parked on Town Roads prohibiting the plowing of snow or sanding of roads will be deemed a menace and will be subject to a fine. For your safety as well as for the Highway Department Employees, please refrain from parking on the road side especially during storms and overnight



Garbage Can Placement during Winter Months



Placing your garbage cans in the road during the winter months is a safety issue for not only the plow trucks but for anyone driving a vehicle on the street. With the automated removal, garbage cans can be placed up to 6 feet off the roadside. You can position the receptacle on top of the snow pile so it is off the road and it will be picked up by the trucks. Even though our Town Drivers and the State Workers try to be aware of the receptacles when plowing or cleaning up the roads after a storm, it becomes difficult for

the plows to maneuver around garbage cans left in the road. Please take the extra minute and make sure you have placed the receptacles for pick up in a safe area and then *remove the receptacle from the road* once your garbage/recycling has been picked up.

*Any receptacles damaged because they were in the road **will be** the responsibility of the resident/renter of the property.*



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From the Office of the First Selectman

Happy New Year to All! I'm amazed on how fast the year has flown by. In each newsletter and Selectman's meetings, I have tried to keep everyone updated on what has occurred since we last met. We have a composting program going on where you can bring your "leftovers" to the drop off bin at the Town Garage. This has been very successful over the past few months. We also have a clothes bin drop off at the Town Hall. So now that the holidays are over and you have new apparel, please consider recycling your slightly used items. Our main event this quarter was our Holiday on the Hill spectacular. The weather wasn't sure if it wanted to cooperate with us, but Mother Nature gave us a great night of fun. This year the Warren Business Association and the Friends of Warren School held a "Tree Auction" to benefit the Town's Social Services department and the Warren School. Thank you to all those businesses for your generous tree donations and to those who bid on them. Another addition to the night were vendors at the Warren Hub. Santa and Mrs. Claus made the trip from the North Pole to sit and meet our amazing children, giving out over 75 gifts. Warren Parks and Recreation had the New England Carolers at the Warren General Store for our entertainment pleasure. I hope you had a chance to spend some time listening to those beautiful voices. Up at the Community/Senior Center, The Litchfield Distillery and Hopkins Vineyard attended our event and shared their newest ????. Thank you to Art Downs for taking residents on a tractor ride to each of the facilities on the Hill and in the center of Town. And to all the organizations helping to make this annual event more spectacular each year. **THANK YOU** for all you do.

In January, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will be reviewing last years audit. Look for the Town's Annual Report of finances and department and organization reports for 2021-2022 in the next month.

This past quarter, most of you received notice regarding your property assessment. If you had questions, you were to contact the company with your questions and concerns. At the end of January, the Board of Assessment Appeals applications will be available to complete with your other questions and concerns.

I can't believe its time to start working on our 2023-2024 Budget. I will be working with my staff, organizations and the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to bring our residents a brand new budget to review and vote on this May. Our Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 4th and the Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18th. Save the date.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful 2023. We look forward to making Warren the **Best Small Town** around!

First Selectman LaCava's door is always open.



From the Social Services Director

Energy Assistance: Our office continues to complete applications for Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). It can take weeks for CEAP to process your application, so please consider making an appointment right away! CEAP is an income based program that helps to cover your winter heating costs. Please call for details or to see if you are eligible.

Mental Health: An increase of anxiety, depression and loneliness are pervasive across our nation as we go into winter. If you are feeling particularly anxious or struggling with your mental health, it's important to reach out to a mental health professional for support. If you need help with the process of finding a counselor suitable for you or your loved one please give our office a call.

Visit CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (portal.ct.gov/DMHAS-COVID-19) for helpful links & resources.

In a Crisis?

Dial 2-1-1 and select option 1 for CT mobile Crisis

Domestic Violence Resources:

Domestic Violence Crisis Center - DVCCCT.ORG Call: 888-774-2900

Susan B. Anthony Project— Torrington (860) 482-7133

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or live chat online via thehotline.org

Veterans Crisis Line: If you are a veteran or concerned about a veteran, the Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource available to anyone, even if you're not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care. Call the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and **Press 1** **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 988

NARCAN : has serious side effects: It saves lives. Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. Narcan is available for free in my office. Call or email to request.

Dial-a-Ride and Community Bus: curb to curb transportation services! Dial-A-Ride: 860-489-2535

Warren/Washington Community Bus: Call Jen Pote to reserve your ride today: 860-868-0735



Senior Valentines Teal : February 14th at noon, please join us for a social gathering hosted by Social Services. Check our page on warrenct.org for updated details!

Warren & Washington Food Pantry

The Warren & Washington Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-Noon. The pantry is open to all residents of Warren and Washington; you simply need an ID to shop.

The pantry is located at the Community Center | 7 Sackett Hill Rd | Warren CT

Monetary donations can be sent via check made out to the Town of Warren with "Warren Washington Food Pantry" in the memo line.



Please don't hesitate to contact our office
Melissa Brown | socialservices@warrenct.org | 860-868-7881 EXT 114 |
& follow us on Facebook!



Assessor's Office



Homeowners Benefit: Individuals 65 and older who meet certain income limits may qualify for reduced taxes. The filing deadline is May 15.

Veteran's Exemption: A Veteran must file an Honorable Discharge Form DD-214 with the Town Clerk before October 1 and have served during an eligible time of war or conflict, although, Veterans receiving a disability through the Veterans Administration who have filed a DD214 qualify, whether, or not they served during the eligible dates.

Additional Veteran's Exemption: A Veteran must have a DD214 on file with the Town Clerk and must meet certain income limits. The filing deadline is October 1.



Exemption for Blindness: To receive a 3,000 assessment exemption, certification of blindness must be obtained from the State of Connecticut, Department of Human Resources, Board of Education and Services for the Blind. This certificate must be filed with the Assessor's office by October 1st.

Exemption for Totally Disabled Persons: To receive a 1,000 assessment exemption, you must file an [application](#) with proof of permanent total disability from the Social Security Administration, by October 1st. The [Physician's Certificate of Total and Permanent Disability Form](#) can be used only when accepted proofs of disability from Social Security Administration, Veteran's Administration, or other governmental offices are not obtainable.



Farm, Forest and Open Space Assessment: The application period is between September 1 and October 31. Contact the Assessor's office for details.

Motor Vehicles 20 Years Old and Older: Connecticut General Statute 12-71(b) states "...any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars." Application must be filed no later than August 1 for a motor vehicle on the Regular Grand List and February 1 for a vehicle on the Supplemental Grand List.



Parks and Recreation Activities

OPEN GYM

Open Gym – Warren Community Center - Open on Sundays 1:00PM–3:00PM

Let's get something going at the Community Center! Let's get out and walk inside the gym or play some basketball. Talk to your friends and get them involved.

Missing your favorite summertime game of **CORNHOLE**? Join us on Sunday afternoons at the Community Center for a game or two of CORNHOLE. What a great way to beat those winter blues. Games begin at 3:00pm—right after Open Gym times.



KARATE LESSONS
A Family that Kicks Together, Sticks Together!

Warren School Gym
Friday Evenings
Starting: December 9th

Kid Kicks (age 4-8 year olds) 6:00pm
Junior & Adult (age 7 and older) 6:45pm
Advanced Class 7:45pm

Session Fee: \$80.00 per Student 10 Week Sessions
First 80 additional family member brought to you by Warren Parks & Rec

Instructor: Master Caco, Cheezic Tang Soo Do Black Belt #2269
Phone: 860-868-5031 Email: caco06777@yahoo.com

KARATE at the Warren School Gym - Friday Nights

Kid Kicks (age 4-8 years olds) 6:00PM Junior & Adult (age 7 and older) 6:45PM

Weapons & Advanced Forms—every other week at 7:45PM

Session Fee: \$80 per Student – 10 week sessions \$60 additional family member

Instructor: Frannie Caco, Cheezic Tang Soo Do Black Belt #2269

Phone: 860-868-5031 Email: caco06777@yahoo.com

ADULT BASKETBALL

Join us at the Warren School Gym for some Basketball on Thursday evenings from 6:45pm–8:30pm.

Warren Park & Recreation Presents

BASKETBALL

Warren School

THURSDAYS 6:45-8:30

EVERY THURSDAY
JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH

860-7881 ext 113

FITNESS CLASS

Boot Camp, Tabata, Core

Strength and

Interval Training

Saturdays 7:30-8:30AM

\$10 a class, pay as you go

Bring: Yoga Mat, towel, water bottle and weights

Email Questions:

Carla@ Carlahangevine@hotmail.com

Warren Parks & Recreation Fitness Class

Boot Camp, Tabata, Core Strength and Interval Training approaches. Classes are geared toward all fitness levels.

Modifications are always offered for beginner to the advanced

Saturdays 7:30-8:30am

10 \$ Per Class

Bring: mat, towel, water & weights

Warren Community Center

Questions: carlahangevine@hotmail.com

SNOWSHOEING CLINIC

David Schneiderbeck, a member of the Warren Parks & Recreation Commission, the Warren Land Trust and a former outdoor educator at Great Hollow Wilderness School will lead the clinic. The snowshoeing clinic is scheduled for Saturday February 11 at 10:00 AM at the North Kent Hamlet. In the event there is no snow we will reschedule the clinic for Saturday February 25th. **If interested David will take participants on a hike if there is no snow on these dates.** Please register via the warrenrec.org on-line registration system. There is no fee for this clinic.

Cross Country Ski Clinic – Saturday January 28th starting at 10:00 am

Any questions, please call the Parks & Recreation office at 860-868-7881 ext. 113

CHANGE OF DATE

SNOWSHOEING CLINIC

February 11 10:00AM
North Kent Hamlet

LED BY DAVE SCHNEIDERBECK
MEMBER OF WARREN PARK RECREATION COMMISSION & WARREN LAND TRUST
FORMER OUTDOOR EDUCATOR AT GREAT HOLLOW WILDERNESS SCHOOL

PLEASE REGISTER:

860-868-7881 EXT 113
PARKRECDIRECTOR@WARRENCT.ORG



Warren Parks and Recreation Scholarship for graduating seniors

The Warren Parks and Recreation Commission is offering its Annual Warren Parks and Recreation Scholarship in conjunction with the Connecticut Community Foundation. The deadline for applications is March 15th for new (first time) applicants and February 15th for re-applicants. Additional information and to complete an online application, please go to the Connecticut Community Foundation website at www.conncf.org

If there are any questions, please contact the guidance department at WAMOGO HS or Park and Recreation Office at 860-868-7881 x113

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15th. Application, transcript, essay, recommendation, and FAFSA are all required.



Lifeguards Wanted: Warren Town Beach Summer 2023

LIFEGUARD

Seasonal Employment Opportunity Certified Lifeguards and Gate Guards are needed at Warren Town Beach for summer 2023. All guards must be certified. If interested contact the Parks and Recreation Department or refer to Town website for additional information.

ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, and TRIPS

Warren Park and Recreation
PRESENTS

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CT Flower & Garden Show - Thursday, February 23



This is the perfect trip for a cold winter's day!

Join us as we travel to the *Connecticut Convention Center* in Hartford for the 41st Annual **CT Flower & Garden Show!**

Award winning landscape exhibits will be in full bloom ranging from 300 to 2,000 square feet, occupying over **THREE ACRES** of the Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Over 300 booths filled with plants, flowers, fertilizers, garden tools, tractors, patio/lawn furniture and more!

Food vendors are available at the Convention Center for lunch, or you are welcome to pack your own lunch to bring along. For detailed list of vendors, presenters and free classes, visit: www.ctflowershow.com. Bonus stop on the way home! VERY limited seating. Advance reservations and payment required. Please call / email the office to make your arrangements. **COST: \$25 per person – includes bus transportation via Northwest Transit and admission ticket**



Saint Patrick's Lunch – Friday, March 17th - LUCK O' IRISH

We are ALL a little Irish on March 17th—for it's Saint Patrick's Day, of course! Let's celebrate Ireland's patron Saint by eating some delicious corned beef and all the trimmings! If you love corned beef as much as I do you need to come to our Saint Patrick's Day celebration! We'll enjoy a delicious catered complete corned beef dinner, an amazing dessert and fabulous company! Who can forget LIVE entertainment

with Pierce Campbell, treats and raffle prizes! Wooo hooooo! We'll be enjoying the holiday celebration with our friends from Morris at the Warren Congregational Church. Seating is limited—please do not delay!

Don't forget to wear green and watch for leprechauns!
Friday, March 17th Starts at 12:30pm - Cost: \$18.00 pp



GET READY FOR SOME SPECTACULAR TRIPS COMING TO YOU THIS YEAR!



West Point Dress



From the Office of the Registrars



This year's election, where we will select candidates to fill municipal positions, will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. It's seldom that we have a primary in advance of a municipal election, but it is certainly possible, so a review of key calendar dates of this election cycle is in order. The following is a chronological summary of certain requirements for a municipal primary election, should there be one. All of these dates are applicable to any Special Acts that might come from the Governor's office or the legislature:

June 12th will be the last day that an elector can transfer from one party to the other in order to vote in the new party in the primary.

August 22nd will be the date that Absentee ballots will be available.

August 29th The Registrars will conduct an in-person voter registration session in our town hall office. The hours for this session will be announced at a later date.

September 7th will be the cut-off date for mail in and online voter registration for this primary.

September 11th will be the cut-off date for in person registration.

September 12th will be the date of the Municipal Primary election, should there be one.

Registering to vote is easy – go to VoterRegistration@ct.gov to register on line. Contact the Registrars at 860-868-7881x109 or at registrars@warrenct.org with any questions. Warren's Registrars are in the office every Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 9 and 11am. Special hours can be arranged with advance notice. Watch for future newsletters for updates as these election dates grow near.



The Warren Historical Society's mission is to discover, celebrate and preserve Warren's history for the benefit of its citizens and surrounding communities through its collections, [programs](#), and exhibits. Join us this year as we explore the Land in the "Evolution of Land and Lake" and in how the landscape shaped the people living here and how the people living here shaped the landscape.

We offer a \$1000 scholarship for college students, application deadline is May 1, 2023. See our website for details.

If you have anything you would like to share, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to volunteer, help create programming, have ideas for our website, want to help digitize records, give us a call!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @WarrenCtHistoricalSociety

www.WarrenCtHistoricalSociety.org Contact us at WarrenHistorian@outlook.com or call 860-503-8545



Warren Land Trust



The Warren Land Trust is a conservation organization 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.

Winter is a great time to enjoy the great outdoors, including our preserves and trails! A winter hike or snowshoe can be a perfect quiet, contemplative break or a great alternative get-together plan for family and friends. For example, check out the Sunset Ponds Preserve, with a network of newly blazed short spur trails leading to secluded and beautiful water views. And don't forget that fresh snowfall provides exceptional opportunities to explore wildlife tracks!

Speaking of snow, be on the lookout for Parks & Rec to reprise its snowshoe clinic on the Dorothy Maier Preserve, led by Parks & Rec and WLT board member Dave Schneiderbeck. Information will be posted on our website and/or email blasts from WLT and Parks & Rec.

For more information about our preserves and trails, see www.warrenlandtrust.org or email us at info@warrenlandtrust.org. Or scan our QR code at any of our trailhead kiosks or alongside our merchandise display at the Warren General Store.



The Warren Community Garden's first planting season at the town-owned Wasley Farm was a great success! Located at 224 Cornwall Road, the WCG re-established the vegetable and flower garden in the same location nurtured by the Wasleys for so many years.

Beginning in the cold, snowy days of February through to the festive evening of Holiday on the Hill, WCG gardeners met up to plan, prep, build, strip, till, sow, water, mow, weed, harvest, bake and celebrate! The garden design includes double or single plots for rent, each plot measuring

4 feet by 20 feet, and plots for growing fresh produce and flowers for the food pantry. In our first year, 20 gardeners rented plots and over 40 volunteers contributed to its success.

Plans are already in motion for our next growing season and all are welcome to join us. Interested gardeners can rent a plot for the upcoming season now. Please email Kathy Newton at newts198@optonline.net if you would like to rent a plot, get involved and/or sign-up for our email list if you just want to know what is going on with the garden.

Our first garden meeting of 2023 is scheduled for Saturday January 14th at which time we will make plans for the upcoming season and we also hope to host a baking bread workshop. Please look out for our emails and the Town sign for updates and more details about the meeting.

In closing, we would like to give a big THANK YOU to all that helped make the Warren Community Garden a success: the Board of Selectmen and Town employees for supporting our proposal for the Garden, Arbor Tree Services for pruning the orchard, holding a pruning workshop and donating wood chips, Judea Community Garden in Washington for their advice and loan of two large water cisterns, Warren Volunteer Fire Company for the invaluable service of refilling the cisterns during the hot, dry months, County Lawn Services for loading our compost with leaves in the Fall, and Warren Land Trust for acting as our fiscal sponsor so that we can accept tax-deductible donations to pay for our start-up and operating expenses.

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY



**OPEN HOURS Tuesday 10-7,
Thursday and Friday 10-5,
and Saturday 10-2.**

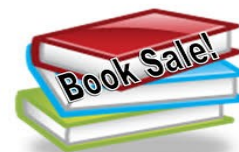


We would like to thank all of the folks who stopped by on the evening of **Holiday on the Hill**. Seeing so many of our patrons, children and adults alike, was the very best thing that has happened at the Warren Library in the wake of both Covid and our renovation. We were happy to participate in Holiday on the Hill and enjoyed all of the visitors that we had during the evening. We had about 30 mini trees decorated, five kittens adopted, made some sales at the new book sale, and had a large crowd attend to see the table top trees that were on display. We are hoping that we are able to collaborate with the Friends of Warren School for this event again next year, as it worked well as a family event.



We will be continuing with our pre-school drop in story hour in the coming year. The time and day will continue to be Thursdays @ 10:30 and will feature songs, stories and crafts. There is no registration for this program, and the ages for this are 2 and up. If you have questions you may call and ask for Ellen, our children's librarian. We have a nice group that is forming for this program, and we hope that you are able to stop by. Our preschool collection continues to shine, and we have received a number of compliments on our current selection of materials. Please remember that we will do our very best to deliver any title to you, children's or adult. Just ask us for help, if you would like.

It was with an eye to fundraising and improving on a good thing, that we moved our Used Book Sale to the Community Room. All of the materials for sale are gently used and reasonably priced. All of the volumes are in great shape, and we feature both fiction and nonfiction, children's and adult title.



I know that many of you called to ask about donating books to the library while we were still renovating. Now that we have space in our basement, we are accepting donations of gently used books. If you have two or three bags or boxes, you may drop them off at any time during our regular hours. If you have a larger donation, we will gladly schedule a time when you can deliver your donation directly to our basement. All proceeds from the book sale support children's services at the library. All we ask is that you donate books that are in good shape, and that you not leave them outside when we are not open.



We would like to thank the Northwest Community Foundation for granting us the funds to complete our upgrade of technical equipment. We will be purchasing two new desktops and other equipment for both staff and public use.





We are happy to announce that our popular Yoga classes, led by Yoga Master Jody Cohen, have returned to the library. Jody offers two classes, both slow Vinyasa yoga, on Mondays @ 5:30 P.M., and Saturdays @ 9:00 A.M. Jody is an extremely knowledgeable and patient teacher and will be able to instruct you if you need to modify your practice. Call the library and we can put you in touch with Jody.

We would also thank those that have responded to our Annual Appeal.

Please know that you may take advantage of the Amazon Smile program which allows you to choose us as a non-profit and send a portion of your purchase price to us.



It is getting cold out there. Please stop by, browse, have a cup of coffee or tea, and take home something to entertain you during the next storm.



From the Warren Volunteer Fire Company

Finding You in An Emergency!

When you have a fire or medical emergency, you want someone to come help you as fast as they can. We want to remind you to please identify your house clearly so we can find you quickly in an emergency. A reflective number on both sides on the mailbox and or on the pole is suggested (see picture below). Also please make sure your marked mailbox is clear of snow and is visible from the road. We can't help you if we can't find you!



Have a safe and healthy Holiday Season,
The Warren Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.



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U.S.POSTAGE
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Local Postal Patron

WVFC Pancake Breakfasts

All you can eat:

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

Adults \$8.00, children \$3.00 Children under 3 are free

Warren Community/Senior Center 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Proceeds from the breakfast benefit the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

Additional information call Vicki Rumble at 203-733-6410



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 15th

Sunday, February 26th

Sunday, March 19th