



# Town of Warren Spring Newsletter April 2018

## From the Office of the First Selectman

It's *BUDGET* time again! Each department has been busy reviewing current expenses versus the budget and then figuring out what is needed for the next fiscal year. Each department must account for program increases, new programs, State mandates, software, supplies, etc. The information is given to the Selectmen to review and then to the Board of Finance. The income side of the budget is



usually the trickiest to predict especially with the uncertainty of State funding and its impact on Warren. Still, our Finance Board and Selectmen work together to keep the budget expenses and the mill rate to the very lowest possible amount without hurting programs, customer services, and our infrastructure.

Want to learn more?

Join us on for the budget hearing on **Thursday, May 3rd** at 7:30pm - Warren Town Hall. 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.

## Show your Support from April 24-25, 2018

### Give Local to your favorite Warren Organizations

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Every dollar donated at [www.givelocalCCF.org](http://www.givelocalCCF.org) is boosted with bonus funds provided by Connecticut Community Foundation and generous sponsors, adding excitement and incentives while raising essential funds for the work of hundreds of local nonprofits. Check out the website and then come back on April 24th & 25th to donate to your favorite organization or to all our town organizations.

Warren Land Trust      Warren Public Library  
Warren Historical Society      Warren Volunteer Fire Company  
Lake Waramaug Task Force

## 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.

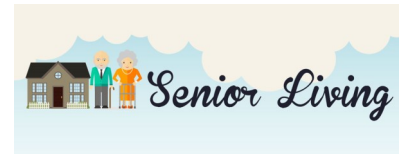


Neutered or spayed dogs are only \$8, male or female dogs are \$19.

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



## Warren Affordable Housing Committee



Dear Neighbors:

The Warren Affordable Housing Committee have planned to host an informational public forum to share the results of our survey and our ideas for creating affordable housing in Warren. If you are interested in learning more, please join us on Thursday, April 19th, at 7 pm, at the Warren Congregational Church Parish Hall. If you are unable to attend the forum and would like the information, let us know.

Sincerely, Drew Ohmen, Chairman Linda Green, Vice Chairman Mary Miller, Secretary  
Les Massey, Treasurer Diane Engle Anita Cornish Betty Grady Aleshia Hall Joyce Keith  
Jane Manley Jack Travers Jim Richardson

### *Warren Volunteer Fire Company Inc.*

The Warren Volunteer Fire Company Inc. responds to fire and ambulance calls for the Town of Warren and our nearby mutual aid towns. WVFC is made up of all volunteers. Those volunteers spend many hours each year training and maintaining certificates. In addition they spend countless hours raising funds for the Fire Company to cover day to day expenses, equipment, provide safety personal protective equipment and upgrade life saving devices.



# It's

# Parade

# Time



The Parade will be on Sunday, May 28, 2018 starting at the Community Center and Sackett Hill Road at 11:30am and proceed to the Veteran's Memorial on Cemetery Road.

Following the service please join the WVFC at the Fire House for hotdogs, chips and soda/water.



**Veterans Memorial Committee**

Before and after the parade, you can purchase your Veteran's BBQ Apron for \$20.00 at the Fire House. As always, donations are deeply appreciated. Make checks payable to the Warren Historical Society listing the [Veterans Memorial](#) in the memo box and mail to the Warren Town Hall.

Your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Mail to the Town of Warren, 50 Cemetery Road, Warren CT 06754.

## From the Assessor's Office

### HOMEOWNERS BENEFIT PROGRAM



Applications for property tax credit for elderly or totally disabled homeowners are available at the Assessor's office. To qualify, a homeowner must meet the following criteria:

The home for which the credit is being sought must be the homeowner's primary residence. The homeowner must have owned the home on or before October 1, 2017.



A homeowner must have reached the age of 65 by the end of 2017, although totally disabled homeowners are eligible regardless of age.

The income limits are \$35,300 for single applicants and \$43,000 combined income for married applicants.

Proof of all income for 2017 must be provided. If an applicant files an Income Tax Return, a full copy must be provided with copies of all 1099's. If an applicant receives Social Security benefits, a copy of the SSA 1099 form must be provided.

### RENTERS RELIEF PROGRAM



Applications for elderly or totally disabled renters who wish to apply for the Renters Relief Program are available at the Warren Assessor's office. To qualify, a renter must meet the following criteria:

A renter must have reached the age of 65 by December 31, 2017. A disabled renter must have reached the age of 18 by December 31, 2017.

A renter must be a permanent resident of Warren.

A renter must meet the maximum income requirement of \$43,000 for a married couple or \$35,300 for a single person.

The filing period is April 1 through October 1. An applicant must provide proof of income received in 2017. If an applicant has filed an income tax return and/or received an SSA 1099 from Social Security, a copy must be provided.

An applicant must submit proof of payment made for rent and utility services for 2017.

### ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Applications for the Additional Veteran's Exemption are available in the Assessor's office. To qualify, you must be considered a resident of Warren and your DD214 must be on file with the Warren Town Clerk no later than September 30, 2018. The income limits are \$35,300 for single applicants and \$43,000 combined income for married applicants.



Proof of all income for 2017 must be provided. If you file an Income Tax Return, a Copy must be provided. If you receive Social Security benefits, a copy(s) of your SSA 1099 must be provided. Veterans disability payments are not considered income for this program.

Income limits for veterans with a 100% disability rating are \$18,000 for single individuals and \$21,000 for married couples. In this case, Social Security benefits are not considered income.



# Social Services Office



## Energy Assistance:

This is an income and asset qualification based program that provides heating fuel assistance to Connecticut residents. ***Even if you completed an application last year, you must re-apply again for this year's program.*** To make an appointment or to determine if you qualify for the Energy Assistance Program, please contact Samantha Sommerer at Warren Social Services, 860-868-7881 [samantha.sommerer@caawc.org](mailto:samantha.sommerer@caawc.org)

## **Reminders:**

The last day to submit a fuel bill for payment is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Energy Assistance program ends May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to make an appointment before the end of the program!

## 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.



## Food Collection

## Washington/Warren Food Bank:

Canned items are always needed and appreciated.  
Fresh produce is also accepted and greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are always needed throughout the year.  
The pantry is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Volunteers arrive at 9:30 and stay until 12:00; to volunteer please call Samantha Sommerer at Warren Social Services at 860-868-7881 ext 114 or email [samantha.sommerer@caawc.org](mailto:samantha.sommerer@caawc.org).

## **Donation list**

Canned: soup & fruit (NO BEANS PLEASE)

Pasta, rice, and other grains

Baking supplies: oil, flour, sugar, baking mixes

Tomato products & sauces

Cereal

Juices

Coffee & tea

Peanut butter & Jelly

Household cleaning supplies\*

Paper towels\*

Personal hygiene items \*

\* Cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps)

# WARREN SCHOOL ART SHOW

*Special Warren School Art Show*

*DREAMS* March 30 – May 3.

RECEPTION April 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5 P.M.

All classes will enter art work to this very beautiful show. Come and see the artwork of the Warren School Classes – Joseph Conrad Dream Shadowboxes, Seed Packet Designs , Dream Catchers and Mandalas.



## Friends Of Warren School

*Please Join Us For the 1st Warren School Science & Invention Convention*

**What:** This event encourages Warren School students to use imagination and critical thinking skills while increasing curiosity in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM).

**When:** April 26, 2018 Daytime Session: During School Day Evening Session: 6:30pm -7:30pm

**Where:** Warren School

Each student or student team will prepare a scientific or invention project in advance, at home, and bring it to school prepared to discuss and explain their project. Each participant will receive a certificate of accomplishment! Everyone is welcome to visit science demonstrations during the evening sessions! A dessert pot luck will also be part of the evening program as a celebration and festive scientific gathering.

**Warren School's First Talent Show** will be held on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend and support our talented students!



Warren Church  
Community Childcare  
and Preschool

Happy Spring from  
WCCC!



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## News From

### Warren Church Community Childcare and Preschool

Happy Spring!

With this long winter finally coming to an end, we are looking forward to sunshine and warm weather. We are trying to work on some new projects and up-grade our outdoor space. More information to follow.

We are working on building a substitute list. If you are interested, please contact me at the number below.

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

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or ideas at 860-868-2236.

~Sarah B. Churyk, WCCC Director



## Warren Congregational Church

### *Roast Beef Dinner*

#### MENU

~ Roast Beef ~  
Mashed Potatoes  
Salad

Dinner Roll

Famous Home Baked Desserts!  
Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea



SATURDAY,  
APRIL 14, 2018  
4:30 PM TO 7:00 PM  
PARISH HALL  
\$15.00 PER PERSON,  
\$5 KIDS (12 yrs & under)

*Free Delivery for  
Warren residents,  
70 and over!*

Fellowship with  
Community  
Members!

Includes dinner, dessert,  
Beverages!



## Lifeguards Wanted: Warren Town Beach Summer 2018



# LIFEGUARD

Seasonal Employment Opportunity  
Certified Lifeguards and Gate Guards  
are needed at Warren Town Beach for summer 2018.

All guards must be certified.

If interested contact the Parks and Recreation Department  
or refer to Town website for additional information.

## Warren Town Beach Parking Permits Summer 2018



Available at the Park and Recreation office and the Town Clerk's  
office starting Tuesday, May 1st. Please reference the application  
on the Town website.

*Please note the application is a fillable form.*

## Town Wide Clean Up

Saturday, April 21, 2018    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 22, 2018



Parks and Recreation Department is creating a Soccer Tots  
program this Spring, Look for additional information on the  
website.

The program is tentatively set to run on Tuesdays starting at  
5:00 pm at the Community Field. This program is geared for  
pre-K children.

Questions, please call the Park & Recreation office at 860-  
868-7881 ext. 113



# Park and Recreation Activities

## KARATE LESSONS



### KARATE CLASSES AT THE WARREN SCHOOL

Friday Nights Junior & Adult (age 7 and older) 6:45 PM

Weapons & Advance Forms – every other week.

Session Fee: \$75.00 per Student – 10 week \$55.00 additional family member

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

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

## GET FIT - STAY FIT

Saturday - NEW - P90X live class 7:30 am

P90x LIVE is a total body cardio and strength training class that uses body weight as well as dumbbells and resistance tubing. The class structure is designed to "keep the body guessing" as to what comes next, therefore creating continual adaptation and fitness improvements.

Work out class on Monday nights from 6:30pm—7:30pm

Additional information contact Carla: Carlahangevine@hotmail.com



# SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

## Tai Chi for Better Balance

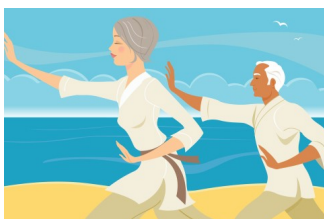
This is a six session program that meets on

Tuesdays starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>

time: 10:30 am—11:30 am

Class dates include: April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and May 8.

tai chi  
FOR BALANCE



## Warren Community Center

These classes are designed based on the Tai Chi principle and will include warm-ups, Tai Chi movements and discussion. Based on ancient Chinese techniques Tai Chi uses gentle flowing motions to strengthen the body relax the mind and reduce the risk of falls.

CLASSES are FREE

Must register with Parks & Rec at 860-868-7881 ext. 113

# LUNCH AND LEARN

Each **Lunch & Learn** event will feature an interesting speaker / event / topic and of course, lunch, once per month.

Programs start at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

Lunch may sometimes be a catered event, sometimes a pot luck or brown bag.

**Lunch & Learn** will always be FREE!

All are encouraged to attend—share with your friends and neighbors.

Reservations are always mandatory by contacting the Park and Rec office  
At 860-868-7881 ext. 113.





Tuesday, April 10th



Our April ***Lunch & Learn program*** will find us educating ourselves about Alzheimer's and dementia from Jennifer Labrie of the CT Alzheimer's Association. She'll present important information in an approachable and friendly way.



This is a ***CATERED LUNCH EVENT***—a full lunch will be provided. Advance registration is MANDATORY! We have great programs lined up for our other Lunch & Learn programs, as well—stay tuned! While the program is free of charge, advance registration is mandatory. Please call us to register for one or both of our first two programs.



Tuesday, May 8th



Our May ***Lunch & Learn program*** is Chronic Pain Management with the ***VNA NW***.

A representative from the VNA NW will be on site to talk about the challenges of living with chronic pain along with tools and tips to help make our lives a bit easier while managing this health condition.



This is a bagged lunch event. Please call us to register for one or both of our first two programs.



Lunch at the Hopkins Inn Thursday, May 3rd - 12 noon

Dine high above the northern shore of Lake Waramaug at the Hopkins Inn, while enjoying expansive views of the lake, the foothills, and neighboring vineyard. Thriving for nearly forty years, Franz and Beth Schober's restaurant has become renowned for its contemporary Austrian cuisine and its delicious house dressing. The Hopkins Inn is such a lovely setting for lunch and surely the staff will take great pleasure in making our occasion enjoyable.

COST: \$25.00 per person





## SIMPLY DIAMOND JUNE 21, 2018 • 2:00 pm

Join us on a trip to Nelson Hall in Cheshire to see *Simply Diamond*. *Simply Diamond* is one of the most sought-after, musically authentic Neil Diamond tribute bands in the country. Brian LaBlanc and his band focus on

the music first and foremost. They pay great attention to the detailed song arrangements that Neil Diamond and his collaborators created. There may be other Neil Diamond tribute bands, but *Simply Diamond* outshines them all!

We will travel via the Northwest Transit bus.

**COST: \$45.00** for admission ticket and bus

### Floral Design with WAMOGO – Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>

A wonderful opportunity for all of the “Green Thumbs” and “Green Thumb Wannabees” out there! High school students from the Horticultural Program at *WAMOGO Regional High School* will be at the Community Center on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for a floral design workshop! We’ll have a fabulous time and



*Please join us!*

learn some tricks of the trade, along with some important floral design techniques. In the end, we will make our own beautiful spring themed arrangement to take home! What could be better than that! Class will last for approximately one hour. There is a cost per person that will help off-set the cost of the WAMOGO materials involved in this project.

### Port Jefferson, NY—Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>



This is set to be one of your favorite trips yet! Join us as we board the Port Jeff Ferry in Bridgeport to enjoy a beautiful trip across the Long Island Sound and spend the afternoon in the lovely seaside village town of Port Jefferson, New York! This trip will be "do-as-you please" style. You will have ample time to enjoy the beautiful shoreline, quaint shops and delightful restaurants all through the main thoroughfare in Port Jefferson. Be prepared for much walking, ambling, and strolling.

Northwestern CT Transit and Bridgeport / Port Jefferson round trip ferry ride is **\$22.00**.

### Picnic Lunch at Morris Town Beach Thursday June 7<sup>th</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.*



## Elizabeth Park Rose Garden

Thursday, June 14th



Opened to the public in 1897, Elizabeth Park was born of the American Park Movement. Elizabeth Park is the botanical gem of the Hartford park system. It is 101 acres in size, with 82 acres in West Hartford and 19 acres in Hartford. Because of its garden, it has been called the “Flower of New England Parks.” The rose garden is the heart and soul of the park and is the first public rose garden in the country, opened in 1904. Elizabeth Park is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

After our visit we will have lunch at a local restaurant.

Depart Warren Community Center at 9:00 am

**COST: \$5.00** for transportation

# DAY TRIPPERS 2018 "OUT & ABOUT" SERIES

## *"Tea with the Brit Girls"*

Saturday April 7th Parish Hall - 2:30 pm



Join us for Tea Time with the smashingest, top-drawer bunch of British girls this side of the pond. Delicate little finger sandwiches, scrumptious teeny crumpets, and assorted wee tea cakes will delight the eye and tummy. An array of yummys will be presented beautifully on a formal table with tiered servers and fine China. Accompanying this lavish ritual will be an informal talk about the fascinating history of tea and the importance it continues to play in British culture today.

There is limited seating available for this wonderful afternoon. Please do not delay.

Please call the Park and Rec office at 860-868-7881 ext. 113

**COST: \$15.00** per person



## New York City Food Tour! - Saturday, April 21st



What better City to eat our way through! Put on your elastic waist pants and join us! New York City is home to a smorgasbord of cultures and the incredible culinary traditions that have been tantalizing the palates of native New Yorkers and their guests for many, many years. A great way to experience NYC by walking its streets and by “noshing” (sampling) your way through the affordable culinary treats that are readily available?

Weave your way through a combination of Asian, Italian, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Eastern European and American bakeries, delicatessens, pizzerias, bagel, bialy and knish shops, gourmet donut shops, vintage candy shops, pasta makers, meat markets, street vendors and much more!

We eat “on the go” and sample as many culinary delights as possible—why spend precious time seated in restaurants? The best way to learn about this incredible city is to walk, taste, smell and best of all, sample, its iconic foods in the native New Yorker’s natural habitat—the streets of New York.

You will experience the culinary traditions and history that form the backdrop for many of these fabulous edible treats.

**COST: \$80** includes your personally guided food tour, deluxe motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snacks on the bus





**Montreal, Canada**

**Friday, May 18th—Sunday, May 20th**

We are taking a long weekend to the breathtaking city of Montreal. We'll enjoy a guided tour of this historic City while experiencing Canadian culture, food and hospitality.

**\*Please note—passports are required for this trip.\***

Montreal: An infectious sense of joie de vivre (exhilaration) pervades the way this 400-year old city presents itself and conducts its business. History feels close in the period buildings that line the streets of Old Montreal, be the city embraces the modern. Buildings in unexpected shapes and colors scrape the skyline; a beautifully preserved historic district evokes the city's European heritage; and Montreal's beer culture and culinary scene rival those of its south-of-the border compatriots. A fabulous Spring trip to visit the Cultural

Capital of Canada! We'll enjoy three days and two nights exploring all that Montreal has to offer. Overnight accommodations at Spring Hill Suites by Marriott right in the heart of Old Montreal. Trip highlights include: a docent led tour of Montreal, AURA: a luminous experience in the heart of the Notre Dame Basilica, three course dinner at The Keg Steakhouse, breakfast both mornings and plenty of free time to explore the European flair of Old Montreal! If time permits on the way home, we may take a quick stop in Lake George, New York.



**COST: \$450.00** per person / double occupancy and includes two nights of overnight accommodations, dinner on Friday night, breakfast both mornings, docent tour, admission to the AURA light and sound show, motor coach transportation, snacks, raffles and all gratuities.

**Houston Astros vs New York Yankees**  
**Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm game time**



Witness the Yankees take on the reigning 2017 World Series Champions at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx

**COST: \$95** includes ticket to the game (seating in section 231/232), motor coach transportation, bus parking, driver gratuity and snack.



**Los Angeles Dodgers vs. New York Mets, Citi Field, Queens**  
**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>—game time 1:10 pm**



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

**COST: \$105** includes ticket to the game (seating in section 135/136), motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snack bag.



***"Oldest Rivalry in Baseball History"***

**Bronx, New York – Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> game time: 7:05 pm**

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

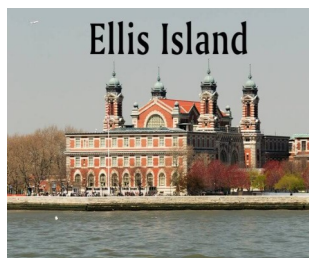
**COST: \$115** includes ticket to the game (seating in Section 232A), motor coach transportation, bus parking, driver gratuity and snacks





We will immerse ourselves in the heritage of our ancestors at ***Ellis Island Immigration Museum***, then board a ferry with Statue Cruises and head on over to Liberty Island to visit with ***Lady Liberty***, of course. Our day begins with a ferry ride with amazing views to Ellis Island. While on Ellis Island, you may opt to partake in the audio tour that is offered, or simply experience the Museum at your own pace. You will also have the opportunity to actually search the Museum's database for your own ancestors' passage records

**Ellis Island/Liberty Island – Saturday July 21st**



and documentation (nominal fee required). Back onto the ferry and with views of New York City to then arrive at Liberty Island. Visiting Liberty Island and seeing Lady Liberty is one of the most rewarding experiences on any trip to New York City. We'll enjoy access to the inside of her pedestal, the museum and the Fort Wood level, along with free time to just soak it all in! It's a beautiful National Park. Of course there are gift shops on both islands to satisfy your shopping and souvenir needs!

**COST: \$70** (\$66 for children under 12) includes ticket, deluxe motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snacks

**Whoosh to the Whales. — Boston, MA - Saturday August 11th**



Set sail with us for the whale watch experience of a lifetime. Our destination: Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary, a rich feeding ground for whales, dolphins, sea birds and other marine creatures. You'll have a good chance to view several different species of large whales, including humpbacks, finbacks, minke, pilot whales and the critically endangered right whales. And you'll learn about them from New England Aquarium naturalists who are always on board to share knowledge, answer your questions and explain the mind-blowing behaviors of these truly magnificent mammals.

Boston Harbor Cruises custom whale watch catamarans are among the largest and fastest in the country. Up to 400 passengers can zoom to the whales at speeds approaching 35 knots (37.5 mph for you landlubbers). They're also incredibly stable, and feature three outside viewing decks as well as a climate-controlled interior cabin with cushy seats and snack bar. Don't just get to the whales—get to them in style and comfort.

**COST: \$100** includes ticket, deluxe motor coach transportation, driver gratuity and snacks.

**Houston Astros vs Boston Red Sox  
Fenway Park, Boston Saturday September 8th  
game time—4:05 pm**



Witness the Red Sox take on the reigning 2017 World Series Champions in Bean Town!

**COST: \$105** includes ticket to game (seating in Grandstand 4), motor coach transportation, bus parking, driver gratuity and snack



**Sunday, September 16  
Stockbridge Experience**

**FALL TRIPS INCLUDE:**

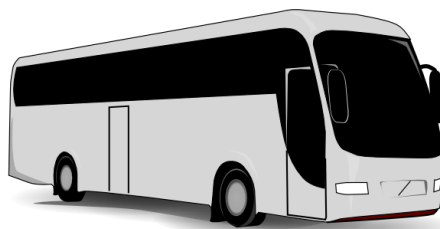
**Wednesday, November 21  
Thanksgiving Eve Balloons – NYC**

**Saturday/Sunday, October 13-14  
"Vermont Leaf Peeping"**

**Saturday/ Sunday, December 1 – 2  
Portsmouth, NH**

**Sunday, November 11  
"Broadway Your Way"**

**Wednesday, December 12  
Christmas Spectacular / Radio City**





# SUMMER Concert SERIES

Warren Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce our Fifth Annual Summer Concert Series. We are having four new groups and one returning group for your entertainment. It is very special how the town continues to embrace the Saturday evening concerts. We again invite the community and their family and friends to join us at this year's concerts. All concerts are on Saturday evening from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at Warren Woods, except for

the last concert of the summer, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Food will be available for sale this year at most of the concerts, so just show up, enjoy the concert and don't worry about what's for dinner! The Warren Church, on July 28<sup>th</sup> will have their Annual Chicken BBQ. Warren Woods has become the town's backyard for the Summer Concert Series. Our concerts are presented by the Warren Parks and Recreation Department and partially funded by a grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation. Although all concerts are free, donations will be



**Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> – The Regulators** are a Litchfield County based band who play original music in the Roots-Rock, Country, American and Blues vein.

The Regulators live repertoire also features material by songwriters who they want to spread the word about, great songwriters such as Randy Weeks, Bruce Robinson, Kelly Willis, Jim Lauderdale, Stephen Burton, Al Anderson, Paul Kelly, Buddy & Julie Miller, Kasey, Chambers, Dave Alvin and Bill Kirchen.

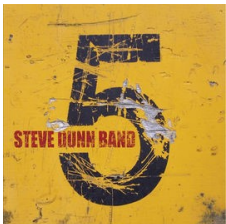
Their eclectic mix of original and cover material and tight performance have earned them a reputation as a premier live act. The band includes local resident Marty Carlson – guitars/vocals/songwriter



**Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> – The Rakes**

The Rakes, are a rootsy, alt-country, Americana band with a rock 'n roll attitude. Made up of members from Southbury, Oxford, Woodbury and Bethlehem, The Rakes play mostly covers, "some you'll know and others you should know." Some of

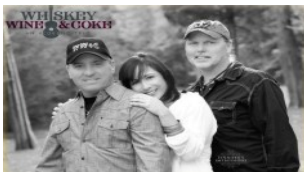
their recent gigs include The Painted Pony in Bethlehem and Boru's in Waterbury. Band members Phil Beach on guitar, mandolin and vocals; Chris Allan on guitar and vocals; Marc Poliquin on vocals; Scott Sullivan on drums and vocals; Cole Christie on sax and Bob Sherman on bass and vocals will all entertain.



**Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> - Steve Dunn Band**

Steve Dunn, a singer/songwriter from Connecticut has a style described as a combination of rock/pop/contemporary with a twist, combining acoustic and electric pop with country/rock influences for a refreshing style and sound. Dunn creates compelling solid music with a pop/rock/country vibe that is sure to connect with anyone and everyone. Dunn's songs are a

diverse compilation of tuneful guitar work and intellectually discerning song writing. With universal stories of love and loss, Dunn surprises you with his wry, witty word play and memorable melodies. His versatile voice easily compliments his variety of styles. Steve Dunn – Guitar, Vocals; Kevin Wolfe – Guitar, Vocals, Sax, Harmonica; Jon Vandergrift – Bass, Vocals; Steve Peterson – Drums, Lead Cowbell and Vocals



**Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup> - Whiskey Wine & Coke** - They are a musical trio with male and female lead singers and acoustic guitar playing covers from the 60's, 70's 80's and 90's and Modern Country. You will remember some of the trio from last year's Coyote River Band performance.



**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> – Nightshift** – a dynamic '60s, '70s, '80s cover band made up of five of Connecticut's most well-known and experience musicians. They only play the most popular songs, the most FUN songs and the most danceable songs that audiences of all ages LOVE to dance to and sing along with! The result has been a really fun time for anyone who has ever attended their performances. If you're not having the best time, then you're not listening to Nightshift.

# Warren Public Library

*Friday mornings are busy, fun times at Warren Public Library. Join us weekly for:*



**Gentle Hatha Yoga** Friday, 9:00 A.M. By resident yoga Master Jody Cohen. Join us for an hour of stretching, learning breathing practices, relaxation, strengthening and balance. A class for all levels of yoga.

**Friday Fun Playgroup** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m..

*For toddlers and parents*

Parents and caregivers will enjoy meeting other families in the community over a free cup of coffee while children (ages 0-3) enjoy weekly themed free play including music and movement.



**Friday Friends Lunch Bunch** 11:45 a.m.

Lunch with friends is a great way to end the week! Join us for this weekly story time, including crafts, activities, and free play for children ages 3-5. B.Y.O.L. (Bring Your Own Lunch)

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*Our Monthly adventures include, but not limited to:*

## **Scavenger Hunt for the Kids**

There is always an adventure to be found in the Children's Room with our monthly scavenger hunt. Plus, one lucky player will win a surprise!



**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.

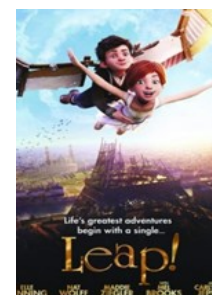
The Library Book Club meets on the third Thursday of the month from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.. We are an eclectic group with an excellent selection of books to discuss. Please ask at the library to reserve a copy of the book of the month.

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**Special Event: Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Family Movie Night: Leap** – Registration Required

*“Life’s greatest adventures begin with a single leap”*

Best friends Félicie and Victor hatch a plan to escape from their rural orphanage in 19th-century France. Félicie dreams of becoming a ballerina, while Victor wants to use his brainpower to invent things. B.Y.O.D. (Bring Your Own Dinner)

*Drinks and Desert Provided*



**Through April-Creation Station Challenge:** *Celebrate Earth Day all month long with weekly challenges using the provided recyclables.*



**Backyard Beekeeping April 24th 7 – 9 p.m. With Bill Domonell** For all who are curious about what it takes to “keep bees”. An introduction for those interested in bees: bee behavior, cost, equipment needed, types of hives. Bill Domonell has been beekeeping for 8 years and can answer your questions about this growing interest.



## more from the Warren Public Library

### Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - STEM Challenge: Make and Race a Balloon Car

Our annual screen free week event! Join us and make your own balloon car, then enjoy racing them through the library stacks! How fast will your car be?



Tuesday, May 8, Backyard Chickens and Eggs. Learn about having your own chickens and your own fresh eggs. Another growing interest in Warren! Presented by Blue Seal Agway of Litchfield. Learn the basics of what you need to house, feed and gather your own chickens and eggs. Please register for this program.

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m. Make A Surprise Mother's Day Gift Moms are invited to enjoy coffee and pastries while their children join us to make a special surprise Mother's Day gift! Registration Required.



Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Libraries Rock! The Summer Reading Kick-Off

Register for our Summer Reading Program including Tuesday Night Events, Smooth and a Story Book Club, as well as the return of our Reading Challenges with expanded prizes and reading challenges for kids and adults of all ages! Rock with Reading this summer!

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**Save the Date!**



**Saturday, May 12th**



The Warren Public Library invites you to ***Unwind*** – an event of wine, cheese, and chocolate pairings on Saturday, May 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Hopkins Vineyard in Warren, CT. This fundraiser will feature Arethusa Farm cheeses and Thorncrest Farm & Milk House chocolates paired with select Hopkins Vineyard wines. A collection of themed gift baskets will be up for silent auction and delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served. Presale tickets \$20/person are available at the Warren Library. Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event \$25/person. All proceeds will benefit the Warren Public Library.



For more information visit [warrenctlibrary.org](http://warrenctlibrary.org) or call 860-868-2195.





# Warren Historical Society

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 1** Application period for the Warren Historical Society scholarship closes. Please visit the website to download an application and submission requirements. <http://warrenhistoricalsociety.org/our-events/scholarship-information/>

**May 18** Warren School Day. Courtesy of a grant from the Harcourt Foundation, the Warren Historical Society will be bringing the students of the Warren School for a day at the Institute of American Indian Studies to learn about the roles of community and spirituality in Native American life. Students will tour the museum, the IAIS gardens and village. This trip is not open to the public.

**May 20** 2 pm at the Warren Town Hall, lower meeting room Darlene Kascak, Educational Director at the Institute of American Indian Studies will present a program for all ages about the role of community and spirituality in Native American life. Ms. Kascak will supplement her presentation with artifacts from the museum. Refreshments to follow presentation. This program is free and open to the public. Please email warrenhistorian@outlook.com to reserve a place.

**May 22** at the Warren Historical Society The Warren School will visit the Warren Historical Society's museum space. First Selectman, Craig Nelson, will share part of his personal collection of Native American artifacts collected in Warren. This program is not open to the public.

**June 1st** 5 - 7 pm Warren Historical Society Open House. Our annual Open House will feature videos captured at the program of May 18, 20 and 22 and have displays Native American artifacts discovered in Warren. The winners of the Warren Historical Society scholarship will be announced. Refreshments will be served. This program is free and open to the public.

**July 4** 1:30 pm at the Warren Academy, 8 Sackett Hill Road Traditional bell ringing at 2 pm preceded by a reading of the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

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# Warren Land Trust

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.

The Warren Land Trust joined forces with Parks & Rec as well as other town groups to celebrate **Holiday on the Hill** in December, where we built a roaring bonfire to help attendees ward off the cold temperatures. We enjoyed warm drinks and baked treats, and shared the holiday spirit with our Warren neighbors. A first that we hope to do again next year! In the new year, we've been taking care of official business, wrapping up a new conservation easement, and moving into our new office space. We've also been working on programming for the upcoming year. We hope you will join us for the following events!

**Town Clean-Up: Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-2pm (Rain Date Sunday, 4/22<sup>nd</sup>), 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!

**CT Trails Day Hike, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am, Birds and Blooms on the Coords Preserve** – Kick off Summer hiking season with this Warren Land Trust annual favorite! Board member BK Stafford and her husband Peary will uncover early summer hidden treasures from the worlds of flora and fauna on the Coords Preserve. 2 miles out and back over easy but uneven terrain. Park along Angevine Road south of Town Hill Road; entrance to trail will be marked, and WLT representatives will be waiting for you! For more details and to register: [info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org).

Looking ahead the Fall, mark your calendars to Save the Date for:

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Housatonic Heritage Walk with the Warren Historical Society

**September 29<sup>th</sup>:** Parks & Rec/WLT Cider Run 5K

More Details to Follow!

Last but not least, please note an upcoming opportunity to support our land conservation mission: **Give Local 2017, April 24<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>**. 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). Every dollar counts!

# Land Use Office

At this time of year, with the retreat of winter and the beginning of spring, very often one of the first desires of a lakefront property owner is the creation or maintenance of a sand beach area at their lakefront. However, lakefront property owners may not be aware that sand beaches are usually not a naturally occurring feature of inland lakes in Connecticut. Creating and maintaining a sandy beach where one did not naturally exist can adversely affect water quality. Man-made beaches typically require periodic sand replenishment, as over time sand drifts into a water body. While the sand is then gone from view, it has not left the lake. Beach sand contributes to the sediment load in a lake, filling the lake in over time. In addition, beach sand deposits can lead to decreased water clarity, increased weed growth, and can negatively impact lake wildlife all along the food chain.



With this in mind, the Town of Warren Inland Wetlands Commission adopted guidelines last summer that are intended to serve as a general guide for the Town of Warren and private owners of *existing* sand beaches. Their purpose in doing so was to provide guidelines for maintaining beaches in a manner that will allow for the enjoyment and safety of the users and the protection of the environment in a cost-effective manner.

Lakefront residents should be aware that the creation of new sand beaches is not encouraged by the Town of Warren Inland Wetlands Commission, and it is likely that any proposal to create a new sand beach will be determined by the Commission to be a significant activity. A significant activity requires a public hearing and submission of information regarding alternatives which would cause less or no environmental impact to wetlands or watercourses as well as why the alternative set forth in the application was chosen and other alternatives were considered neither feasible nor prudent.

Prior to maintenance of existing sand beach areas, the owner should contact the Town of Warren Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer for a site inspection. The purpose of the inspection is to determine if any other actions need to be undertaken prior to maintenance of the beach area. Other actions may include resolving ongoing erosion problems, revegetation, or general cleanup. Owners of property on Lake Waramaug are also encouraged to contact the Lake Waramaug Taskforce for their input and suggestions.

The Town of Warren Inland Wetlands Commission generally prefers that owners of properties with existing sand beaches reclaim from the lakebed any sand that had previously been installed on the property. Reclamation may take place only after all applicable permits are obtained. That being said, the Town of Warren Inland Wetlands Commission recognizes that there may be *rare* instances when sand replenishment, in addition to or instead of, sand reclamation is considered necessary. As deposition of sand at the lakefront is a regulated activity per the Inland Wetlands regulations, a permit is required from the Inland Wetlands Commission prior to the placement of sand at the lakefront. Refer to the *Best Management Practices* document for additional requirements if you are considering a reclamation or replenishment project.

Lakefront property owners should also be aware that dredging, the operation of removing sand from below the normal waterline and placing it back on the beach area may require permits from the Warren Inland Wetlands Commission, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Beach owners should assume that local, state, and federal environmental permits are required for dredging unless confirmed otherwise in writing. Dredging may take place only after all applicable permits are obtained.

The document also contains information regarding routine maintenance of lakefronts, seasonal controls to prevent the loss of beach sand into a water body, and helpful resources for shoreline stabilization projects. The *Best Management Practices* document is designed to be a helpful resource for lakefront property owners, providing permitting procedural explanations, project requirements, and additional resources property owners can use as they plan their lakefront improvement projects. Hard copies of the document are available at the Town Hall; alternatively, the document may be found in the Land Use section of the Town of Warren website:

<https://www.warrenct.org/land-use/pages/forms-documents-applications>

Stacey Sefcik, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, is also available to provide assistance to residents as they move forward with their lakefront improvement projects. She is available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM-1PM and Thursdays by appointment.

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### Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, April 15th

Sunday, May 20th

Sunday, June 17th

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

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