



Town of Warren Spring Newsletter 2023

Welcome to Spring! Spring brings us warmer weather, birds chirping, bears going through our garbage and the Town Budget. The staff has been working on their individual department budgets over the past few months and have submitted them to the First Selectman, who in turn crunches the numbers to discuss with his board before presenting it to the Board of Finance. The budget also includes capital planning, contracts and the RSD #6 draft budget. The draft budget will be presented to the Board of Finance in April.



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



ANNUAL MEETING:

Thursday, May 18th at 7:30pm at the Town Hall. Join us as we vote on the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Budget, members to the Board of Education and the Lake Waramaug Authority and other items listed on the agenda.



What is a Revaluation: A revaluation is the process of performing a mass appraisal of all real property within the assessment jurisdiction. The purpose of a revaluation is not to raise revenue but to have all property assessments reflect 70% of market value as of 1 point in time (10/1/2022). Revaluations are meant to capture changes in fair market value. This year Warren was one of 39 towns that experienced the mandatory 5-year revaluation. All towns saw a dramatic increase to their grand list. Most increases were the effects of COVID, where homes were sold at an alarming rate and for prices well above the market value. Letters were sent by the Reval Company to contact them to discuss their assessment concerns and then if needed, to place an application with the Board of Assessment Appeals. The Board held hearings in March and has completed their duties per CGS 12-117a. The newly adjusted grand list will be used to determine the mill rate based on the approved town budget.

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. Remember a tag is a lost dog's ticket home, and it's the law! Registration reminders will be sent out.

There are different ways to register: online, by mail or in person. If you choose to register online, you will need to have licensed your dog last year, and the rabies certificate must be current. Access to online renewal will be available on June 1st.

Go to <https://www.warrenct.org/town-clerk> to access the link on the left side for renewal.

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First Selectman, Greg LaCava

Selectman's Corner

Welcome everyone to the Selectman's Corner. Some items of interest are: fiber optics in Warren, working with organizations on the Opioid epidemic, held a CPR/AED class for residents, completing the requirements to keep our Heart Safe Community status, curbside composting program, and EV stations at the Town Hall. Within the workings of the office, we have been holding educational staff meetings, adopting cyber security policies, working on a HR handbook, cross training, and of course the 2023-24 budget. Our Capital Plan is constantly changing based on immediate and projected needs of the Town.

What I am very happy to have been apart of for almost a year, is a new Paramedic contract for our Town. We currently are part of a seven town contract, but as of July 1, 2023, the contract will be up and a very large town will not be joining us. The smaller six towns had to negotiate with a new paramedic service so we could continue to have these services in our towns. I felt with my EMS background, I could see both sides of the negotiations and with the First Selectman in Kent (also with EMS background) we were able to bring a contract for all six towns together. As with all small towns, we will continue to partner with other towns and the COG to bring our residents the best services we can while keeping our expenses at a minimum.

At the BOS meetings, we continue to keep everyone updated on the newly adopted RSD #20. Currently we are in the "March Madness" of voting on a mascot. Check out the website and vote for your favorite. I am happy to announce that Chris Leone has been contracted to be the Superintendent for the new region. Congratulations!

Thank you to our DPW staff which has kept our roads plowed, salted/sanded and safe during this very unusual winter season.

Please join me for a Selectman's Corner at Warren Woods on Friday, June 2nd from 9:30-10:30 to talk about whatever you would like.

Starting with this newsletter, we will be featuring a volunteer member of the Warren community in our "Community Spotlight". We will recognize people in the community for their dedication to all things Warren. Our first Spotlight is John Favreau. John serves our community in many ways. We are proud to have him be our First Spotlight recipient. Thank you, John, for all you do! If you would like to recommend someone for the Community Spotlight, please reach out to First Selectman LaCava.

Greg LaCava, First Selectman

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

John Favreau: John is currently focused on the economic and social revitalization of Warren Town Center, the commercial real estate property that he purchased in May 2018. As part of this restoration of commerce in his hometown of Warren, he has opened Warren General, a destination general store and café in January 2019, Warren Works, a shared office and co-working space, opened in July 2019, and has filled the retail space with WKND, a men's and women's fashion and accessories retail store, and the offices with the Bella Group, an insurance and real estate company, and Stronger Roots Therapy, pediatric occupational therapy and For Goodness Speech, pediatric speech therapy. John has called Warren his home for the past 17 years after having lived in Philadelphia, Sydney, Paris, London, Frankfurt and New York.



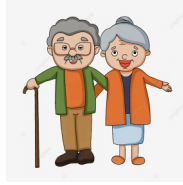
John serves as President of the Warren Historical Society, is Chairman of the Warren Wetlands Commission, and is on the Board of Finance for the Town of Warren. John is dedicated to serving his community and supports a number of social, non-profit, and environmental organizations including the Warren LandTrust, the Warren Volunteer Fire Company, HVA, and arts and culture across the region. He is an avid gardener, loves to cook, travel and enjoy all the benefits and beauty of living in Litchfield County.

From the Assessor's Office

FILING DEADLINES

HOMEOWNERS BENEFIT PROGRAM

A homeowner age of 65 and older who meet certain income limits may qualify for reduced taxes. The filing deadline is May 15.



ADDITIONAL 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.

Volunteers Always Needed

What is a VOLUNTEER? a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service



Interested in volunteering for a committee? Contact the Selectman's Office to let us know you are willing to serve on a committee or commission. We try to place all volunteers on a committee based on their availability and interests.

Thank you to all our past and current volunteers for your time and dedication to our Town.

Social Services Office

Hip Hop with Raymond "Spex" Abbiw: July 10th 2023

**Join us for 8 weeks of hip hop lessons at the Community Center!
Beginning July 10th at 4:30 AGES 8-20**



Raymond "**Spex**" Abbiw's career took off and he appeared in music videos with such artists as **Mariah Carey**, Joe, Lauryn Hill, **Wyclef Jean** and more. Spex also toured internationally in Japan and France. He made his Off-Broadway debut in the 2002 Full Circle Productions' production, **Soular Power'd** at the New Victory theater. He continues as a member of the Full Circle Dance Company touring throughout the U.S. and abroad including the prestigious Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Spex is currently co-owner of the House Dance Conference with Ullier Maier and founder, Brian "Footwork" Green--a monthly event providing a platform for entertainment, dance and education. Spex continues to teach and perform nationally and internationally and is most happy about living his dream come true.

Cost of this incredible class is COVERED by Social Services. Space is limited, please call us to sign up!

Gentle Yoga and Mindfulness with Dawn Delpha for Adults

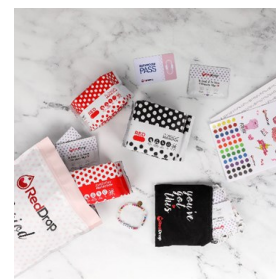


25 years of experience providing people a tool kit of breathing, movement and meditation that can be used to reduce stress, increase focus, decrease anxiety and be less reactive as an individual moves through life. Dawns Program is designed to increase positive mindset, stimulate auditory processing and responsiveness, and increase concentration and focus. Students will explore, practice, and learn tools to take off the yoga mat and into the real world.

This program will run based on Grant Approval. Please continue to check in on the start date of this program.

Young Women's Empowerment Program April 2023

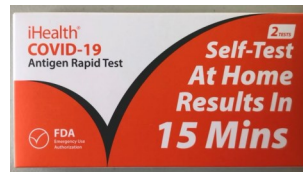
Warren Social Services is hosting a season of Young Women's Empowerment. Beginning April 15th. The Social Services office will have a small library of books available to "take out" for residents in Warren. The books focus on stories of impactful women in history, body positivity and empowerment. Anyone is welcome to take out a book. At the end of the season, books will be donated to the Warren Public Library.



Part of **Young Women's Empowerment Program** will include **My First Period Kits by Red Drop**. Kits include all items necessary plus a small gift! When you pick up your kit for your child feel free to check out one of our body positivity books to help guide your discussions at home.

Narcan Available

Narcan continues to be available in the Social Services Office. Call or stop in to receive your free kit.



Covid Test Kits Available

Stop in to receive your free covid test kit. Masks are also available upon request.



Mobile Hair Care Salon for Seniors

Social services will host a day that the mobile hairdresser will visit the community center to provide cuts and manicures for seniors who register! Social services will also set up tables for waiting that will have activities and refreshments.



***This program will run based on grant approval.
Please continue to check in on the start date of this program.***



Warren & Washington Food Pantry

Open: Thursdays 10:00-12:00

Located at the Community Center: 7 Sackett Hill Rd Warren, CT

The pantry is open to ALL residents of Warren and Washington. You do not need to sign up to visit, simply arrive and greet the Director of Social Services. If you are unable to visit during our open hours please don't hesitate to reach out and request an appointment for shopping. Our goal is to ensure that not a single family in our community experiences food insecurity, please do not hesitate to visit our pantry.

Back to School Backpack Program with United Way of Western CT

Sign ups will be available in June. All school age Warren residents are welcome to participate. Backpacks are provided by the United Way & prefilled with school items such as notebooks, pencils, art supplies & a gift card for back to school clothing shopping. Please check the website or reach out to our office in June for more info.



988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 24 hour lifeline of free and confidential support for people in distress.

Our office continues to provide assistance with State and Federal aid applications, resource referral, crisis intervention, financial aid and food insecurity. For continued information on our programming and resources please follow us on Facebook & check our departments page on warrenct.org

To Contact Missy: socialservices@warrenct.org 860-868-7881 ext 114

From the Office of the Registrars

Election Update

Though it has rarely happened, it is possible that we could have a primary election leading up to our municipal election on November 7th. It's still too early in the year to determine, but the date for a primary, should we have one, would be September 12th. The last day that an enrolled elector can transfer from one party to another and be eligible to vote in the municipal primary of the new party is June 12th.



At our last election, Connecticut voters overwhelmingly approved the Constitutional amendment to allow for early voting. "In November, 59% of voters approved the Constitutional amendment to allow for early voting," Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas wrote to legislators. "You now have the important task of shaping legislation that provides increased access to voters, creates minimal strain on our municipalities and election officials, and is easily understood by the public."

The Secretary's recommendations urge for a period of voting spanning 10 days, including the two weekends preceding Election Day, provide weekday early morning and evening hours, and be implemented for the 2023 municipal elections. Additionally, Thomas urged the legislature to provide adequate funding for municipalities to implement the program seamlessly. "It is imperative that any program be fully funded by the state to cover the costs of training materials, staff time, ballots and envelopes, chain of custody storage equipment, municipal technological upgrades, and any other incurred expenses," Thomas wrote. Discussions in the Legislature are ongoing to determine what early voting in CT will look like. Stay tuned...

Register to Vote

Registering to vote is easy – go to VoterRegistration@CT.gov to register online. Contact the Registrars at 860-868-7881x109 or at Registrars@WarrenCT.org with any questions or to register in person. Watch the town website and social media for election updates and special voter registration drives that will occur as these voting dates near.



It's Parade Time



The Memorial Day Parade will be on Sunday, May 28, 2023 starting at the Community Center on Sackett Hill Road at 11:30am and will proceed to the Veteran's Memorial on Cemetery Road. The Wamogo Band is back to lead us to the Memorial along with our Veterans. Are you new to Warren and are a Veteran? We would love to have you participate in our Parade. Contact the Selectman's office for more information.

Join us at the Fire House immediately following the parade for some delicious hot dogs, chips and soda. Lunch is provided free by the Warren Volunteer Fire Company.

Parks and Recreation Activities

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.



Warren Town Beach Parking Permits Summer 2023

We invite you to register for a Town of Warren Parking Permit for 2023. Parking permits are required in order to park at the Town Beach. Each section allows for two different vehicles to apply for permits. Should you have more than two vehicles that you plan to park at the Town Beach, you will need to add 'Vehicles 2+ Parking Permits' to your cart for each additional vehicle. All vehicles must be registered to the

Warren property taxpayer, or to a tenant of the Warren property taxpayer. If you are renting, you must email us or physically bring in a copy of your lease agreement.

All Registrations are online at warrenrec.org. All taxes must be current.

NEW—KAYAK RACKS AT THE BEACH

The Parks & Rec Dept will have 2 KAYAK RACKS at the beach this summer. The racks will handle 12 kayaks. We plan to have a 2 week registration period and a drawing for the spots. Details and procedures are posted on warrenrec.org.

Any questions, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 860-868-7881 ext 113.



KARATE CLASSES AT THE WARREN SCHOOL

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

Weapons & Advance Forms – every other week.

For additional information, contact
Instructor: Frannie Caco, Cheezic Tang Soo Do Black
Belt #2269
Phone: 860-868-5031 Email: caco06777@yahoo.com



Fitness Class

Saturday Mornings

7:30-8:30am

For more information, contact Carla at
carlahangevine@hotmail.com

Easter Egg Hunt - April 8



Join us for our Annual Warren Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday April 8th. Note, this event will be held rain or shine since we can be inside at the Community Center.

Ages 2 - K start at 10:15 am and K - 3rd grade start at 10:30 am. This fun activity allows the children to race and fill their basket with chocolate candy. Bring your photo to take some pictures as we will have a special guest.

There is no cost to participate. **PLEASE BRING YOUR BASKET**

Town Wide Clean Up - April 22

Saturday April 22nd - Warren General Store (HUB) 10:00 - 1:00 PM

Come to the Warren 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.

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

Rain date is scheduled for Sunday April 23rd.



Warren Town Beach Clean Up - May 13



Saturday May 13th
Beach Clean Up - Warren Town Beach
10:00 - 1:00 PM

PLEASE CALL the Park and Recreation Office
if you are willing to assist with our Clean Up

Thanks in advance!

CT DEEP's Safe Boating Course Tuesday, May 9 & 11 Saturday, May 13 Warren Town Hall



Earn your combination
Safe Boating / Personal Watercraft License
in just three classes!
Tuesday May 9 and Thursday May 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM and
on Saturday May 13 from 9:00 - 12:00
Course is open to all members of our Community
age 12 and older.



Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation

Successful completion of the class qualifies a person to purchase for \$50 their Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) on the Sportsmen Licensing System. The CPWO allows an individual (see age restrictions) to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft.

Cost: \$25.00 per person Must Register at warrenrec.org

Flower Arrangement Class - April 20

We are very excited to welcome back the Horticultural students from WAMOGO Regional High School! It has been awhile since the students have been with us. They will be provide some guidance and expertise in making a Spring-themed floral arrangement to take home and enjoy.

ALL materials are provided - flowers, accessories, even the container! No previous floral arranging experience is necessary.

Class size is limited - please don't delay

Checks (\$10) are payable to Warren Parks and Recreation and must be paid immediately upon registering for the class. Please call the office at 860-868-7881 ex. 113 to register



Bend & Stretch - April 25



The Bend & Stretch class is designed to strengthen and improve circulation and balance and create a sense of well-being. No weights, bands, balls, pilates, or choreography. -

Simply Movement.

Warren Community Center 10:30 - 11:30am Starting Tuesday April 25th 6 consecutive Tuesdays **NO COST**

Lunch & Learn - "What it Takes to Take Care of the Lake" - May 3

Wednesday May 3rd Rain Date: Wednesday May 10th
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM 48 Arrow Point Road, Warren, CT

Park and Recreation will provide lunch as we have a Conversation with Sean Hayden, Executive Director of Lake Waramaug Task Force. Learn about all the science and in lake programs required to keep the lake CLEAN, CLEAR and SWIMMABLE



After lunch, we will board a pontoon boat to explore the **LAKE**.

NO COST - **MUST** Call to Register

Limited Space



Lunch at the Hopkins Inn May 5th

The Hopkins Inn is an enchanting 19th century country inn overlooking breathtaking Lake Waramaug in our beautiful Litchfield Hills. The Inn has been welcoming travelers since 1847. The restaurant is renowned for its contemporary Austrian cuisine, reflecting owner Franz Schober's heritage.

We are so lucky to reside in such a beautiful part of not only Connecticut, but of the entire Country!

COST: TBD Call to RSVP



PREMIER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

CT Grateful Dead All Stars

Saturday July 1st - 5:15 - 8:15 pm Warren Woods

CT Grateful Dead All Stars:

An All Star Tribute to America's Favorite Jam Band. Sit back/ or Dance to the Best of the Best of the Grateful Dead, performed by veteran players from some of the most established Dead Tribute Acts in the Northeast. Hosted by Matt Helm, formerly of Terrapin, featuring talent from Shakedown, Stella Blues Band, Bone Dry, Spadtastics, Brothers of the Road and more!!

This is one AWESOME PARTY!!

FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE WILL BE ON SITE.



SPECIAL CONCERTS AT WARREN WOODS FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT. Tickets for these EVENTS will be sold on EVENTBRITE.COM.

Please refer to warrenrec.org for more information

Fleetwood Macked Tribute Band

Saturday July 15th— 5:15 - 7:15 pm Warren Woods

Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band ~ Fleetwood Macked:



Fleetwood Macked is a New York based Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. Hailed as the most authentic Fleetwood Mac tribute band in the U.S., much of the realism comes from the bands history. Husband and wife musical team Hillary and Michael (Stevie and Lindsey) and friends Caroline, Jay, Phil and Andrew (Christine, John and Mick), that have made great music together in various incarnations finally all came together with their mutual love of Fleetwood Mac. All the members of Fleetwood

Macked are and have always been professional, touring Rock musicians, which also adds to the authenticity of the sound of the band. Fleetwood Macked live brings the passion, depth, heart and the musicianship Fleetwood Mac's music requires. Whether performing the Rumours album in it's entirety or a decades show featuring Fleetwood Mac's hits from the 70's, 80's, 90's and today, every performance transports audiences to another time and place. Complete with costume changes, dialogue and video backdrops it a show not to be missed.

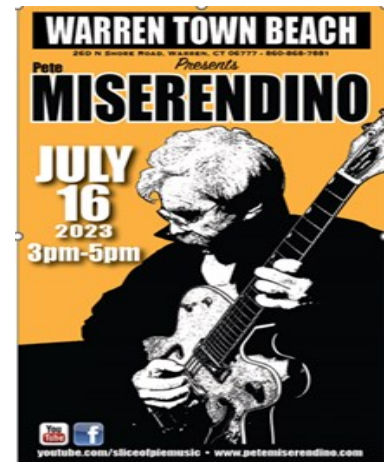
If you are looking for the most authentic Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, visit and like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fleetwoodmacked) to stay up to date and keep in touch with the Fleetwood Macked family!

FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE WILL BE ON SITE.

Sounds at the Beach



The Red Hots
Saturday July 8
5:30-7:30pm



CONCERTS AT THE WOODS

Cobblestone Road and a Chicken BBQ

Warren Woods Saturday, July 29th 5:30-8:00pm



Concert in conjunction with Warren Congregational ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

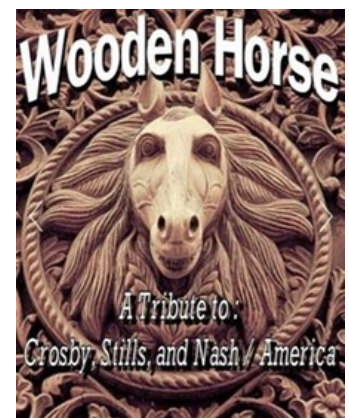
Join us as Parks and Recreation teams up with the Warren Congregational Church to bring you a great night of music and delicious food. There is no charge for the concert, but you will want to get your **tickets to the BBQ** as you arrive so you don't miss out on the limited number of meals available! Stay tuned for more information on the BBQ.

Wooden Horse - Aug.19

Saturday August 19th - 6:00 - 8:00pm Warren Woods

Kenny has been playing drums and singing background vocals in this tribute to the music of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young AND America (the Band) since 2012. Excellent arrangements, harmonies and "jams"!

Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and food and enjoy the great songs from your past.



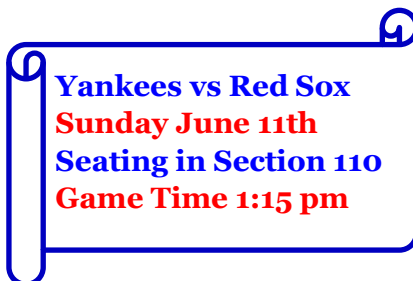
LETS GET GOING!



Bronx Zoo and Botanical Gardens - April 23

We're off to the Bronx! And no, we're not going to see the Yankees play—not yet, anyway! So much culture in the Bronx—who knew! We'll board our deluxe motor coach bus and travel out to this borough of New York City where you'll have the option of spending time at either the **New York Botanical Garden** or the **Bronx Zoo**. We'll be visiting the Garden in time for their mesmerizing **Orchid Show**—a complete feast for the eyes and nose! If animals have your heart, you can choose to visit the Zoo and enjoy over 265 acres to explore inhabited by over 10,000 animals! The gorillas! Following our time with nature and / or wildlife, we'll gather together again for a feast of the senses in Little Italy / Arthur Avenue. Italian cookies, cannoli, pasta, salami, cheese....oh my! Sunday, April 23 NY Botanical Garden OR Bronx Zoo / Little Italy, NYC.

COST \$105.00. Cost includes motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, snacks, admission to one destination



"Oldest Rivalry in Baseball History"

This is our Annual Yankee - Red Sox game (started back in June 2014)
Great support from our communities - Great collaborative effort from our three Recreation Departments.
View from SECTION 110 (in the SHADE for an afternoon game - GREAT SEATS)

COST \$160.00

COST: includes ticket to the game, seating in section 110 GREAT FIELD LEVEL SEATS, motor coach transportation, bus parking, driver gratuity, snacks, prizes

Convenient departure locations at Morris Town Hall & New Preston along Route 202. First departure 9:30 am





Dodgers vs Mets
Friday July 14th
Seating in Section 128
Game Time 7:15pm

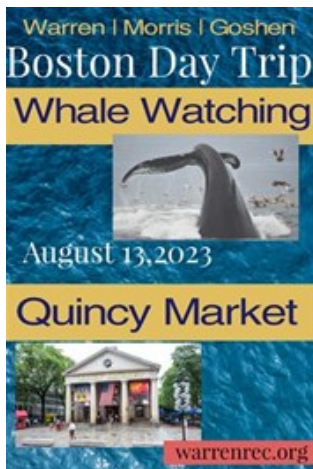


The old team is back in town!

Enjoy this exciting match up at the beautiful Citi Field in Flushing Meadows.

COST: \$150 Cost includes ticket to the game in SECTION 128, motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, prizes and snack bag

Convenient departure locations at Morris Town Hall & New Preston along Route 202. First departure 2:30 pm



Whale Watching Boston/Quincy Market/New England Aquarium Your Choice — August 13th

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, minkes, 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.

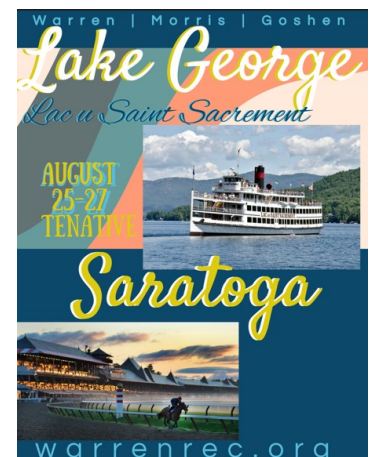
The New England Aquarium is perfect for all ages to explore the Giant Ocean Tank. You can experience a close encounter with a Cownose Ray at the Shark and Ray Touch Tank, watch our playful Fur Seals put on a show, and grab a bite at the harbor View Café.

Cost: deluxe motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, snacks and prizes

\$125.00 for the Whale Watch - call if interested in the New England Aquarium or just want to spend a day in Boston - Warren Parks and Recreation 860-868-7881 ext. 113

Lake George /Saratoga Getaway Coming in August 2023

The Park and Recreation Office is completing the itinerary for the trip to Saratoga and Lake George. The trip will include a visit to the Saratoga Racetrack, Painted Pony Championship Rodeo, Adirondack Winery, Prospect Mountain, a lunch Cruise on Lake George aboard Lac du Saint Sacrement and more! Tentative date for this trip is the last week in August



9-11 Memorial and Museum - Sept. 10th



9/11 MEMORIAL PLAZA A tribute to the past and a place of hope for the future — the 9/11 Memorial Plaza is alive with twin spirits of remembrance & renewal. The 8-acre park is a supremely contemplative sanctuary, composed of a grove of nearly 400 white oak trees, and the largest man made waterfalls in the United States. Set within the footprints of the original Twin Towers, each pool is approximately 1-acre in size. The names of every person who perished in the terror attacks of February 26, 1993 & September 11, 2001 are honored in bronze around the twin Memorial pool.

9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The National 9/11 Memorial Museum is located within the archaeological heart of the original WTC site. The Museum serves as the country's principal institution concerned with exploring the historic implications of that tragic date, through state-of-the-art multimedia exhibits, archives and monumental artifacts. Paying reverent homage to the nearly 3,000 victims of the attacks, the museum also recognizes the thousands who survived, and all who showed extraordinary courage & compassion in the catastrophe's aftermath.

BROOKFIELD PLACE An iconic destination in Lower Manhattan, Brookfield Place brings together an eclectic mix of cultural and art experiences, a stellar line-up of events, delectable dining options and world-class shopping all in one destination.

Convenient departure locations at Morris Town Hall & New Preston along Route 202. First departure is 9:00am. An email will be sent one week prior to the event indicating exact departure times and locations.

Cost: \$105.00 Cost includes: admission, deluxe motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, snacks and prizes



Island Hopping- June 16 - 18

Join us for a three-day, two night adventure on Cape Cod and the islands. Experiences will include a docent led tour of the John F. Kennedy Museum, guided bus tours of both Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Islands, Ferry rides, lighthouse visits and more!

Cost: \$675.00 pp/do includes overnight accommodations, deluxe motor coach transportation, museum admission, ferry fees, tours, two breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, all gratuities and a few surprises!



Please make your \$150.00 deposit via check or credit card. NOTE, balance must be paid in a check.

Day Trippers

Port Jefferson - June 15th

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.



Cost: \$25.00 per person includes Northwestern CT Transit and Bridgeport / Port Jefferson round trip ferry ride



Cross Sound Ferry Lighthouse Tour Cruise - July 19

Introducing more sights and more lighthouses on Cross Sound Lighthouse Cruises. The route gives you unprecedented views of offshore lighthouses. The cruise is narrated by a local expert who will fill you in on the history and lore of each sight aboard our

comfortable, climate-controlled SEA JET. Our Classic Cruise zips you between 9 lighthouses and historical sites along the Thames River, Long Island Sound and Gardiner's Bay. The comfortable high-speed SEA JET is a smooth-sailing wave-piercing catamaran capable of cruising at speeds in excess of 30 knots (35 mph). The Sea Jet is equipped with modern airline-style seating on two enclosed air-conditioned passenger decks with spacious outdoor deck for viewing the scenery as you listen to an expert narrator. Snacks and beverages are available on board.

Cost: \$30.00 transportation and sea jet ticket. Depart from Warren Community Center at 9:00 am

Hammonasset Beach State Park



Hammonasset Beach State Park Thursday, September 7th

If the ocean is calling your name, then we have just the trip for you! Now that the Summer rush is gone, it's OUR turn to visit the wonderful Connecticut shoreline! We'll start by having a delicious seafood dinner at Lenny & Joe's Fish Tale Restaurant in Westbrook. This shoreline institution has been serving

delicious and fresh seafood to its hungry patrons since 1979! Lobster roll anyone? (No worries - plenty of options for you Land Lubbers as well!) After our bellies are satisfied, we'll travel just down the road to Connecticut's largest shoreline park Hammonasset Beach State Park offering over two miles of beach to enjoy swimming, strolling, or just relaxing in the sand and surf.

Please feel free to bring along a blanket or beach chair, or if you're REALLY brave - your bathing suit! Fingers crossed for a sunny day!

Cost: \$10.00 per person includes Northwest CT Transit



Please join us for a community event! We are hoping you will come join us to learn more about our corporation and our upcoming project. Members of the corporation will be present to share information and answer questions. We will be hosting **New Haven Pizza Truck & live music!**
Check out our new website: warrenaffordablehousingcorp.org

Thursday
May 25th
6:00pm



Warren
Woods



Building Department

Even though it is not pool season, now would be a good time to make sure your pool has a Certificate of Approval. As a homeowner, you are required by law to maintain your pool safety equipment. This applies to all pools, hot tubs and spas. Anyone who has had a pool installed is required to have a final inspection and



Certificate of Approval prior to using the pool. If you are planning on installing a swimming pool and have a question regarding whether or not you need a permit, the definition of a swimming pool determined by the State Building Code is: “Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, aboveground and on-ground

swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.”

Section R110.10 of the 2021 International Residential portion of the 2022 State Building Code – The building official shall issue a certificate of approval indicating substantial compliance with the requirements of this code for all completed work that requires a building permit but does not require a certificate of occupancy. Such work shall include, but not be limited to: fences greater than 7 feet in height; retaining walls greater than 3 feet in height; decks; garages; **swimming pools**; basements and attics converted to habitable space; electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairs or alterations. No certificate of approval shall be issued for work subject to the zoning regulations of a municipality without certification in writing by the official charged with the enforcement of such regulations that the work is in conformity with such regulations or is a valid nonconforming use under such regulations.

If you have any questions, please call the Building Department office. The phone number is (860) 868-7881 ext. 111. We will be glad to help you through the process.



Warren Land Trust



We have an updated mission statement!

The Warren Land Trust is a nationally accredited conservation organization dedicated to the preservation and responsible stewardship of open space, watershed and natural resources in and around Warren, Connecticut for the benefit of current and future generations. These protected resources include meadows, forests, lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands, wildlife habitats and corridors, farmland and scenic vistas. Committed to connecting the community to nature, the Warren Land Trust creates opportunities to enjoy, learn about and care for land and the environment.

Earth Day Town Clean-Up: Saturday 4/22, 10am-1pm

Earth Day Town Clean-Up 2022 was one for the books – can we top it this year to get rid of a winter's worth of roadside litter?? Stop by the Warren Land Trust table in front of the Warren General Store to select your route, and pick up trash bags and gloves. A dumpster will be available at the Town Garage for refuse drop-off. And again this year, WLT, Warren Parks & Rec, and the Warren General Store are collaborating to offer every trash pick-up party a \$5 voucher for the general store – it's our way to say thank you for cleaning Warren's roadsides in commemoration of Earth Day.

Give Local and Help Fund an Exciting New Project!: Tuesday 4/25-Wednesday 4/26

Give Local, the CT Community Foundation's online giving campaign benefitting regional non-profits, will take place on April 25th and 26th. From 7am on the 25th to 7pm on the 26th, you can help provide final funding to protect nearly 250 acres of core forest, wildlife habitat, trail networks, and historic sites at the end of Cunningham Road. We can't wait to tell you more! Sign up for our email blasts at info@warrenlandtrust.org, or just email us and ask! To make a secure Give Local contribution, visit www.GiveLocalCCF.org. A live link will be sent by email blast before and during the campaign; and will be available on our website. Your donation is augmented by bonus funds provided by the Connecticut Community Foundation and Give Local sponsors, giving your generosity even greater reach.

CT Trails Day Hike: Saturday, June 3, 10am

Sponsored by CT Forest & Parks Association

We are going back to the Graham Brush Connector Trail, in conjunction with the Lake Waramaug Association. If you attended this moderately challenging hike in the past, we promise new perspectives. And if you haven't, come see what you've been missing! The hike will include sections of the Wyantenock State Forest and a portion of the blue-blazed Mattatuck Trail. More details to come on our website or by email blast.

Spring Trail Cleanup: TBD May/early June

Join us for "spring cleaning" on our preserves - help clear winter debris from the trails and see nature springing back to life. Dates TBD in May or early June, depending on weather, to be posted on our website and announced by email blast.

Would you like to receive occasional news and information from The Warren Land Trust?
Email us at info@warrenlandtrust.org to be added to our mailing list.



FIREWORKS

Fireworks will be presented by the Lake Waramaug Authority on Saturday July 1st with a rain date of Sunday July 2nd. Don't miss this spectacular display!!

Warren Public Library 15 Sackett Hill Rd. 860-868-2195

www.warrenctlibrary.org warrenpl@optonline.net

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

Yoga

We are offering our Yoga classes with Jody Cohen twice a week, on Mondays @ 5:30 and on Saturdays @9:00. As a student, I can attest that Jody has marvelous classes, will modify her approach if you require it, and the experience will leave you refreshed and energized. We are so lucky to have her! Join us or call for more information @ 860-868-2195.



Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading program is on the way for the end of the school year. While we have not decided upon a date for our Kickoff, we can reveal that the theme for this year is “Finding your Voice”. We will be encouraging all elementary school children to participate. We will offer each child a swag bag containing a reading log and other goodies at the start of the program, and we will be awarding weekly prizes to our readers also. We have made a tradition of T-shirts, pizza and ice cream being the most favored weekly prizes during summer reading. At the end of the program there will be a grand prize basket for one of our readers.

Story Hour has been where its at for preschoolers on Thursday mornings. We have a great group of little ones here to enjoy stories, songs, and crafts each week. Please join us: there is no registration and everyone is welcome.

No one, especially the children and parents of our artists, will want to miss our Student Art Show! We are so happy to have this annual event back! I have seen examples of the student’s work and it is impressive!

Thank you to The Northwest CT Community Foundation who awarded us \$2,400 with our participation in their crowd sourcing grant. These funds will ensure that we will be able to complete the upgrade of our computers, with the addition of two new desktop computers for the public. These were installed during the month of March.



Give local

Give Local, which is hosted by the Connecticut Community Foundation will be held on April 25-26. This is another crowd sourcing grant opportunity for us. This year, we are working to continue our mission to make our library more ADA compliant with the purchase of a new circulation desk. We are particularly interested in having a desk which will be more user friendly to children. As it is, our desk is “adult height” and we would like to have a desk that is more approachable for children.

Book sale

Thank you so much! We have had some wonderful donations, top shelf material, nonfiction and fiction. We are hoping that we will receive some children’s books that may benefit our collection or be of use to other area families. If you are doing some inspired spring cleaning, please remember that the library is now taking donations. Our prices are reasonable and the sale is now conveniently located in the Community room of the library. Stop by and treat yourself to some new titles!

Warren Historical Society



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.

We learn about our history through diaries and letters and stories told and recorded. It helps us connect to people who really loved this town as all of us do.

This year we are embarking on part 2 of our two year study of Lake and Land and understanding how the people who lived here shaped the land and how the land shaped the people.

Do you have a mind for solving puzzles? You can volunteer with us as we learn more about our history every day.

You also can see what we are up to on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CuratorWHS>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/warrencthistoricalsociety>

or on our website, www.WarrenCtHistoricalSociety.org

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



While the garden wasn't growing over the winter, our garden community and its basket of ideas for the future most certainly have been! We kicked off our monthly meetings in 2023 with an informative and delicious sourdough breadmaking workshop led by local artisan bread makers Bruce and Yobana Young of Blue Gate Farms. Joanne Tiedmann joined us in February to share her expertise on starting seeds in advance of planting time. And a fruit tree pruning workshop

and work session led by Bill and Joslyn Pollack and their Arbor Tree Services crew was the highlight of our March gathering. We are so grateful for these community members who have shared their invaluable expertise so generously. Thank you so much!

The winter was also a good time for analyzing our garden's soil and determining the best treatment to enhance soil health and productivity as we dig into our new season. Garden members, with the assistance of Connecticut's *Agriculture Experiment Station* performed soil tests that indicate our garden soil is in good shape thanks to amendments completed last year. But there is room for improvement and we have an organic fertilizer regimen to implement now and through bed prep in April.

New ideas that are sprouting at the WCG include a Children's Garden in one of the large beds, a renovation of the Wasley's former blueberry grove, field trips to neighboring farms and a composting workshop. Please let us know if you have ideas or expertise that you would like to share.

Some important additional information: 4/8 prep and installation, 5/13 planting at 9am, 6/10 maintenance

Bed Rentals: Some still available for rental this season 5-6 double beds, 1/2 bed possible, or bring a friend and rent together.

Volunteers: There are so many ways to join our community beside renting a plot including:

- help maintain the donation beds and general garden area
- help design and build our children's garden
- participate and host workshops

Contact newts198@optonline.net for renting a bed, volunteering or questions! Please spread the word and invite your family and friends to join our email distribution list AND/OR visit the Warren Community Garden @ Wasley Farm facebook page, or our website: <https://www.warrencommunitygarden.org>.

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Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, April 16th

Sunday, May 21st

Sunday, June 18th

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