

# Town of Warren



# Summer Newsletter 2023



## **First Selectman, Greg LaCava: Selectman's Corner**

Happy Summer to all and welcome to the Selectman's Corner. This past May was very educational for not only myself, but for our Warren Students who are learning about the Revolutionary War and those who are buried in our Old Cemetery. Tiffany Parkhouse(Friends of Warren School), organized to have Mike Bird from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), to

speak with the students of Warren School. Mr. Bird, students, members of the Cemetery Commission and myself had an educational experience of cleaning the headstones of Revolutionary War Veterans at the Old Cemetery. To complete the experience, on Friday, May 26th, Town and Fire Company personnel, town residents, and parents, had the privilege to participate in the Warren School Memorial Service at the cemetery. I was very honored to be the MC of this event. Students walked down from the school waving flags and being very patriotic along with a Honor Squad from the SAR. They were very respectful of the cemetery and placed flags at the headstones of the 31 names honored during this service. The SAR completed the service with a gun salute honoring these patriots. The walk back in silence was heart touching. Thank you to the FOWS, the Warren School students, teachers and SAR members for a memorable experience.



We continue to offer residents and staff at the Town Hall informational classes. Our next class is "Stop the Bleed" on June 24th sponsored by TAHD. We hope to see you at a class in the near future. Check website for more information.

This years budget proved to be uncustomary with a revaluation, inflation, and new rulings from legislature happening all at once. See page 2 for a summary of our 2023-24 fiscal year budget.

Lastly, Summer is here with its many wonderful events happening from our concerts at the Beach and Warren Woods to the many trips planned. I invite you to partake in these wonderful happenings in Warren. The concerts at the beach are free with your parking pass and all regular concerts at Warren Woods are free. Pack your picnic lunch/dinner and beverages and enjoy the sounds and the great outdoors.

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# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Born and raised in Connecticut, Kathy lived for many years in nearby Westchester County, New York where she served as Town Clerk of the Town of Lewisboro for 34 years. In 2012 Kathy moved to Warren after marrying a local resident, and has been an active member of our community ever since.

During the pandemic, Kathy offered a helping hand when needed. Occasionally she volunteers at the food bank. Annually she participates in the Holiday on the Hill, roadside cleanup, Warren beach cleanup, the Easter egg hunt preparation, and works as a poll worker during local elections. Kathy also supports the work of various Town organizations. As a member of the Warren Parks and Recreation Commission she helps the Recreation Director plan events and manage facilities in our community.

Kathy loves the open space in Warren, and is impressed with the interest that residents show in the well-being of their town and their participation in activities.

We are pleased to have Kathy and her husband Bob in Warren. She continues to be a supporter of our many programs and activities and continues to look for ways to give back!



## From the Office of the First Selectman

Welcome to Summer even though we couldn't tell by the weather this week! These past few months we have been working diligently on preparing a budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. As we all know, the revaluation that happened this year saw our property values go way up. Some over a 33% increase! Great news for those selling, but what about our taxes. For those of you

Grand List Yr.	Mill Rate
2016	14.5
2017	14.25
2018	14.25
2019	14.25
2020	14.25
2021	14.15
2022	14.15
2023	13.15

that attended the budget hearing on May 4th, found out that increases in cleaning supplies, electricity, insurance, fuel, food and more, not only affected us personally, but also affected the town. Repairing or fixing our roads, maintenance and repairs to our facilities and just day to day bills more than doubled. The bottom line is YES our taxes will increase. YES we have dropped the mill rate in Warren for the third time in 5 years (see chart). YES we are taking money from our fund account to balance the budget. The Boards of Selectmen and Finance went line by line to make sure of every item. A unanimous vote from both boards to send the draft budget to a town hearing was made. When you look at the budget you will notice the bulk of increases are in services to keep the town safe (paramedic), repair of deteriorating roads, failing heating/ac systems (capital account), maintenance to buildings (improving town property), and increases to the fire truck and equipment funds for future purchases.

The Board of Selectmen held it's Annual Budget Meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023 with Craig Nelson as the Moderator. The residents that attended voted for the following: to authorize the Selectmen to enter into agreement with the State of Connecticut or the Federal Government to apply for and accept any grants that may become available and to expend the funds for the fiscal year 2023-2024:



Approved the Budget for FY 2023-2024 with a 42-13 vote: voted give the Finance to take \$150K from fund balance to migrate the old defined benefit pension plan to annuitization and/or lump sum options to those employees in the plan: and voted to re-elect Dave Schneiderbeck for one last year to the RSD6 BOE and to re-elect Bill Hopkins to the LWA until 2026.

The Board of Finance met immediately following the Annual Meeting and set a new **mill rate of 13.15** for the FY 2023-2024.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Town Budget Hearing and the Town Meeting.



## **From the Office of the Tax Collector**

Pursuant to the provisions of CGS §12-145, notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Warren that a Tax of 13.15 mills on the dollar, laid on the Grand List of October 1, 2022, are due and payable July 1, 2023. Taxes remaining unpaid after August 1, 2023, will be delinquent and will be subject to an interest penalty at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof from the due date of July 1, 2023, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00.

Taxes may be paid at the Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-1 and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-4. Payments may be sent by mail addressed to the Tax Collector, 50 Cemetery Road, Warren, CT 06754. If mailed, payments ***must have a Legal postmark and dated no later than August 1, 2023.***

Payments can also be made online by going to <https://www.warrenct.org/tax-collector>



## **From the Assessor's Office** **FILING DEADLINES**

### **ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTION**

A Veteran must file an Honorable Discharge Form DD-214 with the Town Clerk before October 1st 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

# Social Services Office

## **Hip Hop with Raymond "Spex" Abbiw: July 10<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Join us for 8 weeks of hip hop lessons at the community center!**

**Beginning July 10 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!*



**Warren Social Services would like to thank the Connecticut Community Foundation for approving our grant request! We received this wonderful news in early May:**



*"At its meeting on May 4, 2023, the Board of Trustees of Connecticut Community Foundation reviewed the \$2,718.50 request from the Town of Warren for Warren Social Services Community Engagement Project. I am happy to inform you that after reviewing the recommendation of the Pathways for Older Adults Committee, the Board voted to grant \$2,719 to engage seniors in social activities involving positive self care practices and physical and emotional well being."*

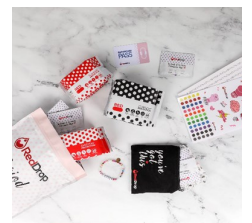
## **Gentle Yoga and Mindfulness with Dawn Delpha for Adults**

*Dawn Delpha has 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.*

**Tuesdays at noon beginning September 26 and go right through till Tuesday, November 14.**

## **Young Women's Empowerment Program April – Summer of 2023**

Warren Social Services is hosting a season of Young Women's Empowerment. Beginning April 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Kits are now AVAILABLE at the social services office as well as our empowerment library. Please stop by to check it out!

### **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.



**The grant has been APPROVED. We will announce the date of this event ASAP.**

### **Why is Social Services running these programs anyways? Lets talk about Mental Health Awareness!**

#### **Why Hip Hop? Did you know:**

- ♦ Children who are involved in activities outside of school have a 10% increase in the expectation of attaining a college degree.
- ♦ Young people are more likely to volunteer in their community after high school if they participate in extracurricular activities during adolescence.
- ♦ According to researchers at the University of California Berkley's Science Center dance has been shown to reduce anxiety and depression through physical movement.

#### **Why Mindful Yoga? Did you Know:**



- Studies have found that older adults indicated that mindfulness training increased their self-awareness and self-reflection and fostered a more self-accepting attitude. It showed they improved their self-care habits and reported having better familial and social relationships.
- Chronic social isolation increases the risk of mental health issues like depression, anxiety, substance misuse and chronic conditions like high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

### **Social events within a community are literally good for your physical AND mental health!**

#### **Why empower young women and promote body literacy? Did you know:**

- \* Empowering young women promotes political leadership amongst girls which creates a more equitable society.
- \* Promoting leadership skills; like decision making, forming ideas, working in teams and negotiation prepare girls to navigate their personal and future professional lives more successfully.
- \* Empowering young women through body literacy and fertility awareness is fundamentally important in helping girls identify their self-worth and make informed decisions regarding their bodies.
- \* Taking a whole-person approach to young women's empowerment helps create young women who are autonomously powerful within themselves!

*Research has indicated that the greater we acknowledge and address our social and emotional growth, the more fulfilled and healthy lives we will lead, thus promoting a thriving, strong and safe community. Thank you for supporting these programs & joining us in them!*

### **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.



# Social Services Continued

## **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.

***Our office continues to provide assistance with state and federal aid application, 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](mailto:socialservices@warrenct.org)

860-868-7881 ext. 114



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



## **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 were 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 is now available.



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



## GARBAGE, RECYCLING, AND BEARS OH MY!!

Garbage Bins are provided to all residential properties in Town along with a recycle bin. Garbage is picked up weekly on Monday morning. Recycling is every other week. The Town is split into 2 separate weeks. If you are unsure of which week you are, please visit the Warren website for a list of roads according to the specific week. Bins are to be placed at the end of your

driveway no later than 6am on Monday mornings. Please be patient with USA Hauling, sometimes they have different drivers doing the route and may not be at your driveway the same time as the week before. If your garbage or recycling have not been picked up by 5pm on Monday, contact the Selectmen's office by 9am on Tuesday morning so we may call for a collection.

We know the bears can cause some headaches on Monday mornings having their breakfast and not cleaning up after themselves. USA Waste has a "Bear-proof" bin available that locks the lid automatically. Residents may rent the bin directly from USA Waste. Contact USA Waste for pricing.



What do we recycle? Where do we recycle those items? These two questions are often asked by many residents. Here's a little list of items to recycle and where to recycle them. For those other items, please refer to [www.recyclelect.com](http://www.recyclelect.com) for information.

### What goes in the curbside blue bins?

#### PLASTIC:

bottles with or without caps attached  
Containers, tubs & lids  
One-use cups (no lids or straws)

#### PAPER:

Cardboard & boxboard  
Food & beverage cartons  
Junk Mail, Magazines & News-paper inserts  
Newsprint  
Office paper  
Pizza boxes

#### METALS:

Aerosol containers (food grade only)  
Aluminum foil  
Cans & bottles  
Foil containers  
Metal lids from cans and bottles

#### GLASS:

Beverage bottles & jars  
Food bottles and jars

### Other Items you can recycle:

Plastic bags and food bags can be recycled at your grocery store

Scrap metal can be recycled at the Town garage during regular business hours

Recycle your old refrigerators, freezers and AC units at the Town Garage—

\$35 fee payable to the Town in the Selectman's Office

Recycle your batteries and old cell phones at the Town Hall

Get a voucher at the Town Hall to recycle your electronics in Washington

Warren has a **Composting Program**. The bins are located in the lower parking lot of the Town Garage under the trees. The bins are locked to keep the bears from having their next meal. The key is attached so you may deposit your scraps in the bin. Please secure the lock before leaving. The Town Hall has composting kits you can purchase to help with your composting, but is not required.

Over the past 12 months, Warren has composted over 6,300lbs of scraps which is the equivalent of avoiding 3,842lbs of CO2 which is the equivalent of avoiding 4,381 miles of driving! Taking advantage of this program decreases our waste tonnage and is helping to protect the environment.



Contact the Town Hall for more information or to purchase your composting kits.

## From the Registrars Office

**Early Voting Update:** It looks like Early Voting will not be part of our upcoming election in November 2023 as the bill (HB5004) was not passed by the House until early May of this year, and still needs Senate approval before the Sec of State's office can implement the details. Look for Early Voting to be part of the 2024 Primary season.



**No-Excuse Absentee Voting Update:** On May 10<sup>th</sup> the state house took the first step toward putting a constitutional amendment to permit no-excuse absentee voting to a statewide vote in 2024. If voters approve a ballot question next year, the municipal elections in 2025 would likely be your first opportunity to cast an absentee ballot without having to cite a reason.

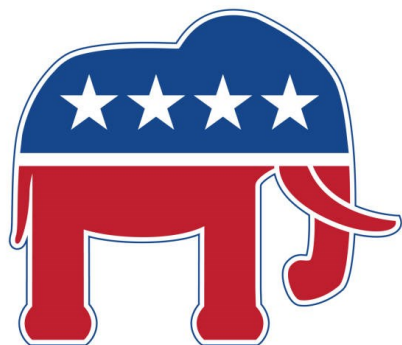
**Poll Workers Needed:** With these amendments on our horizon, elections as we know them will see some pretty drastic changes in the near future. At this point, we don't know exactly what those changes will be, but it's clear to us that we will need more citizens to help out at the polls. Compared to other cities and towns, we have always operated our polls with a skeleton crew of dedicated poll workers. But with Early Voting the polls could be open as many as 14 consecutive days, and that, coupled with the herculean effort necessary to accurately tabulate the expected large increase in absentee ballots, illustrates the probable need to have double or possibly triple the number of poll workers on our roster as we have now. Please consider joining this effort. The only requirement is that you be a registered voter in Warren. Students are encouraged to participate. Call our office at 860-868-7881x109 for more info or email [registrars@warrenct.org](mailto:registrars@warrenct.org). These are all paid positions.



**The Warren Democratic Town Committee** is seeking new members as well as candidates for the Municipal Election in November 2023.

Any registered Democrat in Warren is eligible for membership on the Town Committee as well as to be a candidate for office.

For information, contact the Acting Chairman of the Warren Democratic Committee, Robyn Kasler at [rkasler@optonline.net](mailto:rkasler@optonline.net).



**The Warren Republican Town Committee** will be hosting a fundraising **CLAMBAKE** on Saturday, August 28th at Warren Woods. The menu includes lobster, clams, potato, corn and clam chowder. **BYOB** Dinner will be served at 5:00pm. There will be a limited number of dinners. The price of a ticket is \$50. More information coming soon to a mailbox near you.



# Parks and Recreation Activities



## LIFEGUARD

### Lifeguards Wanted: Warren Town Beach Summer 2023

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

Register at **Warrenrec.org** for your parking pass today.

All Taxes Must Be Current

Warren Parks & Recreation **Fitness Class**  
Socially distanced interval workouts combining strength, endurance, core and balance.  
All fitness levels encouraged, exercises can be modified to suit your fitness goals.  
Saturdays 7:30-8:30am  
10 \$ Per Class  
Bring: mat, towel, water & weights  
Questions: carlahangevine@hotmail.com

### Fitness Class

Saturday Mornings

7:30-8:30am

Cost per class: \$10

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

### KARATE CLASSES

Friday Nights starting at 6:45

For additional information, contact Instructor: Frannie Caco, Cheezic Tang Soo Do Black Belt #2269

Phone: 860-868-5031

Email: caco06777@yahoo.com

Warren School Gym  
Friday Evenings  
Starting: April 19th  
End: Kids (age 4-6 year olds) 6:00pm  
Junior & Adult (age 7 and older) 6:15pm  
Weapons & Advanced Forms every other week 7:15pm  
Warren Parks & Rec

# Town Wide Tag Sale

Warren Town Wide  
**TAG SALE**  
Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
WARRENREC.ORG

Residents are invited to "set up shop" at their own homes for a one-day, town-wide tag sale. We will provide advertising, signage, a map and program of participating households, plus online information at the town's website, **warrenrec.org**. The sign-up deadline is Tuesday Aug 22nd and the **registration fee is \$16**. Route maps showing your location will be available Wednesday, August 30th.

Swim Lessons at the  
Warren Beach  
Register online at  
**Warrenrec.org**

Warren Park and Recreation  
**Swimming Lessons**  
Warren Town Beach  
Register online  
**warrenrec.org**

### Shred It Day

Saturday

September 30

9-12 noon

Town Hall

community  
**SHRED DAY!**

# Summer Trips and Events



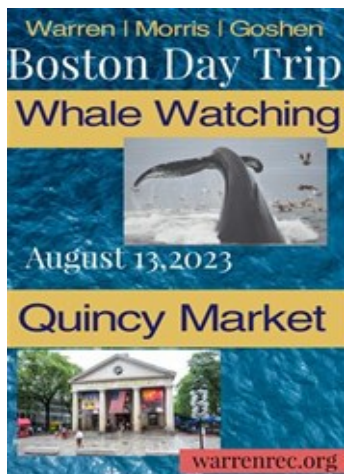
**Dodgers vs Mets**  
**Friday July 14th**  
**Seating in Section 128**  
**Game Time 7:15pm**



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

**COST:** \$150 - 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, 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. 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— August 30-31

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! For more information, check out warrenrec.org.



## 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

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 includes admission, deluxe motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, snacks and prizes



## Day Trippers

### Cross Sound Ferry Lighthouse Tour Cruise - July 19

Introducing more sights and more lighthouses on Cross Sound Lighthouse Cruises.

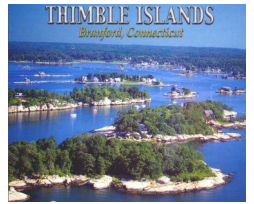
The route gives you unprecedented views of offshore lighthouses. The cruise is narrated by a local expert who will fill you in on the history and lore of each sight aboard our comfortable, climate-controlled SEA JET. Our Classic Cruise zips you between 9 lighthouses and historical sites along the Thames 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**

## Thimble Islands Wednesday August 23rd

Join us for an exciting cruise through the historic Thimble Islands, located off the coast of Branford, Connecticut. We'll travel aboard the ***Sea Mist***, cruising around 25 inhabited islands. The Thimbles were first discovered in 1614 by Adrian Block, who also discovered Block Island. These unique islands were used for everything from farming, quarrying famous pink granite, bootlegging and hiding Captain Kidd's treasure! The *Sea Mist* is a 44' Carman Boat of Chesapeake Design. It is designed with large windows and comfortable seating for sightseeing, along with two observation decks. This is a special trip that we all enjoy year after year! The islands are so beautiful. It is a very relaxing and entertaining cruise through the islands. So fun to see how the "other half" lives! We'll enjoy a delicious lunch at Dockside Restaurant to top off a truly delightful day! Please join us! **Cost: \$25 for transportation and tickets. Lunch is on your own.**



### 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

# PREMIER SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## Fleetwood Macked Tribute Band

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



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](#) to stay up to date and keep in touch with the Fleetwood Macked family!

**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](http://warrenrec.org) for more information**

# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



## Cobblestone Road and a Chicken BBQ

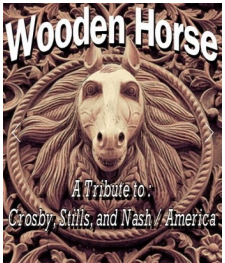
**Warren Woods Saturday, July 29th 5:30-8:00pm**

**Concert in conjunction with the Warren Congregational Church's 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](#) early so you don't miss out on the limited number of meals available! Guarantee your Chicken BBQ dinner by purchasing tickets at [warrenrec.org](http://warrenrec.org). Chicken BBQ tickets are \$22 per dinner includes: BBQ 1/2 Chicken, corn on the cob, macaroni & coleslaw salad, and a dinner roll.

## Saturday August 19th – Wooden Horse 6:00-8:00 PM



We welcome their return to Warren where they first played in 2015. A musical tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young and America Wooden Horse was founded in 2012 by a collection of musicians from some of the area's top bands such as kGb, Better Than Radio, and the 1800 band.

The "project" grew out of the desire of these musicians the take on the challenge of recreating the intricate vocal harmonies and musician ship of the groups Crosby,

Still, Nash and Young, and America. This band has been formed to perform "in concert" at festivals and theatres. We hope that you'll find the time to spend an evening with us enjoying a unique musical experience! Bring your picnic blankets, chairs and food and enjoy the great songs from your past.

## Saturday September 2nd - Beatles Forever 5:00 – 7:00 PM



### **Beatles Forever - A Celebration of the Music of the Beatles**

The timeless music of the Beatles has touched multiple generations of music lovers - which is one of the reasons why Connecticut's premiere Beatles tribute band, **Beatles Forever** is such an attraction. The music of the Beatles appeals to listeners of all ages!

**Beatles Forever** is an experienced group of four extremely talented musicians who have been playing music professionally for most of their lives. The group's original members formed the core of a popular Beatles tribute band in the 1980's, The Beatles, performing in clubs, private engagements, and Beatles Conventions throughout New England and Japan.

Evoking every nuance of the Beatles' classic hits, **Beatles Forever** features strong lead vocals, tight harmonies and full instrumentation built with a meticulous attention to detail and a genuine love of the music. We want you all to sing along!

## Saturday September 16th – Cover 2 Cover 5:00—7:00 PM



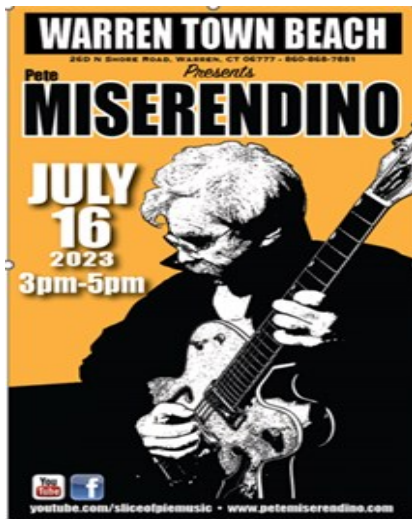
Cover2Cover is a band whose repertoire includes an eclectic collection of tunes to suit all audiences. From songs such as 'Vehicle' by The Ides Of March to the Latin rhythms of Santana's 'Evil Ways', Cover2 Cover will keep you up and dancing.

# Sounds at the Beach



**The Red Hots**

**Saturday July 8  
5:30-7:30pm**





# Warren Land Trust

## We have a new 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.

### **This summer from WLT: Freshly groomed trails and updated trail maps**

If you head out to our trails this Summer, you'll notice that they're in better shape than ever, thanks to our new Trails Manager, who will be regularly clearing them with occasional help from volunteers (Interested in joining that effort? Email us at [admin@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:admin@warrenlandtrust.org) to be added to that list.). We will have updated trail maps later this summer, available at the Warren General Store and all trailhead kiosks; or email us to request them. And you can always learn about our trails by checking out [www.warrenlandtrust.org](http://www.warrenlandtrust.org).

The latest addition to our network can be found at the **Sunset Ponds Preserve**, where short spur trails lead to rocky ledges overlooking scenic wooded ponds. The WLT acquired the 17-acre property some years ago and recently explored its recreational potential. It's a great spot for some waterside quietude!

### **Other trails include:**

**Dorothy Maier Preserve Trail:** Looping trails, slight climbs, mountain laurel grove, and can you find the saw blade buried in the tree trunk?

**Strong Preserve Trail:** Short easy loop on property donated by a consortium of neighbors on land once owned by one of Warren's first families – stone walls, a stone chimney, glacial erratics...rocks galore!

**Skidmore Preserve Trail:** Scenic loop on the Litchfield border featuring a stream, pine grove, and massive rock formation.

**Coords Preserve Trail:** Thanks to a family of overactive beavers, part of the trail on the Angevine Road side is underwater! Enter through the Wyantenock State Forest access point off of Rte. 341.

**Graham Brush Connector Trail:** Connects the Valley Road end of the Mattatuck Blue Blazed Trail with the back side of the Coords Preserve Trail via the Graham Brush Preserve. New map coming soon.

And don't forget our peaceful and lovely **Eel Pond Preserve** viewing platform off of Rte. 341!

### **Coming online soon:**

Keith Preserve trail network!

Extensive trails at our new preserve on Cunningham Road, connecting to the Kent Land Trust's East Kent Hamlet Preserve...double the trails, double the hiking opportunities!

## **Housatonic Heritage Walk 2023: THE CHARLES FINNEY HOMESTEAD AND THE CUNNINGHAM ROAD PRESERVE—A FAMILY-FRIENDLY WALK**

**Saturday, September 9, 10-11:30am**

Join the [Warren Land Trust](http://www.warrenlandtrust.org) and [Warren Historical Society](http://www.warrenhistoricalsociety.org) for a family-friendly walk in the woods on the land trust's new preserve on Cunningham Road. On this walk over flat but uneven terrain (sturdy footwear recommended) we will explore the natural and historical highlights of this significant property, which includes the birthplace of Charles Finney, famous in his day as the father of American revivalism and president of Oberlin College. 1.5 hours– 2 miles. Refreshments and hike passports for kids and adults provided!

To register, email – [info@warrenlandtrust.org](mailto:info@warrenlandtrust.org)

From the intersection of routes 45 and 341 in Warren, continue a half-mile mile on Route 341 West. Turn left onto Reid Road, continue .6 mile. Turn left onto Cunningham Road, and continue to the end of paved road. GPS 41.7306, -73.3741



# Warren Public Library

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

[www.warrenctlibrary.org](http://www.warrenctlibrary.org) [warrenpl@optonline.net](mailto:warrenpl@optonline.net)

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

## **FUND RAISING**

We would like to thank everyone who supported the library through their generous donations to **Give Local** this year. These funds will be used to continue our work in expanding our ADA compliance in the library.

We also would like to thank all of you who have been supportive of our **Book Sale** efforts.

We have a new permanent sale ongoing in our community room. The sale is always changing stock, and is a great source of reading material in great condition and for all ages. Please stop by and take a look. We have received so many really nice donations from the Warren community during the past months. We are always looking for donations for the sale. Please drop of your small donations to us at any time when we are open to the main floor of the library. If you have a larger donation, just give us a call and we will make arrangements to have you drop off you donations directly to our basement. Our book sale supports our children's programs and your support is truly appreciated.



We would like to thank the Northwest Community Foundation for the grant funds to replace two computer stations with new ones. Thanks to their generosity we have successfully upgraded our hardware to current technical standards and I must say that the upgrades are much appreciated.



## **SUMMER READING 2023**



The Library will once again be hosting a great Saturday kick off celebration for summer reading. This year's theme is **"FINDING YOUR VOICE"** and we have once again looked to our neighbors to provide a special program for our kick-Off on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The White Memorial will be helping us out with our theme by presenting a children's program at our kick-off. The Program is titled "Listen to the Music of Nature and will be given by the White Memorial Director of Education @11:00 on that Saturday. Light refreshments will be served to the students and parents who join us.

Each child will be receiving a book bag with swag when signing up. In their bag the children will find their reading logs and some surprise incentives to get the ball rolling with our summer fun.

Each week of Summer Reading we will be choosing lucky winners for pizza and T-shirts. We also have a grand prize winner with a basket of goodies at the end of the program. We try to keep the program easy for the children to enjoy and also simple for Moms as well.

### **DROP IN PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Our summer semester for the little ones returns on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue to offer it on Thursdays @ 10:30 and it will feature stories, songs and rhymes. There is no registration for this program. Please feel free to bring your children to join us as there are activities available in the children's room for all ages.



We like to mention that this is a great opportunity, especially during the summer months, for Moms and care givers to meet other families in the Warren area.

### **WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE OFFER TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE YOGA AT THE LIBRARY EACH WEEK**



Our Yoga Master is Warren's Jody Cohen. We offer classes on Monday evenings @ 5:30 and on Saturdays @ 9:00. I can share that Jody's classes are inviting, instructive, and can be modified to suit your personal concerns and limitations. They help with strength, balance and flexibility. If you are interested or want more information please call the library and we will be happy to help you.



## **Warren Historical Society**

The Warren Historical Society's Mission is to discover, celebrate and preserve Warren's History through its collections, programs and exhibits. Do you have an interest in early American military history? Vernacular architecture? or family trees? Come see what we have in the archives Thursdays from 1-4pm or by appointment. Contact us at [WarrenHistorian@outlook.com](mailto:WarrenHistorian@outlook.com) or call 860-503-8545. Don't forget to follow along on Facebook or Instagram @WarrenCtHistoricalSociety or check our website for weekly updates [www.WarrenCtHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WarrenCtHistoricalSociety.org)

### **Events:**



#### **May 28: 3-5pm**

Open House at 330 Brick School Rd. Come and see our one room schoolhouse, and all the hard work that has been done to preserve it.

#### **May 30: 5pm-7pm—15 Sackett Hill Rd.**

Follow the Forrest; A special talk being given by Julia Rogers of the Housatonic Valley Association about wildlife migration.

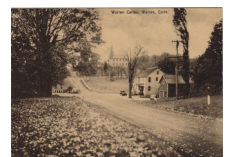


#### **July 4: 1:30-2:30 at the Church— 4 Sackett Hill Rd**

Ring of the Bells. Bring your own bell or borrow one of ours as we keep the tradition alive.

#### **August 5: 5:00-6:00pm—7 Pine St. Cornwall CT at the Cornwall Historical Society**

Touring the Countryside; Postcards from Cornwall, Kent & Warren  
A joint exhibit featuring the history of postcards and travel in our fair towns.



#### **September 9th**

Heritage Hike with the Warren Land Trust. More details to come.





# Warren Volunteer Fire Company

## Why Volunteer



Warren Volunteer Fire Company is a 100% volunteer organization. We are your neighbors, your friends, and your coworkers. We are men and women of all different ages and backgrounds with the passion to help others.

Volunteering can have many benefits for both the individual and the community. Here are some reasons why you should consider volunteering:

**Save lives:** Firefighters and EMS are often the first responders in emergency situations, and our quick actions can make a significant difference in saving lives.

**Serve the community:** Volunteering is an excellent way to give back to the community and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

**Build connections:** We work together and form close bonds with our colleagues. Volunteering is an excellent way to meet new people and build connections within the community.

Overall, volunteering at a local fire company can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience that benefits both the individual and the town.

There are many volunteer opportunities available at fire companies that do not require individuals to be firefighters or EMS. Here are some examples of non-firefighter and EMS volunteer roles:

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Administrative Support
- Community Outreach
- Department Support
- EMS
- Equipment Maintenance
- Firefighting
- Fire Police
- Fundraising
- Grant Writing
- Junior Members
- Support Services



**Administrative support:** Fire companies often need help with administrative tasks such as data entry, record-keeping, and answering phone calls. Volunteers can assist with these tasks to help ensure the smooth operation of the fire company.

**Fundraising:** We rely on fundraising to support our operations, and volunteers can help organize and run fundraising events such as pancake breakfasts, golf tournaments, and many other events.

**Community outreach:** We need volunteers to help with community outreach efforts such as fire prevention education programs, safety presentations, and public events.

**Event Organizing:** To ensure the smooth execution of an event, volunteers can assist with event organizing by offering their time, skills, and resources to help with tasks such as registration, setup, logistics, communication, and participant coordination.

**Equipment maintenance:** Volunteers can help maintain equipment, such as washing and cleaning trucks and maintaining gear.

**Support services:** In addition to firefighting and medical emergencies, fire companies often respond to other emergencies such as water rescues and natural disasters.

Volunteering provides individuals with a sense of purpose and the opportunity to make a positive impact in the world.

Make a difference, volunteer today. Volunteers can assist with these efforts by providing support services such as traffic control or providing sustenance for extended incidents.

So even if you are not interested in becoming a firefighter or emergency medical responder, there are still many ways to get involved and support your local fire company.

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### Contact Us

Facebook: Warren Volunteer Fire Company Inc  
Instagram: @warrenfirect  
Twitter: @WarrenFireCT

860-868-2328  
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www.warrenfirecompany.org

# Fireworks at the Lake Saturday July 1st

Presented by the Lake Waramaug Authority  
Rain Date: July 2nd



## Warren Community Garden

The Warren Community Garden's second growing season is off to a great start! In March, April and early May, community gardeners have been hard at work prepping the beds for the season -adding organic fertilizer and turning over the beds to prepare for planting in earnest over Memorial Day weekend. The beautifully pruned and cleared out fruit tree orchard fully bloomed in April giving us hope for a robust harvest in the fall.

Last year, we planted about 60% of the garden; this year, we will plant the entire garden to accommodate new gardeners and add additional donation beds.

Our garden continues to benefit from our gardeners' exciting ideas, energy and action. Nathalie Brodhead has designed a beautiful sign for the garden. Nate Harris and John Haven led the effort at our May workday to sheet mulch the entire south bed with cardboard to smother the weeds and readying the bed for vine crops such as squash and watermelon that will take advantage of the large space. Judy Shaw and Sherry Travers have done an amazing job rehabilitating what was a small, overgrown patch of precious rhubarb into an expanded bed of abundant stalks ready for harvest. Did someone say strawberry rhubarb pie?!

### **Big thanks** go to:

- Jasper Brodhead for the metal fabrication and Ansis Berg for carving the logo for the WCG sign;
- the Arbor Tree Services team for their help in taking care of the orchard and providing wood chips;
- the Warren Volunteer Fire Company for filling the water cisterns in time for planting;
- the Town for its ongoing support of the Garden;
- all the enthusiastic gardeners that have turned out for workdays this spring!

### **Some important additional information:**

We will continue to have WCG work days on the 2nd Saturday of each month: June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th and October 14th. Plans are afoot for a community gathering later in the summer so that all can enjoy and celebrate the garden and its bounty. More details to come and all are welcome!

### **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](mailto: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@WasleyFarm facebook page, or our website <https://warrencommunitygarden.org>

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# Concert and Chicken BBQ Saturday, July 29th

Join us as Parks and Rec teams up with the Warren Congregational Church to bring you a great night of music and delicious food. **The Concert is FREE.** There are a limited number of BBQ dinners. **Pre-purchase your tickets at [warrenrec.org](http://warrenrec.org) to guarantee your dinner.** The cost of each ticket is \$22. Order now and enjoy the night while listening to the Honky Tonk sounds of Cobblestone Road.

**Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> –**

**COBBLESTONE ROAD**



**DATE: Saturday, July 29th**  
**TIME: 5:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**LOCATION: Warren Woods**  
**COST: \$22**

### Menu

**Barbequed 1/2 Chicken**  
**Ear of Corn, Macaroni &**  
**Coleslaw Salad, Dinner**  
**Roll**



**A great Country Band with a**  
**Honky Tonk Attitude.**