

Town of Warren Winter Newsletter 2020

From the Office of the First Selectman

The last quarter of 2019 brought many personnel changes to the Town of Warren. At the October Town Meeting, the Planning and Zoning Committee welcomed new members Andrew Carollo and Ryan Curtiss to the committee. Victoria Fossland and David Kramer were welcomed to the committee as alternate members. First Selectman Nelson thanked Robert Bolte for his many years of service on the Committee. C. Nelson also thanked Calvin Tanner, who will not seek re-election in November, for his 16 years of service on the Board of Selectman. The November elections found us with two new selectmen to the Board: Timothy Angevine was seated as First Selectman and Alexandrea Papp joined Craig Nelson as Selectman to the Board.



We welcomed in the Holiday Season with our annual Holiday on the Hill event. What a beautiful, cold night it was! The Wamogo Choir started the festivities with their angelic voices at the

Community Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived to light the tree and the rest was filled with fun and exciting activities, food, and entertainment. Thank you to the Warren Volunteer Fire Company for keeping us all safe as we wondered from building to building having fun. A special thank you to Art Downs for taking us for a ride on the Holiday tractor. This year the Warren General Store joined us with delicious treats and the magical sounds of the New England Carolers. Each year something new appears. Mark your calendars for next year's Holiday on the Hill event on Saturday, December 5, 2020!



As we usher in 2020 we have some reminders and some new items for you.



Please help us in welcoming our new Zoning and Inland/Wetlands Officer, Kathy Castagnetta. Kathy brings her many years of Land Use experience to us here in Warren. Stop by any Monday or Wednesday from 9am-1pm to say hello.

AED: We have recently serviced the AED's (Automatic External Defibrillator) at the Community Center, Town Hall and the unit that travels with Park and Recreation Trips (and stays at the beach in the summer). The AED at the Community Center is located downstairs in the kitchen adjacent to the telephone. The unit at Town Hall is located just inside main entrance on the left. As part of the units being serviced we have purchased pediatric pads for all three units. They are simple to operate, and we encourage you to locate them as you pass through these buildings. If you are interested to learn more please stop in to the Selectman's Office.

Phone at Warren Woods: Reminder there is now a telephone on the exterior of the kitchen at the Warren Woods. The phone is intended for 911 emergency calls since there is no cell service available in the area.

Warren Agricultural Community Group: The Agricultural Community in Warren hosted its first social and potluck January 4th at the Warren Library Community Room. The newly formed group is open to everyone in town interested in farming in Warren, or simply enjoys eating local food! If you have questions or would like to be added to the email list please contact Kathy and Bob Newton at newts198@optonline.net with any questions or if you would like to be added to the email list.

Community Center: As we move into 2020 we will be encouraging discussion and outreach into the community regarding usage guide lines for our Community Center. The Community Center is an amazing facility and has tremendous potential for our Community. We are planning to expand programs in the winter for activities of all ages, and have an immediate need for volunteers who are interested in learning about the facility and are willing to oversee events such as open gym for the community. Please contact the Selectman's office if you are interested!

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From the Highway Department

With Winter upon us, we are urging residents to be mindful about the roads and would like to stress the importance of keeping our roads safe. Issues which occur yearly are old habits of placing snow in the roads or across the roads when you are snow plowing your driveways. Another issue is parking on the streets during or after a snow storm, hindering the plowing and sanding efforts of the Town.

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

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

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





Town Ordinance Regulating Parking Dated November 5, 1999

Winter Season Parking Ban in effect from now until April 15th.

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

Garbage Can Placement during Winter Months



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



cleaning up the roads after a storm, it becomes difficult for the plows to maneuver around garbage cans left in the road. Please take the extra minute and make sure you have placed the receptacles for pick up in a safe area and then *remove the receptacle from the road* once your garbage/recycling has been picked up. Any receptacles damaged because they were in the road will be the responsibility of the resident/renter of the property.

From the Office of the Assessor



Homeowners Benefit for Elderly and Totally Disabled Residents:

filing period February through May 15th



Veterans Exemption:

DD214 must be on file with the Town Clerk no later than September 30th disabled Veterans must present their most current rate of disability

Additional Veterans Exemption:

filing period February through October 1st

Motor Vehicle exemption for Members of the Armed Forces:

application must be on file not later than the thirty first day of December following the date the tax is due

500 assessment for registered or unregistered antique, rare or special interest motor vehicles 20 years old or older, not altered or modified from the original manufacturer's specifications: application must be on file not later than the last day the tax is due, this is a one time filing

From the Social Services Director



Happy New Year from Warren Social Services Office! We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all those businesses, organizations, families and individuals who helped to make the holiday season magical for all our residents. We received turkeys and sides from the Litchfield Police Department food drive, donations of toys from the Warren Fire Department's "stuff-a-truck" during Holiday on the Hill, wreathes and blankets from the Warren Boy Scouts

and many local families and individuals gave monetary donations through the season as well. The New Preston Holiday Stroll raised money and awareness through local businesses to donate to the Warren & Washington Food Pantry. Warren Church Childcare Center donated book credits to create our comfort kits. Rumsey Hall School and the Gunnery School hosted large food drives for the pantry. St. Johns Church in Washington continues to collect foods as well! In December, Social Services was also able to match wonderful "elf" volunteers to 11 children in our town to help supplement the cost of the December holidays and provide some special gifts. What a great season of giving!





Warren Social Services would also like to acknowledge and thank the Northwest Connecticut NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT Community Foundation for awarding us with the Year-End Critical Needs grant by the Marion COMMUNITY FOUNDATION Wm. and Alice Edwards Fund and the Draper Foundation. This grant will help the social services office to assist families in Warren meet their basic needs for food, shelter and warmth.



Coming Up: Warm Your Hearts Valentine's Day Tea

Please Join Social Services and Warren Church Childcare Center in our "Warm Your Hearts" tea Thursday February 13th. Tea, Coffee and treats will be provided by social services and WCCC, entry "fee" is an item to donate to the Warren & Washington Food Pantry.



Last year we hosted a lovely tea where guests were able to sit with some of our joyful pre-K students and decorate Valentine's day cards together.

Please join us again this year and help us restock our pantry shelves after the holidays!

Where: Warren Parish Hall. February 13, 2020 from 10:00am-11:30am.



Your Social Services is working on some new "informational" sessions that all parents should be aware of. Our first will be an upcoming educational community event on opioid use prevention and awareness. Please watch for more information on the website and through our weekly e-blast.

If you haven't signed up to receive an e-blast from the Park and Recreation, do so now. Stay in the KNOW.



Warren & Washington Food Pantry:

The food pantry hours are the first and third **THURSDAY**

of every month from 10:00am-Noon.at the Warren Community Center 7 Sackett Hill Rd

The Warren Town Hall accepts all food pantry donations during regular town business hours.

FEBRUARY 2020							
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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



Voters have until Jan. 28 to switch political parties in order to vote in the April 28 Democratic Presidential Primary. Only registered Democrats can vote in this primary. Independents, Libertarians, Working Families, and Green are all minor parties in Connecticut and are thus ineligible to vote.

Anyone seeking to vote in the primary of a party one is not registered in must change affiliation not later than Jan. 28.

Voters who are registered as unaffiliated (not registered in any party) may join a party up until noon of the day before the primary (April 27). Contact the Registrar's office with any questions or concerns.

Registrar of Voters 860-868-7881 x 109 registrars@warrenct.org

LAND USE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the Warren Land Use office . The office is located in the Town Hall. The Land Use Office is there to help guide people when doing something on their land. It is made up of three individual committees: The Inland Wetlands Commission, The Zoning and Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am -1:00pm. Please feel free to come in and pick up a set of the regulations, introduce yourself and ask questions. Our meetings and agendas are all on the Town website. The minutes are also posted on our website. Thank you and we look forward to working with you.



LAKE WARAMAUG TASK FORCE

Thank you to everyone who has helped make this past year one of the best for Lake Waramaug. Now that a layer of ice has formed, lake life has mostly gone dormant. However, all of us at the Task Force are busy planning Lake Protection programs and initiatives that will build on our past successes.

In early summer, we will have a non-native aquatic invasive weed identification training. The training will take place on our new research boat to get hands on experience from our aquatic plant identification professionals. Having more trained eyes on the lake will help us with our invasive weed eradication efforts and better protect the lake.

Throughout the summer, we will be sampling the Lake every week. The public is welcome to join us and get first-hand experience on all the work necessary to manage and improve the Lake. Our hope is to better protect water quality by having the Lake community better understand how the lake functions and the things they can do to protect it.

For information on these and other Lake programs and events, stay tuned to our social media and lakewaramaug.org. All our programs are free but require RSVP - so let us know which programs you are interested in by emailing or giving us a call, seanhayden@lakewaramaug.org or 860-868-0331. Or, feel free to stop by our office, email or call us with your thoughts or stories about the Lake!

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrations

We would like to thank all of our wonderful patrons from making this year special. It was a pleasure to host a full house of holiday revelers for Holiday on the Hill. We followed up by having a great group of parents and children join us for our first Winter Wonderland Workshop. Thanks to all for joining us in the Merry Making for 2019!



Visits

We are hosting visits from the Warren School each month. We are grateful for all of the teachers and staff of the school for making these visits possible. We also have been continuing along with visits from the Warren Church Community Childcare. This group joins us for our usual Friday Family Day here at the Library. Please feel free to join us for the fun!

We have added a new story hour that is for little ones and their caregivers. We have songs, stories and crafts starting at 10:30 for the youngest group @ 10:30.



Our story hour for the pre-school group starts @11:45 and includes a craft. Please drop by for either of these programs: there is no registration or cost for either program. Please feel free to bring a snack and join the fun.

We would like to encourage Moms to use our Children's Room as a bright and sunny gathering spot on these gray and chilly days.

We Have Great News!



The Warren Public Library has been awarded two grants that we applied for during the spring and summer months. We received \$7,000.00 from the Edwin M. Stone and Edith M. Stone Fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation. We also received a

generous grant from the State Library in the amount of \$49,000.00, which will still need approval from the State Bonding Commission. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our annual appeal, including some *very* generous contributions toward our major renovation project.





We will be working to replace our ancient, unreliable boiler with a new, energy-efficient heating and cooling system which should begin early in the New Year, and improvements to make the Library handicap-accessible will follow shortly after. Once again, we couldn't do this without *your* support, so we thank the entire community!"



News from the Northwest Hills Council of Governments

The Town of Warren is a member of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) along with 21 other towns. Their mission is to make NW CT a better place to live, do business, and visit by providing a forum for local officials to discuss issues of intermunicipal concern, promote regional cooperation and direct various regional initiatives to enhance government planning, efficiency and service delivery. They are currently trying to determine the current and future broadband needs. Please take a moment to visit their website and subscribe—Stay in the know!

"Broadband has become as important as roads and electricity. A recent study found that 35% of homes in our region do not have adequate broadband and almost none of us have the broadband speeds we will need in five or ten years. If you are interested in receiving a monthly e-newsletter about an initiative here in Northwest Connecticut to meet our current and future high-speed broadband needs, please go to www.northwest-connect.org and click on "subscribe to our newsletter". You can also find detailed information about this initiative there."

Park and Recreation Activities



Open Gym – Warren Community Center - Opening on Sundays 1:00PM—3:00PM
Let's get something going at the Community Center! All ready set up at the Community Center for your enjoyment is Table Tennis, or maybe try your quick reflexes out at the Air Hockey table.

Maybe bowling is more to your liking—try out the Kinect for XBOX 360 with different video games available for some good exercise. Let's get out and walk inside the gym or play some basketball. Talk to your friends and get them involved.

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



Let's gather at the center! Upon entering the Center, all participants must sign-in/register. Parents please note, children must be supervised. Suggestion is one parent for 5 children.

Thank you in advanced for your cooperation.



KARATE AT THE WARREN SCHOOL - Friday Nights

Kid Kicks (age 5-8 years olds) 6:00PM—6:30PM

Junior & Adult (age 7 and older) 6:30PM

Weapons & advanced Forms—every other week at 7:35PM

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

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

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



Fusion-style group exercise class that features movements inspired by, but not limited to, various styles of Pilates and Yoga.

<u>First class free</u> Cost: \$70 for remaining classes or \$12 per class



BOOT CAMP Saturdays 7:30-8:30AM Interval Training \$10 a class, pay as you go

Bring: Yoga Mat and Water bottle

Email Questions: Carla@ Carlahangevine@hotmail.com



Ice Skating

The Warren Community is invited to participate in our Open Skate sessions on February 8th and February 29th at the Gunnery. Please check the website for times.

We are also most thankful for the opportunity to take part in the Kent & Washington Recreation open skate programs.

For updated schedules, please reference our Town website.

Lifeguards Wanted: Warren Town Beach Summer 2020



Seasonal Employment Opportunity
Certified Lifeguards and Gate Guards
are needed at Warren Town Beach for summer 2020
All guards must be certified.

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







Warren Parks and Recreation Scholarship for graduating seniors

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

Warren's Annual 5K Cider Run event benefits the Scholarship Fund Endowment with Connecticut Community Foundation. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Hart in the guidance department at WAMOGO HS.

LUNCH AND LEARN

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

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



Lunch & Learn will always be FREE!

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

Reservations are always mandatory by contacting the Park and Rec office

At 860-868-7881 ext. 113.



Legal, Financial and Healthcare Planning: Take an active role in planning your future!

Tuesday February 4, 2020 Snow Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020



Learn how legal, financial and healthcare planning are imperative to ensure a smooth transition into the later part of life. Topics will include power of attorney, advanced directives, wills and trusts, as well as the importance of taking an active role in planning your future.

This is a CATERED LUNCH event—courtesy of the Warren Parks and Recreation.

Beverages and dessert will also be provided. Pre-registration is mandatory!

Lunch starts at 11:30am.



Blood Pressure Clinics will be at each of the Lunch and Learn Programs provided by the Northwest VNA



SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS



Prospector Theater - Thursday, January 30

We just can't get enough of this trip! Back by popular demand again and again! We'll be traveling to the quaint



town of Ridgefield and enjoy a delicious lunch at Wooster Hollow Café—our new favorite PROSPECTOR THEATER Ridgefield restaurant since the closing of our beloved Little Pub. Following our lunch, we head on over to The Prospector Theater for your choice of an afternoon matinee movie. By now, you may have heard of this amazing theater. It is such a beautiful and comfortable place to watch first- run movies! Cushy seating, crystal clear surround sound and state-of-the art movie screens. Of course, freshly popped popcorn is available along with gournet popcorn and even homemade baked goods! The most incredible thing about this NON-PROFIT movie theater is its mission: to provide meaningful employment to people with disabilities through the operation of a premium, first-run movie theater.

Thursday, January 30 @ 10:30am departure \$5.00 (matinee cost on own)



Thrift Store Tour - Thursday, February 6

After the Holidays, all of our pockets are a bit thinner than they were in November! What better time for a Thrift Store Tour!?

We'll start the day at the *Red*, *White and Blue Thrift* Store in Waterbury. They've moved to a NEW location in Colonial Plaza on Wolcott Avenue! The store is a bit smaller, but very clean, neat and

organized! Daily 25% or 50% off specials for all shoppers! Treasures just waiting for you! **This store is CASH ONLY**, so please bring along Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Jackson, just in case!

All of that bargain hunting sure builds up an appetite, so we'll be stopping for lunch at *Panera Bread* where we'll find delicious soups to warm us up-how does broccoli cheddar soup sound? Or maybe baked potato soup? Or the bistro French onion soup sounds wonderful! They also offer a wide variety of handmade sandwiches and a dozen healthy salad options! Don't forget one of their amazing pastries, to go!



Next we'll travel over to the *Southbury Training School Thrift Store*. There is a "boutique" area, as well as a "you need to dig around" area—something for everyone! Finally, we'll stop in at the *Red Barn Thrift Shop* in Woodbury. Such a fun day of bargain and treasure hunting with friends!

Departure time is 9:00AM from the Warren Community Center \$5.00 per person for transportation cost (lunch additional)



Hartford Flower & Garden Show - Friday February 21

Are you already yearning for your roses and azaleas to come back into bloom? Then we have just the excursion for you! We're heading to the CT Convention Center at Adriaen's Landing overlooking the beautiful Connecticut River for their 39th Annual Connecticut Flower and Garden Show! Gorgeous landscape exhibits constructed by some of the most talented landscape designers in Connecticut.



The award winning landscape exhibits occupy over three acres within the Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Landscapes in full bloom with lush green grass and fragrant flowers continue to amaze attendees each year. The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., incorporates their Standard Flower Show on the exhibition floor.

The Federation's design & horticulture competition "Connecticut Springs into Earth Day" features stunning design arrangements in unique themed settings. Seminars are FREE with admission to the show! Some of the seminars available on Friday are Continuous Color in Containers with Jen Plasky, Organics 101— An Organic Approach to Lawn Care with Steve Walowski, and Epic Tomatoes From Your Garden with Craig LeHoullier, just to name a few!! For more detailed information on these seminars, and the Flower and Garden Show in general, please visit www.ctflowershow.com Award winning landscape exhibits



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

We'll travel via our favorite mini-bus departing from the Warren Community Center. Food vendors are available at the Convention Center for lunch, or you are welcome to pack your own lunch to bring along. Friday, February 21 - 9:00 am departure \$20.00 per person



Saint Patrick's Lunch - Tuesday March 17 - LUCK O' IRISH

We are ALL a little Irish on March 17—for it's Saint Patrick's Day, of course! Let's celebrate Ireland's patron Saint by eating some delicious corned beef and all the trimmings! If you love corned beef as much as I do you need to come to our Saint Patrick's Day celebration! We'll enjoy a delicious catered complete corned beef dinner, an amazing dessert and fabulous company! Who can forget LIVE entertainment, treats and raffle prizes! Wooo hooooo! We'll be enjoying the holiday celebration with our friends from Morris at the Warren Congregational Church. Seating is limited—please do not delay!

Don't forget to wear green and watch for leprechauns!

Tuesday, March 17 11:00 am - \$15.00 per person

DAY TRIPPERS 2020 "OUT & ABOUT" SERIES

We are THRILLED to reveal a portion of our *Day Trippers* schedule for the 2020 season!

Costs have yet to be finalized, but if you do have an interest in any of the following trips, please let us know as soon as possible. Additional information, registration forms and costing will be posted on the town website.

Westminster Dog Show (NYC) - Sunday February 9

Join us as we experience the Judging of the Hound and Herding Breeds as well as watch the Masters Obedience Championship. Cost: \$85.00 per person. Includes Motor Coach Transportation, driver gratuity, snacks, prizes and admission ticket. In the event of inclement weather and we are not able to travel, a prorated refund will be issued.



Boston Flower Show (Boston) - Saturday March 14



The Boston Flower & Garden Show is about inspiring, educating and motivating the region's gardeners. Whether for curb appeal, backyard, kitchen, indoor, rooftop or community gardens, this is where New England's green lovers go to discover new ideas while having fun with family and friends.

Colorful life-sized gardens and vibrant floral designs incorporate the newest design elements, examples of the popular and healthy food gardening trend ideas for adopting sustainable gardening practices and air-cleansing indoor plants. Included will be small-space gardens, homesteading hobbies, edibles-as-ornamentals and family and pet-friendly spaces for outdoor relaxation and entertaining.

High Line / Chelsea Market or Museum Mile New York City - Saturday, April 4



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

The High Line is a 1.45 mile-long

New York City linear park built

in Manhattan on an elevated

section of a disused NY Central Railroad spur called the West Side Line



Take advantage of the option to visit the spectacular new Whitney Museum at the end of the

High Line at Gansevoort Street. Nearby Chelsea Market has become one of the greatest indoor food halls of the world.



Cost: TBD

WEST POINT DRESS PARADE - Saturday, April 25

An amazing spectacle of honor and pride. Enjoy the procession of cadets of the United States Military Academy in full dress uniform, complete with pomp and circumstance. A delicious full buffet lunch at Hotel Thayer is also included.



Cost: TBD per person includes motor coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, West Point Tour, parade ticket, full buffet lunch, snacks, and all gratuities: driver, lunch, and guide.

Here is a brief overview of trips scheduled for the 2020 season.

As more information is available, it will be posted on the Warren website and the Spring Newsletter in April 2020.

Check the website often for updated trip information or contact the Park and Recreation Department at 860-868-7881 x 113.



Yankees vs Tigers (NY) - Thursday April 30





Yankees vs Pirates (NY) -Wednesday May 6





Bethpage Air Show—Jones Beach Air Show (Long Island) - Saturday May 23





Island Hopping - A weekend of Island Hopping in Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket - Fri thru Sun June 12-14

Chicago in Concert—Jones Beach Theater (Long Island) Friday July 17





Yankees vs Red Sox (NY) Saturday July 25



Jimmy Buffet in Concert—Jones Beach Theater (Long Island) - Tuesday August 4





Saratogo Race Track - Saturday August 15







Newport Playhouse - Sunday November 8

Dickens Holiday Theater: "A Christmas Carol" on the Christmas Train (Rhode Island) - Saturday December 5





Radio City Christmas Spectacular or a Day in NYC -

Wednesday December 16



RELAN SEPTEMBER 5-12



We are off to Ireland on September 5-12, 2020. Please see website for final pricing and additional information. Get your passports ready!

HEART OF IRELAND - 6 NIGHT ESCORTED TOUR



The Heart of Ireland continues to bring you the best of Ireland's most scenic locations, on this 6-night escorted tour. We will discover the barren fields, rugged coastline, and scenic beauty of Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, and the spectacular Dingle Peninsula!

Itinerary:

Day 01: Sunday, Arrive in Ireland! Dublin - Galway

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport. Depart Dublin and travel the short journey to Galway, where we check into our hotel. Free time to rest. In the afternoon, we enjoy a local panoramic sightseeing tour of Galway City. Dinner and overnight in Galway. (D)

Day 02: Monday, Galway - Connemara - GalwayToday we enjoy a scenic tour of Connemara. Travel along Galway Bay to Maam Cross and Clifden. Continue on via Kylemore Abbey and stop briefly for a photo opportunity. We continue via the scenic countryside; keep an eye out for sheep en-route to Moycullen. We stop to visit the Connemara Marble Factory and the Celtic Crystal Factory. Return to Galway. Our evening is free to enjoy Galway, with dinner on your own. Overnight in Galway. (B)

Day 03: Tuesday, Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Killarney

Morning departure from Galway. We make our way to the awe inspiring and majestic Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. A spectacular day with great sea and cliff view, before making our way to Killarney for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Day 04: Wednesday, Killarney - Dingle Peninsula

A delightful day takes us along the Kerry coast to the Dingle Peninsula, which offers magnificent coastal scenery. Beyond Slea Head, we see the Blasket Islands, the last outpost of Europe. A full day tour returning to Killarney, where we enjoy dinner and overnight in Killarney. (B,D)

Day 05: Thursday, Killarney - Cashel - Dublin

Leaving Killarney we travel over the mountains to Blarney, where we pause for a visit to Blarney

Woollen Mills. Here you have time to enjoy an optional visit to Blarney Castle, and perhaps kiss the famed Blarney Stone. Leaving Blarney we travel via Tipperary and Cashel, where we pause for a photo-op at the historic Rock of Cashel. Arrive in Killiney, where the evening is free to dine on your own. Overnight at our castle hotel tonight in Killiney, Co. Dublin. (B)

Our castle hotel is situated at the brow of Killinev Hill, in the prestigious south Dublin suburb of Killiney and overlooking Dublin Bay.

Day 06: Friday, Dublin

We come into the capital city this morning for sightseeing. We visit the

Guinness Storehouse, enjoying panoramic views of the city from the Gravity Bar, followed by the EPIC Museum. Some free time then to enjoy the capital city

independently. Dublin has plenty of shops, cafe, museums, and more for you to enjoy. This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner at our castle hotel in Killiney, Co. Dublin. (B, D)

Day 07: Saturday, Dublin - U.S.

Early morning transfer to Dublin Airport for your return flight home. Flights to the U.S. arrive home the same day. (B)

Inclusions

- Excellent hotels six nights of first class & superior first class hotels throughout
- Full Irish breakfast daily, except day of arrival
- Four hotel dinners
- > Full sightseeing by deluxe motorcoach

Hotels (or similar) Galway: Imperial Hotel (2) Killarney: Killarney Towers (2)Dublin: Fitzpatrick Castle (2)

- Professional driver/guide to escort you throughout
- Touring of Dublin & the Dingle Peninsula
- > Visits to: Guinness Storehouse, EPIC Museum, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara Marble, & Celtic Crystal
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- Tips & taxes in Ireland, Gratuities to driver/guide not included
- > Portfolio of travel documents



Ireland

Warren Historical Society



The Warren Historical Society's mission is to discover, celebrate and preserve Warren's history through its collections, programs and exhibits.

We ended 2019 on a celebratory note, participating in "Holiday on the Hill!" Thanks to all who joined in the festivities at the Warren Public Library. The smoking bishop was tasty (and potent!), and our display highlighting how Warren has celebrated Christmas throughout its history drew great interest.

Every year, the Warren Historical Society chooses a theme around which to focus our programming; we are excited to announce that this year our focus will be Warren's **Brick School**. The longest-operating one-room schoolhouse in the state, the Brick School is an important symbol of Warren's history – not to mention featuring prominently in our logo! We will be holding a program in early February focused on one-room schooling, and will outline our plans for the Brick School's preservation at that time. Check our website www.warrencthistoricalsociety.org for details, or email Curator Ellen Paul at warrenhistorian@hotmail.com.





Warren Historical Society Scholarship -

New Warren Historical Society Scholarship: The Warren Historical Society is offering two \$1000 scholarship for Warren college-bound seniors or Warren home-schooled students. We have streamlined our application, which is due May 1st. Check out the application and information at

https://warrencthistoricalsociety.org/our-events/scholarship-information/and contact warrenhistorian@hotmail.com with any questions.

Did you know that you can learn more about or see our collection for yourself? **Open hours** at our museum space in the Community Center at 7 Sackett Hill Road are Mondays 9am-noon, or by appointment.

Don't forget to "like" and follow us on Facebook. Every week, we post interesting tidbits of information and images from our collection and events – it's a fun and easy way to learn more about Warren's history!



Warren Land Trust

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

We enjoyed participating in Holiday on the Hill early in December. We decorated the Community Center dining hall in festive style, sharing space with Hopkins Winery, Litchfield Distillery, and Parks & Rec, and sampling their delicious local wine and spirits, and Parks & Rec's pulled pork. Our savory snacks, maps, and logo merchandise were popular with event attendees, and our board members loved mixing and mingling with friends and neighbors.

Our programming calendar resumes in April, but we remain busy in the colder months. What is the Warren Land Trust up to in this winter?

For one, planning programming for the upcoming year! Check our website, <u>www.warrenlandtrust.org</u> for details, or send your email address to <u>info@warrenlandtrust.org</u> to receive news about upcoming events. In the meantime, mark your calendar for the following:



4/25: Town Clean-Up and Eel Pond Viewing Platform Program 6/6: CT Trails Day Hike
7/5: Angevine Farm-Coords Preserve Trail Run
9/12: Housatonic Heritage Walk
10/10-10/11: Fall Festival
10/24: Cider Run 5K

11/21: Annual Meeting and Program

In addition, in March (date and time TBD) we will discuss the Warren's Farming Future Project at Town Hall in a meeting open to all. Come hear about farmland mapping and farmer/farmland owner survey results, as we wrap up this generously grant-funded project – an outgrowth of priorities articulated in the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, carried out in partnership with the Town of Warren, the Lake Waramaug Task Force, and the Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust.

Winter is also a time for land stewardship planning, including public access projects. Look for information kiosks at our public preserves this spring, news of a potential trail expansion, and more. And if you like to hike, how about serving as a trail steward? It's fun, easy, and rewarding; we can provide you with a list of trail stewardship tips – just email us at info@warrenlandtrust.org.

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Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, January 19th

Sunday, February 23rd

Sunday, March 15th

Sunday, April 19th

Sunday, May 17th

Sunday, June 21st

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