



Town of Warren Holiday Newsletter 2023

From the Office of the First Selectman

Welcome to our annual **Special Holiday Events Newsletter**. The Town and all the wonderful organizations and businesses in town are bringing you this year's **Holiday on the Hill** event on **Saturday, December 2nd starting at 5:00pm**. Santa will be counting down to the lighting of the Christmas Tree at **5:30pm** in front of the Community Center. But before Santa lights the tree, there is so much to get us started. This newsletter contains all the information you need to know to have a wonderful Holiday Night in Warren. Watch for our regular Winter Newsletter coming to you in January. The Warren Staff and I would like to wish everyone a very **Merry and Safe Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year**. Please be safe when traveling during this wonderful time of the year.



From the Office of Social Services

Thanksgiving and December Holiday Program



Warren Social Services will be providing a Thanksgiving and December Holiday Program to support families with children age 0-17. To sign up for our program please visit **warrenct.gov** and check out the Social Services page to complete the fillable form online. We are providing gift cards, gifts and a food basket to complete your holiday celebration.

TO DONATE: please email socialservices@warrenct.gov

In need of school supplies? Social Services office has available some school supplies for those who can use it! Call or stop by to request items.



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.

We continue to receive beautiful produce from Judea Garden and Warren Community Garden! Please visit us to receive these items.

During Holiday on The Hill, donate NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS to the Food Bank, and received a FREE reusable grocery bag sponsored by National Iron Bank. Monetary donations will also be accepted to receive a free bag.

Special Points Of Interest:

- Winter Programs
- Events and Trips
- **HOLIDAY ON
THE HILL**

CEAP now accepting applications through May!



HEATING ASSISTANCE

The CT Energy Assistance Program can help with home heating costs. To find out if you qualify or to make an appointment please call Social Services today.



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HELP SAVE A LIFE

Don't Miss These **FREE** Training Opportunities!

📅 November 30, 2023
📍 Warren Town Hall
50 Cemetery Rd
Warren, CT 06754



Attend both training sessions or pick one.

→ QPR GATEKEEPER

Suicide Prevention | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by the McCall Behavioral Health Network
QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer — three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. As a QPR-trained Gatekeeper, you'll learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer hope, and how to refer someone to resources in the community to help save a life. QPR is a nationally recognized, evidence-based training that grants participants certification considered active for three years.

→ NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION

Overdose Prevention | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Presented by Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals
Attendees will receive a FREE naloxone Kit with two 4-ML doses of naloxone.

- Topics that will be discussed:
- Overdose prevention strategies
 - A brief history of opioid waves
 - Local resources and support
 - Signs and symptoms of an overdose
 - How to administer naloxone
 - Current protective legislation



Interested in registering for either or both trainings?
Scan the QR Code or email Donna Bielefield at donna.bielefield@mccallbhn.org to register!



Who is Eligible?

Your household may be eligible for CEAP if you can answer YES to the following questions:

- ✓ Are you a Connecticut resident?
- ✓ Do you meet one of the following income guidelines?
 - You receive food stamps (SNAP), SSI, TANF, or other benefits from the Department of Social Services
 - Your annual household income falls at or below the income levels in the table below (i.e. 60% of the state's median income)

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$41,553	\$54,338	\$67,124	\$79,910	\$92,695	\$105,481	\$107,878	\$110,275

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.



HOW TO STAY "IN THE KNOW"

Here at the Town Hall and Public Works, we try our best to keep you informed of what is happening in our beautiful little town. Information can be found on our website, reader board, newsletters, and email.

Our website will let you sign up for E-alerts to special messages for your immediate attention or for specific department information. Go to www.warrenct.gov and click on **E-Alerts**—it's the second box on the left side of the screen with the  Check the boxes you would like to receive information on and submit. It's that easy.

Another way to stay in *the know* is to sign up with Parks and Recreation for the weekly *e-blast*. Our *e-blasts* contain information not only from Parks and Recreation, but also from the First Selectman and Social Services Offices. Contact Heather in the Selectman's Office with your email to get signed up now.

If you are more into social media, look us up on Facebook at **Town Hall Warren CT**, Instagram at **townhallwarrenc** and "X" (formerly known as Twitter) **@WarrenSelectman**.

Our reader board has mini-information just to remind you of town activities, trips, and events.

STAY IN THE KNOW

From the Parks and Recreation Department

Visit **WWW.WARRENREC.ORG** for more information or to register for programs, trips or events.

Are you ready for some winter fun?



After-School Ski/Snowboard Program at Mohawk Mountain

After-school program on Thursdays starting on January 4, 2024.

This is a six week program for ski or snowboard lessons.

Registration Deadline is December 15th

For more information on how to sign up for this program, go to

www.warrenrec.org



MOHAWK MOUNTAIN

Warren, Morris, Goshen,
Litchfield Recreation
**BASKETBALL
SKILLS
PROGRAM**
FOR KIDS GRADES K-5

6-week program beginning 1/6/23
Saturday mornings at Wamogo
and Litchfield High School

K - 2: 10 AM - 11 AM
3 - 5: 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM

\$40 per athlete

For More Info & to Register:
Goshenrec.com
Questions? Contact Warren Parks & Rec:
parkrecdirector@warrenct.org or 860-868-7881



Warren Park & Recreation Presents
BASKETBALL
warren school
THURSDAYS 6:45-8:30

**THURSDAYS,
STARTING SOON
IN DECEMBER**

Warrenrec.org to
register

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

For more information,
contact Carla at
[carlahangevine
@hotmail.com](mailto:carlahangevine@hotmail.com)

KARATE CLASSES

For additional information,
contact Frannie Caco,
Phone: 860-868-5031

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KARATE LESSONS
A Family that Kicks Together, Sticks Together!

**Friday Evenings
Warren School
Starting: October 6th**

Kid Kicks (age 4-8 year olds) 6:00pm

Junior & Adult (age 7 and older)
6:45pm

Advanced Class 7:45pm

Session Fee: \$80.00 per Student-10 Week Session
\$40.00 additional family member
Brought to you by
Warren Parks & Rec

Instructor: Master Caco, Cheesic Tang Soo Do 4th Dan #2269
Phone: 860-671-1232 • Email: caco0477@yahoo.com



Cornucopia Arrangements

Tuesday, Nov 21st @ 11 AM

Taught by WAMAGO High School FFA

REGISTER @ WARRENREC.ORG

Cost: TBD



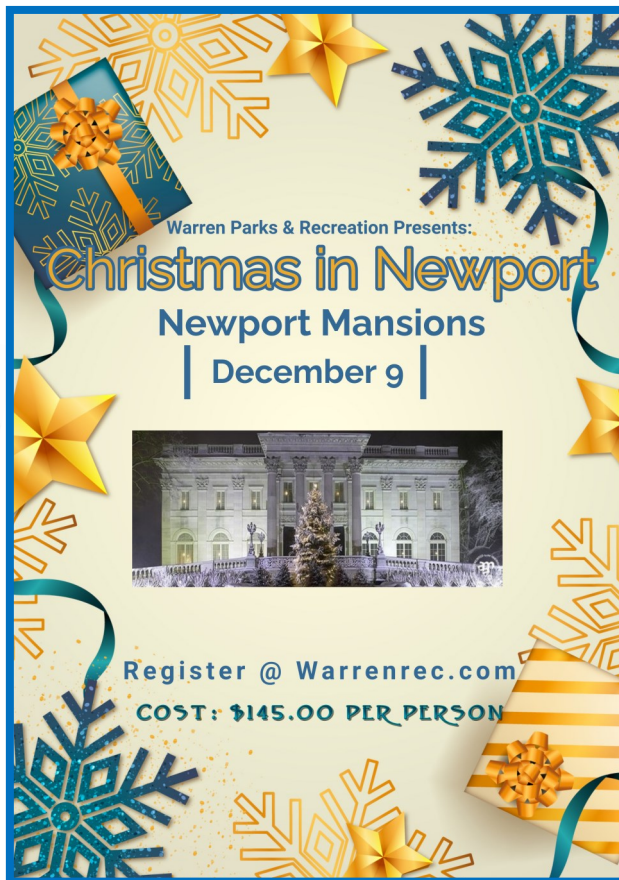

HOLIDAY WREATH Making

Warren Community Center

November 28th @ 11 AM

Warrenrec.org to Register

Cost: TBD




Warren Parks & Recreation Presents:

Christmas in Newport

Newport Mansions

| December 9 |



Register @ Warrenrec.com

COST: \$145.00 PER PERSON



Warren Parks & Recreation Presents:



Senior BINGO

Begins November 30th

@ 11 AM

Community Center

Register @ Warrenrec.org

Questions, call 860-868-7881 ext. 113



Lunch & Learn

Continues 11 AM

Learn How To Play MAH-JONG



Taught by Marylyn Hendricks and Jill Seavey

Register @ Warrenrec.org





Saturday December 2nd

5 - 8pm

Warren Town Center to Sackett Hill Rd

Welcome to our Annual Holiday on the Hill Festival in Warren. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 5-8pm. There are a few new items of interest this year. The Warren students have made luminaries to help light our way around Town. They will be at the Library, Parish Hall, Warren General Store and the Community Center. These beautiful works of art are made of glass, so please be very careful when viewing them. Last year the FOWS and the Warren Business Association sponsored a craft fair at Warren Works. This year the craft fair will be in a few different locations for your holiday shopping pleasure. Crafters will be in the Parish Hall, Fire House and Warren Works. As you are sampling treats in these buildings, stop at the craft tables for that special gift. The last new item to our event is the Baked Potato Station located at the Community Center dining hall. The Town will be serving our traditional pulled pork sandwiches and new this year we will be a loaded baked potato with butter, sour cream, cheese, and chives for \$5.00.

Santa Claus will be joining us at 5:30pm for Christmas Carols and the Lighting of the Tree at the Community Center before heading over to his Warren Workshop at the Academy. Art Downs will be taking us around the area in his tractor pulling the very popular Christmas Wagon. Jump on board to take a ride to the Town Center where some yummy magic awaits you.

The Warren General Store will be serving up their rich, cheesy mac and cheese for your tummy's enjoyment. Enjoy this tasty treat while listening to the angelic voices of the Connecticut Yuletide Carolers from 6-7pm. Mom and Dad—do your tummies need a little warming up? Stop in at the **all new Town Center Wines and Spirits** for wine and adult beverage tastings including non-alcoholic choices for your holiday needs. Don't leave just yet! **WKND** store has a special **Sip and Shop** night for us. One last stop before heading up the hill, Stronger Roots Therapy & For Goodness Speech is hosting an Open House filled with kids activities, sensory play, crafts and so much more. They are located on the second floor of the General Store. Stop upstairs and meet Jenna and Ashley and learn more about these amazing resources in our Town.

Here we go! We're heading up the hill to so much more. If you are walking, please obey the cross walk signals and the Fire Police as they keep us safe during our festivities.

First stop is the Parish Hall where you can enjoy hot dogs and chili. Have a seat and relax as you have a bite to eat. Take a walk around the hall and visit the crafters for some more shopping ideas and gifts.

Next is SANTA CLAUS located in the Academy. Children of all ages can stop by and see Santa. Maybe if you have been a good little boy or girl, Santa will give you a little pre-Christmas gift. Sorry big kids, younger kids only for that special gift!

Parents, as you head over to the Library, think about how wonderful it would be to add a precious little kitten or cat to your family. The Wells Valley Cat Rescue will be there once again this year with more precious kittens/cats to adopt. In the children's room, there will be holiday card making and a great place to make those letters to Santa. Parents and children of all ages can browse the Library's Top Shelf Book Sale for another great gift idea.

The Warren Business Association (WBA) and Friends of Warren School (FOWS) will be hosting the Second Annual Holiday on the Hill Collaboration! Proceeds to benefit the Warren Town Fuel Fund and FOWS. What is the Town Fuel Fund? Warren Social Services maintains a limited account specifically for home heating oil assistance for qualifying families. FOWS supports Warren School's students and staff by promoting and encouraging school events such as enrichment programs and deepening school spirit within the community.

This year the WBA and FOWS present **Christmas Tree and Wreath Raffle**. Raffle tickets are available in advance: 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, 20 for \$50 Venmo @FriendsOf-WarrenSchool or cash accepted. Contact us by email at FriendsWarren@gmail.com or Alex.Papp@BellaIns.com to coordinate! Christmas Trees and Wreaths will be located at the Library for your admiring pleasure. Submit your raffle tickets for a chance to win your favorites on Sat, Dec 2nd from 5-8pm.

On to the Fire House where they will be providing cookies and hot chocolate during the Holiday on the Hill celebration along with a special gift for the kids! We are proud to announce that we will be hosting several crafters inside the firehouse for the first time. Stop by and check out their goods. You may find the perfect holiday gift!

We will be collecting for the Warren & Washington Food Pantry again this year. Now more than ever, local people are struggling with food insecurity. Please help us to help our neighbors! **Please note, we cannot accept donations that are opened, damaged, or expired.**

What Does the Pantry Need?

- Peanut butter (smooth & crunchy!)
- Bread crumbs
- Cooking oils
- Juices
- Beef, chicken or vegetable stock/broth
- Pasta and pasta sauces (all varieties)
- Canned fruits

- Canned mushrooms
- Canned asparagus
- Applesauce
- Mayo, salad dressings
- Tuna
- Cereal
- Sugar (brown and white)
- Salt

Home & Self Care Items

- Shampoo, Conditioner, Soaps
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Dishwasher detergent & dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Paper products (paper towels, tissues, toilet paper)

We're off to the Community Center - downstairs - dining hall. Here you will find the Warren Land Trust, Historical Society, Housing, and Parks and Recreation. With sparkling garlands and live poinsettias the WLT will transform the Center into a festive space for the evening's celebration. Step up to the WLT table and enjoy sweet and savory treats and beverages for the whole family, to go with other food and libations offered. Need inspiration what to give? A selection of attractive WLT merchandise will be available for your holiday gift giving convenience.

Hope you are still hungry. P&R will be serving up some delicious pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw. Or try our new loaded baked potato with butter, sour cream, cheese and chives for only \$5.00. Need something to go with your food? Step up to the Litchfield Distillery table or Hopkins Vineyard table to pair your food with a very special beverage!

As you travel from building to building to Town Center, please be safe and follow the rules of the road. Walk against traffic, obey the cross signals and the Fire Police. Drivers should be especially cautious when driving on Sackett Hill Rd during this event. Parking is limited in the Community Center, we need to keep space for the tractor to drive through. Parking is available in the Church/Academy lot and the School parking lot.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make this town event so spectacular each year.





HOLIDAY ON THE HILL - YOUR MAP TO FUN



Mac and Cheese,
Crafters, Adult Wine
and Beverage Tastings,
Crafters, Connecticut
Yuletide Carolers



Sip and Shop
5-8pm



Open House
2nd FL/General Store
Activities for the
Children



Stop by and see me at
the Academy. I may
have a special treat for
all those good little
boys and girls!



At the Community Center

Free Pulled Pork Sandwiches,
\$5 Loaded Baked Potato,
Litchfield Distillery, Hopkins Vineyards,
WLT & WHS -Sweet treats, gift ideas

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and Friends of Warren School
Second Annual
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Raffle**

Proceeds to benefit the Warren Town Fuel
Fund and Friends of Warren School!

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Venmo @FriendsOf-WarrenSchool or Cash accepted!
FriendsWarren@gmail.com or Alex.Papp@BellaIns.com to coordinate!

Submit your raffle tickets to win your favorites on
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WARREN PARKS AND RECREATION



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WE ARE OFF TO IRELAND MAY 2024

For more information visit
Warrenrec.org

Warren Parks & Recreation Presents:

American Cowboy Country

Travel dates Sept. 5-12, 2024



Badlands National Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, MT. Rushmore, Deadwood,
Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, & Grand Teton National Park

Visit Warrenrec.org or call 860-868-7881 ext. 113