

WARREN NEWS

2021-2022 WINTER



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WARREN SPECIAL
RECREATION
ASSOCIATION
(WSRA)



Food Pantry

We are happy to announce that our Food Pantry is now open inside again.

We are taking extra precautions and cleaning and disinfecting as well as requiring masks for entry. If you are donating or utilizing our Food Pantry, you are welcome back inside! The staff at the Warren Township Food Pantry would like to sincerely thank our community for the donations we received during the pandemic. We would like to sincerely thank the Daughters of the American Revolution Ansel Brainerd Cook Chapter, Ohio Medical, Berkshire Hathaway, Honey Orthodontics, the Gurnee Women's Business Association, Woodland Consolidated School District 50 Board of Education in honor of Janet Spencer, the Vern & Bunny Thelen Family Foundation, Congressman Brad Schneider, Village Church of Gurnee, HeatherRidge Umbrella Association, Marianne and Tom Turnbull, Joanne Cassidy, Barbara Roberts, Allison Dowe and Jaimee Glasgow, Nancy Pugh, Ronald and Amanda Mika, Cynthia Durno, Nicholas and Pamela Terlap, Bill and Jill Ballock, Debbie Williams, John and Judith Morrow, Meher and Ron Pithawalla, Paul and Mary Bruno, James and Joyce Peterson, Jake Johnson, James Reese, Herbert and Judith Messner, Barbara Heim, Rosemary Mahoney, Stephen and Kathleen Jursa in honor of Ronald Jursa, Amy and Greg Alderson, David and Jenny Carney, Ann and Nicholas Kohler, Cheryl Renshaw and Angela Douglas for their generous donations. We would like to give a special thanks to Masks Now Illinois for donating handmade masks for adults and children to our Food Pantry members. We would also like to thank our numerous anonymous donors, our community members that donate food daily and anyone we may have missed in the whirlwind that was this past year.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Snow Removal

The Highway Department plows approximately 70 miles of Warren Township roads, including:

- Centerline roads
- Cul-de-sacs
- Dead-end streets

The Illinois Department of Transportation plows state roads, including Routes:

- 21 (Milwaukee Avenue)
- 41
- 45
- 120 (Belvidere Road)
- 132 (Grand Avenue)

Lake County Division of Transportation maintains county roads, including:

- Gages Lake Road
- Hunt Club Road
- Stearns School Road
- Washington Street

Spring Leaf Collection Program

In the Spring of each year, the Highway Department team does a leaf collection for three to four weeks with our leaf vacuum. The start time is determined by the weather conditions.



Tips to Reduce Problems When It Snows

- Please do not shovel or blow snow back into the street after it has been plowed and salted. Snow that is deposited on the street can refreeze and cause hazardous conditions for you or your neighbors.
- When it starts to snow, park your vehicle off the street. This protects it from being plowed in. It also prevents receiving a ticket and being towed.
- Check that your mailbox and post are in good repair and that they are behind the curb, not leaning out over the street.
- If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, clear the snow around it. It is there for your protection and that of your neighbors.
- Please remove portable basketball hoops from the right-of-way. The Township is not responsible for damages that occur during snow removal operations.
- Please place garbage and recycling bins on the apron of the driveway. These bins are not to be placed on the roadway as they become hazards for plow drivers.

Also for your information

–Blackboard Connect CTY

Warren Township Highway Department uses Blackboard Connect CTY service for our resident notification system. With this service, the Township Highway Department can send personalized voice and email messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information about time-sensitive or common-interest issues such as emergencies and local Township Highway Department matters. Please accept our invitation to participate in this great service.

We know that your personal information is important, and rest assured that we will not share it with anyone. If you have not already received a test phone call from us, or you would like to provide additional contact information, Please go to the Warren Township website at <https://www.warrentownship.net/DocumentCenter/View/106/Blackboard-Connect-Form-PDF> to download and return the Opt-In/Opt-Out form (PDF) to the Warren Township Highway Department Office.

Do you have questions about your property tax bill?

Are you struggling to get accurate information about the assessment process and property taxes in Warren Township? The Assessor's Office is happy to review your property tax bill with you and answer any questions you may have.

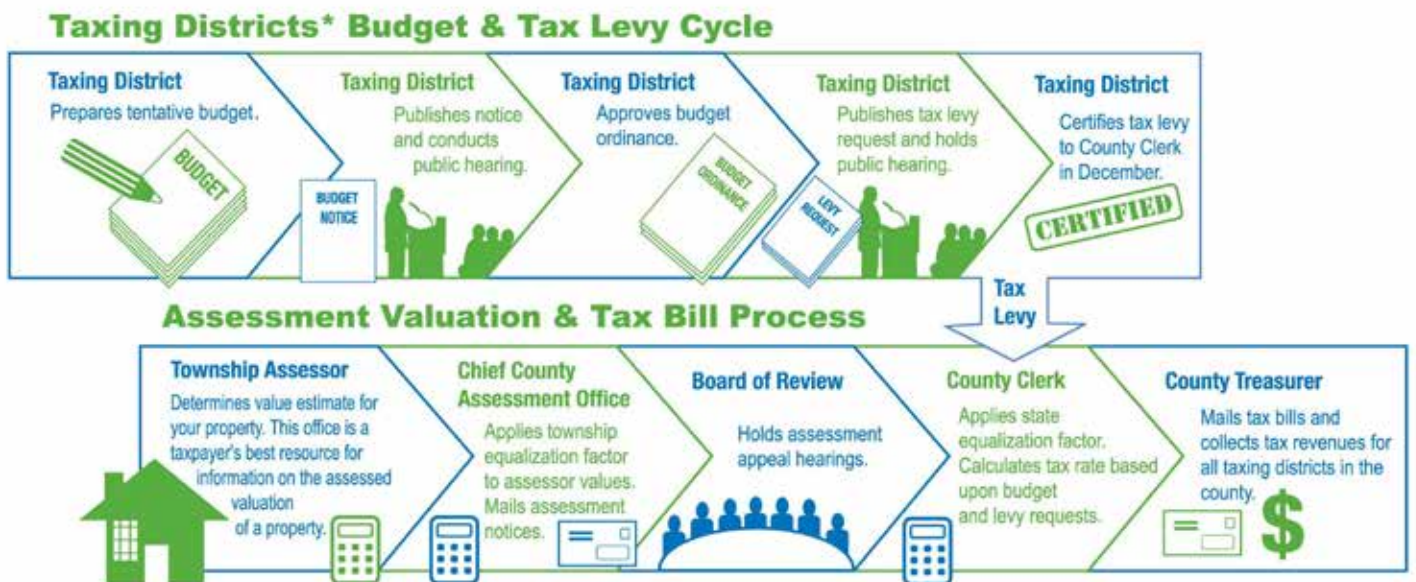


Property tax bills are calculated using the following formula:

$$(\text{Assessed Value} - \text{Exemptions}) \times \text{Tax Rate} = \text{Tax Bill}$$

Assessed Value: The assessor determined assessed values for Tax Year 2021 have been set and will be the basis for the bill you receive in May of 2022.

Exemptions: *Check your exemptions!* Exemptions are available for owner occupied properties including additional exemptions for seniors 65 and better, disabled persons and disabled veterans. You can find a complete list of exemptions on the Chief County Assessment Office website assessor.lakecountyil.gov under **Tax Relief**. Most exemptions require occupancy on January 1st of the tax year. If you have questions about which exemptions will be included in your 2021 payable 2022 tax bill or your future eligibility, *please contact our office at 847-244-1101 *201. Property taxes can be confusing, but we are here to help!*



* There are 231 independent taxing districts (government entities) in Lake County, including schools, municipalities, Lake County government, libraries and many others



Counseling Services

We provide short-term counseling services to families with children birth to 17 and young adults 18 to 25. Must be township residents and services are provided in English and Spanish. The services are \$15.00 per session and rates can be adjusted based on need. No one eligible for services will be refused because of inability to pay.

For a confidential intake, please call us at 847-244-1101 ext. *401.

Keeping You Safe

Therapy can be provided virtually and in-person (at the discretion of the therapist and client). We are following standard COVID safety guidelines for any in-office sessions. Masks are required.

Para obtener más información sobre consejería o grupos para padres en español, comuníquese al 847.244.1101 ext. *401 o visite nuestro sitio web <http://www.warrentownship.net/serviciosdefamilia>

Manteniéndote Seguro

La terapia se puede proporcionar de forma virtual y en persona (a discreción del terapeuta y el cliente). Seguimos todas las medidas de seguridad estándar de COVID para cualquier sesión en la oficina. El uso de cubrebocas es requerido para sesiones presenciales.

Youth Groups

Youth groups are offered in-person only. Check website for start dates and registration.

Friendship Group

This popular group addresses the needs of children who wish to improve and develop their skills at making friends and communicating. In a fun and interactive environment, the children develop such skills as listening, conversing, compliments and introductions.

Art Expressions

This group will allow children to use art to connect with and express their emotions, and process any challenges or changes they're experiencing.

Stress Less—A mindfulness-based stress reduction group

This program helps youth learn to shift their thinking from an impulsive reaction to stress to a more helpful and mindful response.

Check website for start dates.



Parenting Workshop

Registration for all workshops at www.warrentownship.net/adultservices

Understanding Special Education Law: Be an active and informed partner in the IEP process

This workshop will address such issues as legal rights to services, participating as a member of the IEP Team, how to monitor your child's success and more. This interactive workshop will review preparation, participation and follow-up to IEP meetings.

Presented by Neal Takiff at Whitted Takiff, LLC on Wednesday, March 9th at 7-8 p.m. via Zoom.

No Worries Guide to Raising Your Anxious Child

Dr. Karen Cassiday's workshop will help parents understand their child's anxiety and how to ease it, while also showing parents how to reconcile their own fears and worries

that come with raising an anxious child. Parents will learn tips and strategies from evidence-based therapies and the cultural pressures to be a 'perfect parent'.

Presented by Dr. Karen Cassiday, on Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30-7:45 p.m. via Zoom.



Effective Limit Setting –It's Easy as A, B, C, D

Setting limits is one of the most critical aspects of child-rearing, and yet many parents find limit setting challenging or are uncertain of how set limits effectively. This workshop makes limit setting simple and easy and is co-sponsored by the Gurnee Park District.

Presented by Parenting Perspective on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30-7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Prevention

QPR Suicide Prevention Training—free to organizations, faith communities, youth groups, teams, and others in Warren Township.

Youth Services now provides suicide prevention training for adults using the QPR model. Please contact us if you wish for our staff to provide an in-person or virtual training where adults meet.

For more details, call Becky at 847-244-1101 ext. *403.



Chat with a Lawyer

Free legal consultation. A lawyer will talk with you for 20 minutes to discuss any legal concerns. If the attorney is not able to answer specific questions, he will either research the information or provide a referral.

Open only to Warren Township residents. Dates: 1/26, 4/20 Time: 20 minute Sessions

Schedule: 847-244-1101 ext. *401 or email youthservices@warrentownship.net

Warren Special Recreation Association (WSRA)

Warren Special Recreation Association would like to thank the Warren Township community for their support during our 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat event held on Sunday, October 24th at Warren Township Park. We had over 215 trick-or-treaters and 45 decorated vehicles/stations making this event fun and memorable for everyone. We look forward to hosting the event again in 2022.

Warren Special Recreation is celebrating 40 years! We are so grateful to the Warren Township community for the continued support in our mission to inspire people with disabilities through meaningful recreation.

In June 2022, Special Olympics will host the USA Games in Orlando, Florida. Team Illinois will be made up of 54 remarkable athletes, including WSRA's very own talented athlete, Rebecca Davis. Rebecca has been a part of WSRA's athletics and Special Olympics programs since she was old enough to join in on the fun. Rebecca competes in several different sports, but she will have the opportunity to showcase her talent in track & field. Through all her hard work and dedication, Rebecca has developed all

the necessary skills to advance her to these Games. She will compete in the 100M run, along with a few other events. Team Illinois will travel to Orlando for the Games June 4 - 10. WSRA is incredibly proud of Rebecca! We wish her and her teammates all the best and will be cheering them on every step of the way! Good luck Rebecca!

Be part of the WSRA team! We are currently accepting applications for part-time positions. To apply, please visit our website and click on 'Employment Opportunities' to download and submit an application.

To learn more about WSRA programs, services and employment opportunities, please visit our website at www.warrenspecialrec.org or contact us at 847-244-6619.

As we continue to navigate through the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic we would like to reiterate that safety will continue to be our number one priority when planning and executing our programs/events in the fall and winter seasons. On behalf of the WSRA team we are grateful for the unwavering support, thank you.



WSRA is Now Hiring!

Part-time Program Assistants, Leads, Drivers, and Inclusion Companions for morning, afternoon & evening hours

To Apply:
Download an application at
www.warrenspecialrec.org and email completed application to tracym@warrentownship.net

WSRA's mission:
Inspiring People with Disabilities through Meaningful Recreation

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

WSRA, 100 S. Greenleaf St. • Gurnee, IL 60031

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WARREN TOWNSHIP TEEN CENTER

FEE: \$25

**MONDAY-THURSDAY:
2:00PM-8:00PM.**

FRIDAY: 2:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

The Teen Center has a “drop-in” atmosphere that allows kids to attend when they want and freely choose their activities. The Teen Center is a program for Warren Township youth grades 6-12. Our Gurnee Teen Center’s school year drop in program will begin on August 25th, 2021 and will run until June 14th, 2022 with a flat fee of \$25.00.

TEEN GROUPS

FEE: \$5

FRIDAYS: 5:30 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

**DINNER IS SERVED EACH GROUP
FOR PARTICIPANTS.**

The Teen Center facilitates Friday night groups where we discuss a variety of topics including (but not limited to): Friends, relationships, peer pressure, body image, healthy habits, communication, stress and bullying.

2022 GROUPS

GUYS GROUP DATES:

January 21, 28 • February: 4, 11, 18

TEEN EMPOWERMENT GROUP:

April 22, 29 • May 6, 13, 20



Magic: The Gathering



Decorating holiday cookies

GAME NIGHTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DUELS

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:
6:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.**

The Teen Center offers a variety of game nights for youth. Join us and play Magic: The Gathering, the Teen Center has a variety of decks that participants can use if they don't have a deck of their own.

Dungeons and Dragons

Monday through Friday we host multiple Dungeons and Dragons games at the center.

For information on joining a campaign or availability to host a game at the center contact Alexi Ragans-Stauffer.

alexis@warrentownship.net



Dungeons and Dragons

Teen Center mission:

To support local youth by providing them with a safe, supervised and social environment which promotes skills for a healthy lifestyle.

OUTDOOR GAMES

We offer sports equipment for the teen members to use such as basketball, soccer, volleyball, dodgeball, fishing equipment... etc. We also offer indoor games such as pool tables, air hockey tables, board games, various video gaming systems and computers for members to use.

CLUBS

We run many clubs for teen members to participate in such as cooking club, book club, science club, girls group, guys group, D.N.A, arts and crafts club... etc.



Painting craft



SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program)

Our services as SHIP counselors are by appointment only and available year round. To schedule an appointment, please call the office at 847-244-1101 ext. *501.

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) consists of counselors across the country that are available to help understand your insurance choices. Our senior team has multiple staff trained through SHIP to assist residents of Warren Township. We are here to assist with any questions or concerns. Those who are new to Medicare have an enrollment period 3 months before and 3 months after their 65th birthday to enroll in Medicare. We can provide information on Medicare supplements, advantage plans, prescription drug plans, and Medicaid.

Lending Closet

The Warren Township Lending Closet provides medical equipment to Warren Township residents on loan for up to two months. There are a limited assortment of bath benches, commodes, canes, crutches, raised toilet seats, walkers, and wheel chairs available on a first come, first served basis at the senior office. Curbside pickup available. Please call 847-244-1101 ext. *501 for more information.

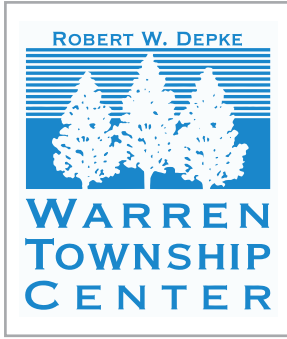


“The Sea Islands, SC 2022 Value Tour” March 26, 2022 through April 2, 2022



Join us on an 8 day motor coach adventure to the “Sea Islands, SC” in the Spring of March 2022. Spend 3 nights in Beaufort, whose entire downtown has been designated a historic district. Included is a guided tour of Historic Charleston, SC, tour of Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens, tour of Penn Center Museum, and visit Hunting Island State Park with its pristine sandy beach, wildlife and historic lighthouse. Adventures include a narrated horse-drawn carriage tour of Beaufort’s historic district, a narrated cruise on the Beaufort River and Trolley tour of Savannah, GA. On our journey home, we will visit the Great Smoky Mountain National Park with a guided tour of the State Park. A visit to Ole Smokey Moonshine distillery in downtown Gatlinburg with dinner and entertainment at the Hatfield and McCoy dinner show featuring a rip-roaring Smoky Mountain show and a full Southern home-style feast. The trip also includes free home pickup and return and 11 meals.

For more information please contact Jean Smuda @ 847-244-1101 Ext *502.



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Locations

Main Campus
17801 W. Washington St., Gurnee, IL
*Supervisor, Assessor, Highway, Senior Services,
The Teen Center, Parks*

Greenleaf
100 S. Greenleaf, Gurnee, IL
Youth & Family Services, WSRA

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