



Warren Township Recycle-O-Rama

2nd Annual Environmental Fair and Food Drive

Saturday, October 19

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WARREN NEWS

Newsletter of Warren Township

October 2013

*A message from
Township Supervisor Suzanne Simpson*



SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

TOWNSHIP CENTER
17801 W. WASHINGTON ST.
GURNEE

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *100

HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM – 5 PM

WWW.
WARRENTOWNSHIP.NET

Shred your documents at Recycle-O-Rama

Shredding hours: 9 am – noon

Location: Town Hall

Bringing 8 bags or more? Call Ryan M. Johnson at 847-244-1101, ext. *125, to schedule an appointment

Shred, don't dread, your old tax returns, bank or credit statements and other outdated materials. Two shredding trucks will be located near the Town Hall (Supervisor's Office), 17801 W. Washington St., Gurnee, from 9 am to noon on Saturday, October 19, at our 2nd Annual Recycle-O-Rama. You *need not* remove staples, rubber bands, folders or paper clips before shredding documents.



Recycling hours: 9 am – 1 pm

Location: Highway Department

In addition to your old documents, you may recycle unwanted electronics, corks, books, batteries, glasses, shoes, CDs, cassettes, car seats and other items at the event. All of the recyclables accepted are detailed on page 3.

Please help out the food pantry, too

We also will be collecting non-perishable food items and paper products for our Food Pantry at the Recycle-O-Rama. Your donations are greatly appreciated and needed by our less fortunate neighbors.

We thank all who contribute to the Food Pantry, including Bill and Jill Ballock, who recently donated \$256 in food and paper products, and JPV Financial for a large box of food. Thank you also to Allen Dilg, Shannon Meehan and Woodland Elementary School for donations of fresh vegetables straight from the garden.

SENIOR SERVICES

TOWNSHIP CENTER

17801 W. WASHINGTON ST., GURNEE

847-244-1101, EXTENSION *501

HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM – 5 PM

Cantigny Outing

Wednesday, October 23

9 am – 2:30 pm

Travel by motor coach

Sign-up begins Oct. 8

Cost: \$20

History... Gardens... Your choice at Cantigny

Learn a little history, roam the beautiful gardens or just breathe in the crisp fall air at historic Cantigny. The 500-acre park, located in Wheaton, is our destination on Wednesday, October 23, from 9 am–2:30 pm. We will travel by motor coach to the former estate of Joseph Medill and his grandson, Colonel Robert R. McCormick, publishers of the *Chicago Tribune*. The cost is \$20.

Enjoy visiting your choice of large formal and informal gardens, two museums and/or a tank park that houses 11 tanks from the First Division Foundation. One museum, the First Division Museum, houses exhibits and artifacts chronicling the First Division's service in World War I and II and in later U.S. wars. You can do as much or as little walking as you want but seeing everything requires a great deal of walking.

Bring your lunch or enjoy a box lunch from our caterer at an additional cost of \$9. Vending machines are also located near the picnic area and there is a coffee house on the grounds.

Registration begins Tuesday, October 8. For more information about the trip, please call Senior Services at 847-244-1101, extension *501.



*"And, I'll teach you,
teach you, teach you,
I'll teach you the
electric slide"*

from Electric Boogie Lyrics

Partner, there's no need to have a partner to have tons of fun learning line dancing at the Senior Center. Kick up your feet and hoot and holler, if you like, with instructors Dan (black hat) and Jan Pye at 1 pm on Thursdays. You pay only \$5 to the instructors on the days you attend.



Get free health-care screenings at Senior Center

On Friday, October 4, from 10 am–12:45 pm, the Rosalind Franklin University Community Care Connection Coach will host free health screenings at the Senior Center. The screenings, which will be offered periodically throughout the year, include blood pressure, blood sugar/diabetes, cholesterol, body mass index, waist measurements, foot screenings, and osteoporosis. Walk-ins only. No appointment is necessary.



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Warren Township Center Highway Department
17801 W. Washington St., Gurnee

CDs, DVDs, Cassettes

Electronics

Florescent Light Bulbs

Shoes of all types:
athletic, sandals, work, etc.

Gently Used Books

Smoke and Fire Alarms

Corks
(No Plastic)

Fire Extinguishers

Crayons
and Keys

Propane Tanks

Latex Paint (Charge)

\$1.50 per quart
\$2.50 per gallon
\$8.00 per 5 gallon

Batteries:
Alkaline,
Rechargeable,
Sealed Lead Acid
and Wet Cell Style

**NO OIL BASED
PAINT ACCEPTED**

Cell Phones

Sensitive Documents

Eyeglasses and Accessories

Car Seats

No Tires
No Used Motor Oil

Paper Shredding

9 am–noon Shred your sensitive documents (old tax returns, credit card statements, etc.)

Food Drive

Non-perishable food will be collected for the Warren Township Food Pantry

Sponsored by Warren Township & SWALCO (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County)

For more information: e-mail Highway@warrentownship.net

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

TOWNSHIP CENTER
17801 W. WASHINGTON
ST., GURNEE

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *301

HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
7 AM – 3:30 PM

ROAD MAINTENANCE
AND OTHER SERVICES
FOR UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF THE
TOWNSHIP.

Leaf collection in unincorporated areas

The annual leaf collection program in unincorporated Warren Township begins Monday, October 21, and runs through the week of November 25. To view the targeted dates for leaf collection in your area, please go to www.warrentownship.net/highway and click “Leaf Collection.”



Your leaves will be picked up by Waste Management, which makes every effort to collect leaves along each roadway every week. Six collections along each street are planned. Unfortunately, factors such as poor weather or large volumes may slow down the collection process. After the vacuum truck makes its final run in your neighborhood, it will not return to collect additional leaves. Please abide by the following:

- Leaves should be raked to the curb beginning at the edge of the pavement and be no more than five feet in width.
- Leaves should not block culverts or storm sewer openings. This could pose a drainage problem in heavy rains or snow.
- Leaves may not include other debris such as cans, paper, rocks, logs, brush or construction material as they could damage equipment and cause injury to the crew.

WARREN SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

GREENLEAF
BUILDING
100 S. GREENLEAF,
GURNEE

847-244-6619

HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM – 5 PM

INSPIRING PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES
THROUGH MEANINGFUL
RECREATION.

WSRA Adults leap into fun and learning

Most of us leap into an energizing activity from time to time. Twenty-one WSRA adults take an invigorating leap every week as participants in Leisure Enrichment for Adult Pursuits, LEAP.

Meghan, who says LEAP is her favorite recreation program, especially likes cooking, Xbox, hanging out with her friends, and dancing. Sarah also likes all of the activities and notes another benefit. “It helps me concentrate. I listen better and learn new things,” she adds.

LEAP, which meets Monday through Thursday, teaches independent living skills such as meal preparation, reading and money management. Community integration is accomplished by using the library, public transportation and more. Among the health and recreation activities are exercise, learning about nutrition, playing various games, and going to movies and to cultural arts events.



Top photo, from left: Sara and Meghan complete an arts and crafts project. Bottom photo, from left: Kurt, Alex, Michael, Anne, John, Natalie, Mike, Sarah and Julie enjoy an outing to the Kenosha lakefront.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

TOWNSHIP CENTER
17801 W. WASHINGTON
ST., GURNEE

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *200

HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM – 5 PM

Senior Homestead Exemption is now \$5,000

The Senior Homestead Exemption, which lowers the equalized assessed value of seniors' property, was changed from \$4,000 to \$5,000 this year. The Senior Exemption may be claimed in addition to the Homestead Limited Exemption, which is available to all property owners who have lived at their property on or before January 1 of the tax year. To qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption, you must also have lived on the property on or before January 1 of the tax year and have reached age 65 during the tax year. Lastly, you must apply for the tax exemption at the Township Assessor's Office. Seniors should bring a copy of the deed to their property and proof of age when applying.

Assessor's staff help taxpayers research property values and understand and/or apply for various exemptions. Staff include (standing, from left) Chesney Leafblad, Erik Fries, Assessor Charlie Mullin, Melody Dunn, (seated, from left) Holly Pappas and Laura Variny.



To find valuable information about your property, see a sketch or photo of it and find properties comparable to yours, go to <http://assessor.lakecountyil.gov/>

YOUTH SPORTS

RICK DREYER,
DIRECTOR

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *801

847-336-8606

Registering kids for sports simplified

Every year, our friends and neighbors miss the opportunity to register their children for youth sports. In order to make it easier for families to track the Township's youth sports programs and registration dates, there is now a link at www.warrentownship.net/sportssignup for residents to provide an email address to receive notifications about Warren Youth Baseball, Warren Flag Football, Warren Girls Softball, Warren Youth Football, and Warren Cheer and Pom. Your email address will only receive registration information (approximately 20 emails per year). This service is designed to provide a simple method to make you aware of the various athletic opportunities for your children. You may "unsubscribe" at any time. Please take the time to sign up now. The process only takes a few minutes. Also, please inform your family, neighbors, and friends of this valuable new tool. Our goal is to have a well-informed community.



Softball registration

Join the best recreational girls softball organization in the area. Online registration for the 2014 WTGS Fast-Pitch In-House League starts December 1. Apply online at www.warrenirlsoftball.com and you are on the team. We can't wait to teach Warren girls everything we know!

Baseball registration

Online registration for 2014 Warren Youth Baseball will begin on October 15. Warren Youth Baseball is a coed program for players age 5–14 as of April 30, 2014. Online registration and additional information can be found on the web at www.warrenyouthbaseball.org.

GURNEE TEEN CENTER

TOWNSHIP CENTER

17801 W. WASHINGTON
ST., GURNEE

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *459

HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY
2 – 7 PM

FRIDAY
2 – 5 PM

PARK CITY TEEN CENTER

333 TESKE BLVD.
PARK CITY

847-596-2289

HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY
2 – 7 PM

Gurnee Teen Center

Magic: The Gathering® Card Club

This card club offers opportunities for new players to learn the game, and for experienced players to duel one another. Held in the arts and crafts room.

Every other Tuesday, beginning October 1



3:30 – 5:30 pm

Open Mic Night

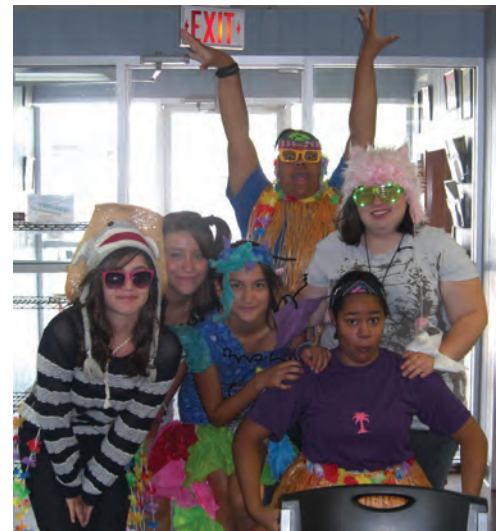
High school students enjoy a night of music and fun listening to local student performers showcasing their talents at the Teen Center. The event is sponsored by Creations, an arts group at Warren Township High School. Sorry, no parents allowed.

Park City Teen Center

Comedy Club

Members use shows, games and acting to bring out their creative sides. Teens work together to create humorous improv skits.

Tuesdays, beginning in November 6 – 7 pm



Gurnee and Park City Teen Centers

Volunteer Program

Teens and staff work cooperatively to develop and facilitate special events in the community and throughout the Township. Upcoming opportunities include FNA dances, Toys for Tots, Cookies for the Community and the annual Haunted House. More information is available at each Teen Center.

Cooking Club

Teens learn basic cooking skills they can use at home with easy to prepare meals and fun desserts. Sign-up is available at each Teen Center on the day the club meets. Meets every other week.

Video Game Tournaments

Showcase your talents at FIFA 14, Madden 25 and other popular games. Some tournaments are scheduled in advance. Others are impromptu on the day of the tournament. Play for prizes or just bragging rights with your friends.

Arts and Crafts

Learn how to do fun and easy arts and crafts projects. Some past crafts include making picture frames, painting, scratch art, and Gak. Please check our online calendars for upcoming craft activities at www.warrenteens.com.

ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE



Save the date!

Park City Teen Center

333 TESKE BLVD., PARK CITY

Friday and Saturday

October 25 and 26

7 - 10 pm

Admission \$1



YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

GREENLEAF BUILDING

100 S. GREENLEAF ST.,
GURNEE

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *401

HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9 AM – 8 PM

FRIDAY

9 AM – 5 PM

SATURDAY

AS SCHEDULED

COUNSELING SERVICES

SHORT-TERM

COUNSELING IS

OFFERED TO FAMILIES

WITH CHILDREN IN

GRADES K – 12.

YOUNG ADULTS,

AGES 18 – 21 MAY

BE ELIGIBLE. FIRST

SESSION IS FREE.

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

ARE \$10.

A community discussion

How to reach out and support children and teens with behavioral and mental health issues

Too often there are children who miss out on the joys of childhood, avoid social contact and/or engage in addictive or high risk behaviors because they struggle with undiagnosed or untreated mental health issues. Healthy Community/Healthy Youth (HCHY) Gurnee-Warren Township invites parents, counselors, social workers and other interested adults who work with children and teens to a workshop and panel discussion on this important topic.

“HCHY is committed to creating the healthiest environment for young people to grow up in. Part of that is making sure that adults can identify when there are emotional or mental health problems and then know how to get help for the child,” said Adam Krieger, executive director of Youth and Family Services.

Dr. Charla Waxman of Vista Health System will provide an introductory presentation on common mental health issues of children and teens. Following the presentation, a panel discussion will consider challenges as well as effective community education and outreach.

Thursday, October 24 9:30 am – noon Warren-Newport Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee

Registration: www.hchyreachingout.eventbrite.com or call 847-244-1101, extension *401



Bullied — What parents, teachers and kids need to know about ending the cycle of fear

This free workshop is a practical guide from a parent who has seen the insidious effects of bullying first-hand. Carrie Goldman offers advice on how to identify, prevent and intervene in bullying.

Monday, October 21 7 – 8:30 pm Warren-Newport Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee

WARREN TOWNSHIP CENTER

17801 W. WASHINGTON STREET
GURNEE, ILLINOIS 60031-5311

Located at the southwest corner of Almond Road and Washington Street

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BMX bikers bunnyhop and barspin to benefit Food Pantry

Whether or not you “speak” BMX biking, you can believe that Warren Township has a bunch of “burly” bikers! At last month’s BMX Jam, Warren teens brought donations for the Food Pantry, and then showed off bike tricks at the Skate/Bike Park. For each food item donated, bikers earned a chance to win new bike parts at a raffle held at the end of the event.

Joey Percora, pictured in the white shirt at right, organized the jam. The Warren Township High School student solicited help from Dan’s Comp, an online BMX store, and Fit Bike Co., a bike manufacturer. Both businesses supplied prizes for the raffle. The Gurnee Teen Center tech team also helped out Joey by providing great music for the event. Congratulations to Joey and all the bikers for the hugely successful BMX Jam/Food Drive!

P.S. to older readers... bunnyhops and barspins are BMX tricks. Burly mean ridiculous or incredible and refers to tricks, or in this case, to the bikers themselves.



Warren Township collected 219,896 pounds of electronics in 2012!

We had the 3rd highest total out of 37 agencies that collect year-round for SWALCO.

Recycle even more at the

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