

*A message from
 Township Supervisor Suzanne Simpson*



Shred documents and recycle electronics

Town Hall Saturday, May 11 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



To help prevent fraud and identity theft, it's a good idea to shred sensitive documents such as old tax forms and returns, investment records and statements, canceled checks and credit card receipts, as well as outdated personal documents and pictures. You may do your shredding free-of-charge at the Town Hall on Saturday, May 11. Please use containers that can be emptied. Document should not be in binders but may have paperclips or staples. The event also includes residential electronics recycling. Residents may dispose of personal computers, monitors, scanners, printers, VCRs, FAX machines, PDA organizers, any type of telephones, televisions, stereos, cameras, shredders, small household appliances, holiday lights, microwave ovens, video games and CD or DVD players.

SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

TOWNSHIP CENTER
847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *100

HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 A.M.-5 P.M.

Referendum for voters in unincorporated Township

Last November, all voters in Warren Township were eligible to vote on a referendum concerning Electric Aggregation, a process through which government bodies bid the cost of electricity on behalf of residents and small businesses. Since then, Township legal counsel has determined that because the Electric Aggregation decision will apply only to residents of unincorporated Warren Township, only voters in those areas should determine if they want the Township to offer aggregation. (In incorporated areas, municipalities bid the cost of electricity for those who choose to be part of Electric Aggregation.) Therefore, Electric Aggregation will be on the ballot at the April 9 Consolidated Election but **only for voters in unincorporated areas of the Township.**



Questions about Electric Aggregation or electric service providers?

For more information and answers to your questions, please contact Township Administrator Ryan M. Johnson at 847-244-1101, extension *125

For more
 on Electric
 Aggregation
 and aggressive
 electricity service
 providers, please
 turn to page 2.

**Electric
Aggregation
Ballot
Question**

Shall Warren Township have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its unincorporated residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

Don't be fooled by aggressive electrical companies

The Township has received complaints regarding aggressive electrical companies soliciting residents and businesses in the area. Please note that these companies do not represent ComEd or the Township. Unless you intend to join the program offered by these callers, do not give out your ComEd account number or a copy of your ComEd bill. If you are unsure that a caller is a ComEd representative, ask him or her to tell you your account number. Only ComEd staff have access to this information. If you have been switched without your permission and want to cancel the change, contact ComEd immediately using the instructions found on the notice letter that you receive from ComEd.



What's the advantage of Electric Aggregation

If the Electric Aggregation referendum passes, the biggest advantage to residents in unincorporated Warren Township is guaranteed savings. While you may choose any service provider, utilizing the Township's selected service provider is the *only way to guarantee* service rates lower than those of ComEd. If you choose a different service provider, you will not be able to change providers until your contract expires.

**HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT**

TOWNSHIP CENTER

**847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *301**

**HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
7 A.M.-3:30 P.M.**

**MAINTAINS
ROADWAYS IN
UNINCORPORATED
AREAS OF THE
TOWNSHIP**

Yard spring cleaning yields landscape mulch

The Highway Department will remove and chip brush from tree and bush trimmings for residents in unincorporated areas of the Township this spring. Residents' trimmings should be placed along the roadway's edge and should be less than eight feet in length and less than six inches in diameter. The Department does not remove debris left by a tree trimming service and does not pickup cut-down trees, logs, stumps, lumber, flowers, grass clippings or anything in plastic bags or containers. **The mulch that results from the chipping is available for pickup at the Highway Department for all Township residents' use.** The quality of the mulch isn't guaranteed, but many residents are pleased with its composition.



**Water main
replacements**

This summer, Lake County Public Works will replace water mains along Gages Lake Road from Greentree Place to Almond Road and along Lone Rock Road from Battershall Road to Timber Lane.

Department to pick up leaves this spring

Weather permitting, the Highway Department will pick up leaves from residents' curbs in unincorporated areas of the Township. Leaves should be raked to the curb in rows no more than five feet in width and beginning at the edge of the pavement. Pickup dates will be posted beginning April 1 at www.warrentownship.net/highway.

SENIOR SERVICES

TOWNSHIP CENTER

**847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *501**

**HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 A.M.-5 P.M.**

'That's not a word.' 'But, it's a double word score!'

Scrabble Thursdays 10 a.m.

A new program for seniors, Scrabble, commences, sprouts, begins, starts (*all acceptable words*) on Thursday, March 7. Scrabble boards, dictionaries and coffee will be available. Those who love scrabble might just find it the perfect venue to practice for an exciting, upcoming event: the annual Spelling Bee.



Bunco is one of dozens of popular programs at the Senior Center.

Do you know your Webster's? Join the Bee.

Annual Spelling Bee & Fondue Fest Friday, May 31 10 a.m.

The Annual Spelling Bee, part of Older Americans Month celebrations, is perfect for all Township seniors who enjoy a challenge. Register now and receive a list of sample words to study. All Spelling Bee words are found in the 11th Edition of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. Spellers and audience members alike will be treated to a scrumptious Fondue Fest during the first break. The Fondue Fest will include hot and cold dips and lots of snacks with which to try them. Look for registration details in the May/June Senior newsletter.



Spelling Bee and Fondue Fest

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

TOWNSHIP CENTER

**847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *200**

**HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 A.M.-5 P.M.**

Assessor's staff helps residents with exemptions

The Assessor's office has an open-door policy and staff are happy to examine property records with residents to ensure they are getting all the exemptions to which they are entitled. There are several exemptions specifically for qualifying veterans, disabled persons and seniors. To see a complete list of tax exemptions, go to <http://assessor.lakecountyil.gov/Property-Tax-Relief>. Be sure to apply before tax bills arrive in May. Contact the Assessor's Office for more information.

Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption

This annual exemption is available for residential property that is occupied as the principal residence of a person, who is 65 years of age or older during the assessment year.

Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze

This exemption allows senior citizens who have a total household income of less than \$55,000 and meet certain other qualifications to elect to maintain the Equalized Assessed Value, EAV, of their homes at the base year EAV and to prevent any increase in that value due to inflation.

After school is always fun at the Teen Centers

The Township's two drop-in Teen Centers offer everything from Homework Help to the popular Pizza and Movie Night held once a month. PS3, Nintendo Wii, XBOX 360, Netflix movies, Big screen TV, Dance Dance Revolution, Xbox Kinect, flag football, volleyball, arts and crafts, disc golf and more make for tons of fun. Among the many clubs and programs at the centers are:

- **Cooking Club:** Gurnee, every Wednesday
Park City, every other Monday
- **Arts and Crafts:** Gurnee, Mondays
- **Paranormal Club:** Gurnee, Tuesdays
- **Comedy Club:** Park City, Thursdays, starting in April
- **Spring Reading Event:** Park City, April 6
- **Fitness Club:** Coming soon to both Teen Centers
- **Pool Club:** Park City, Tuesdays; Gurnee, Thursdays



The Teen Centers offer a wide variety of clubs, including Cooking Club, in which teens learn how to prepare simple entrees and desserts.

Register today! Forms are available at the Teen Centers or online at warrenteens.com.

Calling all high school singers

Auditions will be held later this spring for the talent-filled Gurnee Idol competition, which is open to all singers who will be in high school during the 2013–14 school year. The winner will be chosen at Gurnee Days on Friday, August 9, at 6 p.m. at the Viking Park Band Shell. Visit www.warrenteens.com for upcoming audition dates and times.



Wishing for summer? Think Teen Centers. Plan ahead



Drop-in Teen Centers Summer Program

Monday–Friday June 10–August 16
 Gurnee: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Park City: 1–6 p.m.
 Indoor and outdoor fun Weekly field trips

*Field trips have additional fees. Gurnee Teen Center remains open during field trips.
 Park City Teen Center closes during field trips.*

TEEN CENTERS
 CHECK OUT OUR NEW
 WEBSITE AT
WARRENTEENS.COM

GURNEE TEEN CENTER

TOWNSHIP CENTER

17801 W. WASHINGTON ST.,
 GURNEE, IL

847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *459

HOURS:

MONDAY–THURSDAY
2–7 P.M.

FRIDAY, 2–5 P.M.

PARK CITY TEEN CENTER

333 TESKE BLVD.,
 PARK CITY

847-596-2289

HOURS:

MONDAY–FRIDAY
2–7 P.M.

YOUTH SPORTS

847-244-1101, * 810

CONTACT: RICK DREYER

RICKD@WARRENTOWNSHIP.NET

Youth Baseball knocks them out of the park

Warren Youth Baseball has openings for boys and girls, ages 5–10 as of April 30. Five- and six-year-olds play in T-ball; seven- and eight-year-olds compete in coach-pitch Rookie Leagues; nine- and ten-year-olds play in the Mustang League. All three leagues are developmental and played at the Township fields. Mustang players begin in early April with T-ball and Rookie players begin in early May. The season ends in late June. Baseball is a great way to make new friends, work as part of a team and develop hand/eye coordination and motor skills. To learn if there are openings for players ages 11–14 or for additional information, please contact Rick Dreyer at Rickd@warrentownship.net. Volunteer coaches are needed.



Flag Football promises football fun minus contact

Open registration for the Warren Fall Flag Football League begins Monday, April 1, for players enrolled in grades 1–8 for the 2013–14 school year. To secure participation, registration forms may be mailed with payment prior to walk-in registration. Walk-in registration will be Saturday, June 15. Those who register by mail may attend the walk-in registration for proper uniform sizing. The season is tentatively scheduled to begin with evaluations on Monday and Tuesday, July 22 and 23. Practice begins on Monday, August 5, with games starting Saturday, August 24. Flag football is a non-contact sport.



Registration forms and
information online at
www.warrentownship.net

Girls fastpitch softball welcomes 1st–11th graders

Warren Township Girls Softball registration is *still open* for the 2013 season for all grade levels: 1st–11th. Join an exciting, challenging and fun girls fastpitch softball team. Registration is easy; fees are low; the fun level is high; and there are no tryouts. Just apply. The season runs from April to July. Come play softball! We can't wait to teach you everything we know.



Apply online at
www.warregirlssoftball.com

Cheer and Pom to fill open positions by lottery

Warren Township Cheer and Pom is a competitive, recreational cheer and pom program that teaches the fundamentals of cheerleading and dance. The program is open to students in grades K–8 for the 2013-2014 school year. The season runs from July through early December. It includes performing at weekly Warren Township Youth Football games, two parades, a pep rally and competitions. A lottery will be held on Saturday, March 16, to fill the open positions on Cheer and Pom squads.



Lottery details online at
www.warrencheerandpom.org

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RECREATION
ASSOCIATION
(WSRA)**

**GREENLEAF
BUILDING**

100 S. Greenleaf St.
Gurnee

847-244-6619

**HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 A.M.-5 P.M.**



**Inspiring
People with
Disabilities
Through
Meaningful
Recreation**

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ASSOCIATION**

WSRA

Good weather? Maybe. Good times? Guaranteed!

Who is ready for another great summer at WSRA? Once again, WSRA will offer a summer full of fun, play and laughter. Pre Camp Fun week is June 3-7. Summer Camp begins Monday, June 10, and continues through Friday, August 2. The busy campers will enjoy tons of games, crafts, water play and field trips. For more information, view the WSRA Spring Brochure at www.warrentownship.net/WSRA. The registration deadline is May 10.



Every day is fun-filled at WSRA Summer Camp.

Fingers do the spelling in sign language class

Sign Language offers a way to communicate more efficiently with people who are deaf, nonverbal or have a disability. Our sign language expert will teach you the basic skills needed to finger spell, count and eventually sign a children's book. For an additional \$15, a sign language book may be purchased but is not required for class. The class fee is \$50 for residents and \$60 for nonresidents.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays April 1-May 20 Ages 10 and older

Autism therapy combines music and movement

Autism Movement Therapy is the first therapy designed for individuals with autism combining music and movement. It stimulates communication between the right and left hemispheres of the brain to increase overall cognitive processing. The therapy goal is to increase concentration, focus and social interaction. The fee is \$35 for residents and \$70 for nonresidents.

4:15-5 p.m. Thursdays April 11-May 16 Ages 6-13

Entire Spring Brochure online at www.warrentownship.net/WSRA

Youth Football opens registration for fall play

Warren Youth Football has opened registration for the 2013 season. The tackle football program is available for all athletes in grades 1-8. All athletes compete in weight, age and talent divisions designed to allow for a safe and fair environment of play. Registration will remain open through the spring. To register, or for more information, please visit www.warrenyouthfootball.com.



YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

GREENLEAF BUILDING

100 S. Greenleaf St.
Gurnee

**847-244-1101,
EXTENSION *401**

SHORT-TERM COUNSELING

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12
YOUNG ADULTS, 18-21, MAY QUALIFY

**COUNSELING HOURS:
MONDAY-SATURDAY BY APPOINTMENT**

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH
FREE OR NOMINAL FEE
CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR SOME PROGRAMS

Workshop focuses on healthy adult relationships

7-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 Good for couples & mothers and teen daughters

The Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships Workshop focuses on learning which behaviors improve, as well as hinder, our connections. The presentation includes what to look for in a partner and how to recognize abuse and unhealthy ways of relating. The cycle of violence and why women may stay in an unhealthy relationship will also be highlighted. The workshop is for all, with an emphasis on women's issues in romantic relationships.



Teens focus on relationships at Teen2Teen workshop

Teen2Teen, a personal leadership workshop, is developed and presented by Warren Township High School students. At the workshop, middle school students learn through interaction and fun group activities. "Teen2Teen is unique in that the teens who lead get as much from the program as the middle school students who participate. This focus on healthy relationships brings up lots of issues for everyone to process in a safe setting," said Adam Krieger, Executive Director of Youth and Family Services. For more information, please visit www.hchyteen2teen.com.



Not enough money at the end of the month?

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of McHenry, Inc. (CCCS) helps people manage their money more effectively. This one-on-one service is offered free-of-charge at Youth Services by a certified consumer credit counselor. "The major financial challenges that people are facing now are centered around housing issues, especially how to pay a mortgage following loss of income," said Ed Beckstrom, CCCS Education Coordinator. CCCS staff are certified to assist with mortgage foreclosures, loss mitigation, bankruptcy and more. Staff, for example, can help those struggling to pay their mortgage, due to job loss or pay cut, make application to the Illinois Hardest Hit program. This fund offers temporary help to homeowners to catch up on their payments, make on-going payments and save their home. CCCS assists those who qualify fill out all the complicated paperwork to receive a forgivable loan of up to \$25,000. From budgeting to bankruptcy, a counselor can assist Township residents with many types of financial counseling.



For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 815-338-5757

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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Annual Re/Max Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30

Lake County Fairgrounds

Opens: 10:30 a.m.



Ages: 1-3,
4-6, 7-9

Warren Township

Township Center:

17801 West Washington Street, Gurnee

Greenleaf Building:

100 South Greenleaf Street, Gurnee

Park City Teen Center:

333 Teske Boulevard, Park City

Food Pantry Donations

Warren Township thanks recent Food Pantry donors, including Warren Township High School, Gurnee Park District, Grandwood Park District, Kennal, College of Lake County, Church of Annunciation and Honey Orthodontics.

Jokes, Jazz, Metal... All a hit at Open Mic Night

Friday, March 22 7-9:30 p.m. Gurnee Teen Center High School students only

Whether it's the comedy of *Giggles 'N' Bits*, the jazz of *Accidental Saxophone Quartet*, the metal of *Veins of Malice* or the alternative of *System Riot, Convolution* or *Dan Norman, Scott Johnson, and Michael Perski*, Open Mic Night is sure to entertain. "Open Mic Night distinguishes itself in a couple ways: performers are WTHS students, prices are affordable and only high school students are allowed, which keeps the event teen-centered," said Dhana Perry, editor of literature for WTHS *Creations Magazine*. The Creations Program sponsors and organizes the event. If you are interested in performing at Creation's Open Mic Night, email openmic@wth.net. Open Mic Night admission is free and drinks or pizza are only \$1. Sorry no parents. Warren Township High School students only!

