



VILLAGE OF WARWICK

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From the Mayor's Office

Michael Newhard



Greetings and welcome to the inaugural edition of the Village of Warwick's Newsletter. We are excited about this as a venue to communicate municipal information, important dates and timely news. The goal with the Newsletter is to arrive quarterly, digitally and in hard copy form to capture each coming season and key activities.

The first editions will be a bit of catching up with information that has already been advertised or posted but in a format that will allow easy access and all in one place.

The Village Board recognized a need to be able to communicate and inform Village residents consistently, with the appropriate sources for community information. It is important that residents be knowledgeable about the activities of Village Government, Administration, the Department of Public Works and Water Department.

We are a busy Village, a beautiful Village, the "Queen Village", the "Village of Homes" and it is the place we share, congregate and celebrate in. The work that is done at Village Hall is to support and maintain and strengthen us as a community. The breadth of that work is incredible - from flowerpots to Wastewater Treatment Plants and everything in between. It is the work of many dedicated, responsible individuals and volunteers and the source of that commitment is pride of work and pride of place.

I would like to thank all Village Departments and Board members who contributed information for this issue. I would also like to thank Trustee Mary Collura for her layout and graphic expertise in developing the newsletter from concept to deliverable.

Please enjoy the premier issue with the promise of more to come!

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WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT
(845) 986-5000

WARWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT
Non-Emergency: (845) 986-3473

WARWICK AMBULANCE SERVICE
Non-Emergency: (845) 986-4136

**ST. ANTHONY
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**
15 Maple Avenue
(845) 986-2276
stanthonycommunityhosp.org

**ORANGE & ROCKLAND
EMERGENCY GAS HOTLINE**
800-533-5325



Sign up for the Town's new
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
at: townofwarwick.org

You will be notified by your local emergency
response team in the event of emergency
situations or critical community alerts.

VILLAGE BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

VILLAGE BOARD

First and Third Mondays of the month
7:30 p.m. Village Hall Board Room
*Meetings are streamed live on the
Village's YouTube Channel*

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

First Tuesday of the month
4:30 p.m., Village Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD

Second Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m., Village Hall Board Room

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Fourth Tuesday of the month
7:00 p.m., Village Hall Board Room

ALL MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE VILLAGE'S WEBSITE

**THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE VIEWED
IN ANY LANGUAGE ON THE VILLAGE'S WEBSITE**

VILLAGE BUDGET SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

The Village has remained within the 2% cap for fiscal year 2023/24. As defined by law the allowable levy growth is 2% or the inflation factor (Consumer Price Index) whichever is lower. The current CPI is 8.06%. The cap can be overridden by Board resolution.

Some highlights of this year's Budget include the Wastewater Plant Improvements Plan. This is a \$12-million project. The Village received a \$3 million grant from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. Through the Sewer Plant Improvements Land Tax, we are able to save on a yearly basis those funds that will be used to repay the anticipated 15-year long term bond.

The Village Budget is divided into three categories: The General Fund, the Water Fund, which includes purification and distribution, and the Sewer Fund.

Under the General Fund projects include: Village Hall upgrades, a new pole barn at the Public Works Complex with offices to replace a construction trailer. In Streets and Roads, this year's budget includes the following: South St. Sidewalk repair between Second and Third, a purchase of a Mason Dump Truck and paving of the following streets: South St. Ext., Welling Ave., Church St., Cherry St. and Crescent Ave. Under Storm Sewers, Country Lane is slated for replacement. In Parks, new and replacement cameras at multiple Stanley-Deming Park locations, new Toolcat attachments, backpack blowers, weed whackers, push mowers, the continuation of the Memorial Park Master Plan and implementation of first stage proposals.

In the Water Fund projects under Purification: Well #3 construction including a new sewer line connection; Well #2 module replacement; Maple Ave. Pump Station relocation. Under Transmission: Watershed land acquisition, water meter replacement, re-roofing at the Water Treatment Plant.

The Sewer Fund includes the following projects: Sewer Pump Stations chemical handling equipment, electric motor replacements, replacement of secondary return pumps. For the Sewer Collection System, the budget includes the purchase of a Sewer Jet Truck, repairs to RBC units and an inflow and Infiltration Study.

The Water/Sewer rates for 2023-24 are a 6% increase on In-Village Water Rates and 2% increase on In-Village Sewer Rates.

The budget process begins in March and public meetings on the topic are held and can be viewed on the Village's YouTube Channel. The adopted budget can be found on the Village's website.

VILLAGE FEES UPDATED

The village recently updated its Schedule of Fees associated with water and sewer connections and building permits. The update was based on an analysis of what it costs the village to administer each of the fees. The evaluation process received input from staff and was reviewed by the Village Attorney. The updated Schedule of Fees can be found on the Village's website.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The Village has two very important infrastructure projects that are in the later stages of design and regulatory approval. The first project is the expansion and updating of the wastewater treatment plant. The plant will expand from treating 1.0 million gallons/day to 1.25 million gallons/day with newer treatment technology. The estimate of probable cost for the project is \$12 million. The Village received a \$3 million grant from the State. In 2017 the Village began collecting taxes for this project and has put aside \$4 million to pay for the project which is in the final stage of design with construction beginning in 2024.

The second project will provide treatment for Well #3 located west of Homestead Village near Route 17A. The Village is not able to use this well without treatment. Bringing this well on-line will provide greater resilience for the system which will allow repairs to be made to the other two treatment systems and to supplement the Village's water needs in the event of a drought. Estimate of probable cost is \$1.6 million and Village has been notified that it is in line to receive \$960,000 through the office of Congressman Pat Ryan. This project design is currently under review by the Health Department. It is anticipated that construction will begin in 2024.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

Over the last year, the Village and a broad group of community members and organizations have been working to develop the Veteran's Memorial Park Master Plan. This plan is being finalized based on feedback on the public draft and will be adopted this summer.

Plans include new restrooms and storage, bike and walking paths, a pump track, skate park, gardens, sculptures and a dog park area. You can learn more about this process, view a map of future plans on the Village website.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

The Village of Warwick recently completed Version 1.0 of the Way2Go Warwick Transportation Safety Action Plan based on feedback gathered over the comprehensive planning process and transportation safety data (*including those speed radars you've been seeing around town!*) to help guide investments over the coming years. More updates to come soon.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Village of Warwick adopted its updated Comprehensive Plan in December 2022. Since that time, the Village has been hard at work pursuing grants and other activities in accordance with the implementation road map. The Comprehensive Master Plan received recognition by the New York Planning Federation's Master Plan Award for its innovative outreach during the plan's development and its focus on "Middle Housing."

The Village is also in the process of setting up advisory committees to support its progress and alignment with community member needs. Advisory committees include: Broadband, Inclusion, Transportation and Zoning.

2023 AWARDS AND GRANTS TO DATE

Senator James Skoufis, Dormitory Authority SNY
\$250,000

Maple Avenue Pump Station Relocation Project

Congressman Patrick Ryan Community Projects Grant
\$960,000

Well #3 Filtration Plant Project

NYS Archives Records Management Grant Award
\$15,650

Clerks Office Records Inventory and Planning Project

Orange County Community Development HUD Award
\$108,570

*South Street Sidewalk Repair and Accessibility Project
(between Second and Third Streets)*

Kosuga Foundation Award
\$600,000

Warwick Skatepark Initiative

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund,
DOH Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Award
\$575,770

Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Environmental Finance Corporation Award
\$30,000

Inflow and Infiltration Study

OC Municipal Tourism Grant Award
\$4,999

August for the Arts.

TOTAL: \$2,544,989

SLOW DOWN WARWICK



*A young buck seen crossing safely
in the Crosswalk on Main St.
Photo courtesy of Louise Finnegan*

For centuries, our village roadways have connected people to resources, commerce and community. First forged by native Americans, our roads played a valuable role in the American Revolution as a useful and safe passage way to move troops and supplies through the area. Yes, even George Washington himself is said to have traveled down our Main St.

This connectivity our main streets offer is still very much part of our fabric. There are many people, vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists that share our roadways and we all deserve to do so safely.

Please be mindful that the speed limit is 25 MPH on Village streets. Be attentive, cautious and alert and follow all rules and laws when using our roadways.

2023 GRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR OR ARE CURRENTLY BEING PURSUED:

Orange County Legislature Grant 2023
Municipal Legislative Grant Program
'Way to go Warwick' traffic and pedestrian safety campaign
Total Project Cost **\$6,794**
Requested Funds **\$4,999**
Local Match **\$1,795**

2023 New York State Consolidated Funding Applications

Department of State Zoning Ordinance Revision Project.
Total Project Cost: **\$96,925**
Requested Funds **\$87,227.50**
Local Match **\$9,697.50**

Empire State Development - Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study.
Total Project Cost **\$150,000**
Requested Funds **\$100,000**
Local Match/In-kind Service **\$40,000**
Financial Obligation (Town/Village) **\$10,000**

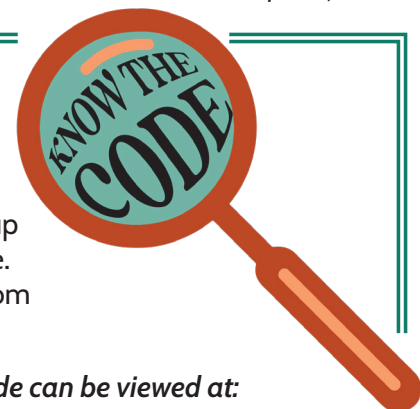
*Water Quality Improvement Project -
Reservoir Water Storage Tank Replacement.*
Total Project Cost **\$3,600,000**
Requested Funds **\$2,160,000**
Local Share **\$1,440,000**

*Water Quality Improvement Project -
Lower Dam Reconstruction Project*
Total Project Cost **\$5,309,000**
Requested Funds **\$2,960,000**
Local Share **\$2,340,000**

*Federal Safe Streets 4 All Grant
Comprehensive Transportation Planning and Demonstration Projects.*
Total Project Cost **\$3,400,000**
Requested Funds **\$2,720,000**
Local Share **\$680,000**

GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLE CANS

Trash and Recyclable cans are to be set out for pick-up after 3pm the night before. Cans must be removed from curb the day of pick-up.



The Village Code can be viewed at:
ecode360.com/WA0539

§ 75-1 Placement for collection.

[Amended 11-18-2013 by L.L. No. 8-2013]

A. All garbage, refuse, waste materials, and recyclable materials placed out-of-doors shall be placed in watertight, odor-tight and rodent-proof containers with the tight covers securely in place. The container shall be placed near the curb or the edge of the street adjoining such premises. No container shall be placed or permitted at or near the curb or the edge of the street for collection prior to 3:00 p.m. the day before collection or after 12:00 midnight the day of collection.

VILLAGE OF WARWICK

Summer Summary

VILLAGE OF WARWICK SUMMER REC PROGRAMS



Students from Warwick Valley Central School District worked and volunteered as track coaches for kids between the ages of five and twelve

The 2023 Village of Warwick Recreation Programs had another successful summer with 988 children participating and fifty-two employees hired for eight recreational programs offered.

The Stanley-Deming Park Program, which ran daily from June 26 through July 27, was the most popular program this summer. A wide variety of arts and crafts were made throughout the summer. Campers competed in tournaments in soccer, basketball, dodge ball and touch football. The kids at the park also participated in a scavenger hunt and a talent show.

Sport recreation programs included: tennis, football, soccer, lacrosse, track, cheerleading and basketball. All programs were very successful in teaching children skills of the sport, rules of the game and game participation.

Although the Warwick Valley High School track was under construction during the Summer, Olympic Week for track was still held with a make-shift track in the practice field. Kids received medals during Olympic Week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WARWICK FIRE CO. 3



Town of Warwick Supervisor, Michael Sweeton; Deputy Town Supervisor, James Gerstner; State Assemblyman, Karl Barbenec; Orange County Legislator and Village Deputy Mayor, Barry Cheney; Village Mayor, Michael Newhard; Village Trustee, Mary Collura joined in the celebrations.

On Saturday, July 22, Warwick Fire Department Engine Company 3 celebrated their new home and emergency vehicle, Rescue 637, with a dedication ceremony. Congratulations and thank you for your service. "In every yellow bird beats the heart of an eagle."

WARWICK VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET



*Ribbon Cutting on opening day,
Sunday May 14*

*Photo courtesy of Warwick Valley
Chamber of Commerce*

The Warwick Valley Farmers' Market is currently in its twenty-ninth year. There are currently over 30 vendors: twenty-nine regular weekly, five rotational and two seasonal. This Summer, the market saw an average of about 1,800 people attend weekly.

The Warwick Valley Farmers' Market also features various community members like Sustainable Warwick which runs

a compost program, Master Gardeners from OC Cornell Cooperative Extension who provide gardening advice, VFW a support group for veterans, St. Anthony Community Hospital nutrition department, and many other groups. Local musicians add to the fun.

The Warwick Valley Farmers' Market takes place on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the South Street Parking Lot through November 19, rain or shine.

WARWICK CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The Warwick Police Dept. had motorcycles and other vehicles on hand.

Photo by Jennifer O'Connor

Over 2,000 people came together and attended Warwick's National Night Out (NNO) in Veterans Memorial Park on Tues., Aug. 1. The free, community-wide event, organized by the Warwick Police Department and the Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition, helped to strengthen relationships between police and the community.

In addition to law enforcement, the Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition and many other non-profits, local businesses, vendors, and the Warwick School District provided fun activities and information about their organizations. The 40th annual NNO was the perfect opportunity to bring local resources and residents together under positive circumstances.

VILLAGE OF WARWICK SUMMER INTERNS

DEVON FOX



Warwick resident Devon Fox spent her Summer as an intern at the Village of Warwick. As a Communication major student at SUNY Geneseo, Devin spent her time assisting all the departments at Village Hall. Her tasks included organizing and filing building plans and updating sewer maps. With an interest in Human Resources, Devon was able to help with all Summer Rec Program employees' paperwork. Devon enjoyed working with people in each department.

KATARINA TOMICH



Katarina is entering her senior year at SUNY New Paltz where she is a Mechanical Engineering major with a minor in 3D print and modeling. Katarina has spent her time at Village Hall integrating new technology and updating the map systems. She spent three weeks measuring and assessing all Village sidewalks, noting which ones were in most need of repair and what the potential cost would be. Katarina enjoyed working on this project knowing it is something that will benefit the community.

*Still to Happen
this Summer...*

WARWICK SUMMER FOR THE ARTS

Featuring:
Hudson Valley Jazz Festival
Hudson Valley Film Festival
O.C. Short Play Festival
Fuller Moon Arts Festival
For more information, visit:

augustforthearts.com

RAILROAD GREEN CONCERT SERIES

Uncle Shohorn

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

One Swift Kick - Ralph Edwards

Saturday, August 26, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Some Guys & a Broad

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Luisito Rosario y su Orquesta

Saturday, September 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

(RAIN DATE: AUGUST 23)

STARTING AT 11 A.M.

**WARWICK TOWN PARK,
UNION CORNERS RD.**

Tickets are free and available
at Town Hall Monday through Friday
from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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16 years and older
(845) 986-3473

wfdmembership@yahoo.com

WARWICK AMBULANCE CORP.

AND JUNIOR CORP.

seeking drivers, EMTs, first aid and support
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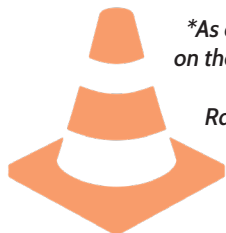
warwickems@gmail.com

Membership Application is available at:
warwickems.com/join

NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BULK TRASH PICK-UP

North Side of the Railroad Tracks: August 28
South Side of the Railroad Tracks: September 5
A full list of acceptable items can be found on the
Village website.



**As a reference, Village Hall is
on the North Side of the railroad
tracks and
Railroad Green/Railroad Ave-
nue is on the South Side of
the railroad tracks.*

VILLAGE BRUSH PILE

The Village Brush pile is located in Veterans Me-
morial Park and is available to Village Residents.
For hours, check the Village website.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

NOVEMBER 1ST – APRIL 1ST

Please take notice that on-street parking within
the Village of Warwick is prohibited between
the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from
November 1st through April 1st.



Visit: warwickapplefest.com
for more information

APPLE PIE BAKING CONTEST

Think you make the best pie in the Valley? No fee or pre-reg-
istration is required, and entries will be judged in Junior (Age
7-16) and Adult (Age 17 and older) divisions. This contest is
open to amateur bakers only.

Pies must be made from scratch, double crusted and contain
only apples.

Pies can be dropped off in a disposable tin at Apple Pie Bak-
ing Contest Booth #82-83 (2 Bank St.) Between the 8 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m., late entries will be turned away. Please note
that the official Applefest Apple Pie Baking Contest entry
form MUST also be attached to your baked pie.

After judging is completed, pies will be sold by the slice. All
proceeds from the pie baking event will be donated to the Warwick Ecumenical Food Pantry.
For entry forms and rules, please visit the Applefest website.

APPLE PIE EATING CONTEST

All are welcome to join the fun at
the Applefest Pie Eating Contests!

This event takes place during the festival with
separate contests for adults and kids.

The pie eating contest involves eating an apple
pie in a 10-minute time limit, with no hands
allowed.

Adult contestants are required to
hold their hands behind their backs and eat a
9" pie, and the kids will eat a smaller, 6" pie.
The event is coordinated by Leslie Noble and
Tom Herman of Noble Pies in Warwick. Says

Leslie Noble, "We always have such a great
time with the all the kids and adults -- and the
spectators laughing and cheering everyone on
makes it that much more exciting."

To participate in the apple pie eating
contest, there is a required \$5 donation for
Adults (ages 13 & over) and a required \$1 do-
nation for Kids (ages 12 & under).

All proceeds from the pie eating
event will be donated to the Warwick Ecu-
menical Food Pantry.



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Alternate: Economic Development, Planning & Zoning / AHDRB / Orange County Planning, Transportation and Mobility

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Alternate: Parks & Recreation, Environmental, Veterans

Carly Foster

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