

WARREN NEWS

October 2017

Teen, tot or senior Warren Township Center offers fun for everyone. Just take a look inside!

Have a question or comment?

Email us at info@warrentownship.net.

Contact us by phone at 847-244-1101.



MUMMIFIED FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Warren Township Center

17801 West Washington Street, Gurnee

“Providing exceptional services, enriching our community, improving lives.”

**HAUNTED
CARNIVAL**

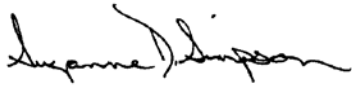
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A message from

Supervisor Suzanne Simpson

Warren Township's motto is "Providing exceptional services, enriching our community, improving lives." These are not just platitudes, they are the creed that every department and every person working for Warren Township adheres to.

We handle many different problems for our residents, particularly if they involve another unit of government. Please remember that we are a resource for you. We will do our very best to either help you or direct you to the agency that can and should assist you.



Supervisor's Office

847-244-1101, *100

Supervisor Suzanne Simpson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Township. She chairs the Township Board and oversees the various Township departments, the Food Pantry, General Assistance, and Road and Bridge funds.

Disaster relief available for July 2017 flood

Individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations impacted by the July 2017 flooding in Lake County may be eligible for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Disaster Loans include Physical Damage loans, such as loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property, and Economic Injury loans, such as loans to assist small businesses and nonprofits through the recovery period. If the governor's request for a Federal Disaster Declaration is approved, other resources may become available for Lake County residents and businesses.

For more information, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by phone at 800-659-2955, by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or by visiting SBA's website at <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.



Warren Township Department Addresses

**Supervisor's Office, Senior Services, Assessor, Gurnee Teen Center, Youth Sports
17801 West Washington Street, Gurnee**

**Youth and Family Services, Warren Special Recreation Association
100 South Greenleaf Street, Gurnee**

**Park City Teen Center
333 Teske Boulevard, Park City**



Bring along your scooter



your bucket



your book



your train

or just your feet.

Make ‘Black Friday’ ‘Track Friday’ and make a difference one step at a time

Track Friday is a national movement of individuals and groups making a difference —big or small—in their community. Warren Special Recreation Association (WSRA) makes a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by inspiring them through meaningful recreation. WSRA invites you to give back a little to the community by joining its “Track Friday” efforts on Friday, November 24.

You need not even show up at the track. Just donate and walk or run on your own. But, if you would like to walk, run, scooter, choo choo or whatever with some pretty fun people, come to Warren Township High School’s Almond Campus anytime between 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You can support WSRA with a donation of any amount and walk as many laps as you like.

WSRA is dedicated to providing recreational opportunities to people of all ages and various disabilities. It offers a wide range of activities including after school recreation, adult day recreation, sports, summer day camps,

Special Olympics, music, arts, swimming, bowling, day trips, social clubs, and more. Programs provide opportunities, not only for recreation, but for fitness, independence, social skills, behavior development and many other life skills.

WSRA is seeking assistance through “Track Friday” because of reduced property tax-based funding. WSRA’s main goal is to keep programs affordable for the families it serves.

Join the WSRA movement on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WarrenSpecialRec. For more information, check out www.trackfriday.org and www.warrenspecialrec.org.

WSRA 847-244-6619

www.warrenspecialrec.org





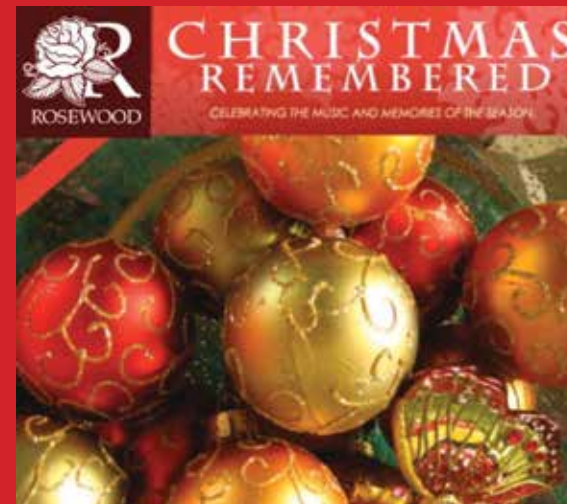
38th Annual Warren Township Senior Winter Celebration

Supervisor Suzanne Simpson and the Township Board invite all seniors to a holiday luncheon at the Township Center. Seniors may select one date to attend during the week of December 4–8. The fun-filled celebration includes a family-style luncheon, holiday tunes by pianist Merrill Seal, and dancing and singing with Edison Dayao.

Invitations are already in the mail to members of the Senior Center. If you are not a member and would like to attend, please sign up either in person at the Senior Center or by phone at 847-244-1101, extension *501. Seniors are encouraged to reply quickly to the invitation as all five luncheons were completely filled the last two years.

Senior Center Holiday Outing

Enjoy *Christmas Remembered*, a cabaret-style musical production, in a state-of-the-art music theater. The show celebrates the songs, hymns and carols that make the season special.



Thursday, December 14

Depart Senior Center: 10:15 a.m. Return: approximately 5 p.m.

Includes time to browse the gift shops before the lunch buffet.

Cost: \$60 includes motor coach to Delavan, Wisconsin, show and lunch with chef-attended, made-to-order pasta station, garlic-crusted sirloin station, glazed pork loin station and a sweets table.

Registration: begins Tuesday, October 24 Ends: Friday, November 24

Senior Services

847-244-1101, *501

Warren Township Senior Services offers exercise classes and equipment, trips, programs and special activities for residents ages 55 and older.

Splash Splash

A New Year's resolution that's fun to keep! Free water aerobics for Township seniors

The Township and Gurnee Park District have partnered to offer FREE Water Aerobics classes at the Park District's FitNation, 1655 Nations Drive, Gurnee. Three-month sessions are offered at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Senior Center members can register at the Senior Center for one free class per week. The winter sessions begin on Tuesday, January 9, and ends on Friday, March 30. Registration begins Tuesday, January 2.



Save the date

A theater trip you won't want to miss!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is the classic story of Joseph, Israel's favorite son. A timeless show with exuberant music and a powerful message of hope, it is a reminder of the unquenchable thirst of a man with a dream who has the courage to forge the destiny of a people.

Thursday, March 1

Depart Senior Center: 9:30 a.m.

Return: approximately 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$68 includes lunch, theater ticket, and motorcoach transportation

Registration: begins Wednesday, January 3

What's next? Help staff select our next trips.

Staff is seeking input from Senior Center members. The November/December, 2017, newsletter will have overnight, extended-trip suggestions in it. We ask that you let us know which trips interest you.




Gurnee Teen Center

Teen Center members get into the fun at messy games day.

Teen Centers

Drop-in program for youth entering grades 6 – 12
www.warrenteens.com

<p style="text-align: center;">Park City Teen Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">333 Teske Boulevard, Park City 847-244-1101, *801</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Year: Monday – Thursday, 2 – 7 p.m. Friday, 2 – 6 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gurnee Teen Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17801 W. Washington Street, Gurnee 847-244-1101, *459</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Year: Monday – Thursday, 2 – 7 p.m. Friday, 2 – 5 p.m.</p>
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This babysitting class is designed to prepare students in grades 6–8 to be safe while watching younger siblings or babysitting. The class teaches child care skills, first aid and rescue skills, and life and business skills.

Saturday, November 11 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

(Right) Some of the Destination Imagination team members who performed improv comedy at the Northern Illinois University state-affiliate competition last spring. The team brought home fourth-place honors.

Creative? Fun loving? Like a challenge? Check out Destination Imagination



Destination Imagination (DI) gives students the chance to express creativity and learn skills needed to succeed in the ever-changing world. DI teams select a challenge in one of several areas and work together to develop a solution to it.

DI Informational Meeting
 Tuesday, November 7 6:30–7:30 p.m.
 Gurnee Teen Center.
 847-244-1101, extension *459

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OCTOBER 28TH

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

PARK CITY TEEN CENTER
333 TESKE BLVD.
PARK CITY, ILLINOIS

JOIN US FOR CARNIVAL GAMES, INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING,
POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, FOOD AND SO MUCH MORE!

Youth and Family Services

847-244-1101, *401

www.wtyouthservices.com

Youth and Family Services offers programs that support the emotional and mental health of children, parents and families. It provides parent education, professional training, afterschool programs at two Teen Centers, counseling services and Friday Night Alternative (FNA) for middle school students.

Counseling Services

Youth Services provides short-term counseling to Warren Township families with children from birth–21. The first session is free. Any additional sessions are \$10 (sliding scale is available based on need).

Services provided:

Monday–Thursday and Saturday

Phone intake required:

847-244-1101 extension *401

Two excellent resources help parents deal with children's stress and anxiety

Do your children struggle with feeling overwhelmed by stress and anxiety? In a recent survey of children receiving counseling at Youth Services, these were the most common symptoms children experienced. To help, in November, Youth Services welcomes Dr. Patrick McGrath for a workshop on school anxiety and offers a Parenting the Anxious Child group.

School Refusal/School Anxiety in Children and Adolescents

Tuesday, November 7 6:30–8 p.m.

Free Warren-Newport Public Library

Dr. Patrick B. McGrath of Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health will provide parents with a better understanding of their child's anxiety and give practical strategies that might help reduce the anxiety and stress related to school. This is a free workshop.

Parenting the Anxious Child

How to Better Understand and Help Your Child

Wednesdays, November 1–15 6:30–8 p.m. \$15 Youth Services

This three-week group provides parents a better understanding of what anxiety is and how it uniquely impacts children. The group covers the role of attachment, practical strategies for parenting and tips that can help their children. Childcare is available when registering.



Compassionate, experienced, motivated new specialist Focus is on preventing youth depression and suicide

Statistically, approximately 20 percent of teens will experience depression before they reach adulthood. Sadly, depression increases a teen's risk for attempting suicide by 12 times.

"There have been suicides of youth within the Warren Township community and we realized the need to have someone on staff to educate and create greater awareness among adults and youth about mental health issues," Youth and Family Services Executive Director Adam Krieger said.

New Prevention Specialist Allena Barbato wasted no time toward meeting that objective. Her very first day on the job, she made a presentation to a health class on depression and anxiety. Since that late August afternoon, she has sent a letter to educate middle school parents about the subject and has partnered with Healthy Communities Healthy Youth, personnel from Warren Township Schools, the Lake County Health Department, local businesses and others to expand awareness of risk factors and create a broader discussion on youth mental health.

"I love reaching out to people and doing all that we can do to identify risk factors and address depression and anxiety in our youth," Allena said.

A native of Lake County, Allena holds a bachelor's degree in political science and French from University of Illinois and a law degree from Southern Illinois University. Working with teens in Washington state as a juvenile public defender inspired Allena to expand her knowledge by earning her master's degree in counseling and psychology.

"I knew from that experience that I wanted to help people turn their lives

around," she said.

That she certainly has. Since earning her master's, Allena worked for a nonprofit children's service where she initiated a program that supports single parents both financially and psychologically. Allena worked with special education students and as a parenting educator. She also counseled couples as a marriage and family therapist in private practice.

"My new position is perfect. It is the pulling together of all the work experience and skills I have developed throughout my career," she said.



*Youth and Family Services
Prevention Specialist Allena Barbato*

Text-A-Tip Crisis Line

Do you need help for yourself or a friend? Text WTHelp to 844-823-5323 or download Lake County Help from your app store.

Text-A-Tip is a teen helpline you can use 24/7 to communicate with a licensed clinician.



*She'll look 'em over, but...
You'll rake 'em*

Annual leaf collection begins October 23 in unincorporated Warren Township

The annual leaf collection in **unincorporated** Warren Township begins Monday, October 23, and runs through the week of November 27. This includes residences with five digit addresses in the Township. Days of the week for each **unincorporated** area are listed on the Leaf Collection Schedule Map at www.warrentownship.net/Highway on the the Leaf Collection Program page. Six leaf collections by Waste Management are planned. Occasionally, poor weather may slow the process. After the vacuum truck makes its final run through a neighborhood, it does not return to collect additional leaves.

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

Highway Department

847-244-1101, *301

Warren Township Highway Department maintains approximately 66 miles of Township roads—including paving—in **unincorporated** areas of the Township. For more about our services, please call us or visit our website at www.warrentownship.net.

Homeowners' Associations

There are many times Highway Commissioner Amy Sarver reaches out to Homeowners' Associations. Please update your board membership information with the Highway Department at 847-244-1101, extension *301.

Assessor's Office 847-244-1101, *201

Warren Township Assessor's Office establishes the assessed value of parcels of property in the Township. To view the tax bill breakdown for various taxing authorities such as school districts and municipalities, go to <https://www.warrentownship.net/tax-rate-information/>. Our staff is happy to discuss any concerns or questions you may have about the tax system. Please contact us at 847-244-1101, extension *201.

Tax Exemptions

Seniors, don't forget to apply for the Senior Homestead Tax Exemption at the Assessor's Office. The state of Illinois offers a number of property tax exemptions that will help you reduce your tax bill.

Seniors, disabled veterans, members of the military returning from deployment and people with disabilities are encouraged to visit Assessor.lakecountyil.gov to research these exemptions and determine if you are eligible. For more information please feel free to contact our office at 847- 244-1101, extension *201.



This autumn at the **Food Pantry**

Thank you for your donations...

Anne Hollek, Anna Cushing, Anne Hemingway, Rachita Singh, Joshua and Platina Gershtenson, the Retired Women of Walgreens, and Marianne and Tom Turnbull for weekly Pepperidge Farm products. We also thank Woodland Elementary School for multiple donations of fresh vegetables from its garden and Baxter Healthcare for the donation from its community garden.

We give a special thanks to everyone who donated fresh vegetables from their gardens. Our clients are extremely appreciative of receiving fresh veggies from our food pantry!

Please don't let our pantry go bare...

Can you share just a little? We are completely out of spaghetti sauce, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake mix, canned ravioli/spaghetti-o's. Comfort Keepers and paper towels.

We would also truly appreciate donations of non-perishable traditional holiday food for the upcoming holiday season.



Warren Township Center

17801 W. Washington Street
Gurnee, Illinois 60031-5311

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Comedy, singing, all talents welcome at Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night is a venue for Warren Township High School students to show off their talent. While most performances are musicians, we also invite poets, comedians, dancers, or whatever talent you want to show off! Interested performers, please email OpenMic@wthsh.net with your performance info. Upcoming Open Mic Fridays include October 20, November 3, and December 1.