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#### 32ND ANNUAL FISHING DERBY WITH BRUCE VITALE

Warren Township Recreation Commission recently kicked off their Annual Fishing Derby, which Bruce Vitale established in 1985. Thirty-two years later, and Bruce still continues his dedicated service by running the event. Each year, Bruce enlists numerous organizations and people to help make the derby an affair worth attending. The Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club provided 250 hot dogs, 220 burgers, 400 fried Oreos, and 15 gallons of Italian ice. The Club also helped kids fix their hooks, lines and bobbers, and offered loaner poles for those who didn't have one. They raffled off 10 poles, 5 reels, 4 tackle boxes, and 2 grand prizes during the derby. Bruce and the club's members walked around the pond teaching the kids and parents how to cast.

The Warren PBA Local #235 also served as a great sponsor by donating numerous bags and hats, and by assisting during the event. Cub Scout Pack #182 provided fresh popcorn, and Bait & Boat offered their services. Bob Marino entertained all with music, and Marius Z. Idusiak generously took the time to photograph everyone. The Annual Fishing Derby is a huge team effort, and it all started with one man and his love of fishing and the outdoors.

The Recreation Department would like to thank Bruce & Brian Vitale, PBA Local #235, Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club, Bob Marino, Bait & Boat, Marius Z. Idusiak, and all the other volunteers who helped serve the food, hand out bait and pick up garbage. "It was another great event because of you!"



(above) Jack Merklinger.



(above) Bruce Vitale.



(above) Blue Ridge Sportsmen handing out Italian Ice.

Photos by Marius Z. Idusiak

#### WINNERS:

#### **OVERALL GRAND PRIZE WINNER:** Jack Merklinge, 28-inch Catfish –

This is his 4th year winning the grand prize.

Smallest Fish: Owen Zambell (3-inch Sunny)

#### 5-6 YEAR OLDS:

1st Place: Elias Lowston (26.5-inch CC) 2nd Place: Constantine Bellman (22-inch CC)

#### 7-8 YEAR OLDS:

1st Place: Gideon Minieri (13-inch CC) 2nd Place: Adalyn Shen (8.5-inch crappie)

#### 9-10 YEAR OLDS:

1st Place: Donovan Leone (24-inch CC) 2nd Place: Evan Cunha (19-inch CC)

#### 11-12 YEAR OLDS:

1st Place: Jason Granese (13-inch CC) 2nd Place: Naomi Gallic (6-in Sunny)

#### **13-14 YEAR OLDS:**

1st Place: John Calleo (19-inch CC)



(above) Winners.

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24TH ANNUAL FORE LOVE OPEN BENEFITING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The recently held 24th Annual Fore Love Open was a remarkable success. Despite a threat of rain that never came, over 130 golfers enjoyed Metedeconk National Golf Club's professionally manicured courses and delicious food throughout the day.

Committee Chairmen Mike Spishock and Mort Penson recognized dancker representatives Kevin Goy and Don Kolterjahn for dancker's dedicated support since 2008. Mike Spishock, a member of the Fore Love Committee since 1999 and chairman since 2001, chaired the event for the last time as he begins his transition towards his 2018 retirement. He will remain a member of the committee next year, though not in a leadership role

Presented by PVH Corporation, the event drew primary sponsorships from Industrial Cooling Corporation, JPM West, Inc., SBM Site Services, JP Metal America, Inc., and MC Construction Management, Inc., and donations from a multitude of local and national companies and

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(above l-r) Mike Spishock (Co-Chairman), Kevin Goy and Don Kolterjahn - dancker, Mort Penson (Co-Chairman).

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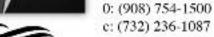
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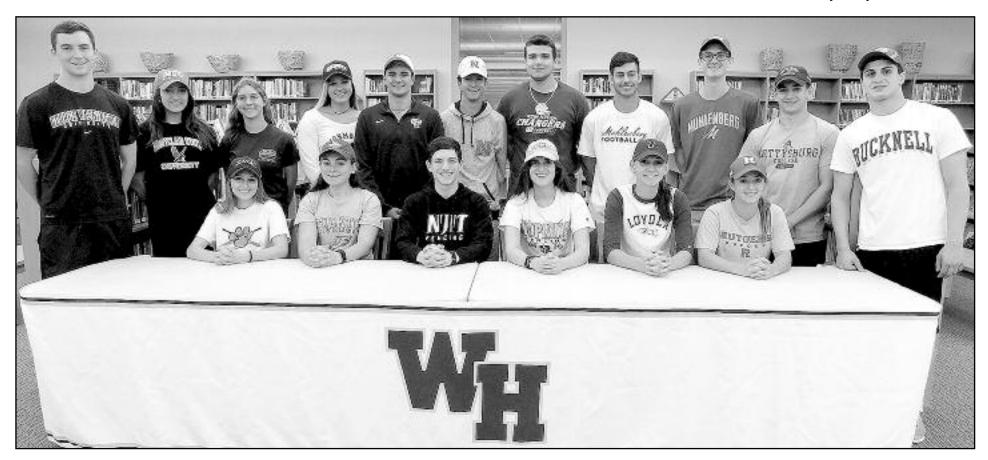
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#### WHRHS 2017 DIVISION I, II, III ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

A total of 20 graduating student athletes from in their sports next year for the colleges or II schools, and 10 to Division III schools. the Watchung Hills Regional High School

universities they plan to attend. Eight have Seventeen of the 20 gathered in the WHRHS (WHRHS) Class of 2017 plan to continue playing committed to Division I schools, two to Division Media Center on Thursday, May 25.



(above, seated, l-r) Taryn Rotondo, who plans to play Field Hockey at Kean University; Jesse DeLello, Cross-Country/Track, Richard Stockton University, Dominic Heise Fencing, NJIT; Brooke Stanicki, Fencing, Johns Hopkins University; Sydney Wilcenski, Loyola University, Maryland; and Alexa Ferreira, Soccer, Rutgers University; (standing, l-r) Kevin Sylvestri, Baseball, George Washington University; Melanie Cunha, Soccer, Montclair State University; Chelsea Semper, Soccer, Swarthmore College; Krysta Garcia, Swimming, Monmouth University; John Dardis, Swimming, Fordham University; Ryan Martins, Cross Country/Track, University of Nebraska; Michael Montecalvo, Football, University of New Haven; Michael Ugarte, Football, Muhlenberg College; Kyle Shanahan, Cross Country/Track, Muhlenberg College; Marc Larson, Wrestling, Gettysburg College; and Kevin Flynn, Swimming, Bucknell University. Not in the photo are: Lamar Evans, Division I, Football, Sacred Heart University; Dylan Murphy, Division II, Baseball, West Chester University; and Tyler Kulisz, Division III, Baseball, William Paterson University.

#### THE BENEFITS OF DIVORCE (AND POST-DIVORCE) MEDIATION

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Many couples who are contemplating divorce or separation believe that litigation is their only option. The truth is that many couples can utilize mediation as a means of resolving their marital issues. Additionally, many couples who have been divorced but are dealing with issues which have arisen after their divorce settlement can use mediation as a cost-effective means of achieving a resolution. Mediation is a fair, unbiased and less confrontational alternative to the parties returning to Court. Many discover they have more individual control in the mediation process than when utilizing the Courts. Divorce mediation offers the possibility to avoid the lengthy and costly process of litigating disputes.

Mediation is a private process for discussing and resolving the parental and financial issues that are part of your divorce or the issues that often arise after your divorce has been finalized. Instead of choosing to pursue the resolution of their disputes through the court system, couples voluntarily agree to work out issues between themselves with the assistance of a neutral third party (an accredited family law mediator).

In some cases one spouse sees the advantages in mediation while the other party is reluctant, mistakenly believing that mediation is a form of marriage counseling. This is not the case. Mediation is a completely nonbinding process where the parties attempt to resolve the issues that arise in a separation or divorce or where issues have come about after the parties are divorced (e.g. a party's loss of employment, a child's emancipation or their selection and cost of college, relocation of children

out-of-state, compliance with Court Orders). Mediation does not include any form of therapy or counseling.

Sometimes parties believe that going to mediation will set a precedent for future negotiations. This is also not true. The mediation process is confidential. Any disclosures or communications made during mediation are never to be repeated to a judge or third party. The mediator cannot be brought to court to discuss or testify about anything that was discussed in mediation. The entire process is also non-binding on the parties meaning that their understanding must become a signed court Order or formal agreement to be final.

Many parties feel that the issues that they present are too complicated for mediation. An accredited, experienced family law mediator (preferably an experienced family law attorney) who has met the standards required by the New Jersey Supreme Court, is uniquely qualified to deal with virtually any issue which may arise during family mediation.

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by Jyotsna Thapar, DPM

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Members of the Long Hill Township and the snakes through more than 300 towns. Warren Township Police Department participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held on June 9. They joined with over 3,000 law enforcement officers from over 300 New Jersey police departments. They each take a turn running one of 26 separate legs carrying the "Flame of Hope," the Special Olympic torch, throughout the day which began at 4:45 a.m. and

The run ends in the evening on the same day at the Special Olympics New Jersey summer games opening ceremony held at The College of New Jersey. The event started in 1984 to join a national effort. Its goal is to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics New Jersey. You can learn more and donate by visiting www.sonj.org.



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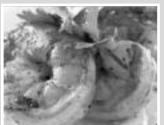
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The Warren Honorary P.B.A. hosted their 44th the New Jersey State P.B.A. These recipients Annual Venison Dinner on March 24, 2017 at have demonstrated their continued support to the local community in which we serve."

The Warren Township Honorary PBA is a Chief, William Keane, awarded residents Foster service organization of 65 volunteer members whose goals include: promoting a closer relationship between the residents and police; supporting and encouraging efficiency, morale, and general welfare for all the members of the police force and their families in times of need; and to cooperate with the Chief of Police and members of the police force so that the public can receive the maximum protection and benefits

from the department.

Through fundraisers like their annual Venison Dinner, the Warren HPBA has provided funds to purchase and care for Onyx, Warren's K-9, bulletproof vests, Honor Guard Uniforms, and Photo ID equipment. Among other projects, they have also been able to give funding to support the Police Unity Tour, D.A.R.E. and the Police Explorers.

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(above l-r) Sargent Dan Gleeson, WHPBA President Peter Fallon, Warren Police Chief William Keane, WHPBA Member Neal Drasin, WHPBA Member Jerry Amedo, WHPBA Past President Foster Cooper, Detective Rob Dinsmore, Officer Chris Cannon. Not in photo Carol Amedeo.





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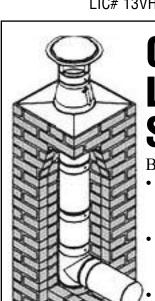
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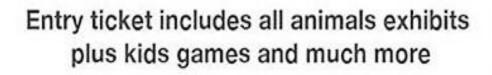




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The Warren Township Board of Education has four seats up for election on November 7, 2017. Three seats are for three-year terms from January 2018 through December 2020. One seat is for a one-year unexpired term from January 2018 through December 2018.

The deadline for candidates to file nominating petitions with the county clerk is July 31, 2017 by 4 p.m.

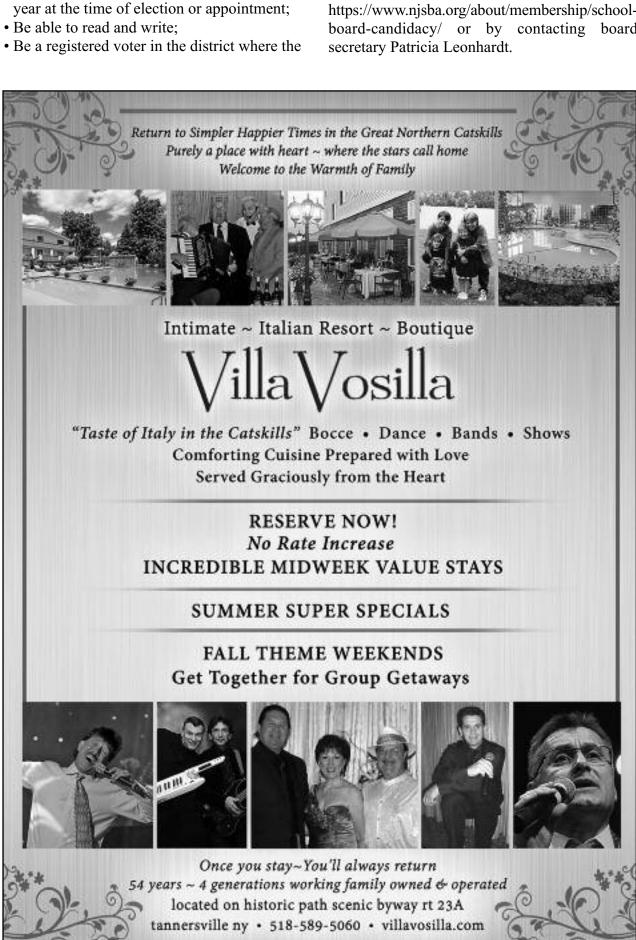
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- Not be the mayor or a member of the governing body of the municipality; or
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#### **PUZZLE-THEMED SPECIAL NEEDS SOCIAL HOUR**



SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch hosted a puzzle-themed Special Needs Social Hour on May 22. Over a dozen members of the community - including

(above) Brian Mahon, Dan Allen, and Bernice DeGeorge - enjoyed an hour of making new friends and putting together puzzles of varying difficulties. The next Special Needs Social Hour will be held at the Warren Twp. branch: No Mess Tie-dye on July 17. Registration is required; visit SCLSNJ.org for more information.

#### **Veteran's Benefits**

Thursday, July 27 6:30 - 8 pm **FREE** 

**SAGE Eldercare** 290 Broad Street, Summit.

Are you or your spouse a veteran? Do you know what benefits you might be eligible for?

#### Frank Quadrino,

Community Outreach Manager of the VA NJ Healthcare System, will discuss the many benefits available to veterans. To register or obtain more information, please call

908.598.5548 or email education@sageeldercare.org.



#### **SHOOT FOR THE STARS**

Author Norman Vincent Peale famously said, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." This summer, SCLSNJ will revel in the stars as we celebrate the largest star - our Sun.

On August 21, a total solar eclipse will be visible on a narrow track across the United States, stretching from Oregon to South Carolina; an eclipse of this magnitude has not been seen in this country since 1918. Although New Jersey will experience a partial eclipse, there is still much to see, learn, and experience at your library.

Author David Baron will dive into Thomas Edison's 1878 eclipse journey in his book,

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

Our Magnetic Sun: Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse July 10, 2-3 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch July 25, 2-3 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Watchung Library branch

#### **RVCC Planetarium: Activity Stations**

July 10, 2-3 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Mary Jacobs Memorial Library branch August 1, 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch August 14, 2-3 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch

#### **Meet the Constellations**

July 12, 7-8 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch

#### Visit the StarLab: Tour the Night Sky

July 13, 6-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch July 18, 6:30-7 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. hosted at St. Luke's Church located at 182 Main Street in Gladstone

#### Out of This World Teen Trivia Night

August 14, 7-8 p.m. at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch

**Build a Solar Eclipse Viewer** 

August 15, 10-11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

"American Eclipse;" Hillsborough resident Michael Dean Lewis Ph.D. will share his experiences working with NASA as their Solar System Ambassador; Raritan Valley Community College's StarLab will visit two communities; and much more. Join SCLSNJ for an out of this world opportunity.

#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Meet Galileo Galilei

August 10, 7-8 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Bound Brook Memorial Library branch August 19, 2-3 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Manville Library branch

#### NASA's Solar System Ambassador presents: Eclipses, **Ellipses, and NASA Missions**

July 20, 7-8 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's Hillsborough Library branch

#### The Great American Solar Eclipse

July 12, 7-8 p.m.

at SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch

SCLSNJ's library branches will distribute free eclipse viewing glasses to safely observe the Great American Solar Eclipse on August 21. Additionally, on August 21, starting at 1 p.m. the following libraries will be connecting to NASA TV to live stream the eclipse as it makes its way from Oregon to South Carolina: Bridgewater, Hillsborough, Manville, North Plainfield, and Warren Twp.

SCLSNJ was selected through a registration process managed by the STAR Library Education Network (STAR Net) and its NASA @ My Library project. The 2017 Solar Eclipse project is funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation through Grant GBMF5373 to the Space Science Institute. SCLSNJ would like to thank the Planetarium at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) for donating free tickets to planetarium shows or Laser Light concerts. Tickets will be raffled at eclipserelated programs for children.





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#### THE BOB LANZA BLUES BAND

Wednesday July 19, 7 – 9pm

(Rain Date: July 20)
46 Mt. Blvd (Warren Municipal
Complex Pavilion)

Cost: Free

Bring your own lawn chair and join the Warren Township Recreation Commission at the Warren Municipal Complex Pavilion for a free night of Jazz with the Bob Lanza Blues Band! The Bob Lanza Blues Band is a tight-knit blues unit, in true Chicago, Kansas City style, mixed with Texan influences and based in north NJ. Singer, songwriter, and guitarist Bob Lanza has recently released his scorching second release following his debut Things Ain't So Bad (2009). Bob Lanza (a previous Warren resident) has spent years with Floyd Philips, the Mudflaps, James Cotton, and other legends. The Kona Ice Truck will also be



available. Rain date is June 20.



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#### BOB MARINO & BARBARA HARRIS (FROM "THE TOYS")

Wednesday August 23, 7 - 9:00pm

46 Mt. Blvd (Warren Municipal Courtyard) Cost: Free

Join us for the 52nd Anniversary of "A Lover's Concerto" with Barbara Harris "The Toys" and Bob Marino on August 23 at 7 pm in the Warren Municipal Courtyard. There will be a car cruise for Cadillac & LaSalle Club as well as other Classic cars! Don't miss this "classic" act. "How gentle is the rain that falls softly on the meadow, Birds high up in the trees at Warren Municipal Courtyard!"







#### **JOHNNY'S JUKEBOX BAND**

Wednesday August 2, 7-9pm

(Rain Date: August 3)
46 Mt. Blvd (Warren Municipal
Complex Pavilion)
Cost: Free

Join us at the Warren Municipal Complex Pavilion off of Bardy Rd on August 2 at 7 pm for a night with Johnny's Jukebox Dance--the hottest oldies rock and soul dance band in the Lehigh Valley! Come out to fall in love again with all the hit songs you remember (and maybe wish you didn't remember) from the 50's through the 80's. Bring your own lawn chairs--the Kona Ice Truck will be available. The rain date is August 3.

Just take those old records off the shelf!

#### **WARREN'S GOT TALENT**

Wednesday, July 12th

7-9 pm

(Rain or Shine)

Stage next to Municipal Pavilion Area off of Bardy Rd.

Cost: Free

Calling all Warren, Green Brook, Watchung, and Long Hill Residents who are 7 years or older: want to showcase your talents on the big stage at the Municipal Pavilion? Find the application online at www.warrennj.org/recreation under youth or adult programs and apply by June 28th for your spot to show us all what you got! Who knows...you may even win!



#### **BLACK BEARS SAFETY TIPS**

Black bears by nature tend to be wary of humans and avoid people. However, if you encounter a black bear in your neighborhood or outdoors while hiking or camping, follow these common-sense safety tips.

- Never feed or approach a bear!
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- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- If a bear enters your home, provide it with an escape route by propping all doors open.
- Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear. Instead, slowly back away.
- To scare the bear away, make loud noises by yelling, banging pots and pans or using an airhorn. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms. If you are with someone else, stand close together with your arms raised above your head.
- The bear may utter a series of huffs, make popping jaw sounds by snapping its jaws and swat the ground. These are warning signs that you are too close. Slowly back away, avoid direct eye contact and do not run.

- If a bear stands on its hind legs or moves closer, it may be trying to get a better view or detect scents in the air. It is usually not a threatening behavior.
- Black bears will sometimes "bluff charge" when cornered, threatened or attempting to steal food. Stand your ground, avoid direct eye contact, then slowly back away. Do not
- If the bear does not leave, move to a secure
- Immediately notify the DEP's 24-hour, tollfree hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).
- Families who live in areas with high black bear populations should have a "Bear Plan" in place for children, with whistles, air horns and an escape route.
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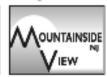






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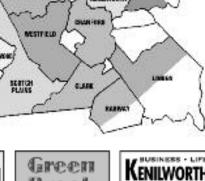
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#### FEMA ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO PREPARE NOW FOR HURRICANE SEASON

The Atlantic hurricane season began in June, individuals and communities prepare: and there is no better time to get ready than now. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages residents and businesses across the nation to prepare by understanding their risk, planning together for the entire family, and downloading the FEMA App.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center seasonal outlook for 2017, released last week, states that the Atlantic could see an abovenormal hurricane season this year. The full forecast linked seasonal is www.noaa.gov/media-release/above-normalatlantic-hurricane-season-is-most-likely-year.

Both hurricanes and tropical systems have the potential to cause serious damage to coastal and inland areas. Their hazards could come in many forms including storm surge, heavy rainfall, coastal and inland flooding, high winds, and tornadoes.

"The time to prepare for hurricanes and tropical storms is now, before a threat even exists," said FEMA Acting Administrator Robert J. Fenton, Jr. "We want people who live in coastal and nearby inland areas to know where they can get reliable information; prepare their home and workplace ahead of time; know if they live in an evacuation zone and be familiar with evacuation routes. Knowing what to do and practicing your plan now can make the difference between life and death if a hurricane or tropical storm does strike."

There is a lot of information available to help

Learn Your Flood Risk: Flooding is the nation's most frequent and costly natural disaster. Go to FloodSmart.gov and learn how to protect your home or business. Purchase a flood insurance policy if you do not already have one.

Make A Plan: Residents should speak with their family today about how they will communicate with each other during a significant weather event when they may not be together, or during an evacuation order.

Download the FEMA App: The FEMA App contains important information on what to do before, during, and after a hurricane. The App also allows users to receive weather alerts from NOAA's National Weather Service, includes lifesaving safety tips, and provides access to disaster resources should survivors need them. The App is available in the Apple App store or the Google Play store.

Know your evacuation zone: Evacuation zones are areas that may be impacted by hurricane Many communities designate evacuation zones and routes to get citizens to safety. This information is typically found on the websites of state, county, or town emergency management offices. If a hurricane threatens a community and local officials say it's time to evacuate, residents should evacuate immediately. Do not wait for the next forecast.

While much attention is often given to the Atlantic hurricane season, there are tropical systems that can affect many other areas around the nation. To learn more about hurricane seasons

in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, visit www.hurricanes.gov. To learn more on how to prepare before, during, and after a hurricane, visit www.ready.gov.

Additional tips and resources:

- www.ready.gov/animals
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