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2022 marks the 31st year of Watchung Hills Regional High School's Project Graduation. A volunteer team of parents of WHRHS seniors comes together to plan events for the graduating class throughout the year that lead up to a safe and fun graduation celebration for the entire class.

Traditional events include the Senior Panoramic Picture Day (shown in the photograph), where each senior is given their Senior Warrior t-shirt, and several Senior Week events, including a Yearbook Signing social, Senior Breakfast and the end-of-year event held on graduation night!

The past two years have been challenging to plan during Covid. In 2020, the event itself was canceled, but the committee did a great job finding alternative ways to celebrate the class. Last year, the committee had to wait until the last minute to finalize plans given the restrictions on indoor gatherings. No matter the challenge, the Project Graduation tradition has continued in some form or another to celebrate our seniors.

This year continues to be a challenge and a struggle for our students as they navigate their final year of high school amidst the uncertainty of the pandemic. However, this senior class is a resilient group of Warriors, and we are so proud of all they have accomplished. We hope this event will give them the celebration they deserve so they can put the years of uncertainty behind and create memories to last a lifetime.

The committee is excited to announce this year's action-

packed night will be held at Iron Peak Sports & Entertainment in Hillsborough, NJ. Graduates can choose from a full night of fun, including rock climbing, ninja courses, basketball, pickleball, volleyball and other sports, a new video arcade, live entertainment and so much more. Of course, food and drinks will be provided throughout the night for them to share this final night with their classmates.

All 520 WHRHS seniors are welcome to attend the Project Graduation event free of charge. Every senior will participate in the Senior week events leading up to Project Graduation as well. The committee relies entirely on fundraising to make this enormous event happen, including donations from the WHRHS community. If you or your business is interested in donating or providing a service, please reach out to [ProjectGradWHRHS@gmail.com](mailto:ProjectGradWHRHS@gmail.com), or send your donation directly via check made out to Project Graduation, 108 Stirling Road, Warren, NJ 07059. We also accept Venmo @WHRHS-2022Project Graduation – be sure to email us your details so we can ensure you receive acknowledgement. All donations are tax deductible and will be mentioned in the Graduation program.

Thank you in advance for supporting our students.

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# WARREN PACK 182

Spring is here and Pack 182 has been involved in some fun outdoor activities! Last month the scouts went in their first camp out of of 2022 at historic Camp Winnebago the event included hiking, fishing, learning first aid safety, soccer, and a campfire! In addition the scouts also

participated in the Warren township bonfire at the beginning of March where they handed out our famous scout popcorn! For any interested scouts please check out our Facebook page [warrenpack182.org](http://warrenpack182.org) or contact Ryan Valentino [rvalentino86@hotmail.com](mailto:rvalentino86@hotmail.com).



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Saturday, May 7 at 8 pm: Comedian Mike Marino, affectionately known to millions of his fans worldwide as New Jersey's Bad Boy takes the stage for an evening of hilarious comedy. Marino has a tongue like a razor and a heart of gold with stand-up material ranging from cutting-

edge observations of everyday life to his Italian family roots.

Sunday, May 13 at 3 pm: Grandma's Boy, the 1922 family comedy silent film directed by Hal Roach and Harold Lloyd, will be shown on the big screen accompanied by Wurlitzer Organist Bernie Anderson.

Friday, May 20 at 8 pm: Singer Chris Ruggiero's vintage rock and roll concert, "Silly Love Songs. It will be the 22-year-old singer's concert appearance in Somerset County since he rose to national fame following his PBS Television appearance.

Saturday, May 21 at 8 pm: Starman, The Bowie Tribute will perform the hits and deep cuts from "Ziggy Stardust (& the Spiders from Mars)" and "Station to Station", in their entirety, along with additional choice cuts from Starman's extensive song repertoire.

Sunday, May 22 at 2 pm: Stephen Fuller and

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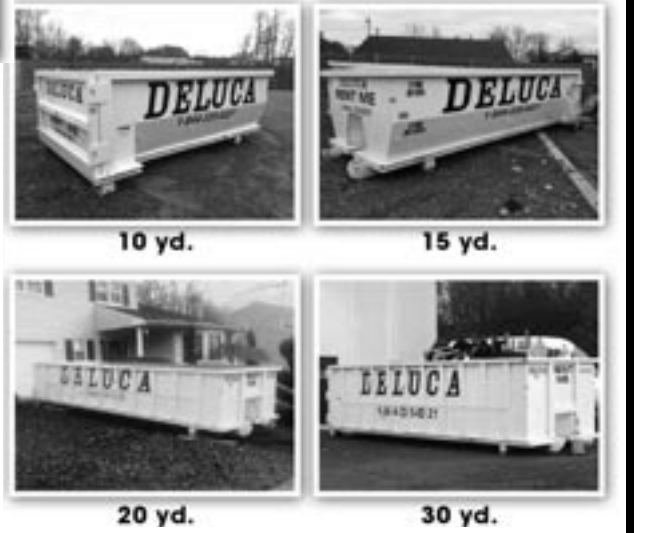
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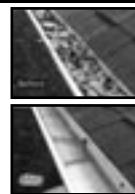
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The five inductees, selected from nominations made by members of the community, represent a wide range of talented former graduates and those who served the Watchung Hills Communities. They include the following:

Wayne Lee – A beloved and respected English

teacher for 40 years, who was voted Teacher of the Year in 2007.

Dr. Dawn Mitzner LaPorte – A 1987 Graduate and class valedictorian who has gone on to a very successful career as an orthopedic surgeon at John Hopkins School of Medicine.

Josh Pauls – A 2011 Graduate who won his fourth gold medal as a member of the United States Paralympics Sled Hockey team this past March.

René Thomas Rovtar – A 1976 Graduate who has served in the field of education as a board of education member, teacher, and superintendent

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Barbara Vitarius – A former Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education member for 13 years and served the Watchung Community for 40 plus years as an advocate for quality education, civic engagement, and community service.

Tickets are \$25.00 and they may be purchased in the main office of the high school or at the door the evening of the event.

For more information about the event, please contact Laurie Grafer at [lgrafer@whrhs.org](mailto:lgrafer@whrhs.org) or (908) 647-4800, ext. 4870.



(above, l-r) Wayne Lee, René Thomas Rovtar, Barbara Vitarius, Dr. Dawn Mitzner LaPorte, Josh Pauls

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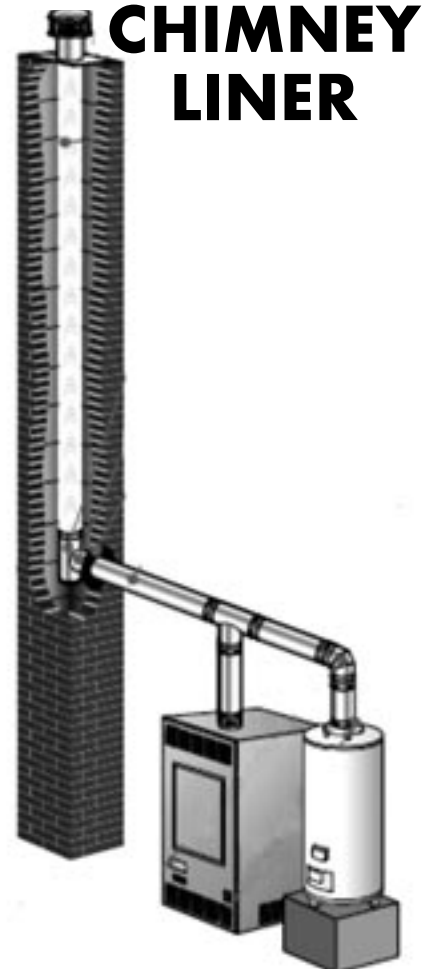


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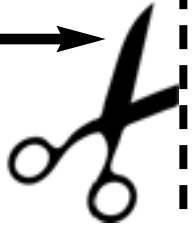
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### **Get stronger**

- Perform 50 bodyweight squats
- Perform 50 pushups
- Perform a plank for 60 seconds 3 times
- Perform 25 vertical jumps
- Get at least 8 hours of sleep a night

### **Be Happier**

- Get at least 30 minutes of exercise
- Do a morning routine that you enjoy
- Write 5 things that you are grateful for
- Adopt a Growth Mindset
- Listen to music whenever you can

### **Run Faster**

- Do 10 hill sprints
- Perform 15 Broad Jumps
- Sprint for 50 yards
- Perform single leg jumps
- Perform High Knee Marches

### **Build Confidence**

- Do something outside of your comfort zone
- Read a book
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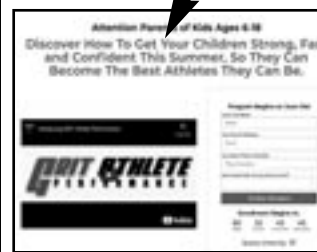


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Through May 27, the Art Space at the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Warren branch will be featuring an exhibit in partnership with the Raritan Valley Arts Association (RVAA). The RVAA is one of the oldest arts associations in New Jersey.

The exhibit features 43 diverse works of art from six New Jersey artists in a variety of artistic mediums, including: watercolor, oil, acrylic, pastel, and handmade wood carvings.

Participating artists are Adnan Ali, Nancy Boney, Lydia Chibane, William Metz, Donna Souren, and Peggys Tombro. Subject matters include floral and botanical art, portraits, birdhouses, gnomes, and more.

The Warren branch is located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren. For more information, email Kathy DeCristofaro at [kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org](mailto:kdecristofaro@sclibnj.org).



(above) Artists Peggys Tombro, a watercolor artist, and Lydia Chibane, an acrylic on canvas artist, are pictured in the exhibit space at the Warren branch.

Courtesy photo

## LOCAL SWIMMERS SHINE AT 2022 EASTERN ZONE AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Submitted by Brian Greene

Three 14-year-old Green Brook residents, Maddie Goret, Mya Uku, and Zack Kusch, recently closed out a strong short course swim season. All three swim for Streamline Aquatics Club (STAC), and are coached by Brian Greene, who is a resident of Green Brook as well.

Maddie Goret and Mya Uku joined STAC in 2015, while Zack Kusch has been swimming for STAC since 2016. Maddie, Mya, and Zack are friends, teammates, and classmates at WHRHS. Throughout their years swimming for STAC, the three have all earned great individual successes.

Recently the three shined at the 2022 Eastern Zone Short Course Age Group Championships in Webster, NY, held March 30th through April 2nd. This three-day meet featured some of the fastest

age group swimmers in the Eastern Zone which includes USA Swimming clubs from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, Virginia, Washington DC, and more.

These Green Brook swimmers are making incredible waves, and will continue to compete for STAC throughout the spring and summer in the 2022 long course season.

Maddie Goret placed first in the Women's 13-14 200 Yard Breaststroke and 2nd place in the Women's 13-14 100 Yard Breaststroke.

Mya Uku, placed 10th place in the Women's 13-14 100 Yard Freestyle.

Zack Kusch placed first in the Men's 13-14 100 Yard Breaststroke, first place in the Mens 13-14 200 Yard Breaststroke, and 5th place in the Mens 13-14 200 Yard IM.



(above, l-r) STAC Head Coach, Brian Greene with his swimmers, Maddie Goret, Mya Uku, and Zack Kusch on the pool deck at the Webster Aquatic Center, home to the 2022 Eastern Zone Age Group Championships, Webster, NY.

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### If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

### Consider This Alternative To Surgery

**Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

- Diagnostic fluoroscopy accurately targets the pain, unlike blind injections.
- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

### How Does This New Treatment Work?

Relief begins almost as fast as it takes to pronounce the treatment. It's called Viscosupplementation Therapy. To begin with, it starts with **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** investing in the use of diagnostic fluoroscopy. This enables them to target the exact location of your knee pain with pinpoint accuracy. What follows is a simple injection that causes little to no pain, especially when compared to what you may be living with daily. That explains what you will see on the surface of this revolutionary treatment. What's taking place below the surface is how and where the natural healing process takes place. The injection of a Hyaluronic acid called Hyalgan. This gel-like substance was approved by the FDA in 1996. Hyalgan is a natural substance that mimics the synovial fluid that is already produced by your body in your joints. Osteoarthritis sufferers in particular see a reduction in this much needed synovial fluid in their knee joints. Without that cushioning layer of protection, the cartilage in your knee can begin to wear away leading to the rubbing of bone on bone. Through Viscosupplementation Therapy, this natural substance immediately goes to work reducing the swelling and inflammation in the joint and adding a coating layer of protection. Think about Dorothy taking the oil can to The Tin Man. You'll begin to feel that same kind of relief and quite possibly feel like you're ready for a dance down the yellow brick road to recovery yourself. And with a success rate of over 85% in alleviating pain associated with osteoarthritis, it's easy to see why this treatment is so readily covered by Medicare and by most major insurance providers. Diagnostic fluoroscopy to target the pain. Viscosupplementation Therapy to relieve the pain. Simple, fast and no surgery!

### Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

### Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

Once I am able to explain to my patients about the pin point accuracy of using diagnostic fluoroscopy and the amazing results viscosupplementation can provide, they are thrilled to get started. They are even more thrilled when they feel the relief. Please contact **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** today to schedule your RISK FREE consultation.

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# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MAY 30

The Warren Township Committee invites you to the Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 30, 2022.

The parade will start at 11:30 a.m. on Mountain Blvd. & Mt. Bethel Road and continue down Mountain Blvd. to the Municipal Complex.

Following the parade, there will be a service at the Veterans Memorial in the center courtyard.

### CEREMONY TO INCLUDE:

- Pledge of Allegiance,
- Placement of Wreath,
- Moment of Silence and
- Remarks

Please join us to pay tribute to our brave men and women for their service and sacrifice.

# FISHING DERBY MAY 21

The Warren Township Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 (rain date May 22), from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Dealaman Nature Trail & Pond. Parking on Mount Horeb Road, Only for this day, you may park off of Technology Drive N (follow signs). Bring your own pole, bait & chair; must put back fish and use non-barbed hooks.

The free event is for Warren residents only. No registration is required but you must show proof of residence. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be: Prizes for ages 5 – 14; Free hats for the first 200 participants by Warren PBA; Free Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Drinks and raffle prizes by Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen Club.

# SCRAP METAL DRIVE MAY 14

On Saturday, May 14th, from 8 -11 a.m. Warren Boy Scout Troop 228 will hold a scrap metal drive at the Community Volunteer Fire Company #3, located at 14 Community Place, Warren.

What can you recycle: Ferrous and nonferrous metal accepted. Common forms of nonferrous metal include aluminum, brass, copper, lead, nickel, stainless steel, tin and zinc, wires and pipe, auto parts, keys, silverware and a variety of other products. Ferrous metal includes steel, commonly featured in household appliances.



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## NEW DEALS FOR OLD WHEELS

On Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street in New Providence, will again be collecting second-hand bikes for use by adults and children in third world countries. The collection is being conducted on behalf of Pedals for Progress, an organization which annually recycles 6,000 bicycles for persons in developing countries. Anyone with a bicycle in repairable condition is urged to donate to this worthy cause. Bikes may be dropped off at the parking lot next to the church. On that day, members of Faith will repair and process the bikes for shipment by P4P.

Since 2002, Faith Lutheran has been collecting bikes for P4P. In 2021, five hundred sixty-four bikes were collected from persons and organizations in New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, Westfield, Chatham, Warren, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The collection by Faith occurs throughout the year. The range of towns was aided by articles published in Renna Media publications.

Every year affluent Americans buy 22 million new bicycles and discard millions of old ones, abandoning many more in basements, sheds and garages. Most of these end up in our already overburdened landfills.

P4P ships its reconditioned bikes to persons in need of countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The bikes provide reliable transportation to commute to work, transport produce to market, access health care and other services. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of these economies.

P4P reports that the cost of shipping bikes has

increased significantly in recent years and now presents a substantial financial burden to P4P. Last year, Faith contributed \$3,000 toward the shipment of the bikes. Persons donating bikes gave \$1,273 toward shipment. P4P is asking persons to donate \$15 toward the shipping costs, if they are financially comfortable doing so. Donation or not, Faith welcomes all bikes in

repairable condition.

Since 2016, the chairperson of Faith's Pedal for Progress ministry has been Casey Walsh of Bridgewater, a long-time member of the church.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. Visit online at famfaith.org or call the church office at 908-464-5177. The address is 524 South Street, New Providence.

Courtesy photos



2021 Pedals for Progress volunteers.

(above, l-r) Pedals for Progress organization; Alan and Gary, Faith; Bill Bradley of New Providence, Casey Walsh of Bridgewater, Sally Reier of Union, Diana Bjorge of Berkeley Heights, Ky Luu, formerly of Fanwood, now South Carolina, Linda Fuller of Berkeley Heights.

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# TEACHER INTRODUCES ASL TO STUDENTS

## Warren Township Schools

Students in Mrs. Donna Bardy's English Language Arts (ELA) class recently finished reading the NY Times best-seller, *El Deafo*, a graphic novel by Cece Bell. Throughout Bell's story, the reader learns of Bell's experiences growing up with hearing loss and her insecurities about using the phonic ear in a school setting where she is the only hearing-impaired student.

Mrs. Bardy was moved by how her students responded to *El Deafo* and their positive reviews of the book. The students were very compassionate about her struggles trying to fit in. To provide the students with a special culminating experience, Bardy called upon Warren Middle School Teacher Ms. Karen Monti Balich for assistance.

Ms. Monti Balich, a graduate of St. Joseph's College in NY, earned a degree in Education and Communications with a concentration in Speech and Language. Ms. Monti Balich started her

career as a Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped, at St. Francis de Sales School, where she provided articulation and language therapy for students at their primary and secondary levels. It was at St. Francis de Sales School where Ms. Monti Balich became proficient in American Sign Language (ASL).

Monti Balich prepared workbooks for each student with common words and phrases illustrated in ASL. Monti Balich explained that ASL is a visual language requiring the use of the space in front of, around, and behind the communicator. The students learned very quickly how to sign their names.

Mrs. Bardy was excited to see her students share their new knowledge of ASL with their peers in the following class. The district is lucky to have such dedicated educators who go above and beyond to bring the students of Warren Middle School an excellent well-rounded education.



(above, l-r) Natalia Suarez, Robert Morales Jr, Mateusz Teepe, and Mrs. Donna Bardy work on signing their name for Ms. Karen Monti Balich.

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# SIGNS OF SPRING ARRIVE AT MT. HOREB SCHOOL

## Warren Township Schools

Grade 1 students from Mt. Horeb School received a big surprise when their little hatchlings broke free from their shells recently. Students in Ms. Cicalese, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Maag's classes have been closely monitoring their classroom visitors.

Each class has been learning about the lifecycle of chickens while simultaneously caring for the little chicks! Before the chicks hatched, each class was responsible for turning the eggs and keeping an eye on the temperature of the incubator.

The students love their new feathery classmates and enjoy the sweet sounds of their

chirps. Although not every student was comfortable handling the small chicks, all of the students who did, were gentle and paid special attention to treating the delicate animals with love and care.

On Friday, March 11, the chicks made the trip back to Quiver Farms in Pennsburg, PA. Caring for hatchlings is a long-standing tradition in Mt. Horeb School and the students and teachers look forward to it each year. Ms. Cicalese adores observing her class interact with the chicks. "This project created lifelong lessons and memories but best of all we were able to see the children's smiling faces throughout this whole experience." Photos by Warren Township Schools



(above) Scarlett Valentino, Megan MacDougall, Joceyln Rosenthal are taking a turn to gently hold the chicks.



(above) Jacob Sabatino, William Duque, Ryder Fell enjoy spending time with the small feathery visitors.



(above) Chase D'Annunzio, Samuel Sharipov, Mackenzie Wood, Sasha Rosenthal get up close to hold and check out the chicks are growing.



(above) Noah Lafkowitz, Laila Byrne, Adam Gabel, Laxmi Narain.



(above) Jacob Sabatino, Keegan Feeney, Megan MacDougall, Eliana Costa, Charles Hoang, Thomas Yueh, Sophia Watermasysk, Ariana Samayoa, George Goncalves, William Duque, Kylie Vilanova, Scarlett Valentino, Ryder Fell, Jocelyn Rosenthal, Murari Narain.



(above) Riley Burke, Laila Byrne, Laxmi Narain, Greta Bumgarner, Noah Lafkowitz, Chase D'Annunzio, Roodra Patel, Samuel Sharipov, Mrs. Maag, Eshaan Shah, Chloe Wangm Mackenzie Wood, Sasha Rosenthal, Charles Cove, Adam Gabel, Matthew Maziarz.

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# DISSOLUTION OF SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

## Warren Township

At the meeting of March 24, 2022, the Township Committee introduced ordinances to commence the process for the Dissolution of the Warren Township Sewerage Authority (WTSA). The WTSA was created by the Township Committee in September 1972 with the responsibility to operate and develop the sewerage treatment system within the Township of Warren.

At that time, Warren was a rural community and the Sewer Authority guided the construction of 3 sewer plants, 20 pump stations, and nearly 130 miles of sewer line throughout the Township. As Warren Township is a now developed community, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents and sewer customers for the management of the Sewer Authority to be the responsibility of the Township Committee as the elected representatives and not through the management of an appointed board.

The Township Committee will be creating by ordinance a Sewer Department. The finances of the Authority will be managed by the Township's Finance and Purchasing Departments, as are all other municipal funds.

Currently, the Sewerage Authority is staffed by an Executive Director, an Administrative Assistant, a part-time Bookkeeper, Auditor, legal, and engineers. As a Township Department, the sewer function will be managed by a Sewer Department Director, but the other responsibilities for record keeping, auditing, and governance will be performed by existing Township Departments and professionals

retained by the Township.

The finances of the authority will be managed through a separate utility fund and will not be incorporated with other Township expenses. This is important, as not all residents are sewer customers as many maintain their own septic systems.

The Township will maintain the use of the outside service company to manage the sewer plants and pump stations and does not intend to expand Township employment to accomplish this mission.

The Township Tax Collector's office has been collecting sewer fees since July of 2017 and will continue to do so in the new structure.

The Township will be filing its application with the New Jersey Local Finance Board for consideration at the May 11, 2022 meeting. Upon approval by the Local Finance Board, the Township Committee can consider the adoption of the ordinances. It is the goal to implement a new management structure on July 1, 2022.

The current Fee structure will remain unchanged in 2022. The Township Committee will conduct a review of the existing fee structure prior to establishing the 2023 structure.

The Township Committee believes that this approach will improve accountability, decrease costs, and eliminate duplication of services by professionals and employees by utilizing existing Township professionals and departments.

The Township Committee expresses its appreciation to the current and former commissioners for their dedication and stewardship of the Warren sewer systems over these 50 years.

## STOLEN VEHICLE TIPS REMINDER CHIEF WILLIAM KEANE

### Warren Township Police Department

Due to recent incidents of vehicle theft and burglary in Warren Township, as well as the rise in vehicle theft throughout the state, the Warren Township Police Department would like to remind you of some helpful tips to hopefully prevent you from becoming a victim.

Always LOCK YOUR VEHICLE whether it's parked on your street, in your driveway, or in your garage.

DO NOT leave any type of spare keys/fobs or anything of value, such as purses/wallets, credit cards, cash, or cell phones, in your vehicle.

Be aware, these criminals will access your garage door opener in an unlocked vehicle, and THEY WILL ENTER your garage and home to commit additional crimes.

Make sure your residence is LOCKED and well-lit during the evening and overnight hours. Criminals typically look for darker areas to commit these crimes for less visibility by passing motorists, neighbors, surveillance cameras, and police.

Continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, day or night, to the Warren Township Police Department via 9-1-1 or (908) 753-1000.



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