



VILLAGE OF WARWICK

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

FIRE AND ICE



This was a true winter. We experienced significant snowfall, including nearly two feet during the last major storm, along with record freezing temperatures that lingered for prolonged periods. It often felt relentless. I would like to thank our Department of Public Works for their many hours of hard work; as a team, they are intrinsic to the running of our Village and to maintaining its safety. But this season brought more than just challenging weather. On December 19, 2025, the Village experienced a lithium-ion battery fire at 28 Church Street involving a battery energy storage system. The incident required a coordinated response from our Fire Department, Police Department, EMS, and the Orange County Hazmat team. It raised serious concerns about public safety and regulatory oversight and tested the preparedness and professionalism of our emergency services.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Warwick Fire Department, Police Department, EMS, and County Hazmat for three days of careful supervision and monitoring. Their dedication ensured the safety of our residents. Documents and updates regarding the incident remain available on the Village website at villageofwarwickny.gov.

In January, rumors began circulating about a potential ICE detention facility at the former Pep Boys warehouse in the Village of Chester. As the possibility gained credibility, it drew intense public scrutiny and opposition from elected officials, along with organized civil protest. Although the property has not been sold, contrary to early news reports, concerns remain about what the future may hold.

These events served as a reminder that even a small community is not insulated from broader national and global issues. In times of uncertainty, unity matters. The response throughout our County demonstrated solidarity and a shared understanding of the potential local impact such decisions can have.

As we turn the page to spring, we are reminded that seasons change, but the lessons remain. Difficult moments can strengthen a community, fostering awareness, resilience, and perspective. Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth, a reminder that progress continues and that there is promise ahead.

Most importantly, we are not alone. We live in a community where care for one another is evident in everyday actions, where leadership is grounded in compassion, and where hope returns with every birdsong, blossom, and evening peeper. We are in a good place — not perfect, but full of potential.

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS: FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

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

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ORANGE & ROCKLAND EMERGENCY GAS HOTLINE

800-533-5325



Revolutionary Warwick

Scan here to learn about
Warwick's amazingly rich
Revolutionary War heritage
and local events planned
for the Nation's 250th celebration.



HISTORY



EVENTS

VILLAGE BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

VILLAGE BOARD

First and Third
Mondays
of the month
7:30 p.m. Village Hall
Board Room

AHDRB

First Tuesday
of the month
5:00 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
MEETINGS ARE STREAMED LIVE ON THE VILLAGE'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

ALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTERS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE VILLAGE'S WEBSITE:
VILLAGEOFWARWICKNY.ORG

SLOW DOWN WARWICK DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS & CAMPAIGN AND TOWNWIDE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN UNDERWAY

The Village of Warwick is very excited to announce that it applied for and has received federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All Program. These funds will be used to launch the Slow Down Warwick Demonstration Projects and Campaign and to spearhead a Townwide Transportation Safety Action Plan in partnership with the Town of Warwick, the Village of Florida, and the Village of Greenwood Lake. Together, these efforts will help reduce crashes, slow speeding, calm traffic, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and generally support the safe movement through our community by people of all ages and abilities.

The Transportation Safety Action Plan will identify and recommend strategies and projects intended to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes throughout the Town of Warwick. Community input is vital to this process. Residents are encouraged to take a brief survey, open

through March 15, to provide input to inform the plan. The survey and more information about the process and upcoming meetings can be found at: warwicksafetyactionplan.com

The Slow Down Warwick Demonstration Projects and Campaign is working with two artists to create bold, attractive, and iconic demonstration projects, including road paintings and signs, that will help increase awareness of the causes and consequences of speeding and distracted driving. These temporary projects will be installed at priority sites within the Village of Warwick identified by crash and speed data. We will measure the effectiveness of these demonstration projects using before and after speed data, crash data, and resident feedback with the goal of providing recommendations for permanent safety improvements. Look for the first of these projects this spring!

MEET THE ARTISTS *Warwick artist Elizabeth Laule and Queens-based artist Yuke Li were selected from an open call to artists to create the Slow Down Warwick Demonstration Projects.*



ELIZABETH LAULE is a multidisciplinary artist with a background in creating scenery and props for theater, film, and television. She has a strong sense of color and pattern and employs lettering and messages in much of her work. Elizabeth is a teaching artist with Wickham Works and engages people of all ages to make art and build community in and around the Town of Warwick. She lives in the Village of Warwick with her three daughters and is frequently seen hiking on nearby trails

with her golden doodle.

Q: What made you want to work on the Slow Down Warwick project?

A: This project drew me in for many reasons. As an artist, I firmly believe that community investment in public art leads to positive outcomes for both residents and visitors. It shows that the residents take pride in their shared space and it sends a message to others to care for it, too. As a resident, I am always on board to make our streets safer for my family and neighbors. I've lived here long enough to know some of the roadways and intersections that are problematic and I have concerns with how fast traffic moves, even on my own street. This project presented the perfect opportunity to offer my skills in service of my concerns! I am grateful to have been chosen to help my community in this way.

Q: What are you most excited about for this project? What can we look forward to in your designs?

A: I am excited about all of it, honestly. There's a lot of ways in which I'll be growing and learning as an artist through this work, but I think I'm most excited about the chance to work with fellow residents and friends in the installation of these pieces. I'm looking forward to that first warm, sunny day in April when we can finally put paint to pavement! Yuke and I are working on creating a bright and lively world of designs that you'll see popping up in the village over the course of the next nine months. We hope they will grab attention and really make a difference in slowing down traffic, leading to a safer Warwick for all.



YUKE LI is an artist and illustrator who uses visual language to express emotions, thoughts and stories. The diversity of people and culture has been her forever inspiration. Her public art experience spans multiple cities including New York City, San Francisco, and Boston, where she has created works that integrate aesthetics with their environments. Her practice often focuses on transportation and pedestrian projects, such as a traffic safety fence installation for biking, a 7,500 square

foot busway asphalt mural in Union Square in New York City, and crosswalk artworks. In all her projects, she balances visual impact with safety, using bold, high saturation colors. For Warwick, she is drawing inspiration from an extensive site visit and tour of the community and from community engagement being conducted by fellow artist Elizabeth Laule about how people feel as they navigate around our streets.

Q: What interested you in this project?

A: This project gives me a powerful opportunity to create work that is not only visually engaging but also functionally impactful. By using scale, color, and visual rhythm intentionally, I can influence how drivers experience the space, encouraging them to slow down and stay alert. By merging artistic expression with a clear public safety message, the mural becomes an active part of the street rather than a passive decoration. For me, this intersection of art and social responsibility is essential. Traffic-calming murals demonstrate how public art can directly serve a community, and that purpose-driven impact is central to my commitment to community-centered practice.

Q: What have your impressions of Warwick been so far? Why are you excited to work with our community?

A: I'm excited to work with the Warwick community because this project responds directly to local safety concerns. I appreciate that Warwick is open to creative, community-based approaches to slowing traffic and protecting both neighbors and wildlife. I've received thoughtful and meaningful feedback from residents, which shows how much people truly care about their neighborhood. I'm actively incorporating their input into my design, so the mural reflects the community's voice as well as its character.



VILLAGE OF WARWICK – FRIENDLY REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

The Village of Warwick would like to remind residents to please contact the Village Building Department and the Water Department before starting any construction or home improvement projects to find out if permits are required and to locate important water equipment

water equipment—such as meters, transmitters, wiring, or curb shut-off valves—is damaged, buried, or removed during construction or yard work.

on your property.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Paving or repaving driveways
- Replacing siding
- Interior or exterior construction or remodeling
- Installing irrigation systems
- Landscaping or yard work

The Water Department’s goal is to help residents avoid unexpected charges or service issues that can happen if

Before starting your project, please make sure that:

- Curb shut-off valves are not paved over
- Water meters, transmitters, and wiring are not damaged, destroyed, or discarded

Please note that property owners are responsible for the cost of any damaged or missing water equipment.

If you’re planning a project and have questions, we encourage you to contact the Village of Warwick Water Department or Building Department. A quick call ahead of time can help prevent delays, extra costs, and inconvenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep Village services running smoothly.

RESIDENTIAL YARD, GARAGE, PORCH, AND BARN SALES

The Village requires a permit from the Village Clerk under Chapter 63 of the Village Code. Sales may be held for up to three consecutive days between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., with no more than two sales per calendar year, and must feature only household items owned by the resident.

Permit fees are \$15 for single-family properties or \$100 for multi-family properties or organizations, along with a refundable sign deposit (\$25 single-family, \$50 multi-family/organization).

Up to four self-provided freestanding signs with Village-issued stickers are allowed. Signs must be placed on private property with permission, on the property side of the

sidewalk (if relevant), and may not be attached to utility poles, traffic or other Village property. Improper or unstickered signs will be removed, and deposits may be forfeited.

These guidelines help keep our Village clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone. Garage Sale applications and additional details are available on the Village website. Specific regulations exist for signs, including restrictions on posting on street/sidewalk infrastructure (see § 117-8).



The Village Code can be viewed at: ecode360.com/AWA0539

WARWICK VALLEY WASTE NOT, WANT NOT SURVEY



Please take a moment to take this anonymous survey, co-sponsored by The Town of Warwick, and the Villages of Florida, Greenwood Lake and Warwick, and Sustainable Warwick. Scan code or visit:

sustainablewarwick.org/waste-not-survey.

The purpose of this survey is to determine how many of the waste reduction programs and activities offered are known and used by residents, as well as assess interest in potential programs. The results of this survey will help us find more ways to reduce our local waste footprint.



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**VILLAGE OF WARWICK
CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY**
Friday, April 24



OPENING DAY:
SUNDAY, APRIL 26
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
South St. Parking Lot
warwickvalleyfarmersmarket.org



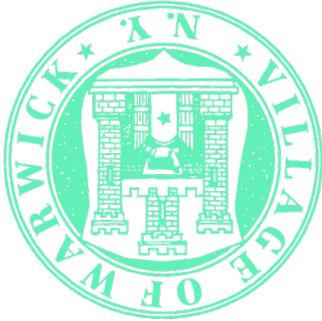
**ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH
MONTH AWARENESS
CELEBRATION**
Saturday, May 16, 2026,
noon-4 p.m.
Railroad Green



Thank you to Village resident, Narciscus Key Jr., Key Studios, for capturing our DPW hard at work during a recent Winter storm. This video can be viewed on the Village’s Facebook page.

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Alternate: Parks & Recreation, Environmental, Veterans

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