



VILLAGE OF WARWICK

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

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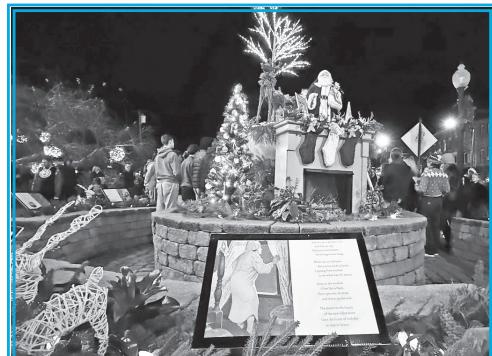
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Don't miss the holiday magic on Railroad Green, beautifully decorated each year by the Warwick Valley Gardeners. For more than twenty years, the club has transformed the Green with a new theme each season—and this year's theme is "Twas the Night Before Christmas."



Though the days are shorter and darkness comes way too early the holiday lights brighten our path and our streetscapes are filled with the unexpected. Downtown is the place we meet friends, sip a cup, shop, do errands and enjoy all the details of Village life. Winter weekends are punctuated by events from tree lightings to tractor rides down Main Street and of course a possible visit from Santa. It is fun and it is the life we have grown to enjoy, anticipate and celebrate.

The business men and women of our community are remarkable. Their entrepreneurship and passion for what they do is the reason why people say they love to “shop Warwick”. Creativity and quality are the reasons we are a destination, a day trip, a place to explore.

This happened over time as generations of businesses created the foundation of what we have today. Establishments such as Lovey's, Home Front America, Blue, Port of Call, Gilvan's, La Petite Cuisine, and a list quite long that created an environment of vitality and opportunity that set the stage.

The reason I put a spotlight on this is to recognize the importance of our business community. Our downtown is a true place of commerce and of life. We have held on to something that is special, that has intrinsic value that defines our Village.

So the Season is before us! Enjoy all that the Warwick Valley has to offer. Savor and share these moments, be generous, be kind, immerse yourself in the joy that surrounds us and the grace of giving.

On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, the staff at Village Hall and our Department of Public Works we wish all our Jewish residents a Happy Hanukkah and to all our Christian friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas!

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.GOV**

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK!

The Village recently issued a community survey—available online, at Village Hall, and at the Warwick Farmers Market for 2–3 weeks—to help inform our New York Forward application and to gather broad input on community needs and priorities. More than 160 Village residents and visitors participated and shared thoughtful, detailed feedback. The results were incorporated directly into the New York Forward submission and have also been shared with the Village Board of Trustees to support their liaison duties. This valuable input will also guide future planning initiatives throughout the Village.

Key Themes of What We Heard

Preserving Village Character: Residents deeply value Warwick's historic charm and small-town feel. Many expressed caution around over-development while also noting the need for genuinely affordable housing that fits the scale and character of the Village.

Accessibility, Safety & Mobility: The most consistent requests were for improved sidewalks, crosswalks, ADA compliance, better lighting, safer intersections, and expanded bike infrastructure. Traffic calming and enforcement were also strongly supported.

Public Spaces & Parks: Parks are well-loved but need upgrades in some locations—more shade, benches, restrooms, accessible paths, and enhanced performance/event spaces. Railroad Avenue, Veterans Memorial Park, and Stanley-Deming Park, all received feedback.

Small Business & Downtown Vitality: The community strongly supports local, independent businesses and wants more diverse, everyday retail options of the sort that can provide basic needs for food, clothing, etc. Other ideas included pop-up spaces, business incubators, market halls, and incentives

for new or growing businesses. Parking availability and user-friendly parking options were noted as ongoing challenges that the Village is already working on.

Infrastructure, Environment & Sustainability: Residents emphasized the need for green infrastructure—street trees, rain gardens, permeable paving—as well as solutions for flooding, heat, and ice. There was interest in sustainable energy and transportation options, provided they are cost-effective and aesthetically appropriate.

Arts, Culture & Heritage: Strong support exists for public art, murals, cultural way-finding, and accessible performance spaces. Residents want more opportunities for art and music that reflect Warwick's local identity.

Inclusion & Underserved Populations: Participants shared that seniors, people with disabilities, young families, low-income residents, and teens are not fully served by current offerings. Accessibility, affordability, and more inclusive gathering spaces were key themes to improve the downtown area.

Governance & Community Voice: Respondents noted a desire for transparency, ongoing public engagement, and thoughtful long-term planning that centers the everyday needs of residents.

The Resounding Message

We heard that residents overwhelmingly cherish Warwick's unique character and sense of place. At the same time, we heard that you want practical, inclusive improvements that enhance accessibility, safety, affordability, and quality of life—while protecting the charm that makes our Village special.

Thank You, Warwick!

PATRIOT'S PATH & VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Village is pleased to share that we have selected KaN Landscape Design as the landscape architect for the Patriot's Path and Veterans Memorial Park Master Plan Implementation Project. We are currently coordinating a kickoff meeting with the Patriot's Path Subcommittee to begin shaping the design of both the front entrance area of the park and the Patriot's Path section.

This phase marks an exciting opportunity to honor the service and sacrifices of our veterans and to elevate the park's purpose and story within the community. With thoughtful design and collaborative planning, we aim to bring even greater prominence and meaning to this important space.

This work is made possible through a generous grant from Senator James Skoufis' office, and we are deeply grateful for this support.

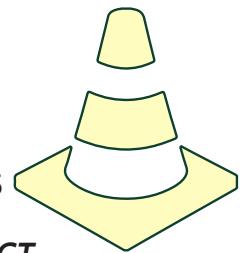


NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Congratulations! The Village of Warwick DPW was honored as the MVP of 2025 at the Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce's 86th Annual Gala in November.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Village of Warwick Department of Public Works will pick up Christmas trees shortly after December 25 and into the new year. Please check the village website for dates. Trees must be placed by the curb.



OVERNIGHT PARKING RULES IN EFFECT – 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.

This helps keep our roads clear and safe during the winter months. Thank you for your cooperation.

View from the passenger's side of the Village's snow plow taken by Mary Collura in October 2024 during a ride-along with DPW Assistant Supervisor Mike Finelli. This perspective demonstrates the importance of keeping the Village streets free of vehicles so the plows are able to remove snow and spread salt during inclement weather to ensure the safety of Village residents and workers.



VILLAGE SIDEWALKS

Warwick's Village code (and that of most municipalities) requires that property owners build, repair, and maintain adjacent sidewalks. This includes snow and ice removal during the Winter months within 24 hours of snowfall.

Please remember that moving snow from driveways, sidewalks and cars into village streets are prohibited.

§ 117-24

[Amended 3-9-1987 by L.L. No. 3-1987]

B. Any property owner who fails to remove snow and/or ice from sidewalks adjoining his property within 24 hours after a snowfall and any person who throws, shovels, plows or places snow or ice onto a public street, highway or right-of-way shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or by both said fine and imprisonment.



The Village Code can be viewed at: ecode360.com/WAO539

VISIT FROM CONGRESSMAN PAT RYAN: SUPPORTING WATER SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

We were pleased to welcome Congressman Pat Ryan to the Village for a site visit to Well No. 3, a project he was instrumental in helping us fund. Well No. 3—now under active construction—will provide a redundant, secure, and reliable water supply for the Village, strengthening our infrastructure and ensuring long-term water resilience for our residents.

Congressman Ryan joined Trustee Collura and Trustee Foster for a tour of the project, where the group discussed the well's importance to community safety and water reliability for our residents and businesses. Following the site visit, the team brought the Congressman to several other locations throughout the Village to highlight ongoing challenges and opportunities, including speed control and safety concerns on state roads.

The visit also included a stop at the new Village skate park, which was nearing completion at the time, and the recently completed pump track. Congressman Ryan was able to see firsthand how these recreation spaces will benefit youth, families, and recreations of all ages while enhancing our community's parks and public spaces.

We ended the day with a shared commitment to continue working together to support transportation options, strengthen collaboration between state and local partners, and address key community needs. We are grateful for Congressman Ryan's ongoing partnership and his support of projects that help keep Warwick safe, vibrant, and connected.

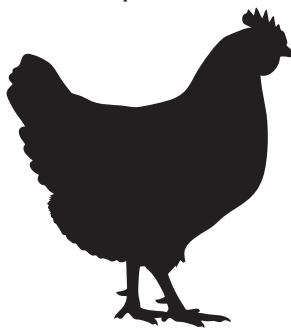


Trustee Foster, Trustee Collura, Former Village Trustee Bill Lindberg, Village DPW staff Tony Rivera and Jason Makuch, Congressman Pat Ryan, and members of Artisan Skateparks shortly after the completion of the skatepark.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT STATUS

Maple Ave Water Pump Station Relocation

This project is being done in conjunction with the New York State Department of Transportation repaving project. The current pump station is in the island at the intersection of Maple and Colonial and needs to be moved to accommodate the reconfiguration of that intersection. The location of the new pump station is on Grand St. across from Fairview Ave. The construction is expected to be completed in January. In addition to the pump station a pressure reducing valve is being installed on the west side of Maple Ave. near the Robin Brae intersection.



The Village has established a Cluck Committee to study the issue of keeping chickens within Village limits. The committee is composed of two Village Trustees and three Village residents, all generously volunteering their time to support this work.

To develop a well-informed recommendation, the Cluck Committee has been researching best practices, speaking with other villages across New York State and beyond, and gathering

Well 3 Treatment Plant

The new treatment plant is being constructed near Homestead Village. This plant will provide redundancy in the system to accommodate maintenance and repairs on other facilities and resiliency when water resources are depleted due to drought. The project is expected to be completed early 2026. In addition to the plant a driveway will be constructed to connect the plant to Homestead Village Drive near the Olde Wagon intersection.

CLUCK COMMITTEE UPDATE

information on how similar communities manage the keeping of chickens. All committee activity, including meeting notes and updates, is being logged on the Village website for full transparency.

As part of this effort, we are asking community members to share their perspectives by completing a brief public sentiment survey.

A sincere thank you to our Cluck Committee members for their dedication, thoughtful research, and service to our community.

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Warwick will hold Budget Work Sessions for FY 2026-2027 at Village Hall, 77 Main St. during the following dates and times during which the public is invited to attend: December 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m.; December 16, 2025, 9:00 a.m.; December 17, 2025, 9:00 a.m.; December 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

TOWN OF WARWICK HOSTS DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

In response to the federal delay in food benefits, the Town of Warwick partnered with local food pantries and the Regional Food Bank to offer a drive-thru food pantry service on November 8th.

Boxes were prepared by volunteers to provide food for about three days to the first 375 customers.

Among the nearly hundred volunteers were some familiar Village of Warwick faces: Mayor Newhard (not pictured); Deputy Mayor, Barry Cheney; Village Clerk, Raina

Abramson; Trustee, Mary Collura; Water Distribution Supervisor, Chris Bennett.



This was just another great example of collaborative efforts and supporting each other in times of need.

VILLAGE FINDS NO LEAD SERVICE LINES

The Village is continuing to gather information for the Lead Service Line Inventory. The purpose of the Inventory is to identify customer's service line material (lead, galvanized requiring replacement or non-lead). The Village has determined the type of material for all but 998 customer service lines which remain Unknown. To date we have not found any lead service lines.

During this past summer the Village's engineering interns made appointments with customers and inspected and photographed the water line where it enters the house near the meter. The data then used to further populate the inventory.

The interns will be back with the Village in December and January and will continue to make appointments, inspect and inventory the type of material. In the meantime Village residents can participate directly in the Inventory and possibly avoid having a visit from the interns by scanning the QR code and completing a short survey.





Holiday Happenings

FREE METER PARKING

Local shoppers can enjoy free metered parking, up to two hours, until January 1, 2026. Meters have been adorned with red ribbons, by the Warwick Valley High School Future Farmers of America.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Enjoy the sights and scenes of the season every weekend up until the holidays. Free tractor rides offered, weather permitting, during the following dates: November 23, 29, 30, December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Railroad Ave. Santa will be visiting Railroad Green on December 7, 14, 20, 21 from noon to 3 p.m.

CAROLING AT THE NATIVITY

All are welcome to join in caroling at the Nativity, located in Warwick Historical Society's Lewis park on Sunday, December 7 at 5 p.m. There will also be a Three Kings Procession at the nativity on Sunday, January 4 at 6 p.m.

OPERATION TOY TRAIN

The Operation Toy Train will be coming to the Village on Sunday, December 14 by the Kuiken Brothers parking lot. The train will arrive at 9:45 a.m. and leave at 10:20 a.m. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for the collection.

MENORAH LIGHTING

All are welcome to the annual menorah lighting in Lewis Park, taking place on the first night of Hanukkah, Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m. This event is organized by Moshe Schwartzberg and will include readings and songs.

HOLIDAY MARKET

The Warwick Farmers Market will be holding its sixth annual Holiday Market on Sunday, December 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Kuiken Brothers parking lot.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome in the New Year at the Tenth Annual Apple Eve. Gather on Railroad Ave. with your friends and neighbors and watch the apple drop at midnight.

SLOW DOWN WARWICK & TOWNWIDE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACTION PLAN – PROJECT UPDATE

The Village of Warwick is pleased to share progress on two major safety initiatives funded through the Federal Highway Administration: Slow Down Warwick and the Townwide Transportation Safety Action Plan. Together, these efforts aim to make our streets safer, calmer, and more welcoming for everyone—drivers, pedestrians, families, and people who wish to move through our community without cars.

We are excited to announce the selection of two outstanding artists who will lead the creative work for Slow Down Warwick: Beth Laule, a local Warwick artist known for deep community engagement and for transforming feedback from residents into thoughtful, community-centered public art.

Yuke Li of Mineola, NY, who brings experience developing roadway art installations, murals, and other public art installations.

Beth and Yuke will collaborate with our transportation engineering and planning partner Creighton Manning and community members to design demonstration projects and outreach that use art to calm traffic and promote safer driving behavior throughout the Village.

We are also preparing to launch the Townwide Transportation Safety Action Plan, a coordinated initiative between the Village of Warwick, the Village of Florida, the Village of Greenwood Lake, and the Town. Last week, we held a kickoff with consulting firm Creighton Manning with the mayors from all three Villages, Supervisor Dwyer, and all police chiefs! This speaks to the value and importance of the initiative.

WINTER WIGGLE

All are welcome to join the fun at the Second Annual Warwick's Winter Wiggle on Saturday, January 24 from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Mountain Lake Park, (snow day: January 25).

This is a free event with food generously donated by local restaurants. Richard Stillman Band will provide entertainment with Square Dancing. Local organizations and community groups will also be present.

The Dial-A-Bus will be providing free municipal bus service to and from the event.

As part of this initiative, we will be establishing a Transportation Safety Task Force. This group will include representatives from the Villages and Town, partner agencies, and community members. This collaborative approach ensures that safety improvements reflect local needs and lived experiences.

The plan will build on the speed radar data you've seen collected throughout the Village over the past several months. This data is helping identify where speeds are highest and where interventions can most effectively reduce safety risks for drivers, pedestrians, and people moving without cars.

There will be multiple opportunities for public engagement as both projects move forward. Community input is essential to ensuring these safety initiatives truly reflect local priorities and address areas of concern.

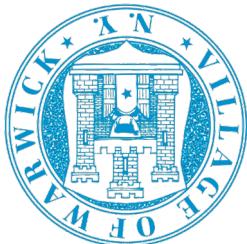
If you have ideas, concerns, or suggestions in the meantime, please drop them in our virtual suggestion box at the bottom of the Village's home page (and QR code in this newsletter) — we welcome your thoughts at any stage of the process.

These coordinated efforts represent an important investment in public safety and quality of life. By pairing engineering, planning, community insight, and local artistry, Warwick is taking a thoughtful and forward-looking approach to transportation safety—one that makes our streets not only safer, but more beautiful and more reflective of our shared values. More updates will be shared as the work progresses.



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