



VILLAGE OF WARWICK

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Enchantment!



After a spectacular but wet Fall and a spooky and fun Halloween, the Holiday Season is before us. Thanksgiving is a holiday we can all enjoy. It is a moment to reflect and to

share the goodness of family and friends. It's also a time to truly appreciate the place we live in. Our Village is a center of activity at all times of the year but this season, it is festive, beautiful, filled with activities and sensory experiences. Our downtown takes on a magic quality – an enchantment! Our stores and restaurants are bountiful. There is much to do: tree lightings, a Winding Through Warwick tour, horse and buggy rides, a picture with Santa in his sleigh, caroling on Main Street, hot cocoa on the Green, a Christmas Eve sing-along and musical, theatre, chorale and dance performances, all abound!

Small businesses are the foundation of our local economy and supporting them is critical to the overall success and health of our community. Small Business Saturday is an example that recognizes the value and importance that small business has on the nation's economy. We have been lucky that we've never lost the community support of our local businesses. It is that ongoing support that has made our Village vibrant and a wonderful place to shop and visit. There are

many ways we can support local businesses, makers, and growers. Local purchases that are gifts have the twofold reward of finding something unique and supporting local entrepreneurs. So be merry and shop locally and have fun!

This is also the season of miracles. The eight nights of Hanukkah celebrate the cleansing of a sacred space after it had been desecrated. It is a simple but powerful story that reminds all of us of the strength of good over evil, light over darkness. The annual Menorah lighting will be at Lewis Park.

The miracle of the birth of a savior is beautifully depicted in the creche in Lewis Park as well. This is a gift to our community from Douglas and Mary Krauze. The Ecumenical Society will be having an evening of caroling at the creche to celebrate the season. Many of our residents celebrate Kwanza which has its roots in African culture which celebrates the harvest and the earth. It begins on December 26 to January 1 culminating in a communal feast.

It is a time of joy and wonderment and on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, our Office Staff and Department of Public Works I wish all our residents a very Merry and Happy season. Enjoy!

For specific information, times, and dates, on local events throughout the season please go to Hello Warwick Valley! hellowarwickvalley.com

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[villageofwarwickny7060](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvillageofwarwickny7060)

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



VILLAGE BOARDS MEETING SCHEDULE

VILLAGE BOARD
First and Third Mondays
of the month
7:30 p.m. Village Hall
Board Room
*Meetings are streamed live on
the Village's YouTube Channel*

**ARCHITECTURAL AND
HISTORIC REVIEW
BOARD**
First Tuesday of the month
4:30 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

THIS NEWSLETTER CAN BE VIEWED ON THE VILLAGE'S WEBSITE

LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

The Village has received a \$575,770 grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to conduct an inventory of its water distribution system to determine the type of pipe material in service lines between the water main and the customer's meter. This is important because lead can leach from the pipes and connections into the drinking water. The use of lead service lines was banned in June 1986 so any buildings constructed after that date can be assumed to not contain lead.

The initial step in this process will be to search the village records for this information. Once that is compiled, the Village will be asking customers to submit a photograph of their meter and the service pipe entering the building. Prior to this step, the Village will send a letter to all affected customers which explains what needs to be

done. The customer doing this will eliminate the need for the Village to schedule an appointment to inspect the service line in the building. We realize not every customer will be able to perform this task and we will make any necessary accommodations. By the customer submitting the photo it will save Village resources that can be moved to other tasks. From this photo of the Village will be able to discern the pipe material.

Next, the Village may employ water quality testing and/or exploratory excavation to visually observe the pipe material. Once the inventory is complete, which is expected to be Fall 2024, it will be used to apply for additional grant funding so that service lines considered to be lead can be replaced under a subsequent grant.

MAPLE AVENUE WATER PUMP STATION RELOCATION



The Village has a water distribution pump station on the island at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Colonial Avenue. The upcoming New York State Department of Transportation paving project through the village, will see a reconfiguration of that intersection with the island being removed. As a result, the Village will be relocating the pump station to Grand Street. The new above ground pump station will be safer

and more accessible. The Village received a \$250,000 grant from Senator Skoufis, which will offset some of the cost of constructing the pump station. The design will be completed in December, and submitted to the Health Department for review, after which the project will be bid with construction in 2024.

This area, originally called Memorial Square and later Forester Square, is home to the Sanford fountain and the rock with a bronze plaque honoring Henry William Herbert. Henry William Herbert, whose pen name was Frank Forester, was known for his book "Warwick Woodlands." These memorials will be safely preserved and moved to the property across the street at the A.W. Buckbee Center, owned by the Warwick Historical Society.

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. Blowing snow into the street is prohibited.

§ 117-24

Notice; work by village; assessment of costs.

[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/
WA0539](http://ecode360.com/WA0539)

VILLAGE OF WARWICK AHDRB

The Architecture and Historic District Review Board (AHDRB) plays an important role in Warwick, tasked with preserving the village's historical heritage. It reviews building applications for properties located in the Historic District and all commercial properties within the Village to maintain the historic and aesthetic character of the area. Only single family residential properties outside of the historic district do not pass before the AHDRB.

The Building Inspector is required to refer applicable building applications to the AHDRB before permits are issued. This ensures that every proposal for exterior renovations is examined for its compatibility with Warwick's historical architectural style and aesthetics. The AHDRB issues or denies a Certificate of Appropriateness, evaluating proposals based on their design harmony with nearby structures, impact on the local environment, and contribution to neighborhood appeal and property values.

These recommendations are then considered by the Village Planning Board during their site plan approval process. This collaboration ensures that development in Warwick enhances the village's unique ambiance.

For more information, including checking if your property is in the Historic District, visit the Village website. There, you'll find a detailed map and an updated, user-friendly building permit application. This new format guides applicants through the process and provides easy access to relevant sections of the zoning code, making it simpler for residents to navigate village procedures.



Scan here for
Village of Warwick
Historic District Map

HEAT IS TO BE PROVIDED BY LANDLORD

New York State Property Maintenance Code [NY] 602.3 Heat supply. Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling units rooming units, dormitory or guestrooms on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period from September 15th to May 31st. to maintain a minimum temperature of 68°F (20°C) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms.

Holiday Happenings in the Village of Warwick

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Enjoy the sights and scenes of the season every weekend up until the holidays. Free horse and buggy rides offered, weather permitting, on December 9, 10, 16, 19 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Railroad Ave. Don't miss Santa's visit to the Railroad Green on Sunday, December 10 from noon to 2 p.m.



ANNUAL MENORAH LIGHTING

All are welcome to the annual menorah lighting in Lewis Park, taking place on the first night of Hanukkah, Thursday, December 7 at 5 p.m. This event is organized by Moshe Schwartzberg and will include readings and songs.



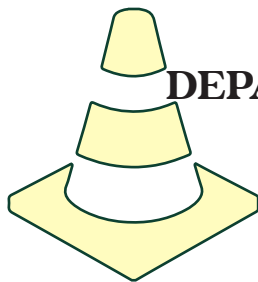
Photo courtesy of Hello Warwick Valley

OPERATION TOY TRAIN, TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

The Operation Toy Train will be coming to the Village on Sunday, December 10 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.

WARWICK VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET HOLIDAY MARKET

The Warwick Farmers Market will be holding its fifth annual Holiday Market. The market will be held on Sunday, December 17 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Kuiken Brothers parking lot.



NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 village website for dates. Trees must be placed by the curb.

VILLAGE PLANS

All Village plans can now be viewed on the village's website. These include:

- Climate Action Plan

The Climate Smart Communities Task Force has developed an initial plan to reduce energy consumption, costs, and emissions from Village government. While this climate action plan is focused on government operations, a next step will be Village-wide opportunities.

- Comprehensive plan:

The Village has posted a progress tracking table to help residents track implementation of the Comprehensive plan.

FREE METER PARKING

Local shoppers can enjoy free metered parking, up to two hours, from November 21-January 1, 2024. Meters have been adorned with red ribbons, by the Warwick Valley High School Future Farmers of America.



SLOW DOWN WARWICK



The Village speed limit is 25 MPH. Help keep our neighbors, kids, and pets safe - Drive the speed limit. We all play a part and can help make

Warwick roads safe for all.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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



**DON'T MISS ALL OUR VALLEY
HAS TO OFFER THIS SEASON!**



HELLOWARWICKVALLEY.COM

VILLAGEOFWARWICK.ORG

LOCAL ELECTIONS WARWICK FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTION

The Warwick Fire District will be holding an election for the position of Fire District Commissioner, a five year term.

The election will be held on Tuesday, December 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Warwick Fire Station #1 located at 25 Church St. Ext. All registered voters in the Warwick fire district are eligible to vote.

2024 VILLAGE ELECTIONS

In compliance with Section 15-104(3)(a) of the General Village Election Law, an election will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 for two (2) five (5) year term Village Trustee positions. More information can be found on the Village's website.

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SUICIDE
& CRISIS
LIFELINE

**YOU'RE NOT
ALONE**

Share your thoughts!



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VIRTUAL SUGGESTION BOX

VILLAGE RESIDENT

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VILLAGE BOARD

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Liaison Roles: Public Works Operations, Engineering and Infrastructure Projects, Veterans, Code Enforcement / Building Department, Emergency Services, Citizens Awareness Panel / Jones Chemical
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Alternate: Parks & Recreation, Environmental, Veterans

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Alternate: Public Works Operations, Code Enforcement / Building Dept., Emergency Services, Government Efficiency / Policy Development,