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THE CITY OF WARREN

SPRING 2021

*Warren
Restaurant
Week*

April 5-11

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The City of Warren adheres to the guidelines set by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). For information and resources on COVID-19, please go to www.cityofwarren.org.

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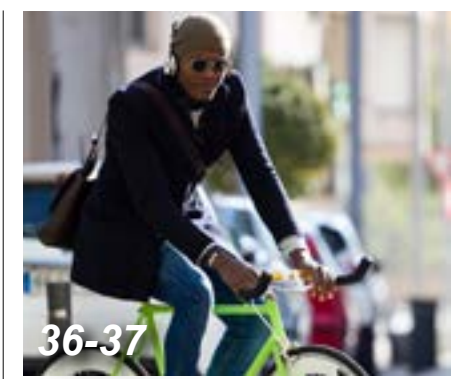
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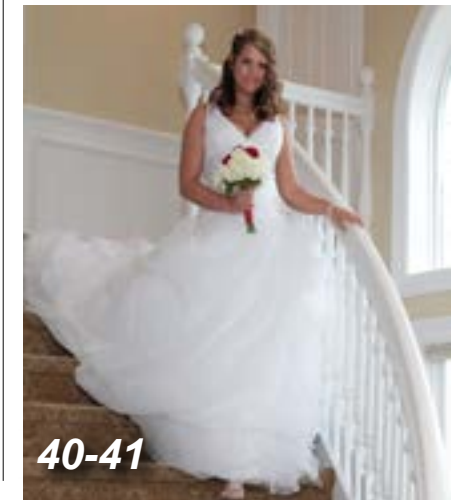
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RESTAURANT WEEK

April 5 - 11, 2021



Buy Local - Support Warren Restaurants

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

My philosophy as Mayor of Warren is to serve and protect the residents of Warren. We can make lives better for our residents by directly addressing their immediate priorities while also delivering efficient and effective city services, and looking toward how we can build a brighter future.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, that issue has been the top priority of nearly every resident of our great city. I'm proud to say that our administration has responded to address those concerns. We took action in February 2020 by putting up signage across city properties to defend against the spread of the virus, placing hand sanitizer throughout city facilities, and having department heads prepare plans for remote work, so we were ready when the threat posed by the virus escalated. As a result we never missed a day of vital city services for our residents including police, fire, sanitation, and the delivery of clean, fresh water.

With so many of our residents' lives turned upside down we also went to work to build partnerships to help residents with their needs. We worked with Forgotten Harvest Food Bank to deliver food packages to Warren families every Monday morning out in front of City Hall from March 2020 through today. Countless thousands of families have received, and continue to receive, needed food aid. We also partnered with Wayne State Health to provide free COVID-19 testing to anyone who wants one, again out in front of City Hall, every Thursday and Saturday from 10am until 3pm. Many thousands of individuals have received needed testing to indicate whether they have the virus so they can get the care they need, or they don't, so they can have the peace of mind that they are not infected.

Now with the introduction of COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson released, we can now begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. One thing I hear constantly from residents is they want the vaccine but for a variety of reasons they can not get access. This is why I sent a letter to Governor Whitmer asking her to utilize City Hall as a vaccine hub. This is appropriate because City Hall has served as a bastion of hope during this pandemic as a place where residents could get food to feed their families and testing to defend against the virus, so why not the vaccine to serve as armor to return to a normal life. I'm hopeful we will make this a reality in the coming weeks and we will work to keep residents informed of our progress.

My administration, and our outstanding city employees, have continued to deliver effective services throughout the pandemic. The police and fire departments, under the leadership of Commissioners Bill Dwyer and Skip McAdams, have answered every call to keep our community safe and protect our citizens. During the pandemic police officers, firefighters and paramedics have also faced the added pressure of not only potential exposure to the virus,

but also dealing with the stress of increased drug use in the community.

That is why we armed them with Narcan which can be used to save lives of those who have overdosed on drugs.



Our sanitation department has not missed a single day of trash pick-up. Our water department has continued to work to provide clean, fresh water and has ended water shut-offs during the pandemic to protect families that have undergone financial struggles through no fault of their own.

The winter snowstorms showed that our city workers are ready to rise to every challenge. Our crews were at work throughout the biggest winter event of the season clearing 532 miles of roads and residential streets so safety vehicles and personal vehicles could reach any point in our city. I want to personally thank those who did such an incredible job in alleviating the impact of this snow emergency, and those residents who did what they could to assist in removing vehicles from the roads. Together we got the job done and I could not be prouder of everyone involved.

Now we also need to begin looking forward, beyond COVID-19, and how we build a brighter future in the city of Warren. The centerpiece of my plan for this future is the new Warren Towne Center project. This \$170 million project, which includes not one penny of tax dollars from Warren residents, will create 1,000 new jobs during construction, will provide upscale new dining, state-of-the-art loft apartments, shopping and more to make our city more livable and a destination for business development. I will continue to work to make this project a reality because it will add more than \$2.4 million new dollars to our city treasury, create more than 700 permanent jobs and stand as a visible symbol of the great future in store for our city.

The hard-working residents of our city have shown great strength and resilience. Now we need our entire city government to pull together to serve and protect the residents and give them the bright future they deserve!

Sincerely,

James R. Fouts

Warren Mayor
One City Square, Ste. 215
Warren, MI 48093
586-574-4520
mayor@cityofwarren.org



The following organizations are offering COVID-19 vaccinations in the Warren area.

Click each link for more information.

- Ascension
- Henry Ford Health System
- Beaumont Health

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

DRIVE-THRU / WALK-UP

THROUGH MARCH: EVERY THURSDAY & SATURDAY 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
STARTING APRIL 1: EVERY THURSDAY 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WARREN CITY HALL SOUTH PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF FOUNTAIN

COVID-19 VACCINATION APPOINTMENTS

Macomb County Health Department Vaccination Information



PARTICIPANTS MUST RSVP:

<http://www.cityofwarren.org/covid-19-testing/>

or call Mayor Fouts' Office at 586-574-4520

Please text **WH Cares** to **483-55** to complete your pre-intake form prior to arriving at the test site. If you do not have a cell phone, a testing team member will help you complete the form the day of your test. This mobile COVID-19 testing is offered to Warren residents only.

The Macomb County Health Department Vaccine Appointment Line is **586-463-8777**.

Below is a link to the county website for information and scheduling:
https://macombcovidvaccine.itfrontdesk.com/apptonline/landing.html?client_code=MACOMBCV

There are a limited number of appointments available which quickly fill up. Once appointments are filled, the system shuts down until more vaccines are received from the State.





Ascension Healthcare Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Vaccine

How do I know the COVID-19 vaccine is safe?

All vaccines require extensive research, documentation and closely monitored clinical trials to determine effectiveness and safety before being submitted by pharmaceutical companies for approval. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is responsible for ensuring the safety, effectiveness and availability of vaccines in the United States. The FDA requires extensive testing by manufacturers before making vaccines available to the public to protect safety and identify any potential side effects.

If the FDA determines that a vaccine meets its safety and effectiveness standards, it can make these vaccines available for use in the United States by approval or Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

Pfizer or Moderna: Is the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine preferred (or safer) than the other?

The two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) approved for Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the FDA use the same novel mRNA technology. Based on current information, the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines appear to have a similar efficacy (~95%) and similar side effects. The CDC does not recommend one product over another.

Does the COVID-19 vaccine protect against the newly identified coronavirus variants, including the variants of the virus from the UK, South Africa, and Brazil?

Studies to-date suggest that antibodies produced through vaccination with currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines protect against these variants. This is being closely investigated and more studies are underway. Scientists and public health officials are actively working to better understand these new variants to determine how they were caused, how widely they have spread, how they may affect existing therapies, whether they cause milder or more severe disease in individuals, and whether they impact the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines.

In the meantime, carefully observing strategies such as vaccination, physical distancing, use of masks, frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer, and avoiding crowds, remains essential to limit the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 and protect public health.



[View TV Warren Brief with Dr. Tony Bonfiglio, Chief Medical Officer at Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital](#)



SCIENTISTS HAVE TAKEN HUNDREDS OF STEPS TO OPEN THIS DOOR.

Developed by a proven process, the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective.

Decades of research, followed by months of clinical development. Tens of thousands of diverse volunteers in clinical trials. Scientists and doctors worldwide have joined forces to bring us a safe, effective vaccine for COVID-19... and help give us our lives back. [Learn more at Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine.](https://Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine)





RESIDENT ALERT: COVID-19 SCAMS

The Warren Police Department is warning residents about several emerging fraud schemes related to COVID-19 vaccines. The frauds are being facilitated through telephone calls, unsolicited emails and fraudulent social media platforms.

Citizens are advised to be extremely suspicious of ANY unsolicited call, email or internet site offering either a vaccine or financial aid due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some signs to watch are listed below, but are not limited to:

- Being asked to pay out of pocket for the vaccine
- Being asked to pay to put your name on a vaccine waiting list
- Being asked to pay to get early access to a vaccine
- Advertisements for vaccines through social media platforms, email, telephone calls, online, or from unsolicited/unknown sources
- Marketers offering to sell or ship doses of the vaccine for payment

"We urge citizens to protect themselves," said Warren Mayor Jim Fouts. "Please do NOT give out your personal information to unknown sources."

"The Warren Police Department is committed to the protection of our residents and the prosecution of those involved in defrauding them," added Warren Police Commissioner William Dwyer.

If you believe you have been the victim of COVID-19 fraud, immediately report it to:

Warren Police 586-574-4700
 HHS-OIG Hotline: 1-800-HHS-TIPS
 FBI Hotline: 1-800-CALL-FBI
 CMS/Medicare Hotline: 1-800-MEDICARE

cityofwarren.org

 [WARREN COVID-19 SCAMS PSA](#)



TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE AND YOUR COMMUNITY

WARREN POLICE OPEN HOUSE
 Sunday, March 7, 2021
 2 - 4 p.m.

29900 South Civic Center Boulevard
 Warren, MI 48093

Presentations and in-station tours provided. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the open house is limited to current police officers and academy grads or students only.

Join the Warren Police Department

cityofwarren.org

 [FB.COM/WARRENPD](https://www.facebook.com/warrenpd)

 [RECRUITMENT VIDEO](#)

Basic Minimum Entry Level Requirements

- U.S. Citizen and 21 years of age
- Must possess a valid Michigan driver's license
- No felony convictions
- HS Diploma/GED Equivalent
- 62 semester credit hours or 93 quarter credit hours
- Educational requirements will be waived for applicants who possess three years active military duty, or two years of full time certified police experience.
- Must be a current police officer, or be currently enrolled in an MCOLES approved academy

Benefits:

The City of Warren provides an excellent benefit package including a defined benefit pension plan, health, dental and life insurance (no monthly premiums), paid vacation, sick time and holidays, and lateral transfer pay. Officers with 2 or more years of full-time law enforcement experience may qualify for a higher starting wage.

Wages:

Starting salary \$51,861 (no experience) and top wage of \$73,487 after 5 years

- Lateral Entry Pay: 1 year experience \$56,184 and 5 years + experience is \$60,511
- Upon first promotion to Corporal, new hires receive a 17% wage increase

Education:

- Certificate, Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree in Police Science and/or Police Administration pays \$200, \$400 or \$600 annually

Medical Insurance

- Blue Cross Community Blue 4 Health Insurance;
- Maximum out of pockets of \$2,000/\$4,000 with NO monthly premiums
- Delta or Golden Dental
- Health Care upon retirement in form of Retirement Health Savings Plan
- Life Insurance Policy

Shifts

- Patrol works 12-hour shifts with start times of Days 08:00, Split 15:00 & Nights 20:00
- Split shift premium of 4% and Night shift premium of 5%

Holidays

- Paid 14 holidays per year plus time and a half to work a holiday

Vacations

- 160 hours of paid vacation annually, increasing yearly after 10 years

Clothing

- Initial complement of uniforms and body armor is provided
- \$550 annual clothing allowance for uniform purchases
- \$600 annual reimbursement for cleaning of uniforms
- New body armor provided every five (5) years

Pension

- Defined Benefit Plan (Pension); 5% contribution rate

Longevity

- \$680 longevity bonus paid each year after 5 years; then doubles every 5 years

Gun Bonus

- Annual bonus of \$950 compensation for carrying your weapon off duty



HOW TO APPLY: CALL WARREN'S RECRUITMENT CORPORAL AT 586-574-4719 OR VISIT WARRENPOA.COM/HIRING TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION.



Project Promises to Transform Mound into State-of-the-Art Technology Corridor

The Innovate Mound project will reconstruct approximately nine miles of Mound Road from Interstate 696 in Warren to M-59 in Sterling Heights. The project includes new pavement, drainage, curbs and driveways, signal optimization, roadway widening and energy-efficient lighting.

“Warren residents can expect an improved pavement surface and better traffic flow,” said Bryan Santo, Director of Macomb County Department of Roads.

Improvements along the stretch of Mound in Warren are the last phase of the Innovate Mound project. Construction will begin along 11 mile to 14 mile in 2023.

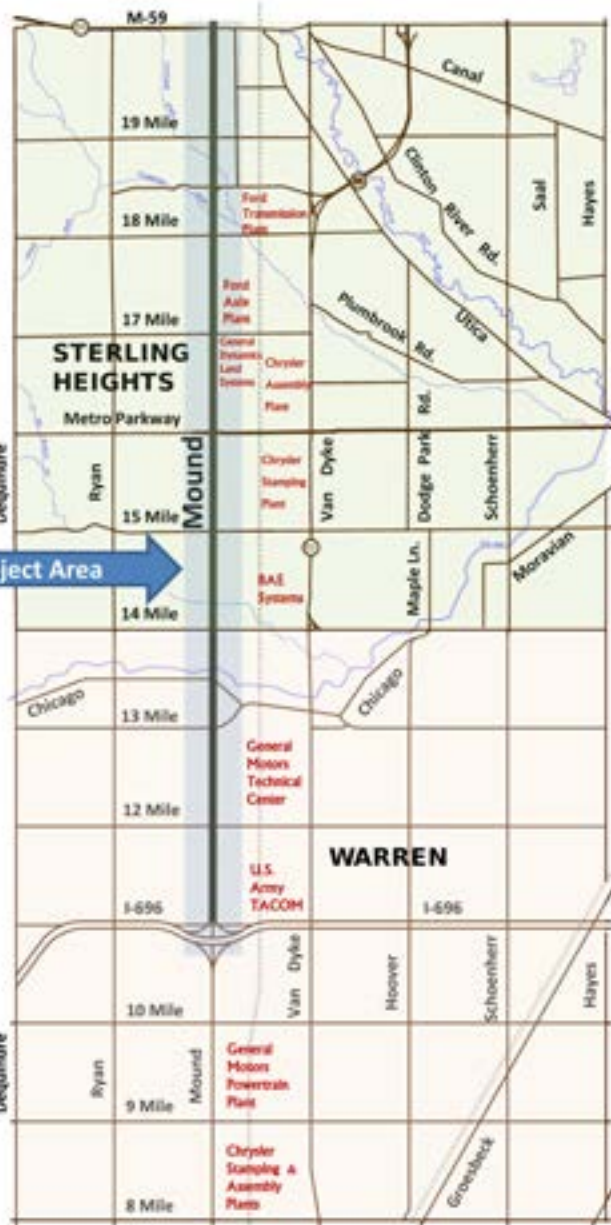
Also included in Warren’s portion of the project is the removal of a crossover on Mound at Arden. Studies show that intersection has the second-highest number of traffic crashes along the Mound corridor. The modification is expected to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion in the area. The traffic signal on Mound at Arden will remain.

“I want to thank all the residents and businesses that have provided input in the planning and design phase,” said Santo. “I think the final project will be a national showcase for the community.”

cityofwarren.org

[FB.COM/WARREN](https://www.facebook.com/warrenp)

[INNOVATEMOUND.ORG](https://www.youtube.com/innovatemound)



Families Against Narcotics

Your **connection** for information, resources, and support.

As our local communities battle an opioid crisis that has gripped our entire nation, Families Against Narcotics (FAN)—a grassroots organization founded in 2007 and based in Macomb County, Michigan—continues to work tirelessly to educate young adults, students, educators, parents, law enforcement, judges and health care professionals about the dangers of prescription drug use and addiction.

By doing so, we are able to help reduce the number of people who become addicted and, subsequently, save lives. FAN offers numerous support services for people who are struggling with or affected by substance use disorder, and all of them are provided completely free of charge.



2021	2022	2023
Segment 1 Construction Dorby Drive to approximately 18 Mile Road Duration: Summer 2021 to December 2021	Segment 2 Construction Approximately 18 Mile Road to approximately 14 Mile Road Duration: March to November 2022	Segment 3 Construction Approximately 14 Mile Road to North of 11 Mile Road Duration: March to November 2023
Intersections 19 Mile Road, 18 1/2 Mile Road, 18 Mile Road	Intersections 17 Mile Road, 16 Mile Road, 15 Mile Road, 14 Mile Road	Intersections Chicago Road 13 Mile Road 12 Mile Road
Bridge Work Northbound Mound Road over Plum Brook Southbound Mound Road over Plum Brook	Bridge Work Mound over Sterling Relief Drain Mound over Big Beaver Creek	Bridge Work Mound over Red Run Drain Mound over Bear Creek

Construction schedule subject to change.

For more information on our services, please visit:
www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org | 586.438.8500

COMPOST RULES



Compost season runs
April 1 - December 1.



Warren Sanitation Department is located at 25601 Flanders Ave. east of Schoenherr.

City of Warren Guidelines for Curbside Compost Collection

Place Yard Waste at the Curb on your Regular Trash Day

Compost season runs from April 1 to December 1. There is no curbside pick up for compost from December 2 to March 31. Compost is accepted at the Recycling Center year round.

1. Compost must be assembled on the grass at the curb by 6:00 a.m. or no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before your scheduled collection day. Until this time, store compost in rear yard. Place compost material five feet from other garbage at curbside.

2. All yard waste (i.e. grass clippings, leaves, garden/ flower bed debris & small brush) must be in the blue 95-gallon compost cart (brown lid) OR 30-gallon biodegradable brown paper bags. NO PLASTIC BAGS.

3. TREE BRANCHES & SHRUBS—must be tied securely in small bundles for easy removal. They must be four feet or less in length, under two inches in diameter and light enough for one person to pick up the bundle. Tree trunks and stumps must be brought to the recycle center and be cut to firewood-sized pieces (18 inches in length and under 10 inches in diameter).

4. ROOTS must be cut off shrubs, dirt removed, and placed with the garbage. The cutoff bundled shrub can then be placed with the compost.

5. LOGS, TREE TRUNKS, and TREE STUMPS will not be collected curbside.

The City of Warren encourages residents to mulch their lawns and leaves to save time, money and labor. Mulching is good for your lawns by returning nutrients from the clippings back onto the lawn, which saves on fertilizing. There is no need for raking, bagging, or purchasing bags.





How Can I Find Out If I Have a Lead Service Line?

[Lead Service Line Inventory Program](#)

The City of Warren has some lead service lines (LSL) delivering water to homes throughout the City's water distribution system. These homes with a lead service were built before the 1950's and normally found in single-family residents.

The City of Warren's water comes from the Detroit Water System known as GLWA. All water test results have shown that GLWA water does not contain lead, but lead can be released into drinking water from corrosion in service lines and household plumbing that contain lead. The water provided by GLWA to the City of Warren contains a corrosion inhibitor to reduce corrosion of lead and other pipe materials into drinking water. The City of Warren tested for lead in water in 2020 with nearly 100% of the homes tested were below the EPA's lead action levels. The City of Warren is implementing a plan to remove all LSLs to eliminate the largest potential source of lead in drinking water.

Part I [Lead Service Line Inventory](#)

The City of Warren is currently at this level of the program. The city is redeveloping its service line inventory and confirming the locations of LSLs throughout the city. The Water Division is reviewing existing records, coordinating with other city departments that conduct building inspections, and collecting service line information during meter visits to customers' homes to identify service line material. As the service line inventory improves, customers will be provided information on their service line material. The City of Warren will test for lead in the water at no charge at homes where a child has tested

positive for elevated blood lead levels, or when the City is replacing/repairing a lead service line.

If the City of Warren is replacing and/or repairing a lead service line at your home, you will be notified directly for sampling opportunities and requirements. In order to complete this task, we request you complete the form below and return it to the Water Division to ensure all LSLs are accounted for and replaced according to all federal and state guidelines. [Lead and Copper Request Form.](#)

The City of Warren owns and maintains service lines from the water main up to the customer's property boundary, most often at the curb stop or stop box (service line shut off). The property owner is responsible for the service lines from their property boundary (stop box) to their home. The City of Warren replaces all LSLs as part of all planned water main replacement projects. In the past, the City of Warren has replaced its portion of LSLs up to the property boundary (stop box) as part of all planned water main replacement projects leaving the service line intact on the private side. This process is commonly referred to as "partial LSL replacement." EPA and the MDEQ have changed and modified water service line responsibilities and have directed that water utility companies are responsible for service line replacement from the water main to the water meter. The City of Warren's updated LSL Replacement Program eliminates partial replacements and the entire LSL is replaced with copper pipe as part of all planned water main replacement projects. Homeowners and residents will need to sign a waiver to have the work completed on their property.

Part II Prioritization and Full Implementation

Once the legal, funding, and technical procedures for full LSL replacement are fully developed and tested through Inventory, the City of Warren will develop a prioritization plan, schedule, and budget for replacing all LSLs across the city. The strategy will prioritize replacement projects in neighborhoods with a high density of LSLs.

For more information, contact:
City of Warren Water Division
(586) 759-9200
Email leadout@cityofwarren.org





Busse Park in the Spring

Discover All Things Warren!



MIWarren.org is a website that connects you to all the exciting events and activities taking place in one of the most energized cities in Michigan. Whether you are a visitor or resident, we invite you to explore MIWarren.org and discover all the great things our beautiful city has to offer!

Once you become part of the MI Warren family, you'll see why so many residents and businesses are proud to call Warren home.

Get to know MI Warren and discover why Warren is a great place to live, work and play!



(Above: Newly renovated kitchen at Warren Fire Station 2 on Schoenherr between Stephens and 9 Mile)

Warren Fire Stations Get Much Needed Kitchen Makeovers Kitchens Renovated at Five Warren Fire Stations

Kitchens are the heart of most homes - and it's no different in a fire station. Major kitchen renovations began at five of Warren's six fire stations last fall, with all kitchens expected to be finished the end of spring.

"The guys are really pleased," said Warren Deputy Fire Chief Orrin Ferguson. "It has been a long time coming. This opens up the space and makes the living quarters more functional."

The kitchens in all of Warren's fire houses, except for Station 6 which was remodeled in 2016, have been in desperate need of renovations for decades. The countertops were old and worn out and the cabinets were on their last legs. The lunchroom in the Fire Administration building was also in need of updating.

"The new kitchens are designed for durability and functionality," said Ferguson. "We are getting new cabinets, countertops, and flooring. The cabinets and countertops are made out of stainless steel because it's durable, cleans easily and lasts forever."

Professional Restaurant Services in Warren is fabricating the cabinets and countertops. Meridian Contracting is doing the construction work.

The remodel includes new stoves and dishwashers. Most of the refrigerators are fairly new and will be replaced as they break down.

Funding for the renovations comes out of each station's building maintenance fund. The entire project was supported by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, Fire Commissioner Skip McAdams, and the Warren City Council.

"We are very grateful for everyone's support," said Ferguson. "The kitchens look great and the firefighters are really appreciative that we could move forward with these much needed renovations."



(Above: Renovated lunchroom at Fire Administration Building)

A Place to Call Home

Stilwell Manor and Joseph Coach Manor
26600 Burg Rd. (11 Mile & Hoover)
586-758-1310

RENTAL
OFFICE



PARKS & REC.
ENTRANCE

26600



Both Joseph Coach and Stilwell Manor include:

- Convenient month-to-month lease
- On-site security cameras
- Keyless entry system
- Sprinkling system & smoke detectors
- Optional on-site activities such as Bingo, music and game night
- Spacious elevators
- Library, Computer Room, Billiards Room, Exercise room and Activity Center

All incoming residents must be non-smokers



Independent Living for Seniors in Warren: Stilwell Manor and Joseph Coach Manor

If you are a senior citizen looking to downsize or explore more affordable housing options - look no further than Warren's Stilwell and Joseph Coach Manors.

"We are only one of two non-subsidized housing projects in the county, and we take that very seriously," said Sean Clark, Warren Senior Housing Acting Director of Administration. "We offer a great product at a low rent. We provide seniors with the highest quality of life possible, and we do that by maintaining a safe, clean, beautiful environment to live in."

Stilwell Manor

Stilwell Manor is a 120 unit, low income apartment building owned and operated by the City of Warren. All residents must be able to live independently.

The minimum age for residency is 60. Applicants must meet the two-year Warren residency requirement. Yearly income cannot exceed \$20,000 for a single person and \$28,000 for a couple. This includes social security, pension and interest drawn from any interest bearing accounts.

Stilwell Manor is not government subsidized and rent is not based on your income.

Units include:

- Stove, refrigerator, garbage disposal, and air conditioner
- Emergency pull cord in bathroom for medical emergencies
- Sprinkling systems and smoke detectors
- Full size card operated washers and dryers on each floor
- Free wifi in lobby and activity center

Rent: includes all utilities except the telephone and cable television

- Efficiency: \$317 per month
- One bedroom: \$416 per month
- Two bedroom: \$515 per month (preferably rented to couples)

Joseph Coach Manor

Joseph Coach Manor is a 244 unit senior citizen apartment complex owned and operated by the City of Warren. There are three buildings with beautiful apartments that include a patio or balcony.

Individuals aged 60 or older with an income of \$14,000 or more are welcome to apply.

Rent: gas, electric, telephone and cable are not included.

- One bedroom: \$541 per month
- Two bedroom: \$613 per month

For more information or to tour a facility, call 586-758-1310 or click online for a [Senior Housing Application](#).

WARREN CITY PARKS
FIND YOUR FAVORITE PARK

Altermatt Park
4811 Toepfer
Warren, MI 48091

Austin-Dannis Park
5200 Stephens
Warren, MI 48091

Bates Park
32601 Warkop
Warren, MI 48093

Burdi Park
7000 12 Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48092

Busse Park
5002 Frazho
Warren, MI 48091

Butcher Park
4700 Martin
Warren, MI 48091

Eckstein Park
31810 Davy
Warren, MI 48092

Groesbeck Park
22221 Memphis
Warren, MI 48091

Halmich Park
3001 13 Mile Rd.
Warren, MI 48092

Hartsig Park
2701 Martin
Warren, MI 48092

Jaycee Park
11371 Timken
Warren, MI 48089

Licht Park
30100 Campbell
Warren, MI 48093

McGrath Park
13300 Leisure
Warren, MI 48088

Miller Park
14500 Masonic
Warren, MI 48088

Rentz Park
12000 Herbert Ave
Warren, MI 48089

Rinke Park
28500 Arsenal
Warren, MI 48093

Shaw Park
22001 Warner
Warren, MI 48091

Steinhauser Park
3101 Frazho
Warren, MI 48091

Trombly Park
14775 Alvin
Warren, MI 48089

Veterans Park
(Formerly Council Park)
27400 Campbell
Warren, MI 48093

Warren Community Park
5460 Arden
Warren, MI 48092

Wiegand Park
8700 Toepfer
Warren, MI 48089

Winters Park
13000 St. Andrews
Warren, MI 48089

Underwood Park
13700 Sidonie
Warren, MI 48089

New Playscape!

Arthur J. Miller Park
14500 Masonic (between Schoenherr and Hayes)

SUNDAYS AT THE SQUARE

JUNE 6 - OCTOBER 10



- Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
- Flowers
- A Variety of Vendors

(Previously known as Warren Farmers' Market)

**Warren City Square
on Van Dyke north of 12 Mile Rd.**

Coming Soon!



PARK PAVILION RENTAL



WARREN PARKS & RECREATION

Call **586-268-8400** to reserve a Warren Pavilion

Bounce Houses not permitted in parks.

All Parks except Halmich Park:
Resident: \$100
Non-resident: \$125
Fee for a 6 hour rental

**Halmich Park:
South**
Resident: \$140
Non-Resident: \$175
Fee for a 6-hour rental

**Halmich Park:
North**
\$500 Fee with a \$500 deposit
Fee for all-day rental



NEW VIRTUAL CLASSES
ENROLL TODAY

Warren Public Library Virtual Computer Classes

The Warren Public Library is pleased to offer virtual computer classes through Zoom for those who need more assistance. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the computer, these classes are a great introduction to technology and library eResources.

Class size is limited. Registration is required. To register please call 586-751-5377 or visit our online calendar at warrenlibrary.net. An email account is required when registering so that Zoom meeting information can be sent.

Find Information with Google - Virtual Event (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 pm. Registration begins February 18.

Hosted by the Miller Branch Library

Increase your ability to find the information you need with the world's most popular search engine.

Get to Know eBooks and OverDrive - Virtual Event (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 pm. Registration begins March 18.

Hosted by the Miller Branch Library

Interested in downloading free eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library? Let us help you. Please join us as we show you how to checkout and download eBooks through our OverDrive service.

Hoopla, Freegal, and More - Virtual Event (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 pm. Registration begins April 15.

Hosted by the Miller Branch Library

Unlock the potential of your library card. Learn how you can get eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, movies, and more with hoopla. We will also discuss our digital music service Freegal, explore some of our databases, and more.

WARREN LIBRARY LOCATIONS:

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

ONE CITY SQUARE, SUITE 100
WARREN, MI 48093
586-751-0770

BURNETTE BRANCH LIBRARY

23345 VAN DYKE
WARREN, MI 48089
586-353-0579

BUSCH BRANCH LIBRARY

23333 RYAN
WARREN, MI 48091
586-353-0580

MILLER BRANCH LIBRARY

5460 ARDEN, SUITE 303
WARREN, MI 48092
586-751-5377

Adult Programs Spring 2021

All programs are Virtual or Take & Make. Due to the popularity of our programs, registrations are limited to Warren library card holders first. Registration begins one month prior to the event unless specified. Please call the branch library to register.

Leonardo: A Country Blues Narrative with Songs - Virtual Program (Facebook Live)

6:00 pm Tuesday, March 9, Civic Center Library

Specializing in solo acoustic country blues, Leonardo plays some rarely heard classics from the likes of Robert Johnson, Son House, Charley Patton, Blind Willie Johnson, and Skip James. This virtual program will be on Facebook Live.

DIY Paper Flower Pomander - Take & Make Craft

Monday, March 22, Civic Center Library

With flowers made of paper, these DIY paper flower pomanders are a fabulous new twist on an old tradition. This whimsical decoration can brighten up any room.

Robin's Egg Mason Jar Vase - Take & Make Craft

Tuesday, March 23, Burnette Branch Library

Use a mason jar, paint, and twine to create a vase that looks like a robin's egg to help decorate your home for spring. Craft kits can be picked up starting Monday, March 22.

Craft Workshop @Home - DIY Yarn Bird - Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, March 24, Busch Branch Library

Celebrate the arrival of spring by making a beautiful bird out of yarn. Registration begins March 1; all requests must be received by March 17. Reserved craft kits can be picked up starting March 24.

Cluttered Lives, Empty Souls: Understanding and Treating Hoarding Disorder with Local Author Terrence Shulman - Virtual Program (Zoom)

6:00 pm Thursday, March 25, hosted by the Miller Branch Library

Join Terrence Shulman for a respectful and thought-provoking presentation about hoarding. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants prior to the event.

Sock Bunnies - Take & Make Craft

Thursday, April 8, Civic Center Library

Let's celebrate spring by making two adorable sock bunnies. This craft uses fuzzy socks and rice, so colors will vary. Craft kits can be picked up starting April 8.

Raising a Financially Literate Family - Virtual Program (Zoom)

6:00 pm Thursday, April 8, hosted by the Civic Center Library

This Money Smart Week session, presented by Colleen Godfrey of Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union, will teach parents how to prepare their kids for the financial "real world." Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants prior to the event.

Lotion Bars - Take & Make Craft

Tuesday, April 13, Burnette Branch Library

Keep your skin soft with these calming lotion bars made with coconut oil and beeswax. Craft kits including molds can be picked up starting April 12th.

Knitting Circle - Virtual Program (Zoom)

12:00 pm Wednesday, April 14, hosted by the Civic Center Library

Join us for virtual social knitting as we discuss basic stitches and share patterns and project ideas. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed

to all registrants prior to the event.

Seasonal Spring Instant Pot Demonstration - Virtual Program (Zoom)

6:00 pm Tuesday, April 20, hosted by the Miller Branch Library

Mary from Taste: A Cook's Place, will demonstrate electric pressure cooker recipes using seasonal spring vegetables. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants prior to the event.

Workshop @Home - Kitchen Herb Garden - Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, April 21, Busch Branch Library

Freshen up your recipes and your home with a miniature herb garden. Registration begins April 1; all requests must be received by April 14. Reserved craft kits can be picked up starting April 21.

Soap and Candles - Take & Make Craft

Monday, May 10, Civic Center Library

Learn practical skills and explore your creativity by discovering the basics of soap and candle making. Craft kits can be picked up starting May 10.

Beckoning Butterflies - Virtual Program (Zoom)

6:00 pm Tuesday, May 11, Civic Center Library

Learn about local butterflies and how you can attract them to your garden from Katelyn Golembiewski of the Michigan State University Extension program. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants prior to the event.

Mason Bee Hotel - Take & Make Craft

Tuesday, May 11, Burnette Branch Library

Mason bees are very effective pollinators and great for your garden. Make your own mason bee hotel while learning about mason bees in the process. Craft kits can be picked up starting May 10th.

Author Visit: Stephen Mack Jones - Virtual Program (Zoom)

6:00 pm Tuesday, May 18, Miller Branch Library

Enjoy a virtual visit with local author Stephen Mack Jones. His latest book, Dead of Winter, will be released May 4, 2021. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants prior to the event.

Craft Workshop @Home - Mindfulness Relaxation Kit - Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, May 19, Busch Branch Library

Create a relaxation kit which will include materials to create a tabletop Zen garden, some stress-busting items, and a list of resources. Registration begins May 3; all requests must be received by May 12. Reserved craft kits can be picked up starting May 19.

Book Chat: A Good American Family by David Maraniss - Virtual Program (Facebook)

Thursday, May 20, Civic Center Library

In a riveting Michigan Notable Book, Pulitzer Prize winning author David Maraniss captures the pervasive fear and paranoia that gripped America during the Red Scare of the 1950s. Join the Library of Michigan's Tim Gleisner for a recorded discussion of this book.

Teen Programs Spring 2021

All programs are Virtual or Take & Make. Due to the popularity of our programs, registrations will be limited to Warren library card holders first. Registration begins one month prior to the event unless specified. Please call the library branch to register. All Teen Programs are for Ages 10 to 17.

Folded Paper Bracelet – Take & Make Craft

Monday, March 8, Civic Center Library

Make a bracelet out of folded paper. No glue is required because the folds will hold the piece together.

Pandemic Succs – Take & Make Craft

Monday, March 15, Civic Center Library

It's been an entire year since we had a teen program at the library, which makes us very sad. Cheer up with your very own succulent. Plants, dirt, and a pot to decorate will be supplied.

Shrinky Dink Pins – Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, March 17, Burnette Branch Library

Make a Shrinky Dink pin for your jacket, backpack, or lanyard. Craft kits can be picked up starting March 15th.

Winter Bird Feeder Cookies – Take & Make Craft

Thursday, March 18, Busch Branch Library

Create and hang your own bird feeder to help your feathered friends. Registration begins February 25; all requests must be received by March 12.

Geometric String Art – Virtual Event (Zoom)

6:30 pm, Thursday March 18, hosted by Miller Branch Library

Create a colorful geometric design using string and cardstock. Craft kits can be picked up starting March 15. Detailed instructions will be available at the March 18 Zoom meet-up. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants prior to the event.

Decorative Eggs – Take & Make Craft

Monday, March 29, Civic Center Library

Make faux decorative eggs in a variety of materials and styles.

Tween Craft Day: Hand Crocheted Bracelets and

Headbands – Take & Make Craft

Monday, April 12, Civic Center Library

Make a bracelet and a headband using only your hands and some yarn.

Blackout Poetry – Take & Make Craft

Thursday, April 15, Busch Branch Library

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating some poetry of your own using old book pages. Registration begins March 25; all requests must be received by April 9.

Paper Circuit STEM Craft – Virtual Event (Zoom)

6:30 pm, Thursday April 15, hosted by Miller Branch Library

Learn a little about circuitry by creating a complete circuit out of paper, a battery, and copper. Supply kits can be picked up starting April 12. Detailed instructions will be available at the April 15 Zoom meet-up. Registration is required with an email address. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants prior to the event.



Magnetic Poetry – Take & Make Program

Monday, April 19, Civic Center Library

Compose your own masterpieces with a magnetic poetry set that you design yourself.

Dot Painted Tote Bags – Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, April 21, Burnette Branch Library

Use paint and the eraser end of a pencil to create a dotted design on a canvas tote bag. Craft kits can be picked up starting April 19th.

Mystery Box – Take Home Event

May 1-31, Civic Center Library

Pick up a mystery box in the month of May. Follow the clues of this citywide whodunit to see if you have what it takes to solve the mystery.

DIY Pop-Tart Pillow – Take & Make Craft

Monday, May 3, Civic Center Library

Sweeten up your bedroom decor with a no-sew Pop-Tart inspired pillow.

Soap – Take & Make Craft

Monday, May 10, Civic Center Library

Learn how to make soap.

Book Page Monogram

6:30 pm, Thursday May 13, Miller Branch Library

Create a literary monogram by covering a large cardboard initial in old book pages. Weather and COVID permitting, this program will be held outside in the library courtyard. In case of inclement weather, registered participants can pick up craft supplies at the library.

Tween craft Day: DIY Tissue Paper Flower Pen – Take & Make Craft

Monday, May 17, Civic Center Library

Use tissue paper to make a fun and festive flower pen.

Watermelon Squishy – Take & Make Craft

Wednesday, May 19, Burnette Branch Library

Use a block of memory foam, a template, and paint to create your own watermelon squishy. Craft kits can be picked up starting May 17.

Teen De-Stress Kits – Take & Make Craft

Thursday, May 20, Busch Branch Library

Pick up a kit that will contain the materials to create a miniature Zen garden, along with some extra stress-busting tools. Registration begins May 3; all requests must be received by May 12.

Dragon Eggs – Take & Make Craft

Monday, May 24, Civic Center Library

Put a pin in it. In your dragon eggs that is. Use colorful thumbtacks to make your own fantastic creation.

Children's Programs Spring 2021

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Raising Readers – Take Home Kit

February – May, Miller Branch Library

Ages 0-2

This program, for our youngest readers, will follow the Library of Michigan Ready to Read program and focus on Talk, Sing, Read, Write and Play. Each month will feature a different theme and will include a board book, finger puppet, egg shaker, scarf, songs, rhymes and a simple craft.

Simple STEAM – Take Home Kit

March, April, May, Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

Pick up a different take-home activity kit each month.

March: Paper building blocks.

April: Craft stick puzzles.

May: Seed starter pot.

March Creations – Take & Make Crafts

Burnette Branch Library

Ages 3 to 10

Each week in March a different "Grab & Go" craft will be available for pickup. March crafts include: Reading Month bookmark & door hanger, Very Hungry Caterpillar, Pete the Cat stick puppet, 1 fish 2 fish red fish blue fish picture, and Elephant & Piggie paper bag puppets.

STEM Kits: Sensational Sound - Take Home Kit

Monday, March 1, Civic Center Library

Grades K-5

Pick up a STEM kit to learn about sound and watch the accompanying video featuring a Mad Scientist conducting experiments. To access the video an email is required when registering. Materials and videos are provided by Mad Science Detroit.

Seussabration – Take & Make Craft

Week of March 1. Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

Celebrate one of our favorite authors with a Seuss-inspired craft.

St. Patrick's Day Fun and Games – Take & Make Craft

March 1-12, Miller Branch Library

Ages 4 & up

Make your own lucky leprechaun and enjoy some other fun crafts.

Origami – Take & Make Craft

Week of March 8. Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

Stop by for some supplies and instructions to make easy origami.

Put Me in the Zoo Storytime and Craft – Virtual Event (Facebook)

Tuesday, March 9, hosted by the Burnette Branch Library

Ages 3 to 7

Join Miss Sharon on Facebook as she reads the classic story



"Put Me in the Zoo" by Robert Lopshire and shares some rhymes and songs. A craft kit can be picked up starting March 1.

Bubble Wrap Craft and Storytime – Virtual Event (Facebook)

Week of March 15. Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

In honor of National Bubble Week, pick up a bubble wrap craft and join Ms. Jamie on the library's Facebook page for a bubble storytime.

Dr. Seuss – Take & Make Craft

Monday, March 15, Civic Center Library

Ages 3-9

Celebrate March is Reading Month with a grab & go Dr. Seuss craft.

March Monthly Craft: Noodle Crafts – Take & Make Craft

March 15-31, Miller Branch Library

Ages 4 & up

Celebrate National Noodle month with some fun crafts including a noodle necklace and a noodle masterpiece.

Pom Pom Launcher – Take & Make Craft

Week of March 22. Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

Create a pom pom launcher using simple supplies.

Chick and Nest – Take & Make Craft

Week of March 29. Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

Make a chick and a nest from a plastic egg and other supplies.

April Art – Take & Make Crafts

Burnette Branch Library

Ages 3 to 10

Each week in April a different "Grab & Go" craft will be available for pickup. April crafts include: Cupcake liner monsters, Piggy bank craft, Pirate crafts, and a Clothespin butterfly.

April Monthly Craft: Get ready for Gardens – Take & Make Craft

Beginning Thursday, April 1 while supplies last, Miller Branch Library

Ages 4-11

It's National Garden Month. Pick up a kit to grow some seeds to transplant to your garden and to also make a tin can planter.

DIY Poetry and Storytime – Virtual Event (Facebook)

Week of April 5. Busch Branch Library

Ages 3 to 9

In celebration of National Library Week and National Poetry Month, pick up a DIY poetry kit and join Ms. Jamie on the library's Facebook page for a poetry storytime.

Children's Programs Spring 2021 continued

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Boredom Busters - Take & Make Craft **Monday, April 5, Civic Center Library**

Children and Teens
Children and teens can reserve a kit that includes activities and a snack to enjoy during their spring break.

Explore Flight with Paper Airplanes - Virtual Event (Facebook)

Tuesday, April 6, hosted by the Burnette Branch Library
Ages 5 to 10
Join us on Facebook to explore flight with paper airplanes. A paper airplane making kit can be picked up at the library beginning March 29.

Money Smart Week - Take & Make Crafts **April 12-16**

All of our library branches will be offering craft kits and free books to celebrate Money Smart Week. The Money Smart Kids Read Program is sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.
Burnette Branch (Ages 3 to 10)
Busch Branch Library (Ages 3 to 9)
Civic Center Library (Grades K-5)
Miller Branch Library (Ages 5-11)

Cupcake Liner Wreath and Flowers - Take & Make Craft **April 12-23, Miller Branch Library**

Ages 4 -11
Make a wreath and flowers out of cupcake liners.

Earth Day Upcycle - Take & Make Craft **Week of April 19, Busch Branch Library**

Ages 3 to 9
In honor of Earth Day, upcycle old CDs into a cool craft.

STEM Kits: Energy Explosion - Take Home Kit **Monday, April 19, Civic Center Library**

Grades K-5
Pick up a STEM kit to learn about energy and watch the accompanying video featuring a Mad Scientist conducting an experiment. To access the video an email is required when registering. Materials and videos are provided by Mad Science Detroit.

Yarn Butterfly - Take & Make Craft **Week of April 26, Busch Branch Library**

Ages 3 to 9
Weave a colorful butterfly with yarn and other supplies.

Bird Feeder - Take & Make Craft **Monday, April 26, Civic Center Library**

Ages 3-9
Make a bird feeder to hang near your home and attract birds to watch from your window.

Mother Goose Rhymes and Craft - Take & Make Craft **April 26-May 7, Miller Branch Library**

Ages 2-6
May 1st is Mother Goose Day. Let's sing some rhymes while you bake "Muffin Man" muffins.



May Masterpieces - Take & Make Crafts **Burnette Branch Library**

Ages 3 to 10
Each week in May a different "Grab & Go" craft will be available for pickup. May crafts include: Paper plate sun, Sock fish, Tissue paper turtle mosaic, and a Pinwheel.

May Monthly Craft: Book Crafts - Take & Make Craft **Beginning Monday, May 3 while supplies last, Miller Branch Library**

Ages 3-11
For National Get Caught Reading Month decorate a picture frame and put a picture of yourself reading in it. A book craft will also be included.

Mother's Day - Take & Make Crafts

Ages 3 to 9
Create a beautiful craft for Mom, Grandma, or another special lady.
Busch Branch Library - Week of May 3
Civic Center Library - Monday, May 3

Fun with Magnets - Virtual Event (Facebook) **Tuesday, May 4, hosted by the Burnette Branch Library**

Ages 5 to 10
Join us on Facebook to learn about magnets. A Magnetic Race Track craft kit can be picked up starting April 26.

Spring Crafts and Storytime - Virtual Event (Facebook) **Week of May 10, Busch Branch Library**

Ages 3 to 9
Stop by for some spring crafts, and join Ms. Jamie on the library's Facebook page for a spring storytime.

STEM Kits: Plant a Seed - Take & Make Craft **Monday, May 10, Civic Center Library**

Grades K-5
Reserve your kit to plant a seed, without dirt, and magically watch it grow.

Free Comic Book Day **Monday, May 17, All Warren Public Library locations**

Children and Teens
Stop by for a free comic book at any Warren Public Library, while supplies last.

Wind Chime - Take & Make Craft **Week of May 17, Busch Branch Library**

Ages 5 to 9
Welcome the warmer breezes of spring with a beaded wind chime craft.

Paper Airplanes - Take & Make Craft **Week of May 24, Busch Branch Library**

Ages 3 to 9
In honor of National Paper Airplane Day (May 26), pick up a kit with supplies and instructions for making an airplane or two. No kit registration required; while supplies last.

Storytime in Warren

Virtual Storytimes
Head over to the Warren Public Library Facebook page to enjoy weekly virtual storytimes.
www.Facebook.com/warrenpubliclibrary

Book Tots
Stories and rhymes for the young toddler. Posted every Friday by the Miller Branch Library.

Toddler Time
Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers. Posted every Thursday by the Burnette Branch Library.

Preschool Storytime
Stories and rhymes for children. Posted every Wednesday by the Civic Center Library.

Family Storytime
Stories and rhymes the entire family can enjoy. Posted every Tuesday by the Busch Branch Library.



APPLY for a Virtual Library Card

WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD APPLICATION

Can't make it to the library to get a library card, but still want to use some of our most popular electronic resources? Apply for a virtual library card! This card will allow you temporary access to some of our popular eResources, including: Overdrive, Freegal, RBDigital and Databases.

Note: To get full access to all library materials (including Hoopla and the ability to check out physical items) you will need to stop by the circulation desk at any Warren Public Library location and fill out an application.

Residents:
Residents of Warren are eligible to receive a library card from the Warren Public Library. In order to receive a library card, please fill out and print the Application Form linked above and bring it to the Circulation desk of any Warren Public Library branch. Photo identification that shows proof of residency, such as a current Michigan Driver's License or Michigan State ID card is also required to get a library card.



City of Warren Wastewater Recovery Facility featured in MWEA magazine



Residents are encouraged to take a tour of our Water Recovery Facility. This tour is offered at no cost. This is a great way to learn about the water treatment process from start to finish. If you are interested in a tour please call 586-264-2530. [Click for a Virtual Tour.](#)



The City of Warren Wastewater Recovery Facility was recently featured in the Michigan Water Environmental Association (MWEA) magazine Winter Edition. [Click here for the feature.](#)

The Michigan Water Environmental Association represents more than 2,000 water quality professionals statewide who are dedicated to preserving, restoring and enhancing Michigan's water resources.

Warren's Waste Water Recovery Facility (WWRF) was originally designed in 1957. Since that time it has undergone considerable changes and become one of the leaders in wastewater treatment in the state. The City now has a state-of-the-art treatment plant that has a design capacity of 50 MGD per day and can handle a peak flow during a wet weather event of 100 MGD. The City of Warren Water Recovery Facility regularly treats 22 MGD of wastewater. The average resident creates 350 gallons a day of wastewater. The City's plant treats that water and the water used by our industries to produce a quality effluent to the waters of the state.

Wastewater is typically treated through a series of five major steps followed by processes to reuse or to dispose of the remaining products. They include:

- Preliminary Treatment includes screening to remove large objects (such as sticks, rags, leaves, and

trash) and the settling of grit (heavy, sandy, abrasive matter). The material is collected and discarded, and the remaining flow moves on to primary treatment.

- Primary Treatment involves the reduction of the wastewater flow to remove easily settleable and floatable solids using primary tanks known as clarifiers. Solids removed from this process are often sent to the solids handling portion of the plant.

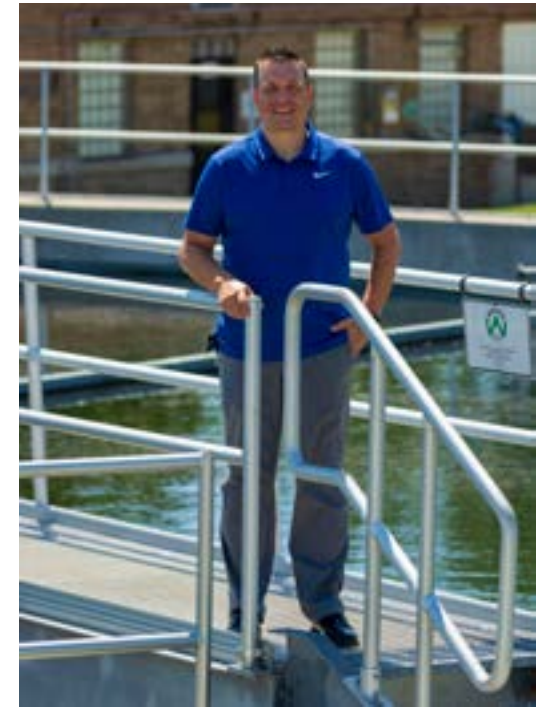
- Secondary Treatment is designed to grow naturally occurring microorganisms to digest organic material, sometimes remove nutrients, and then to settle to the bottom of a secondary sedimentation basin. After secondary treatment, 85% to 90% of solids have been removed from the wastewater.

- Tertiary (or Advanced) Treatment is used to improve the quality of the water even more, especially if the plant's permit requires more stringent effluent limits. Usually, this entails lower effluent solids and nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus levels.

- Disinfection destroys pathogenic organisms in the effluent before it is discharged into the receiving water body to help protect the public from exposure to pathogens. Alternatives for disinfection include chlorination followed by dechlorination, exposure to ultraviolet light, and the infusion of ozone.

- Solids Handling involves the treatment of the solids removed from the water treatment processes for beneficial use or to be made acceptable for landfills.

[Click here for a Virtual Tour of Warren's Water Recovery Facility.](#)



(Above: Bryan Clor, Director of Warren's Wastewater Recover Facility)



(Above: newly installed Bar Rakes which prevent rags and larger debris from destroying the pumps and equipment)



SBA Extends COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application Deadline through Dec. 31, 2021

The U.S. Small Business Administration has extended the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster declaration to Dec. 31, 2021. The deadline extension comes as a result of the bipartisan COVID-19 relief bill passed by Congress and enacted by former President Trump on Dec. 27, 2020.

The SBA has approved over \$197 billion in low-interest loans which provide working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses to help them make it through this challenging time.

EIDL loan applications will continue to be accepted through December 2021, pending the availability of funds. Loans are offered at very affordable terms, with a 3.75% interest rate for small businesses and 2.75% interest rate for nonprofit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. Every eligible small business and nonprofit is encouraged to apply to get the resources they need.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration


The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Andiamo SPRING COOKING

With Andiamo Director of Corporate Food service Chef James Oppat



Char-Grilled Yellow Squash with Spring Style “Caponata”-Style Filling

 Serves 4-6 people

Pre-grilled yellow squash:

- 4-6 Yellow squash 6-8" long
- 2 oz of Olive oil
- 1 oz of Balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper as needed

Instructions for yellow squash:

- Wash the squash thoroughly and allow to dry.
- Remove the ends and split the squash lengthwise.
- Carefully remove the seeds from the center without damaging the exterior of the squash to maintain its integrity.
- Marinate for up to 30 minutes in the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt, and pepper.
- On high heat, char the surfaces of the squash.
- Move to the top rack of the grill or to the cool side of the oven and slow cook until just cooked through in the center, but still firm.

Ingredients:

- 8 oz of Peeled and diced eggplant
- 1 oz of Kosher Salt, as needed
- 3 oz of Virgin olive oil
- 4 oz of Diced red onion
- 4 oz of Diced carrots
- 4 oz of Diced red pepper
- 8 oz of Diced zucchini, green part only
- 2 oz of Minced garlic
- 4 oz of Diced fennel
- 2 Minced jalapeños
- 3 oz of Sun-dried tomatoes, cut in half
- 2 oz Toasted pine nuts
- 1 Tbsp. of Chopped basil
- 1 Tbsp. of Chopped oregano
- 2 Tbsps. of Chopped parsley
- 2 oz Lemon juice, to taste
- 1 Tbsp. of Balsamic vinegar, to taste
- ½ Tsp of Salt, to taste
- ¼ Tsp of Pepper, to taste

Instructions:

- Place the eggplant in a colander with the salt and toss. Allow to stand for an hour, rinse thoroughly, squeeze out the excess juices from the eggplant.
- In half the olive oil, sauté the onions, peppers and zucchini quickly, leaving them still crisp. Remove from the pan and place in a bowl to cool.
- Add the rest of the olive oil to the same pan and add the garlic, eggplant, and fennel. Cook until the raw flavor of the garlic is gone, then add to the bowl.
- Next add the jalapeños, sun-dried tomatoes, pine nuts and the herbs, toss. Add the lemon juice, balsamic vinegar, salt and pepper to taste.
- Stuff inside of the yellow squash and serve immediately with plenty of freshly cracked black pepper and shaved Parmigiano Reggiano cheese.
- If preparing ahead of time, place the filled squashes on a parchment lined cookie sheet and place in the refrigerator.
- Just before service, heat the oven to 400° F and heat the stuffed squashes until heated all the way through.
- Please note, before placing in the oven, cover the tops of the squash with your favorite cheese and allow it to bake and melt over the squash.
- Serve with your favorite salad and of course an even better wine!



Beginner Cycling Tips That Make Riding More Fun

1. Set Your Seat Height Right

Experiencing pain in the front of your knee? Your seat might be too low, causing you to under-extend during your pedal stroke. This is a common mistake amongst beginners because most people feel more comfortable and confident if their feet can reach the ground. But having the wrong saddle height could put you at risk for injury.

To fix: Bump up your saddle. At the right seat height, your knee should be slightly bent at the bottom of your pedal stroke, without rocking your pelvis. Measure the distance between the bottom bracket and the top of the seat. This is your seat height. It should be very close to the product of your inseam (in centimeters) multiplied by 0.883. If you need help, roll down to your local bike shop. The staff will likely be happy to set you up and share your saddle height. Then, get comfortable lifting yourself off the saddle and straddling the top tube so your feet can touch the ground as you come to a stop. It helps to lean the handlebars toward the foot you want to place down.

2. Don't Stress About the Gear

You don't need fancy clothes, clipped-in shoes, or a top-of-the-line bike to become a cyclist. Sure, slick equipment can be a lot of fun, but there's nothing like smoking a bunch of high-end carbon bikes on a climb when you're riding an old beater. The important thing is that you just get out there and ride—and worry about any potential gear upgrades later. You'll certainly need a few things to get started (a bike and a helmet, of course), but don't stress about dumping a bunch of money into a lot of fancy new gear.

3. Get a Bike Fit

How your bike fits you is one of the most important aspects of riding. If the fit is painful, you're not going to spend much time in the saddle, no matter how excited you are to ride

that new bike. To get the right fit, two elements are key: seat height and reach. The seat height should be high enough to give you a very slight bend in your knee when your foot is at the bottom of the pedal stroke, as mentioned above. Proper reach means your arms and torso make a 45-degree angle over the bike. Too long, and your back will be sore reaching for the handlebars; too short, and your knees will be too close to your arms. When you're shopping for a bike, make sure to take it for a test ride to see that the size is correct for you.

4. Keep Your Bike Maintained

You don't have to be a pro wrench to take care of the basics. Routine maintenance—like lubing your chain—will not only save you a bundle at the bike shop, but it will also prolong the life of your bike and components. Keeping the recommended amount of air in your tires (look over your tire to find the psi range) makes your rides a lot easier, too, and prolongs the life of your tires.

5. Avoid Doing Too Much Too Soon

One of the biggest sources of injury comes from trying to take on too much mileage before you're ready. Build up slowly, ease in, and give your body time to adjust to new distances. Similarly, if you're on a training ride, don't start too fast and risk burnout and fatigue in the second half. Warm up during the first third of the ride, then settle into a rhythm for the second, and give it everything you've got for the final third.

6. Carry a Tube or Patch Kit

One minute you're out there on the trail, cruising along with the perfect tailwind, having the time of your life. Then that unmistakable sound of air hissing out of your tires shatters your peaceful reverie, and the party is over. If your flat tire backup plan is to phone a friend, take a few

minutes and check out this guide to changing a tube or patching one. You won't believe how much more independent you'll feel with the proper tools on hand—a spare, a patch kit, tire levers, and a mini-pump—and the know-how to get yourself back on the road in 15 minutes.

7. Use Your Gears

Gears are your best friends on a climb, and your greatest source of speed on a long, rolling stretch of road. But it does take a little practice to get the hang of when and how to shift into your most efficient gear. Here's a basic guide to using all your gears.

8. Learn How to Ride in a Group

Group rides have their own protocol and etiquette for a reason—it's easy to cause a crash if your riding isn't predictable. If it's your first time riding with a new group, hang out in the back, observe, and ask for help if you need it.

9. Remember to Refuel

If you're only riding for an hour, you should have water but don't really need to eat on the bike. If you're planning to ride for two hours or more, bring a snack along and start eating 45 minutes to an hour into your ride.



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Love in Full Bloom

Spring Weddings and COVID-19



Saying 'I Do' during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Love is in the air this spring - despite the COVID-19 Pandemic. Couples are more determined than ever to proclaim and celebrate their love in creative ways.

"There is a high demand for everyone to feel normal again and give couples the chance to have the wedding they planned from the beginning," said Maria Lavdas, owner of the [White House Wedding Chapel](#) in Warren. "People are very much itching to have in-person weddings again."

Small, intimate gatherings, or micro weddings of 40 people or less, are more popular than ever, as are outdoor ceremonies. A lot of people feel it is a safer option for them and their guests during this time.

"We have heard from many couples that their destination weddings were canceled due to covid or no longer a safe option due to covid," said Lavdas. "But since they still have their date and want to marry, they have chosen smaller local options which have led many to us."



(Above: Bride at the White House Wedding Chapel in Warren)



(Above: Bride with bridesmaids at the White House Wedding Chapel in Warren)

Couples that downsize their guest list to meet COVID restrictions are finding they have more money to spend on other things, such as photography, gift bags for guests, or a nicer hotel room.

"We personally believe that you can have a nice wedding on a small budget because it comes down to the core part of a wedding that is important to a couple," said Lavdas. "Couples are focusing on small, nice, less showy weddings, where it's about them coming together as one family instead of the production of entertaining so many people for one day. I personally believe that couples are walking away happier at the end of their day."

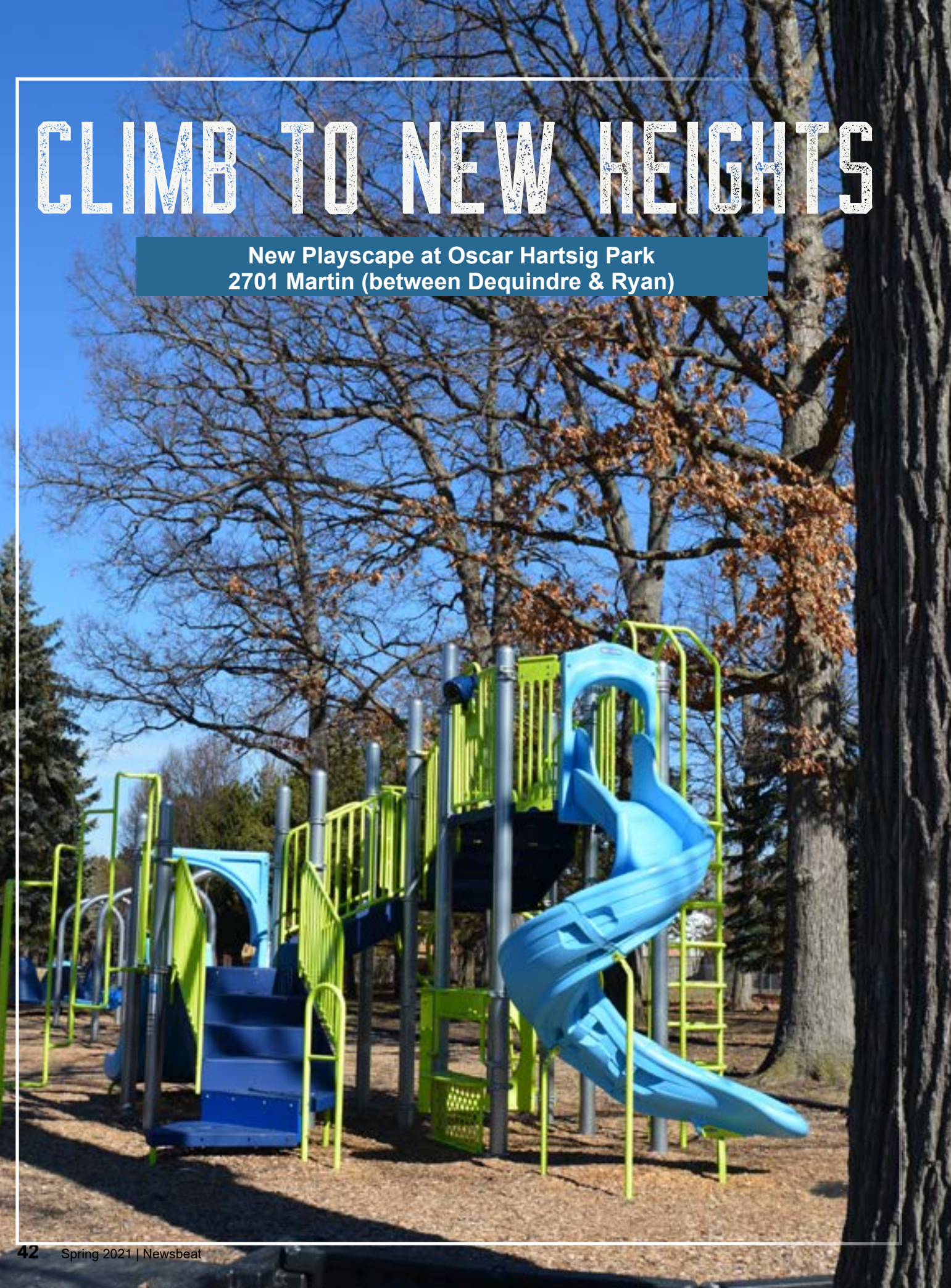
Couples confused by the ever-changing COVID regulations are advised to consult with a professional in the wedding field at the start of the planning process.

"This business changes fast, and with rules and regulations changing even faster with COVID, ask the people in the field because they are keeping up with these changes, and doing their very best to keep everyone informed," said Lavdas.

So, whether you're postponing your wedding plans due to COVID, or moving forward with a set wedding date, remember flexibility is key during these challenging times. Focus on the love that unites you - and your wedding, planned during a pandemic, just might turn out better than you could have imagined.

CLIMB TO NEW HEIGHTS

New Playscape at Oscar Hartsig Park
2701 Martin (between Dequindre & Ryan)



Important Information for Pet Owners in Warren

You may not have more than 5 total adult pets:

- An adult pet is any dog or cat over 6 months of age.
- You may have 3 adult dogs and 2 adult cats or 3 adult cats and 2 adult dogs.
- Excessive barking or other noise that creates a nuisance, annoyance or disturbance is prohibited.
- Your pets are not permitted to roam or run at-large off of your property. This includes cats.
- Dogs must be leashed and under control in public.
- Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies.

Licensing Requirements:

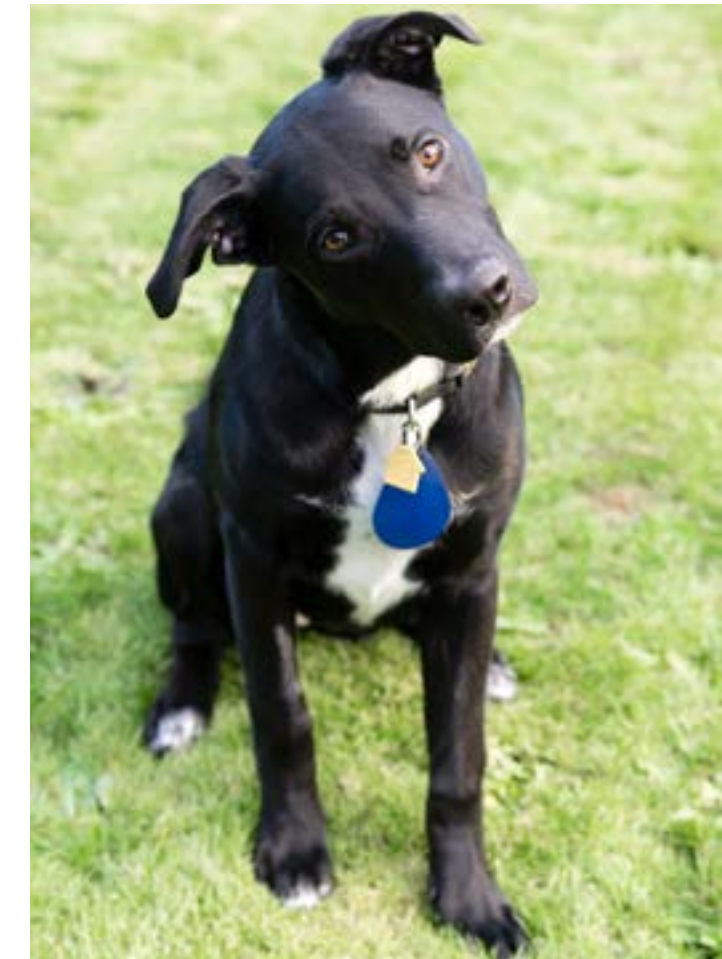
- You are required to purchase a dog license from the Warren City Clerk for any dog over 4 months of age.
- The license must be attached to a collar and on the dog at all times.
- 1-year dog license expires April 30 and requires proof of a rabies vaccination.
- 3-year dog license expires April 30 - 3 years from date of issuance and requires proof of a 3 year rabies vaccination.

You are required to clean up after your pets:

- Pet waste in your yard must be cleaned up to prevent odor from becoming a nuisance. Feces also attract rats.
- Anywhere other than your own yard, you are required to carry bags or a scooper or similar device to pick up and dispose of any feces dropped by your pet.

Information provided by the [City of Warren Animal Welfare Commission](#).

(Above: The Anne Fracassa Memorial Dog Park is located in the southwest corner of Burdi Park on 12 Mile at Pauline Street)



Warren Dog Licenses Expire April 30

[Dog license applications and renewals are available online through the City of Warren Clerk's Office](#)

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