

Administrative Offices

908.689.7200

Police Department

908.689.1630

Building Code & Construction

908.835.1732



211 State Highway Route 31 North

Washington, New Jersey 07882

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP WARREN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

Summer 2014

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Recently Washington Township taxpayers received their 2014 - 2015 property tax bill. The municipal staff and members of the Township Committee (your local elected municipal officials) have received calls and e-mails from frustrated and concerned residents regarding the increase in property taxes. Understandably, residents are upset with higher taxes.

Washington Township municipal government is responsible for appropriating and managing municipal funds. The Township bills and collects taxes on behalf of other entities including the County, Regional School District, Elementary School and the Fire District.

In July the Township Committee became aware of an unintentional carry-over debt service from 2013 to 2014 by the Warren Hills Regional School District for \$725,978 resulting in a one-time spike in the 2014 tax rate. To mitigate the tax burden the governing bodies decided to spread the carry-over debt over the next seven years. The effect is that the tax rate will decrease from \$3.577 to \$3.486 per \$100 of assessed value. For a homeowner whose house is valued at \$250,000, 2014 annual taxes will be reduced from \$8,943 to \$8,716, a **\$227** decrease. This change will be reflected in new tax bills, which will be mailed to you in September.

WEBSITE NEWS

The Township has added a resident notification option to our website. You will see a *"Notify Me"* link in the top right-hand corner of each website page. Click on the link on each webpage in which you are interested in receiving updates. Simply add your email address and updates to those pages will be sent to you automatically. Be sure to sign up for notifications on the *"Announcements and Alerts"* page found on the left hand side of the home page to receive important announcements and emergency information. We hope you find this feature helpful.

www.washington-twp-warren.org

2014 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Washington Township Committee

MAYOR

Robert Klingel (term expires 12/16)

168 Little Philadelphia Road Home: 835-8794
Washington, NJ 07882 Office: 689-7200

Township Administrator, Board of Education/Warren Hills Regional Schools, Township Website/ Public Information, Recreation Commission, Police Department, Shared Court, Township Attorney

e-mail: mayor@washington-twp-warren.org

DEPUTY MAYOR

George J. Willan (term expires 12/15)

32 Falcon Way Home: 835-0215
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Buildings & Grounds, Code & Construction Office/Construction Official, Department of Public Works, Economic Development, Land Use Board, Public Health Officer, Township Engineer

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Theresa Iacobucci (term expires 11/4/14)

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Animal Control, Clean Communities Coordinator, Environmental Commission, Farmland Preservation/Open Space, First Aid Squad, Public Utilities, Warren County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Michael A. Kovacs (term expires 12/14)

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Finance, Township Clerk, Deputy Township Clerk, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Budget Preparation/Township Auditor

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Mark Rossi (term expires 12/16)

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Affordable Housing/COAH, Board of Education/Washington Township Schools, Emergency Management, Fire District, Historic Preservation Commission, Municipal Alliance, Warren-Morris Council of Governments (Shared Service), Zoning Official

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Township Administrator

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Township Clerk &

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Anna C. (Nancy) Godfrey, RMC/CMR 689-7200
e-mail: twpclerk@washington-twp-warren.org Fax 689-9234

Deputy Township Clerk &

Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

Ann Kilduff, CMR 689-7200
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Tax Collector

Evan B. Howell, CTC 689-1975
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(Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Tax Assessor

Lydia Schmidt, CTA 689-8862
(Hours: Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
e-mail: taxassessor@washington-twp-warren.org

Deputy Treasurer

Suzanne Heerwagen 689-7203
e-mail: treasurer@washington-twp-warren.org Fax 689-9131
(Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Chief Financial Officer

Kevin McCarthy, CMFO 689-7912
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Escrow Management Coordinator

Kevin McCarthy 689-7912
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Public Works Department

Peter H. deBoer, Jr. CPWM 689-7204

Assistant Municipal Supervisor of Public Works

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Motor Pool Garage

835-9681
e-mail: motorpool@washington-twp-warren.org

Recycling Coordinators

Peter H. deBoer Jr. & Suzanne Heerwagen 689-7204

Police Department

Dispatch 9-1-1
Non-Emergency 689-1111
Police Chief, James McDonald 689-1630
Secretary, Adele Cortellesi 689-1630
(Mon – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Emergency Management

Thomas Cicerelle 689-1630
Dispatch 9-1-1

Emergency Squad

Dispatch 9-1-1

Court

Municipal Court of the Township of Washington 689-7066
100 Port Murray Road
Port Murray, NJ 07865
www.mansfieldtownship-nj.gov/municipal-court.html

Fire Department

Dispatch 9-1-1

Fire Official / Inspector (Hours by Appointment Only)
William Heerwagen 689-1208
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Land Use Board
Chairman, Erich Sodtalbers 689-0920
Attorney, Steven Gruenberg, Esq. 788-9000
Secretary, Eileen Parks 689-7209
(Wed 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. & Thurs 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
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Recreation Commission
Chairman, Walter Godfrey 689-2853
Administrator, Anna C. (Nancy) Godfrey 689-7200
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Parks & Recreation Building 689-7652
Fax 689-7654

Environmental Commission
Chairman, Al Ivany 689-9137

Historic Preservation Commission
Chairman, Brian Wilcox 689-7923

Township Attorney
Michael B. Lavery 852-2600

Township Engineer
Finelli Engineering 835-9500

Board of Health
(Warren County Board of Health) 475-7960

Welfare/General Assistance
Warren County Welfare Agency 475-6305

Animal Control Officer 625-0106
Kim Bennett

(Dog licenses are due by January 31st of each year. Rabies vaccination must be good through November 1st of the current year)

Building Code & Construction Office 835-1732
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Building Inspectors 835-1837
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Joseph Rossi (Electrical)
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Ralph Price (Fire)
Carl Dieffenbach (Plumbing)

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Boards of Education TOWNSHIP

Superintendent
TBD 689-1119 Ext. 602

Board Secretary
Jean Flynn 689-1119 Ext.606

Schools

Brass Castle Elementary - Grades K, 4, 5 & 6 689-1188
Port Colden Elementary - Grades 1, 2 & 3 689-0681

WARREN HILLS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent
Dr. Thomas Altonjy 689-3050 Ext. 1045

Business Manager
Maureen Joyce 689-3050 Ext. 1046

Schools

Warren Hills Middle School - Grades 7 & 8 689-0750
Warren Hills Regional High School
- Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 689-3050

MEETINGS

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building at
211 Route 31 North, unless otherwise noted.

Township Committee

Third Tuesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.
(Except November - Third Monday at 7:30 p.m.)

Board of Health

Third Tuesday of every month - 7:15 p.m.
(Except November - Third Monday at 7:15 p.m.)

Environmental Commission

Second Tuesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.

Historic Preservation Commission

Third Monday of every month - 7:30 p.m.

Land Use Board

Regular Meeting - Last Wednesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting - Second Wednesday of every month - 7:30
p.m.

Recreation Commission

First Tuesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.
Meetings are held at Park & Recreation Bldg.,
33 Little Philadelphia Rd.

Washington Township Youth Association

First Wednesday of every month - 7:30 p.m.
Web-site: www.WTYA.org
President: Mike Hamas – (908) 343-6528
Vice President: Josh DeVoe – (908) 689-6077
Meetings are held at Park & Recreation Bldg.,

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WARREN HILLS COMMUNITY DAY

The first annual *Warren Hills Community Day* will be held on Saturday, September 20th. A parade will kick off at 9:30 am from Warren Hills Middle School and end at the High School Stadium with an opening ceremony at about 10:15 am. The day will be filled with activities for all ages, as well as various sporting events on the High School campus. On Thursday, September 18th, Warren Hills teams and clubs will Paint the Town Blue with streamers and balloons. We invite all community members to decorate the front of your houses and yards in blue and white. As part of Paint the Town Blue, prizes will be given to the houses decorated in the most Blue Streak spirit. In order to participate in the decorating contest, please register your house by sending an email with your name, address and phone number to whstudco@warrehills.org. You may also contact us at that e-mail address if you need more information about Community Day. Thank you in advance for your participation in this school-community event. It's a great day to be a Blue Streak!

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

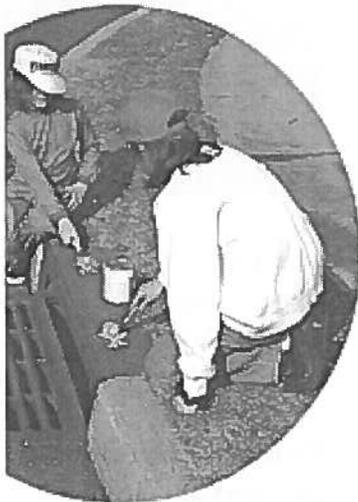
- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

- Recycle used motor oil.

- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.

- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.

- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

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Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
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