



The Town Crier



A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton

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Warrenton Farmers Market Expands

Have You Explored the Farmers Market yet this season? If not, you are in for a treat! This year the Town of Warrenton worked closely with the existing vendors and board to expand, relocate the Wednesday market, and bring new innovative programs to the 41st season of the Farmers Market. As a result, the Saturday market increased in vendor and location size by 38%. The relocated Wednesday market (now meeting at the WARF) also increased in size to serve more vendors and serve as a community gathering place that emphasizes healthy choices.



One of the most exciting new aspects of this year's season is the introduction of Special Kids and Family Days! The first Saturday of each month the Farmers Market will offer free activities, crafts, entertainment, tastings, games, and creative ways to connect kids with farm-fresh foods and healthy habits. Each month features a unique theme with surprises and prizes. All ages are welcome.

The goal of this year's season is to support the growth of our local vendors while providing the community with fun activities that encourage the whole family to participate. These activities have been further enhanced through the "Fresh Bucks" program made possible by a PATH Foundation Make It Happen Grant and Generation Fresh Foundation founder Susanne Brose. Kids were provided Fresh Bucks vouchers



Part of the Warrenton Farmers Market's new focus is on reaching children with the message of healthy, natural eating.

in their schools before summer began to spend at the Farmers Market. This enables kids to come to the market and make their own shopping decisions to reinforce healthy decisions and healthy lifestyles. Fresh Bucks can be picked up at various locations, including the WARF.

The changes to the Farmers Market have been met with overwhelming support and enthusiasm. And this is just the beginning of the season! Come out with your family to explore and enjoy the bounties of our beautiful countryside this week and every week through November!

Find up-to-date information on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/officialwarrentonfarmersmarket or go to Farmers Market link under the Town's Planning and Community Development website at www.warrentonva.gov. If you have any questions, contact Brandie Schaeffer at (540) 347-1101 or bschaeffer@warrentonva.gov. ■



Generation Fresh Foundation founder Susanne Brose shows a youngster what she can buy at the Farmers market with their "Fresh Bucks."

Farmers Market

Wednesdays

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
at the WARF

Saturdays

8:00 AM - Noon
Parking lot at Fifth and Lee Streets

Parks And Recreation News

Summer 2017 Aquatics at the WARF

View a copy of our aquatics booklet online at www.swimwarf.com or pick one up at the WARF. There is still time to register for the following programs being offered this summer at the WARF:

- **Swim Lessons** for all ages and abilities – We offer private, semi-private and group swim lessons at the WARF. Group swim lessons for Blocks 6, 7, 8, and 9 have openings. Hurry and register today!

- **Jr. Lifeguard Camp** – Junior Lifeguard Camp is perfect for those age 10 – 14 who are interested in learning the ins and outs of what it takes to be a lifeguard, including: water safety, hazards in aquatic environments, basic water rescue, and first aid skills. Participants will work alongside the WARF lifeguard staff, gain valuable future job skills, and have lots of fun. Register by July 3. This camp will run Monday through Friday, July 10 – July 14 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

- **Lifeguard Certification** – Get American Red Cross lifeguard certification at the WARF and have the opportunity to work in a variety of exciting aquatic settings! Register for class by July 28; prerequisite is on August 4 and classes are from August 5 - 8. See booklet for all of the details.

When ready, you can register online by going to www.warfonline.com, or come by and see our Front Desk staff for assistance.



Celebrate Your Next Birthday at the WARF

Spots are filling up quickly, so be sure to make your reservation today. Room rentals or group swims are available also. Please complete a Facility Service/Rental Request Form available at the Front Desk or on our website at www.warfparties.com to get the party started. Then return the completed form to the Front Desk at the WARF, 800 Waterloo Road, or email it to warf@warrentonva.gov. You can also fax it to (540) 349-2945.



WARF Summer Hours of Operation

(Effective June 5 – August 15)

Competition Pool & Fitness Room

Monday – Friday: 5:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

Leisure Pool

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

Spa

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 5:45 PM

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

Water Slide

Monday – Friday: 1:00 – 5:45 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 – 5:45 PM

NOTE: The WARF will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. We wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.



**Work Out
at the
WARF!**

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2017 Warrenton Town Limits

Warrenton Town Limits (A Hometown Celebration) is a family friendly celebration of everything Warrenton. Please join us for this free event featuring live music, exhibitors, food vendors, amusements, a skydiver, fireworks and much, much more! Town businesses will be there at the event to let everyone know what they have to offer. See our website at www.warrentontownlimits.com for complete event details. Like us on Facebook too!



Warrenton Town Limits

Friday, June 30, 2017
 4:00 PM 'til Dusk
 (fireworks to follow)
 at the WARF
 800 Waterloo Road
 and surrounding fields
FREE!

A skydiver arrives in all-American fashion at a past Warrenton Town Limits celebration.

Bluegrass Jam

The Warrenton Bluegrass Jams event is growing in size as people hear about it and spread the word. Warrenton Bluegrass Jams are held the 2nd Sunday afternoon of every month through October at Eva Walker Park. Slow Jam is from 2:00 – 3:00 PM and Regular Jam is from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at Eva Walker Park’s picnic pavilion on Alexandria Pike in Warrenton. All levels of players of acoustic instruments are welcomed. Come join us for this free event. Put these remaining Sunday dates on your calendar: July 9, August 13, September 10, and October 8 so you don’t miss out!



Local pickers-and-gridders gather at the Eva Walker Park pavilion Sunday afternoons for a good old fashioned hoedown.

Movies in the Park Schedule

Our second Movie in the Park will be “Sing” on Friday, June 20 at Eva Walker Park. It’s sponsored by Allegro Community School of the Arts.



The third movie is “Finding Dory” on Friday, July 21 at Eva Walker Park.

The two movies are free and everyone is welcome! Pack a snack and bring a chair. Movies start at dusk.

Our last movie will be “Soul Surfer” on Friday, July 28 at the WARF (in the Competition Pool) and is sponsored by Joel Saunders, Realtor, Long & Foster Real Estate. Minimum age is 12. Rafts (no more than six feet long, rings no more that four feet wide) preferably see-through, and noodles are allowed. Please arrive by 7:30 PM. Free!



Enjoy Summer at Our Town Parks

Both Rady Park and Eva Walker Park have pavilions which can be rented for family or group gatherings. There are playgrounds for the kids at Rady Park, Eva Walker Park, Sam Tarr Park, and the Fun for All Playground at the WARF. Academy Hill Park is also a great place to enjoy your lunch or walk your dog. For reservation information, please call (540) 349-2520. ■



Fall Clean-Up Week Scheduled



For those of you who missed the Spring Clean-Up or didn't get rid of everything you needed to, Fall Clean-Up Week is scheduled for October 16 – 20. For those of you who are new to the Town, this is when we pick-up large items, refuse, debris, and items that cannot be picked up with your regular weekly refuse collections. This is a residential collection only, and items

should not be set out prior to the week of collection. For more information check the Town webpage (warrentonva.gov) or call Public Works at (540) 347-1858.

We will pick up tires, but there is a fee of \$3.00 per tire. They must be paid for in advance at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street). For information call (540) 347-1858. ■

Items the Town Will Not Pick Up

The Town will not pick up dirt, rocks, sod, stumps, and large logs, concrete, blocks, bricks and slabs and other masonry products. Crews also cannot pick up mattresses or box springs, television sets, computer monitors, printers, copiers, fax machines and battery packs.

Liquids, such as chemicals or paint, also cannot be collected. Some of these items can be recycled at the landfill and there are fees to dispose of some of them. For more information on the cost or when you can take any of the items listed to the landfill, call the Fauquier County Waste Management Office at (50) 422-8840.

If any of these items are set out during Clean-Up Week, they will not be picked up.

NOTE: If you have paint cans that are empty or dried up, remove the lid and we will pick them up. ■

Brush Collection Policy

Brush/limb collection is a residential collection only and it is for larger limbs – the longer the better and up to 8" or 9" in diameter. All small limbs, twigs, vines, grass, stalks, etc. should be placed in bags and set out with regular household refuse. Limbs that are too small for the chipper, yet too big to place in bags, can be bundled/tied up with string and set out with your refuse. Large logs, stumps, rocks and dirt will not be picked up. Also if you hire a contractor or a landscaping company to do tree trimming, it is their responsibility to haul the trimmings and brush away. The Town will not pick it up if a contractor or company cuts it.

There is no set schedule brush collection; this is a service that is done as time allows. Town residents should place their brush to the road-edge and lay it all in one direction. It makes

Holiday Refuse Collection

Independence Day – July 4

Monday, 7/3/17 – Double refuse collection
(Monday and Tuesday's refuse)

Tuesday, 7/4/17 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Wednesday, 7/5/17 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper, bags)

Thursday, 7/6/17 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 7/7/17 – Regular refuse collection

Labor Day – September 4

Monday, 9/4/17 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 9/5/17 – Double refuse collection
(Monday and Tuesday's refuse)

Wednesday, 9/6/17 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper, bags)

Thursday, 9/7/17 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 9/8/17 – Regular refuse collection

Columbus Day – October 9

Monday, 10/9/17 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 10/10/17 – Double refuse collection
(Monday and Tuesday's refuse)

Wednesday, 10/11/17 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper, bags)

Thursday, 10/12/17 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 10/13/17 – Regular refuse collection

NOTE: There will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) during the holidays for Town residents wishing to dispose of their refuse. This is for general household refuse only. This is a monitored site so no illegal dumping. If you have questions please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



it much safer, easier and quicker if it is not just thrown in a pile and tangled up. Once you have placed it to the curbside call the Public Works Office and be placed on the "Brush List" to insure your brush gets picked up. If you have any questions please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

Don't Be a Drip... Become Storm Water Aware

Pet Waste

Droppings from dogs, cats, and other commonly kept animals can be troublesome to our water. Pet wastes contain nutrients that can promote the growth of algae if wastes enter streams, lakes, and estuaries, and animal droppings contain bacteria that can cause disease.

The risk of storm water contamination increases if pet wastes are allowed to accumulate or are left on sidewalks, streets, driveways, or drainage ways from which they can be carried with storm water runoff to water bodies.

The Town of Warrenton has provided bags for pet waste located throughout the Town parks. Please help keep the parks clean by cleaning up after your animal and placing the pet waste bags into the trashcans. If the bag dispenser is empty at your favorite park, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (540) 349-2520.



Car Washing

Outdoor car washing results in large amounts of nutrients, metals, and hydrocarbons flowing into waterways, as the detergent-rich water used to wash the grime off our cars flows down the street, into the storm drain and into streams. That polluted runoff is especially detrimental to streams during dry weather conditions.

How can you help protect our waterways?

- Use commercial car-wash facilities.
- Wash the car on a pervious surface such as a lawn or vegetated area so the wash water can soak into the ground, where pollutants are filtered out through the soil.

The Town has several programs and ways citizens can help protect our waterways. Please contact Ron Battaglia, the Town's Program Coordinator, at (540) 347-6574 or by email at rbattaglia@warrentonva.gov for more information. ■



Important Recycling Information

The Town of Warrenton would like to thank all the residents for their dedicated participation in the recycling of newspapers, corrugated cardboard and the "Bag Program" (blue or clear). Your support is greatly appreciated as we all try to support and provide the services that help keep our community clean and safe.

For those who do not recycle, please take a moment to look over the town's programs below for consideration. Any help is appreciated and every effort whether large or small does matter.

All recycling is picked up on Wednesdays. It should be placed at the curbside by 8:00 AM. We have three different recycling collections: Bags, Corrugated Cardboard and Newspaper.

- The Blue/Clear Bags are for glass bottles and jars, Type 1 and 2 plastics and metal and aluminum cans or containers. Please... no Styrofoam, no aerosol cans, no plastic bags (grocery bags) and no cardboard or paper in the bags. The Town recycling bags are available for pick up at the Visitor Center (33 N. Calhoun Street). Bags that have the wrong materials in them will not be picked up. Also, if you use a different bag – not the Town's bags – they can't be picked up.
- Cardboard recycling is for corrugated cardboard only. Do not include cereal boxes or cake mix boxes, or 12-pack soda cases, etc. When cardboard is set out it should be empty – no trash, packing material or paper in it. Cardboard should be broken down and placed curbside. If you have cardboard to set out, please call the Public Works Department and be placed on the list for pickup.
- Newspaper recycling is for newspapers, phone books and magazines. They should be bundled with string or placed in a paper bag (not in a trash bag; it needs to be visible so the men can tell that it is paper for recycling).

Thanks again for participating in our recycling programs. If you have questions or are considering recycling and would like more information please call the Public Works Facility at (540) 347-1858. ■

Keep Sidewalks Clear

For all Town residents that have hedges and shrubs abutting sidewalks, please keep them trimmed back behind the edge of the sidewalk from the ground all the way to the top of the plants. Our sidewalks are used by quite a few people – adults and children – and it can make it difficult and unsafe if border plants are overgrown on the sidewalks.

It also can be a traffic hazard if your property is on a corner where this is an intersection, as overgrown hedges and shrubs make it hard for cars to see around oncoming traffic. So please take the time to trim your shrubs and hedges.

The Town appreciates your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Public Works Department at (540) 347-1858. ■

Be On the Lookout for the Emerald Ash Borer

Originally from Asia, emerald ash borer (EAB) (*Agrilus planipennis*) has been in the U.S. since 2002. It is responsible for killing many ash trees from the midwest to the east coast. While ash (*Fraxinus spp.*) is not a large component of our forests in Virginia, it can be very prevalent in the urban areas. Though EAB has been in the northern Virginia area for years, only as of last summer has it been verified in Fauquier. In January of this year, it was found that EAB would also kill fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) too.

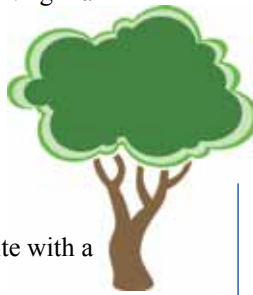
The adult beetles are approximately ½ inch long and a bright metallic green color. When their wings are displayed a purple-red abdomen is exposed. Larvae are creamy white with a tan colored head.

EAB kills ashes by disrupting the water and nutrient flow of the tree. The adult is present from May to August, feeds on foliage and then deposits eggs under the bark. The new larvae bore under the bark to feed in the cambium layer. This activity leaves “S” shaped galleries that eventually girdle the tree. The larvae overwinter under the bark and when they emerge leave a distinct “D” shaped exit hole.

Inspecting your ash trees regularly is key to finding out if you have EAB. Signs and symptoms such as branch die back, epicormic sprouts, D-shaped exit holes, S-shaped galleries under the bark, metallic green adults and a high number of



The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Fauquier County. (Photo: USDA)



woodpecker holes on ash trees can all indicate its presence.

If you suspect EAB, please contact the Department of Forestry at (540) 347-6358 and contact a certified arborist. Arborists for this area can be found at www.goodtreecare.com. Options of what to do with infested trees are dependent upon the level of infestation, the aesthetic value of the tree to the landowner and other considerations. Systemic herbicides can be applied as a preventative measure, but this should only be prescribed and applied by a certified arborist.

While the outlook for ash trees looks dim, homeowners can still promote healthy and resilient trees on their property by diversifying the species they plant and properly taking care of them. Having a certified arborist periodically inspect trees is a good investment to ensure tree health. One lesson we can learn from EAB is the importance of having a diverse urban forest that will persist should another pest come along. As always, when planting new trees think “right tree, right place!”

For more information:

- www.emeraldashborer.info
- Virginia Department of Forestry: www.dof.virginia.gov
- Virginia Cooperative Extension: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/> ■

Adopt-A-Stream Project

Adopt-A-Stream is a national program that brings participation in clean water endeavors to a community and personal level by asking citizens to become actively involved in protecting our water resources. The program consists of a minimum of two stream clean-ups per year. The Town will provide clean up supplies and signs to designate adopted areas.

For more information and to obtain an application form, contact Ron Battaglia, MS4 Stormwater Program Coordinator at (540) 347-6574 or at rbattaglia@warrentonva.gov. ■



Beneath the bark of the ash tree, the emerald ash borer larvae consume the cambium layer, leaving serpentine “galleries” wherever they feed. Then the larvae metamorphose into the iridescent green adult, shown in this photo. (Photo: Virginia Polytechnic and State University)



Employees of Bohler Engineering and their family members participate in the Adopt-A-Stream Cleanup program Saturday, April 8, 2017. They tidied up the stream that runs along Lee Highway (Route 29) at the intersection of Blackwell Road (Near the CVS Pharmacy).

Individual Tree Care and Maintenance

By Jeremy Falkenau, Area Forester, Department of Forestry

As the days become longer and our thoughts turn to spending more time outdoors, many questions come up in regards to the trees on our properties. Should I water this tree? Are we supposed to mulch around the trunk? How much? Does this look sickly? Is this safe for the kids to play around? Each question and observation is as important as the next, especially when it comes to the health, vigor, and overall safety of your trees. Many of the typical management practices can be done by you, the tree's owner, but some must be done by a professional arborist. To find a local certified arborist visit www.goodtreecare.com.

Watering

Tree survival is highly dependent on the correct amount of water, especially during the first three years after planting. Amount and frequency will depend on tree species, soil type, and how well the soils drain. Generally, for the first three years after planting, you should water 1 ½ gallons of water per inch of the trunk's diameter when the soil is dry six inches below the surface. When watering, make sure to water within the dripline of the tree. Typically, once the tree has successfully made it past three years additional watering may not be necessary. If it is deemed necessary for larger or older trees, water the area within six feet of the trunk and at the dripline.

Mulching

Proper mulching takes more skill than throwing wood chips around the base of your tree. Mounds of mulch, or "volcanos," around the base of the tree are improper, and harmful to tree health. To properly mulch: maintain a ring of mulch approximately four inches deep around the tree up to the width of the dripline; the wider you can make it the better. Do not mulch deeper than four inches. If you find grass in your area that needs mulching put a five-page layer of newspaper over the grass, then mulch on top of it. Make sure to keep mulch off of the root collar when mulching.

Trunk Protection

When new deciduous (broad leaf) trees are planted they normally have some sort of tube or piping installed around the trunk to ward off any damage from animals, equipment, etc. These can be helpful for the first few years after planting, seeing as the young tree bark is very thin and can be easily damaged. At the time of planting the trunk protection should allow for 1 – 4 inches of space between the trunk and the

protection device. Check the trunk protection in the spring and again in the autumn; if the bark from the trunk is beginning to touch it remove the trunk protection. Trunk protection can become fatal to a tree if not removed in a timely fashion.

Staking

Some trees may require being staked at the time of planting. Staking should only be considered if the root ball is unstable, or if the trunk is bending to an extreme angle. Typically a system of 1 – 3 stakes and rigging are used to stabilize or straighten the tree. It is imperative to check the rigging in the spring and autumn, paying special attention to where the rigging touches the trunk. Once the tree has become stable or the trunk has straightened, remove the stake system completely. Also, if you notice rub marks or grooves in the bark where the rigging touches the trunk remove the stake system completely. Typically the stake system should be removed 1 – 2 years after planting. Failing to remove the stake system in a timely fashion will be fatal to a tree.

Check for Encircling Roots and Clean the Root Collar

A tree root that tightly encircles the tree will eventually kill the tree. Most of the problems with encircling roots can be prevented at the time of planting given the tree is planted properly and at the correct depth. It is a good practice to check for any roots that may begin to encircle the tree every 4 – 5 years. Look around the base of the tree, especially near the root collar, for any problem roots. If any are discovered contact an arborist regarding proper treatment. When discovered early the treatment can be less costly, and will likely save your tree. Clean off the root collar annually with your hands, a broom, or hand trowel to discourage encircling roots.

Tree Health and Safety

Tree health and safety can be difficult to determine, but constant monitoring will help you notice any problems as they present themselves. Typical health problems will present themselves as early defoliation, presence of insects, or overall poor growth characteristics. Safety problems include broken branches or limbs, cracks, fungi, cavities, weak trunk or branch unions, encircling roots, and recent lean. You can monitor health and safety at any time, but you should especially take

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Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

Economic Development.....	422-8275
Finance Department.....	347-1102
Fire Department.....	347-0522
Inspections.....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief.....	347-1105
Police Station.....	347-1107
Non-emergency.....	347-1100
Emergency.....	911
Planning and Zoning.....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center).....	349-2520
Recycling.....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager.....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills.....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY.....	1-800-828-1120

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency
347-1100**

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time to inspect your trees after a storm. If you notice any of these health and safety issues, or other abnormalities, speak with an arborist for treatment options.

Pruning

Pruning is a practice that should be done by a professional certified and insured arborist. Do not attempt to do pruning work on your own. Pruning can be dangerous, and can be detrimental to a tree's health if done improperly. Proper pruning can improve the health, vigor, and overall safety of your tree by encouraging the development of a strong structure, and well-balanced canopy while eliminating safety and health hazards. Pruning should not begin until two years after planting and may be considered every year or every other year until 10 years after planting. At this time the frequency will drop to an as-needed basis. Pruning can be done at any time, however winter is typically the best time of year. Branches are easier to see, diseases cannot be spread (with some exceptions, including trees prone to fire blight or oak wilt), and there is minimal stress to the tree during dormancy. Keep in mind that an arborist should never remove more than 25 percent of the tree's live branches at one time. Topping a tree should never be considered as a pruning technique. To find a local certified arborist visit www.goodtreecare.com. ■

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