



The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



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Celebrate the Holidays In Old Town

The Town of Warrenton has a wonderful way of celebrating the holidays; it's a time many residents and non-residents love and anticipate as the season draws near. It all gets started Friday, December 2, and continues right on into the New Year.

Here's a snapshot of this year's holiday activities in Warrenton.

Warrenton's Annual Christmas Parade

Christmas in Warrenton officially begins Friday, December 2 at 6:00 PM, with the Town's annual Christmas Parade. Join your friends and neighbors for this amazing nighttime Christmas parade, complete with bands, floats with spectacular Christmas lights, performers, fireworks, and a lot of holiday spirit. The finale of the parade is the arrival of Santa himself, officially ringing in the holidays in Warrenton.

Santa At the Caboose

Friends of the Warrenton Caboose, along with Fauquier County Parks and Recreation, will be hosting a visit from Santa on Saturday, December 3 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. The event is free. Santa will be greeting families inside a beautifully restored 1969 N&W caboose. The event will include holiday decorations, music, carolers, hot chocolate, cider, cookies and a fire pit for roasting marshmallows. There will be opportunities for photos with Santa inside the caboose so bring your camera.

The caboose is located at the end of 4th Street South on the Greenway Trail in Historic Warrenton. Parking is available nearby on East Franklin Street and at the 5th Street South P-lot.

For more information, contact Ron Scullin at (540) 349-1637.

Main Street Fridays

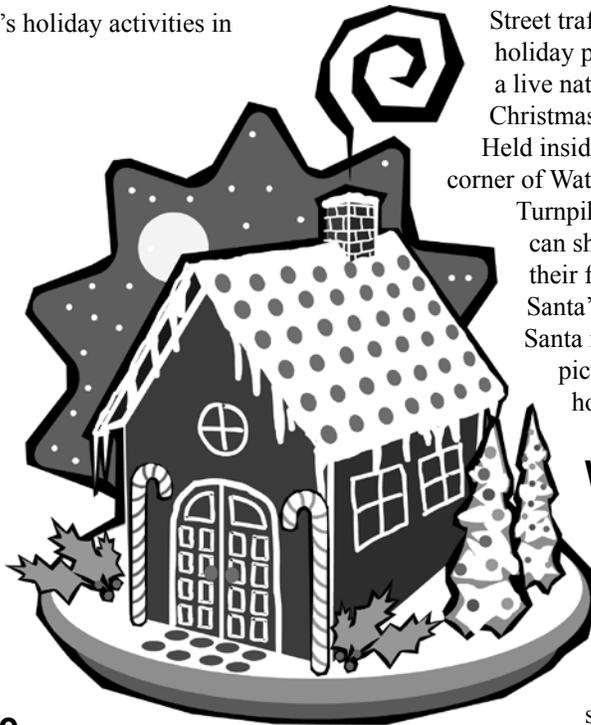
Fridays in Warrenton are filled with holiday spirit, and the rest of December as well. December 9, 16 and 23, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM, the Town shuts down Main Street traffic and merchants open their doors to holiday pedestrians. There's Christmas caroling, a live nativity, and Warrenton's crown jewel of Christmas, GumDrop Square.

Held inside the John Barton Payne Building, at the corner of Waterloo and Main Streets, and Alexandria Turnpike, GumDrop Square is where children can shop for inexpensive holiday gifts for their family and friends with the aid of one of Santa's elves (adult volunteers). Of course, Santa is never far away, and kids can get their pictures taken with him, and offer him their holiday wants and wishes.

Warrenton Churches Are Aglow

For those who love the traditional meaning of Christmas, Warrenton's many churches have plenty to offer. From Christmas choral concerts to special services, there are many activities throughout the Town to help you celebrate this special time.

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Reminder!

As part of the FY 2017 Adopted Budget, the Real Estate tax rate for the second half of calendar year 2016 was raised from \$0.015 to \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed value. The Personal Property tax rate remains at \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value. Bills are not mailed if the tax due is less than \$5.00. ■

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First Night Warrenton

When Christmas is over, the fun still continues in Warrenton with the Town's annual celebration of First Night Warrenton, a great way to bring in the New Year.

Come say hello to 2017 at First Night and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors, and some quality, family entertainment. It's a family-friendly, arts-oriented celebration of the New Year. First Night Warrenton is a Town tradition that celebrates the great things Warrenton has to offer. It features hayrides, an assortment of edible treats, and most notably, a variety of different entertainment at numerous, indoor venues across Town. The celebration closes on the steps of the old courthouse at midnight with a grand illumination and a verse or two of Auld Lang Syne.

First Night truly offers something for everyone. At some venues you'll find music and entertainment for kids and families; at other sites, the celebration will include rock, jazz, bluegrass, folk, blues or other genres from all over the world. We even have a venue that is coordinated entirely by our First Night youth committee and features artists and bands from local middle, high schools, and colleges!

Last year, beautiful weather and the promise of a good time brought an estimated 2,000 people to Old Town Warrenton for First Night. An array of entertainers performed at over a dozen sites – from local churches to the Odd Fellows Lodge.

The event is a partnership between the Town of Warrenton, Fauquier County and Bluemont, who will arrange the evening's entertainment. Throughout its long history with the Town, Bluemont has presented the Bluemont Concert Series all summer on the Warren Green lawn and has arranged entertainment for First Night and other events. This year's celebration is sure to have the best in music, magic, puppets, and other fun entertainment.

As always, First Night Warrenton is committed to being family-friendly, so it's alcohol-free, affordable, and fun for the whole family! Make your plans now for a wonderful New Year's Eve celebration with friends and neighbors on the streets of Old Town Warrenton. As plans begin to come together for First Night, you can check the list of entertainers scheduled at the Bluemont website, www.bluemont.org. When the entertainment schedule is finalized, it will also be published in local papers.

For more information, call Bluemont at (540) 955-8186 or check out their website at www.bluemont.org. ■



First Night Warrenton

Saturday, December 31

7:00 PM to Midnight

\$10 per person

\$8 for seniors (65+)

\$5 for kids (ages 3-12)

Kids under three get in free

Three Years Strong for Operation Inasmuch

For the third year, Operation Inasmuch touched the Warrenton community through the combined efforts of more than 400 volunteers from Bethel United Methodist, First Baptist, and Warrenton Baptist churches, along with Fauquier Habitat for Humanity. Teams of all ages from diverse backgrounds worked side-by-side at 51 sites across Fauquier County to impact the lives of those who needed a helping hand.

Teams were involved in: home construction, repairs and winterization; visiting a variety of nursing homes; yard work and landscaping; hosting a barbecue for veterans; replenishing local food banks and providing meals; providing platters of cookies for first responders; and splitting and delivering firewood.

The name "Inasmuch" is derived from the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40, where He instructed His followers to serve their neighbors. One of the goals of the national Operation Inasmuch organization is to foster the gathering of multiple churches not only for one day but to broaden the effort to serve together on an ongoing basis. The organization encourages churches to develop lifestyles of compassion, serving at least monthly. This has already occurred in work with Habitat for Humanity and in provision of firewood, emergency financial assistance, fresh produce and non-perishables for community food banks. During the upcoming year, this will expand to include increased donations to the Community Thrift Store and Food Bank, domestic violence victims, Fauquier Family Shelter, and the Fauquier Free Dental Clinic.

For information about how you can be a part of Fauquier County's ongoing Inasmuch service, contact Doug Harris at (540) 347-3509 or warrentonbaptistchurch.org.

For more information about Operation Inasmuch, Inc., a ministry that equips churches to serve their communities with compassion, please visit www.operationinasmuch.org. ■



Baking cookies for first responders.



Area veterans enjoyed a barbecue provided by the Operation Inasmuch volunteers.

Habitat Hits Haiti Street!

Fauquier Habitat For Humanity, its Road Trip Crazies and over 200 volunteers erected walls, installed windows and doors, hung siding and put a single roof on a new home on Haiti Street in under 34 hours in late October.

Key to project's success was the time volunteered by our Lead Building Official, Bill Mercer. Bill stayed on the site continuously while other volunteers came and went ensuring that the completed work met the Building Code.

Habitat's houses have a reputation for solid construction (you may recall the image of Habitat homes in Homestead, Florida still standing in 1992 amid a flattened landscape after Hurricane Andrew). Bill and the skilled Habitat builders were not going let this be an exception. Thank you! ■



Local volunteers for Habitat for Humanity finished a house on Haiti Street in under 34 hours! The Town's own Lead Building Inspector, Bill Mercer, was happy to be among them, making sure the new house met all the building codes.

Brush Collection Policy Refresher

Brush and limb collection is a residential collection only. It is for larger limbs – the longer the better and up to 8” or 9” in diameter. There is not a schedule for the brush collection; this is a service that is done as time allows.

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 or tied up with string and set out with 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 cuts it. Town residents should place their brush to the road-edge and lay it all in one direction. This makes it much safer, easier and quicker if it is not just thrown in a tangled up pile. 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. ■

Town Christmas Tree Collection

When the holidays have passed, return your Christmas tree to nature with the Town’s Christmas tree recycling program. Town crews will start picking up of Christmas trees the week of January 9, 2017. Town residents should place their trees at the street line by 8:00 AM on Monday, January 9. Town crews will collect the trees throughout the week, starting at one end of Town and working their way to the other. Trees not at the street line will not be picked up.

These trees are fed through a chipper to recycle them into organic mulch. So all stands, decorations, wood, wire, nails, etc. must be removed.

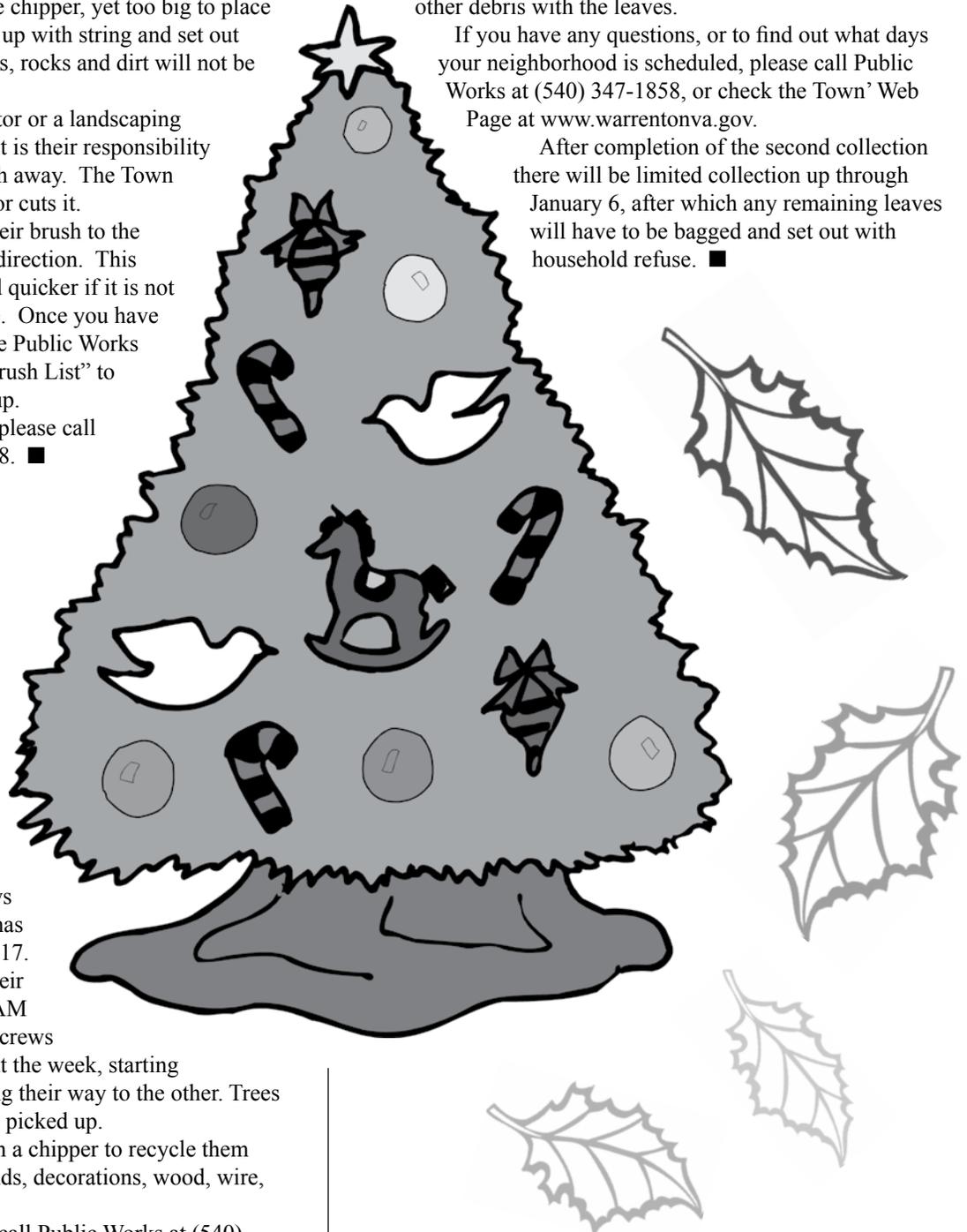
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Second Leaf Collection Scheduled

The Town’s second leaf collection is scheduled for December 5 – 16. All property owners are requested to rake leaves to the street line by 8:00 AM on their first scheduled pick-up day. Please don’t rake leaves into ditch lines or gutters to prevent clogging. Locate leaves so that vehicles are not blocking them, and don’t put brush, limbs, rocks or other debris with the leaves.

If you have any questions, or to find out what days your neighborhood is scheduled, please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858, or check the Town’ Web Page at www.warrentonva.gov.

After completion of the second collection there will be limited collection up through January 6, after which any remaining leaves will have to be bagged and set out with household refuse. ■



Parks And Recreation News

Learn to Swim at the WARF!

Did you know that swimming is the only sport that can save lives? Learning to swim is the single most important skill you and your family can have to stay safe in and around the water. That's why investing in swim lessons for your family is not only a fun activity to participate in, but it is also a skill that will have lasting value for a lifetime.

The WARF offers group and private swim lessons for all ages and ability levels. Online Registration for WARF's Winter Block 3 is now open. A complete listing of all lessons can be found at www.swimwarf.com. Follow the directions for online registration at www.warfonline.com or stop by the WARF Front Desk to sign up for the class of your choice.

Swim Club

Take the plunge into WARF Swim Club, where those who have completed Level 5 swim lessons (or equivalent) can refine their technique, build endurance and just have fun. Learn starts and turns, build skills, and stay in shape in a supportive environment. Proper stroke technique is emphasized, as each student learns to improve their swimming abilities. This is not a swim team, but is a good bridge for those who wish to work towards participating with a competitive swim team. Online registration is now open at www.warfonline.com



Restroom Closings

The Town of Warrenton's park restrooms closed for the winter on November 14, except for the Athey Fields restrooms, which will close on Monday, November 21. All park restrooms will reopen in the spring.

WARF Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Hours:
Wednesday, November 23:
5:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day: Closed

Friday, November 25:
Normal hours; 5:00 AM – 8:45 PM

Christmas Hours:
Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24:
8:00 AM – Noon
Christmas Day: Closed
Monday, December 26:
Normal hours; 5:00 – 8:45 PM

New Years Hours:
New Years Eve, Saturday Dec. 31:
8:00 – Noon
New Years Day: Closed

WARF Black Friday Special starts on Wednesday!

WARF's Black Friday special this year is a fantastic, don't-want-to-miss-it, special. On Wednesday, November 23, 12:00 – 6:00 PM, and Friday, November 25, 5:00 AM – 8:45 PM you can purchase a WARF annual membership at 15% off (if renewing, your membership must expire within 6 months) or buy 2 adult annual memberships and get 4 free youth (under age 12) memberships free (if renewing, your membership must expire within 6 months). Don't miss out. Put the WARF on your list of places to get a fantastic deal on Black Wednesday/Friday! Not valid with any other offer or promotion.



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Town Receives HEAL Gold Award

The Town of Warrenton, Virginia and Warrenton Parks & Recreation was awarded the Healthy Eating and Active Lifestyle (HEAL) Gold award for our local policies and promotion of healthy eating and active lifestyle in our town. Initiatives such as WARF on Wheels, Commit to be Fit, Employee Wellness, Healthy Meeting, and Healthy Vending contributed to earning this award.

The award was given by the Virginia Municipal League (VML), and was presented to the Town at the VML Conference in Virginia Beach. ■



Town Councilman Sean Polster accepting the HEAL Gold Award from Bob Coiner, Gordonville, VA mayor and VML President.



Holiday Refuse Schedule

Christmas – December 25

Monday, 12/19/16 – Regular refuse collection

Tuesday, 12/20/16 – Regular refuse collection

Wednesday, 12/21/16 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 12/22/16 – Double refuse collection (both
Thursday and Friday's)

Friday, 12/23/16 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Monday, 12/26/16 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 12/27/16 – Double refuse collection (both
Monday and Tuesday's)

Wednesday, 12/28/16 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 12/29/16 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 12/30/16 – Regular refuse collection

New Years Day – January 1

Monday, 1/2/17 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 1/3/17 – Double refuse collection (both
Monday and Tuesday's)

Wednesday, 1/4/17 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 1/5/17 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 1/6/17 – Regular refuse collection

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Jan. 16

Monday, 1/16/17 – Holiday; no refuse collection

Tuesday, 1/17/17 – Double refuse collection (both
Monday and Tuesday's)

Wednesday, 1/17/17 – Regular recycling collection
(cardboard, newspaper and blue bags)

Thursday, 1/18/17 – Regular refuse collection

Friday, 1/19/17 – Regular refuse collection

NOTE: There will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) over the holidays for anyone wishing to dispose of refuse. This is for household refuse only. No large items, furniture or electronics. ■



'Tis the Season

As all citizens know, this is the time of year for all of us to do our part in regard to snow and ice removal. Section 14.5 of the Code of the Town of Warrenton (“Disposition of Snow, Ice, etc.”) requires the occupant of any house and lot which abuts a paved sidewalk or a footway of stone, brick or wood to have all snow removed from the sidewalk or footway within six hours after the snow has ceased falling. If the snow has fallen during the night or on a Sunday, property owners have until 12 noon of the following day.

In regard to ice and sleet, the same requirements are in effect, except that if ice or sleet cannot be removed without injury to the sidewalk or footway, property owners (within the same time frame) must put down sand, ashes or some other substance that will render it safe for travel on foot.

If a house or lot is unoccupied, it’s the duty of the owner, or the agent of the owner, to have the snow or ice removed from the sidewalk or footway in the same manner set forth above for occupants of properties.

Each violation of the Code subsection is a class 4 misdemeanor, and every six hours that the snow or ice is allowed to remain in violation of the subsection constitutes a separate offense.

One last reminder – It is also unlawful for any person removing ice or snow from his premises to place or deposit it upon any street or sidewalk.

Snow Emergency Routes

The Streets listed below are Snow Emergency Routes, and it is unlawful for any person or business to park a vehicle on any of these streets during snow emergencies. Vehicles that are stalled, stuck, parked or abandoned on any of these streets during a snow emergency may be removed by the police at the owner’s expense.

Alexandria Pike
 Blackwell Road
 Bear Wallow Road
 Broadview Avenue
 Culpeper Street
 East & West Shirley Avenue
 Falmouth Street

Frost Avenue (Rt. 211)
 Lee Highway
 Lee Street
 Main Street
 Waterloo Road
 Waterloo Street
 Winchester Street

During snowstorms, when the Town’s trucks are out spreading chemicals or plowing, they start with the arterial roads first (main roads). Once they feel they have the main roads under control they will start spreading and plowing the secondary roads (side streets). During major storms that require plowing, the snow is pushed to the right side, toward the curb or road edge. During snowstorms, if there is any way possible for those residents who have on-street parking to park their vehicles off the road, this would make it easier for the trucks to plow, and also keep your vehicles from being plowed in. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Please help us as we attempt to make our Town streets safe and clean. Any questions regarding Town ordinances or snow emergency may call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■





**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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