



# The Town Crier



A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton

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## WPD Receives Third Accreditation

The Warrenton Police Department is celebrating another four years of accreditation. The Police Department officially received a certificate of re-accreditation during a presentation at the Town Council meeting on October 13.

A three-person team spent three days on-site with the WPD verifying the department's compliance with national standards. The assessors were law enforcement accreditation managers from throughout the Commonwealth. They found the Warrenton Police Department to be in 100% compliance.

The team first observed a static display at the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Company of an officer's patrol vehicle, sergeant's patrol SUV, detective's unmarked vehicle, crime scene investigations van, police bicycle and motorcycles. The team then took in several equipment displays and learned about the department's many programs and capabilities. The assessment team conducted a walk-thru inspection of the Police Department complex, including the administrative offices, recordkeeping and evidence rooms, and security facilities. One member of the team participated in a ride-along with an officer for several hours.

After completing a walk-thru inspection of the Warrenton Fauquier Joint Communications Center, the team began examining files containing the 190 standards as established under the process for the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Then, after an exit interview, the team reported on its findings, citing the Warrenton Police Department with 100% compliance.

Members of the Warrenton Police Department appeared at the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission's (VLEPSC) fall conference in early October to hear the commission's unanimous decision to re-accredit the Warrenton Police Department, which was first accredited in 2007.

At that same meeting, Warrenton Police Accreditation Manager Megan Gerald was designated as a VLEPSC Senior Assessor by the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition (VALEAC), and as a Certified Accreditation Professional. Chief Robert Mawyer, of West Point, VA Police Department, who is the Virginia Law Enforcement Accreditation Coalition's President, presented Gerald with a plaque.

Gerald also sits as a chairperson on the Certified Accreditation Professional Committee. ■



*The re-accreditation team: From left, Derrick Mays, VLEPSC Program Manager, and members of the Warrenton Police Department Megan Gerald, WPD Accreditation Manager; Chief Louis A. Battle, Deputy Chief Gary M. Dillon, and Officer Fawntella Jackson.*



*West Point, VA Police Chief Robert Mawyer presents Megan Gerald, the Warrenton Police Department's Accreditation Manager, with her certificate.*

## Christmas In Old Town

There's nothing quite like the holidays in a small town like Warrenton, and this year will be as special as ever.

Warrenton's annual Christmas parade is set to take place on Friday, December 4, beginning at 6:00 PM. It will travel down Main Street in Old Town Warrenton towards the Courthouse for the annual tree lighting. Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with Mayor Duggan, will light the way to mark the start of the holiday season in Old Town Warrenton.

Last year a fireworks display was added to the evening's events, producing a truly magical night in Warrenton.

After all the "official business" is taken care of (i.e., the tree lighting), Santa will make his way across Main Street, and Gumdrop Square will open for the Season. Gumdrop Square is a 26-year-old tradition in Old Town where children can chat with Santa, get a photo taken and do some shopping in the Secret Shop with a little help from our elves.

Thanks to the generous support of the community and countless hours of volunteer time Gumdrop Square is free and open to the public Friday December 4, 11, 18, Saturday 5, 12, 19 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM and Sunday 6, 13, 20 from 1 - 3 PM.

For more information on both events [www.warrentonchristmasparade.com](http://www.warrentonchristmasparade.com) or [www.partnershipforwarrenton.org](http://www.partnershipforwarrenton.org). ■



## Welcome, 2017!

Whether you're an old timer, pining for the good old days of Guy Lombardo, or a youngster, who's more hip to "New Years Rockin' Eve," you'll love First Night Warrenton, a family-friendly arts-oriented celebration of the New Year. First Night Warrenton is a tradition in the Town, a celebration for all that is great in a small community like Warrenton. It features a variety of different entertainment at numerous, toasty warm, indoor venues all over Town, hayrides, and an assortment of edible treats.



The celebration closes with a grand illumination and a verse or two of Auld Lang Syne on the steps of the old courthouse at midnight. The best thing about First Night is that there's something for everyone. At some venues you'll find music and entertainment for kids and families, and at other sites the joint will be jumping with rock, blues or music genres from all over the world.

Last year we had beautiful weather and an estimated 2,000 people visited Old Town Warrenton for First Night. Different entertainers performed at over a dozen different sites – from local churches to the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Once again the Town and County have partnered together with Bluemont to arrange the entertainment. Bluemont has a long history with the Town, presenting the Bluemont Concert Series all summer on the Warren Green lawn, and arranging 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](http://www.bluemont.org). When the list is finalized, it will also be published in local papers. ■

### First Night Warrenton

Thursday, December 31, 2015

7:00 PM to Midnight

\$10 per person

\$8 for seniors (65+)

\$5 for kids (ages 3-12)

Kids under three get in free

## Local Volunteers Mobilized To Serve Community

Two Warrenton churches joined hands October 10 to send out more than 300 volunteers in community service. Volunteers from First Baptist Church (FBC) and Warrenton Baptist Church (WBC) blitzed the community, targeting needs at 42 sites across Fauquier County.

Inasmuch United, a national organization created to foster community service and volunteerism, spearheaded the effort. The organization’s name is derived from the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:40, where he instructed his followers to serve their neighbors.

Within the Town of Warrenton, volunteers showed appreciation to veterans and first responders; reached out to the sick, homebound, and residents in three nursing homes; fulfilled a variety of needs at the Boys and Girls Club and Head Start; provided car care and clothing for those in need. Volunteers also helped stock local food banks. And the project offered children (preschoolers through teens) with opportunities to serve their neighbors.

The one-day event brought together 304 people of all ages from diverse backgrounds to work side-by-side in community service. Operation Inasmuch, Inc. has provided a model for more than 1,800 churches nationwide to serve their communities with compassion. To learn more about this national program visit [www.operationinasmuch.org](http://www.operationinasmuch.org). ■



Linda Behnken (center), WBC, and Robyn Thompson (left), FBC, led the “Warm Hearts” project. Theresa Chichester (right), FBC, is helping to sort winter items collected for DSS families in need.



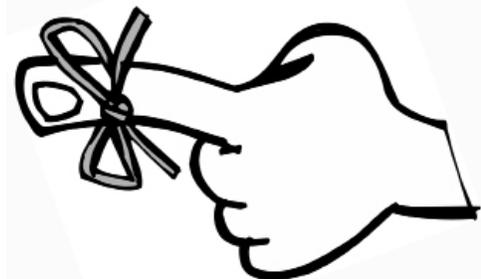
Town of Warrenton Police Lt. George Southard presented drug addiction and abuse information at a community forum.



Inasmuch volunteers joined Warrenton Fire Company volunteers in offering free smoke alarm inspections, replacements, and battery replacements.

**Don't Forget...**

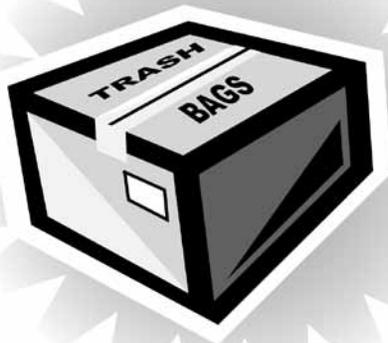
**2015 Real Estate  
and Personal Property  
Tax bills are due  
December 15, 2015.**



## It's In the Bag

The Town of Warrenton would like to remind all Town residents that it's trash bag pick up time again. The new season began October 1. Once a year the Town of Warrenton gives out one free box of 100 trash bags to each Town residence. Also, the town furnishes residents and businesses with recycling bags. The bags are available at the Visitor Center (33 N. Calhoun Street) seven days a week from 9 AM – 5 PM. You'll need to show some type of ID that shows your Town address.

Once you get your recycling bags, remember that they will not be picked up if they are used for trash bags or if the wrong items are placed in them. If you have any questions about the bags or the recycling program, call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. If you have questions about picking up your supply of bags, you can call the Visitor Center at (540) 341-0988. ■

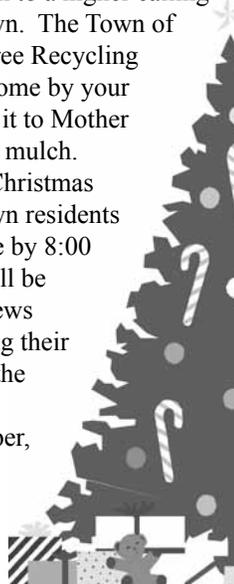


## O Tannenbaum...

Once your Christmas tree has filled your home with the love and light of the holidays, send it on to a higher calling – to become organic mulch around Town. The Town of Warrenton operates a free Christmas Tree Recycling Program each year. Town crews will come by your home and collect your tree, then return it to Mother Earth, from whence it came, as organic mulch.

Town crews will start picking up Christmas trees the week of January 4, 2016. Town residents should place their trees at the street line by 8:00 AM on Monday, January 4th. Trees will be collected throughout the week, with crews starting at one end of Town and working their way through to the other. Trees not at the street line will not be picked up.

These trees are fed through a chipper, so all stands, wood, wire, ornaments, nails, etc. should be removed. If you have any questions call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Christmas – December 25

**Monday, 12/21/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 12/22/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 12/23/15** – Recycling collections (*blue bags, cardboard & newspaper*)  
**Thursday, 12/24/15** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Friday, 12/25/15** – Holiday; no refuse collection

### New Years – January 1

**Monday, 12/28/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 12/29/15** – Regular refuse collection  
**Wednesday, 12/30/15** – Recycling collections (*blue bags, cardboard & newspaper*)  
**Thursday, 12/31/15** – Double refuse collection (*Thursday and Friday's refuse*)  
**Friday, 1/1/16** – Holiday; no refuse collection

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 18

**Monday, 1/18/16** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 1/19/16** – Double refuse collection (*Monday and Tuesday's refuse*)  
**Wednesday, 1/20/16** – Recycling collections (*blue bags, cardboard & newspaper*)  
**Thursday, 1/21/16** – Regular refuse collection  
**Friday, 1/22/16** – Regular refuse collection

### Presidents' Day – February 15

**Monday, 2/15/16** – Holiday; no refuse collection  
**Tuesday, 2/16/16** – Double refuse collection (*Monday and Tuesday's refuse*)  
**Wednesday, 2/17/16** – Recycling collections (*blue bags, cardboard & newspaper*)  
**Thursday, 2/18/16** – Regular refuse collection  
**Friday, 2/19/16** – Regular refuse collection

*NOTE: There will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works Facility (360 Falmouth Street) during the holidays for anyone wishing to dispose of refuse. ■*



# WARF News

*From the Town of Warrenton Parks and Recreation Department*

## Seven Years of Sponsorship

Blue Ridge Orthopaedic and Spine Center (BROA) began their seventh year as the WARF's largest Corporate Sponsor in October. The original sponsorship began in October of 2009 when both WARF and BROA staff planned for the BROA Physical Therapy Department to bring their patients to the WARF to rehabilitate in the water.

"The partnership has been a mutually beneficial arrangement since then and continues to grow each year," said Cathy Zimmer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. "Blue Ridge is an outstanding group of people to work with and we expand our collaborative efforts every year."

Factors of the agreement are water time for physical therapy sessions, memberships for Blue Ridge staff, banner advertising in the pools and collaborative ideas for community programs.

Jeff Hollis, CEO of Blue Ridge states, "We receive numerous inquiries every month from potential patients after seeing our banners, announcements, and information at the WARF. I can't calculate the number of patients that make it here because of that, but I am sure it's 10 or 15 a month. We couldn't get this kind of exposure anywhere else in the area. The WARF is a great partner and friend to Blue Ridge.



*Jeff Hollis, Blue Ridge CEO (seated), Cathy Zimmer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation (left) and Jill Smith, Director of Human Resources and Marketing at Blue Ridge (right).*

## \$2 Tuesdays & Thursdays

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 – 2:00 PM WARF admission is just \$2, regardless of residency! This promotion is only available when Fauquier County Public Schools are in session. This promotion includes access to the pools and fitness room, but cannot be used towards fitness classes. No re-entry is allowed with \$2 Tuesday and Thursday promotions.

## Winter WARF Swim Club

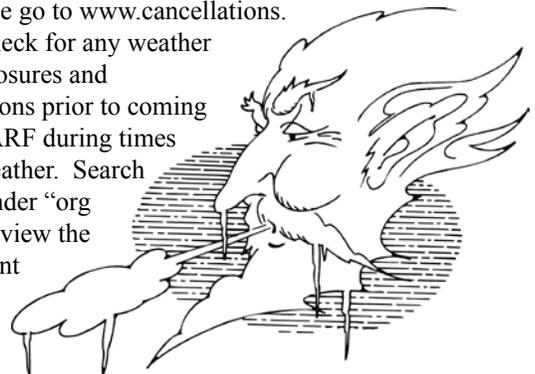
Do your children love to swim but do not want the commitment of a team? Are they comfortable swimming the length of the pool freestyle and backstroke? Do they know the basics of breaststroke? Do they want to advance their skills and stay in shape? Take the plunge into the WARF Swim Club. Swimmers work on proper stroke technique, learn starts and turns, build skills and stay in shape in a fun, relaxing manner. One or two day a week options are available, and the WARF offers evaluations upon request to assess a swimmer's readiness. Registration is available now.

## Homeschool Programs

This fun and exciting program for homeschooled youth in our community is geared towards teaching children of all ages how to swim and be safe in and around water. The American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program emphasizes water safety and stroke development to stroke refinement. The WARF will be offering preschool classes for ages 3 – 5 and youth classes for ages 6 and older. Registration is available now.

## WARF Inclement Weather Policy

Please go to [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) to check for any weather related closures and cancellations prior to coming to the WARF during times of bad weather. Search WARF under "org name" to view the most recent postings.



## 'Tis the Season

Our collective fingers are crossed with the approaching winter season, particularly with the unusually mild summer. Because with winter comes the “S” word (snow).

This is a friendly reminder to those with sidewalks along their property to be sure to clear the snow and ice off the sidewalks to help those that depend on their feet to get around Town.

Here are a couple of tips to ease the tension between the street snowplow crews and residents:

- Try and hold off shoveling your sidewalk and driveway until the crews have completed plowing on your street.
- When shoveling the driveway throw the snow to the right of the driveway (facing the street), especially the snow at the entrance. The plows approach your driveway from the left, and if deposited on that side chances are it will end up back in your driveway.



The Streets listed below are snow emergency routes and it is unlawful for any resident or business to park a vehicle on any of these streets during snow emergencies:

**Alexandria Pike  
Blackwell Road  
Bear Wallow Road  
Broadview Avenue  
Culpeper St. / Ext.  
East & West Shirley Ave,  
Falmouth Street**

**Frost Avenue (Rt. 211)  
Lee Highway  
Main Street  
Waterloo Road  
Waterloo Street  
Winchester Street  
Lee St. / Ext.**

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.

During snowstorms, when the Town’s trucks are out spreading chemicals or plowing, they start with the main roads. Once they feel they have the main roads under control they will start spreading/plowing the side streets. During major storms that require plowing, the snow is pushed to the right side toward the curb or road edge. If you have on-street parking, it is helpful to plowing crews if you can park your car off the street until the plowing is completed. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please help us as we attempt to keep our Town streets safe and clean. Any questions regarding Town Ordinances or snow emergency procedures may be directed to Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

## Second Leaf Collection Scheduled

The Town’s second leaf collection will run from December 7 – 18. After that, the Town will offer limited leaf collection through January 8.

To have your leaves collected, please rake them to the street line by 8:00 AM on your scheduled pick-up day. Please don’t rake the leaves into ditches or gutters where they can impede storm water runoff. And don’t rake them near a parked vehicle, as this makes it difficult for Town crews to get at them with their leaf vacuum. And just leaves in those piles, please. No brush, limbs, rocks or other debris with the leaves.

If you have any questions please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■

### Second Leaf Collection Schedule

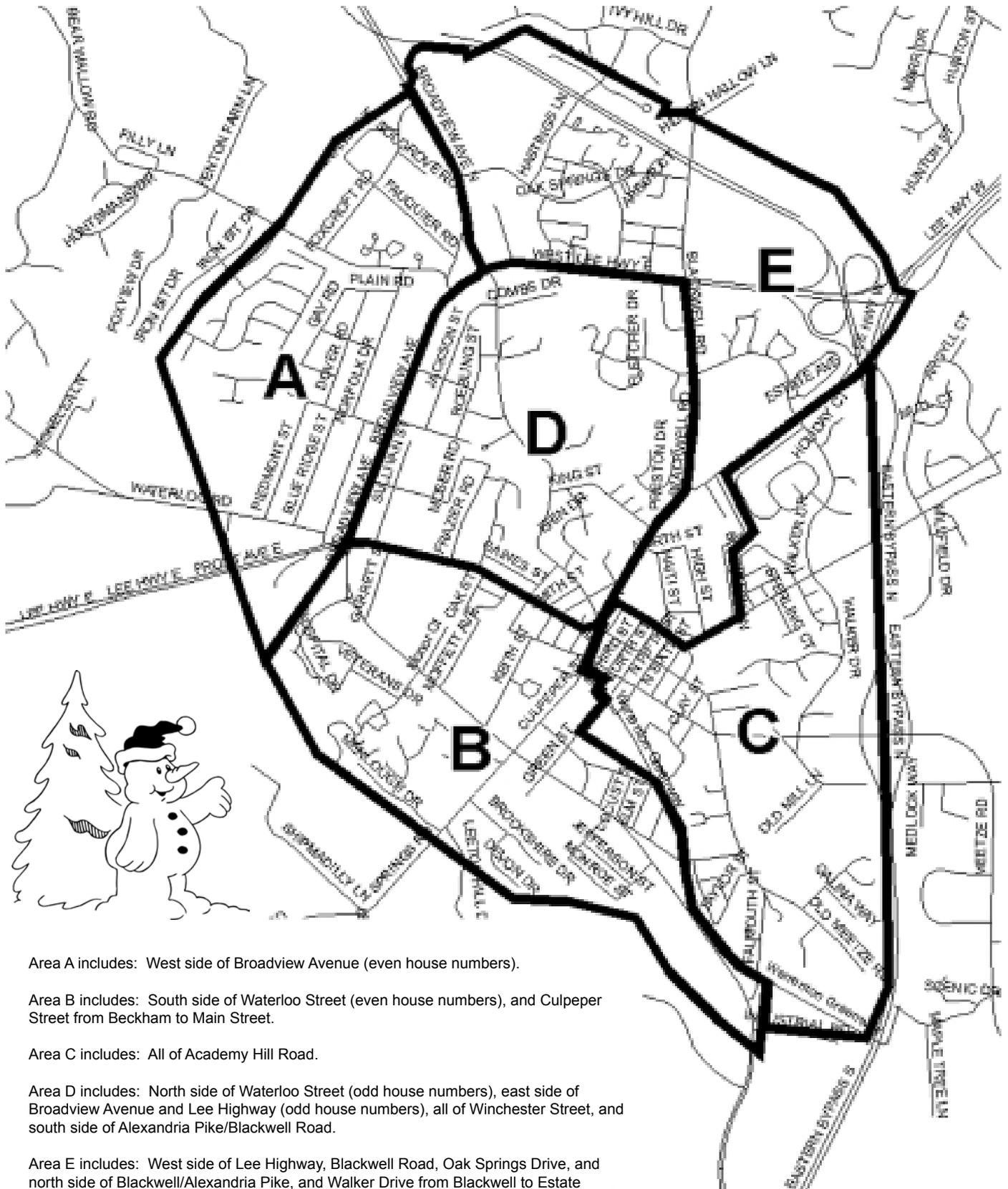
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<b>Area A</b>	<b>December 7 &amp; 8</b>
<b>Area B</b>	<b>December 9 &amp; 10</b>
<b>Area C</b>	<b>December 11 &amp; 14</b>
<b>Area D</b>	<b>December 15 &amp; 16</b>
<b>Area E</b>	<b>December 17 &amp; 18</b>



# Town Area Map

(for special collections)



Area A includes: West side of Broadview Avenue (even house numbers).

Area B includes: South side of Waterloo Street (even house numbers), and Culpeper Street from Beckham to Main Street.

Area C includes: All of Academy Hill Road.

Area D includes: North side of Waterloo Street (odd house numbers), east side of Broadview Avenue and Lee Highway (odd house numbers), all of Winchester Street, and south side of Alexandria Pike/Blackwell Road.

Area E includes: West side of Lee Highway, Blackwell Road, Oak Springs Drive, and north side of Blackwell/Alexandria Pike, and Walker Drive from Blackwell to Estate Avenue.



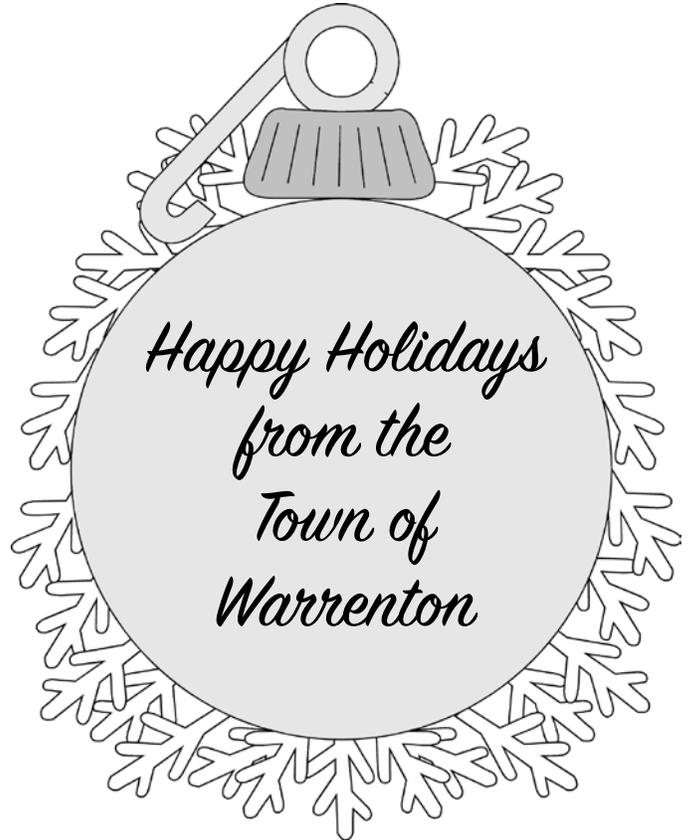
**Town Office Hours  
and Telephone Numbers**

*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
<b>Emergency.....</b>	<b>911</b>
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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