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DIESEL-POWERED MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING ACT

In 2008 Governor Rendell passed Act 124: aka the Diesel-Powered Motor Vehicle Idling Act. Warwick Township requests that vehicles which meet this criteria review the Act on the PA Department of Environmental Protection's website. Additionally, property owners which provide areas for diesel-powered vehicle parking should erect signs in compliance with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) prohibiting idling for vehicles subject to this Act. For more information please refer to the PA DEP website.

<http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/depupdate/airwaste/aq/cars/idling.htm>

"WARWICK, ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO RAISE KIDS"

In the October 2011 edition of Philadelphia Magazine, Warwick Township was included as one of the top ten places in the article titled "The Best Places to Raise Kids". This is the article from the magazine. ©2011 Metro Corp. Reproduced with permission.

WARWICK

POPULATION: 14,437 • SCHOOL DISTRICT: Central Bucks • AVERAGE SAT SCORES: 550 math / 571 reading / 557 writing
• CRIME RATE: .34 violent crimes per 1,000; 7.34 nonviolent per 1,000 • MEDIAN HOME PRICE: \$190,000

When the city is too congested and the suburbs are too, well, *suburb-y*, Warwick's unique brand of farm-fresh suburbia, in a pastoral swath of Bucks County, offers an atmosphere that's tight-knit without being suffocatingly cul-de-sac. Years ago, Warwick's families kept to themselves in rural neighborhoods, but the recent establishment of a Little League and a heavy community-events schedule (Colonial reenactments) have the township pulling together a bit more tightly. "Warwick Day" comes complete with Pollyanna-esque pie-baking competitions, and parents swap war stories at local pub the Jamison Pour House while the kids hang out in the gaming room. The township's most singular feature may be its proximity to Ross Hill Farm, perhaps the most notable pig farm in the region and the host of an annual "Piggypalooza." (What kid doesn't love a good pig?) The only real downside: the distance from Philly (28 miles, but an hour's drive). But Helene Gokl, a former local PTA president who commutes to the city daily, says it's manageable: "That's the trade-off, I drive far to work so my kids can have the childhood I wanted to give them."

OFFICERS RECOGNIZED

Mark Goldberg, Chief of Police

On June 10, 2011 at 7:45 PM, Warwick police officers Hogan and Campbell, and Sgt. Vona were dispatched to an ambulance call on Tarleton Place in Stover Mill. When they arrived, they found Stephen Young in cardiac arrest. A neighbor was performing CPR. Sgt. Vona applied a defibrillator to Mr. Young's chest. Ofc. Hogan took over chest compressions. Ofc. Campbell prepared a bag-valve mask and oxygen, and began rescue breathing. The defibrillator determined a shock was required, so Sgt. Vona activated the machine. The machine indicated a second shock was required, so Sgt. Vona activated the machine again. As medics from Warminster Ambulance arrived, Sgt. Vona and Ofc. Campbell continued CPR. Ofc. Hogan assisted the medics, and was joined by two of Mr. Young's neighbors. These neighbors, Ryan Lefever and Lauren Smith, are both ER nurses at ST. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Lefever and Ms. Smith assisted the medics in establishing an airway and administering medications. As the medics left to take Mr. Young to Doylestown Hospital, they found he had a weak pulse. He was treated at Doylestown Hospital, and has since recovered from this most serious condition.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 17, 2011, Sgt. Richard Vona, Ofc. Mary Hogan and Ofc. Timothy Campbell were awarded the Warwick Police Dept. Commendation for lifesaving. Residents Lauren Smith and Ryan Lefever were also presented with letters of recognition.

TOWNSHIP SAVES BY REFINANCING DEBT

Barbara Weinstein, Director of Finance and Benefits

The Township will save approximately \$300,000 over the next eleven years after refinancing a series of bonds from 2006. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to refinance \$2.7 million in debt with current annual interest rates ranging from 3.6 percent to 4.0 percent. The new general obligation note has a fixed interest rate of 2.28 percent for the remaining term of eleven years.



Officer Campbell with Chief Goldberg



Officer Hogan with Chief Goldberg

WARWICK TOWNSHIP ADOPTS A SEWAGE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

Do you own a property serviced by an on-lot septic system? If so, you should know that Warwick Township recently adopted an On-lot Sewage Management Ordinance, or SMO, to encourage basic maintenance of on-lot septic systems within the Township. Because there are areas in the Township that are too distant from public sanitary sewer service, and the cost to extend public sanitary sewer service is high, these areas of the Township must continue to rely on septic systems for their wastewater disposal. Under the regulations enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Warwick Township is ultimately responsible for ensuring the proper operation of all types of wastewater disposal which includes on-lot septic systems. Accordingly, the Township is taking steps to comply with PA DEP regulations and protect the environment at the same time. The Township's SMO is based on a PA DEP model and is intended to encourage and promote basic preventative maintenance for all on-lot systems in Warwick Township.

The single most important maintenance activity is the routine pumping of the septic tank. Under the Ordinance, septic tanks must be pumped at intervals not to exceed three years. This time frame is based on historical performance data and is designed to capture a wide range of operating conditions. Pumping a septic tank at this frequency will greatly reduce the chance of accumulated solids escaping the tank and clogging other components, especially the

drainfield which is the most critical component of most septic systems. The simple act of pumping the septic tank will go a long way to prolonging the life of any on-lot system. The Ordinance recognizes that many property owners may already be pumping their septic tanks and with the proper documentation, these properties are relieved of the initial pumping requirement. Some additional provisions of the ordinance include re-directing surface runoff away from treatment tanks and absorption fields; recognizing the use of low-flow fixtures and water conservation techniques; recognizing additional maintenance requirements for more sophisticated types of on-lot systems such as drip irrigation; requirements for septic tank pumpers to properly dispose of waste; and requirements for the use and operation of holding tanks.

The SMO also requires pumpers to complete a visual inspection form at the time of the routine pumping. This is a visual inspection only and no digging, other than what is needed to access the septic tank, should be necessary. Information gathered during the visual inspection will be entered onto a Township-approved form and the homeowner will be provided with a copy for their files. All residents who own an on-lot system will be required to register with the Township to ensure orderly record keeping. The Township will have a registration amnesty period following 60 days from the date you receive notification to register. During that period, no fee will be imposed for registration. After 60 days property owners will be subject to a \$25 registration fee. After 90 days property owners will be subject to a \$50 registration fee.

Both PA DEP and Warwick Township are committed to providing safe and adequate water supplies and wastewater disposal to the residents. The Township's on-lot sewage management program will assist in meeting these goals by encouraging basic system maintenance. Warwick Township looks forward to a successful and beneficial on-lot management program for all residents.

MEDICATION DROP BOX

The Warwick Township Police Department has a permanent medication drop box available in the police department lobby. Residents may use the box to dispose of their old medications – no questions will be asked. The following rules apply to disposal:

- Controlled and non-controlled medications along with over-the-counter medications will be accepted.
- Liquids and creams in containers as well as inhalers will be accepted.
- Participants will dump their medications into the box including the pill bottles or blister packs. They will not be emptied from their containers.
- This is completely anonymous; no personal information will be requested or taken.
- **ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. SYRINGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

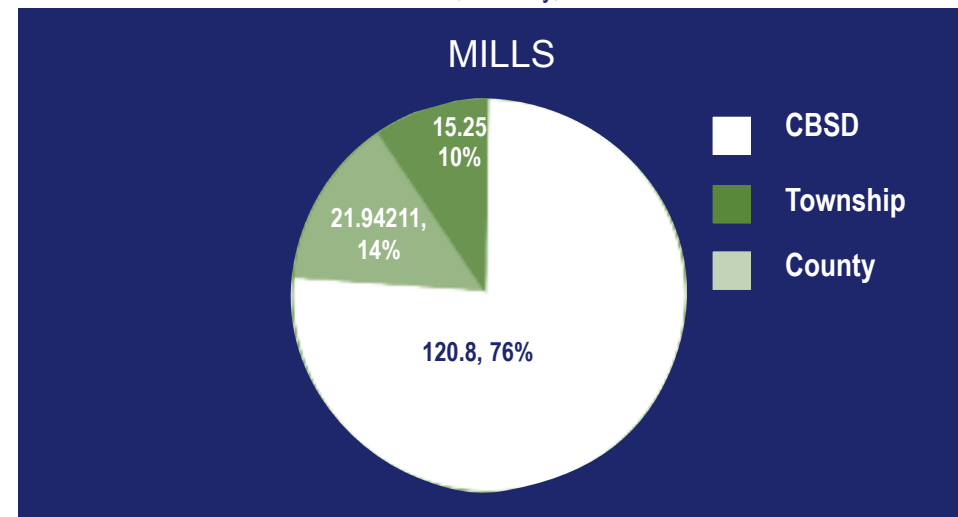
Recognizing a need to keep medications from falling into the wrong hands, Warwick Township, The Bucks County District Attorney's Office, and the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission have provided the funding for the drop box.

The police department lobby is open every business day from 8am to 4:30pm. For questions, or to schedule an after-hours disposal of medication, please contact Corporal Aaron Richwine, 215-343-6102, ext. 411.

BUDGET FOR 2012 WILL HAVE NO TAX INCREASES

Due to the personnel cuts and deferral of capital projects since 2008, the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors will be able to hold the line on taxes for 2012. Capital projects that will be done for 2012 include: A salt shed built at the Public Works facility on Guinea Lane, a new pavilion at Guinea Lane Park, a new phone system, a cloud server, a police interceptor, police vests and new mobile cameras for half of the police fleet. Roadwork scheduled for 2012 includes improvements to roads within the Country Hunt development, as well as Schoolhouse Lane and Grakelow Drive.

Distribution of Local, County, and School Taxes



PARKS AND RECREATION INFORMATION

All the Winter programs can be found on the Parks and Recreation page of the township website at www.warwick-bucks.org. Registration for WINTER programs will begin on Monday, January 9, 2012. You can register in person at the Township Administration building during normal business hours, 8am-4pm, Monday through Thursday and 7am-3pm on Friday OR on-line anytime after 8am on January 9. You can download the registration form from our website at www.warwick-bucks.org and mail it in or bring it to the Township building. Mailed in registration forms will not be processed before January 9 and there is no guarantee you will get in the program you selected.

OTHER NEWS FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE...

- Winter preparedness and snow removal policies
- Updates on Route 263 Work and Policies
- Latest news will be posted on the homepage
- Contact information for all departments
- Contact us for your concerns, requests, and questions
- Join our email list to receive the latest notifications

www.warwick-bucks.org

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

The Parks and Recreation Department offers discounted tickets throughout the year. You can purchase discount movie tickets, year round, for \$7.50 per ticket. These tickets are available for use at all Regal Cinemas, United Artists Theatres and EDWARDS Theatres. Tickets are valid for all show times, but are subject to a \$1.50 surcharge when used during the first 12 days of select new release films. Movie tickets are perfect for birthday gifts, holiday gift, thank you gifts, employee incentives, etc.

We also offer discount ski tickets. We typically receive our tickets by late December and they are available until the end of March. You can purchase tickets for sites such as Bear Creek, Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Mountain, Camelback, Elk Mountain, Shawnee and Sno Mountain.

All tickets are sold at the Warwick Township building, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA 18929 during normal business hours, Monday – Thursday, 8am to 4pm and Friday, 7am to 3pm. We suggest you call ahead to make sure the desired tickets are in stock. Please call (215) 343-6100 for more information.