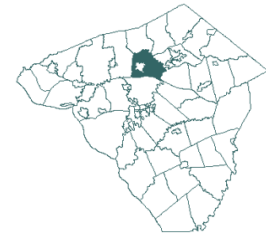




# Warwick Township Newsletter



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A Publication for the Residents of Warwick Township



## Noise Ordinance Update

In addressing the viability or need of a **Noise Ordinance** for Warwick Township, the following evaluation was conducted by staff and the Township Solicitor:

- **Public comment** generated from the draft on the Township website was **evenly split** between **support and no support** for this type of ordinance.
- Staff evaluated the cost of creating a new ordinance, and what **future costs** and issues would be associated with **enforcement** of a new ordinance.
- The question was posed, “are there **existing ordinances** or state laws that address the same type of complaints from the public?”. Ordinances or state statutes that already exist and are enforceable by the **Police Department** or the **Zoning Officer** are summarized below:
  1. **Barking Dogs** - It shall be unlawful for any owner or handler to keep or harbor any dog or any other animal maintained as a pet which continuously and **habitually barks**, howls, yelps, cries or makes noise in such a manner as to disturb or annoy persons in the surrounding neighborhood, and such dogs or other animals maintained as pets exhibiting this behavior are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
    - (a.) "Habitually" is hereby defined to mean continuously for 30 minutes in a twenty-four-hour period.

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## PA Conservation Works! Grant

Warwick Township recently completed a year-long, **\$123,000 energy-efficiency upgrade** that focused on lighting, insulation, and a “cool roof.” The project covered all three buildings at the **Warwick Township Municipal Campus**, as well as the **Lititz Library** and the **Lititz recCenter**. The Township hopes to **cut energy costs by up to 25%** for the individual systems targeted by the project.

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**Notice:** If you are a person with a **disability** and wish to attend any Warwick Township **public meeting** and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please **contact** the **Warwick Township** Office at 315 Clay Road, Lititz, or call (717) 626-8900 to discuss how Warwick Township may best **accommodate** your needs.

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## 2011 Meeting Schedule

### Board of Supervisors

- First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 a.m.** (no a.m. meeting in July or August)
- Third Wednesday of each month, **7:00 p.m.**

### Zoning Hearing Board

- Second Wednesday of each month, **6:30 p.m.**

### Municipal Authority

- Third Tuesday of each month, **7:00 p.m.**

### Planning Commission

- Fourth Wednesday of each month, **7:00 p.m.**

### Recreational Advisory Committee

- April 25<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, **7:00 p.m.**

### Business Hours

**Monday-Friday**  
**8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Please visit our website at:  
[www.warwicktownship.org](http://www.warwicktownship.org)

## The Administration Office

**now accepts credit cards.**  
**See page 8 for details.**

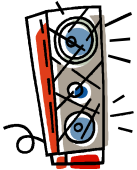


- (b.) "Continuously" is hereby defined to mean uninterrupted, unbroken and persistent or so persistently repeated at short intervals as to constitute virtually an unbroken series.



2. **Disorderly Conduct** - A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he:

- (a.) engages in fighting or threatening, or in violent or tumultuous behavior;  
(b.) **makes unreasonable noise**;  
(c.) uses obscene language, or makes an obscene gesture; or  
(d.) creates a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose of the actor.



3. **Zoning Ordinance** - Accessory uses within all districts. Note: This Ordinance is enforced by Warwick Township's **Zoning Officer**.

- **Evaluation** of existing Ordinances and state laws indicated that they could be **sufficient** to address generated complaints. One **exception** was the **Zoning Ordinance**. Noise disturbances associated with **accessory uses** within residential districts could be strengthened. Staff was directed to prepare an **amendment** to the Zoning Ordinance providing improved methods to address **noise disturbances**. The draft is currently being prepared.
- Staff conducted an internal review of how complaints of this nature could be addressed in an efficient manner.



### **A Note from the Tax Collector**

**Lancaster County and Warwick Township Real Estate Tax** - County and Township property taxes are combined on one bill and mailed annually in February. The discount period ends April 30<sup>th</sup>; the base period is May 1st to June 30<sup>th</sup>; and a penalty applies for payments received after July 1<sup>st</sup>. This tax is collected by the elected tax collector. Contact by phone: 717-626-8900 or [lreapsome@warwicktownship.org](mailto:lreapsome@warwicktownship.org). **Office hours** at the Warwick

Township Building, 315 Clay Road, are every **Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Also, a **24-hour drop box** for payments is located at the Municipal Building, inside 1<sup>st</sup> set of double doors. **Checks should be made payable to Lynn Reapsome, Tax Collector.**

**Streetlight User Assessment Billing** - Streetlight User Assessment Bills are mailed in January to property owners located within a **streetlight district**. Streetlights are located in several subdivisions in Warwick Township (5% of the properties located in Warwick Township). Individual streetlight bills are calculated by dividing the total PPL Streetlight electricity cost for each development evenly among the property owners in your streetlight district. These collections are used strictly for covering the cost of electricity to operate the streetlights. This procedure is according to the **Second Class Township Code**, Article XX Streetlight, Section 2003, and adopted by Warwick Township by Resolution. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Reapsome at the Warwick Township Building at 717-626-8900 or [lreapsome@warwicktownship.org](mailto:lreapsome@warwicktownship.org). **Checks should be made payable to Warwick Township.**



## Leaf and Woody Yard Waste Drop-off Site

It's hard to believe how fast time passes. It seems like we just started watching our Spring gardens grow, and already it's time to rake leaves! Fortunately, we have a place to take those **leaves, garden clippings and tree trimmings** (not grass clippings...see below for more details). Warwick Township's Leaf and Woody Yard Waste Drop-off site is located at 550 Stauffer Road in Lititz (north of the Lancaster Airport).

There is **no charge for Warwick Township residents** to use the site; however, **non-residents** are required to pay **\$10.00 per pick-up or trailer load**, or **\$1.00 per bag or can**. The non-resident fee was established to offset some of the operating costs incurred by Warwick Township. A payment box is located after the gate at the entrance to the site.

Warwick Township has brown **yard waste bags** available at the Municipal Building. The **cost** for each bag is **50¢**.

### A special note about grass clippings

*Warwick Township encourages residents to begin making changes in lawn care habits. **There is no reason to remove grass clippings from lawns.** Clippings will filter down to the soil, where they reduce water evaporation and lawn wear and encourage growth by keeping the soil temperature cooler. As it decomposes, grass acts as a natural fertilizer. Cut grass frequently (about every five days), or invest in a mulching blade or mower which chops up clippings and makes them finer so that they fall to the soil.*

## Household Hazardous Waste

You can drop-off your household hazardous waste **free of charge** at the Lancaster County **Household Hazardous Waste facility** located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. Please call the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority at 717-397-9968 or visit their website at [www.lcswma.org](http://www.lcswma.org) for more details.



## Protecting the Storm Water system

**Contamination** of the storm water system leads to contamination of our **streams and water supply**. Clean water is everyone's responsibility. Below are **guidelines** to follow to do your part for the **environment**:

- **Don't** sweep, dump or pour any materials into **storm drain inlets**.
- **Don't** pile or dump grass clippings, leaves, mulch or other debris in **basins, swales or streams**.
- **Don't** apply **pesticides**, fertilizer or herbicides prior to or during a rainfall.
- **Clean up after your pet** and do not dump pet waste into storm inlets or drainage channels.
- **Floor drains**, sump pumps or wastewater discharges are **not permitted** to be connected to the storm drainage system.
- **Report** illegal dumping to **Warwick Township**.



## Think Outside the Recycling Bin...

Most of us know that residents in Warwick Township must recycle **glass jars/bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles, newspaper, yard waste, tires and white goods** (Commercial, industrial, institutional establishments must recycle the above, with the addition of **high grade office paper, and corrugated cardboard**).

But there are **other recycling opportunities** right here in Lancaster County! Following is a list of common materials that can be recycled, and the businesses that accept them (businesses preceded by an asterisk [\*] also provide commercial services):

**Cardboard:** \***RAM Corporation**, 15 Lititz Run Road, Lititz (626-2181) *Accepts:* corrugated cardboard boxes, office paper, newspaper & magazines

### Plastic bags:

- **Giant Food Store**, 1008 Lititz Pk. (625-0303) *Accepts:* clean plastic grocery bags
- **Weis Markets**, 740 S. Broad St. (627-5044) *Accepts:* clean plastic bags, dry cleaner bags, clear film and shrink wrap
- **Weiser's Market**, 680 Furnace Hills Pk. (626-0271) *Accepts:* clean plastic bags, dry cleaner bags, clear film and shrink wrap
- **Stauffer's of Kissel Hill**, 1050 Lititz Pk. (627-7654) *Accepts:* clean plastic grocery bags

**Styrofoam:** \***Dart Container**, 60 E. Main St., Leola (656-2236, ext. 6299). (Resin Code 6, such as packaging material to protect computers, large appliances, etc. NO fire retardant material)

**Telephone Books & Magazines:** **Good's Disposal Service**, 4361 Oregon Pike, Ephrata PA (717) 626-1055

The website <http://earth911.com/> provides a comprehensive search of **what materials can be recycled and where**. Simply enter the material you want to recycle and your zip code, and they will provide a listing of available recycling centers.



# W.T.M.A.

## Warwick Township Municipal Authority

Providing Municipal Water and Sewer Service to Warwick Township  
Daniel L. Zimmerman, Administrator; Carl E. Haws, Superintendent



### WATER AND SEWER INVOICES

Water and sewer service is billed quarterly, after usage. Invoices are sent to the post office on the last working day of the quarter. **Payment is due as of the date of the invoice.** A penalty of 10% will be applied if payment is not received at the Authority office by the close of business on the 28<sup>th</sup> (or next business day) of the following month (January, April, July or October). A lock box is conveniently located in the foyer of the Municipal Building at 315 Clay Road and is accessible 24/7 for you to drop off your payment. *WTMA is not responsible for lost late or misdirected mail.*

If you are interested in paying your bill through automatic debit of your checking or savings account, please contact the WTMA office at (717) 627-2379 or visit us on-line. You can find more information regarding your water and sewer billings at [www.warwicktownship.org](http://www.warwicktownship.org). Click on “municipal authority”, “billing information”.

**DROUGHT WATCH** – Lancaster County has been placed on “Drought Watch” by the State. A drought watch declaration is the first and least severe level of the state’s three drought classifications. **It calls for a voluntary 5% reduction in non-essential water use, and puts large water consumers on notice to begin planning for the possibility of reduced water supplies.** Water conservation tips and drought information can be found online at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us), keyword: **drought**.

### WATER METER READINGS

Water meters are read in the last month of each quarter (March, June, September and December) during the week in which the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month falls.

Meter readers will be wearing bright yellow or neon shirts or jackets and will wear identification tags. They will carry a reading device which connects to a small black reading box on the outside of your home, often in the rear of the structure. Meter readers may walk along the side or across the back of your yard to access the reader.



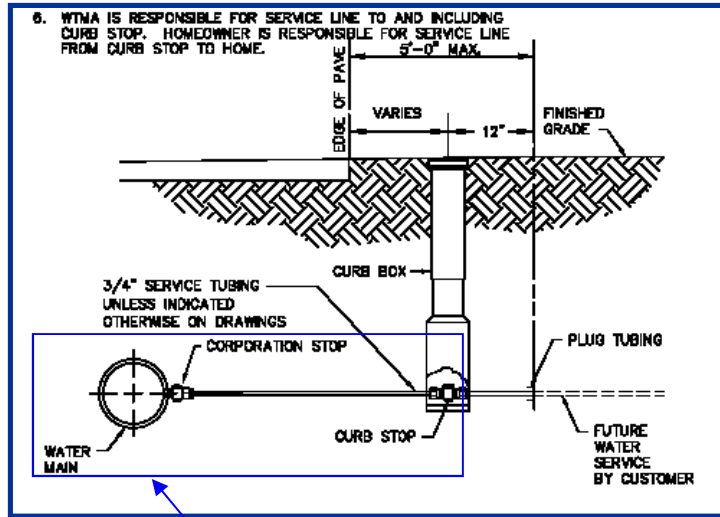
Pictured above is a reading box.

### DOLLARS AND SENSE

Have you seen the recent ads by Pennsylvania American Water, a private water company, touting the fact that they deliver water to their customers for about 1cent per gallon? That seems like quite a bargain until compared to your current rates:

Quarterly usage	WTMA	PA American
6,000 gallons:	\$32.00	\$60.00
14,000 gallons:	\$58.24	\$140.00
20,000 gallons:	\$77.92	\$200.00

Municipal Authorities make sense. We are pleased to tell you that WTMA provides water to you at a cost of ½ cent per gallon or less. Your municipally owned water and sewer systems operate solely on receipts of the system(s). We are always mindful of who is paying the bill and hope that this comparison demonstrates WTMA’s commitment to you.



*WTMA portion is outlined above*

**Do you know how to locate the water service going into your home?** Pictured to the left is a sub-surface water connection. WTMA owns the portion from the water main to the curb stop which is usually located within the public right-of-way. Property owners are responsible for the water service from the curb stop to the structure. In addition, the property owner is responsible for the curb box. The curb box is to help the property owner locate the curb stop when water service has to be terminated at the street. The top of the curb box is round and will be stamped “WATER”. The curb box should be flush with the ground, as shown, and should not be covered or obscured by plantings. If you need to help to turn off your water service, WTMA will send an employee during regular working hours or, after hours, will lend a curb stop key to you or your plumber.

**A two-hour minimum charge will be billed to customers when an Authority employee is called out after normal working hours Monday – Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM.** WTMA employees are not licensed plumbers and are not authorized to perform plumbing work in your home.

## Pennsylvania Public Notification Requirements

In May, 2009 Pennsylvania passed new notification regulations with which all public water suppliers were required to comply by May, 2010. The rule establishes three classifications: **Tier 1** - Events that could cause adverse health effects as a result of short-term exposure require public notification within 24 hours; **Tier 2** - Events with the potential to cause chronic health effects as a result of long term exposure require public notification within 30 days; and **Tier 3** - Events which would cause no health effects but require notification within one year.

**Tier 1** situations would include an overfeed of a drinking water treatment chemical that exceeds a published maximum use value; a situation that causes a loss of positive water pressure in any portion of the distribution system where there is evidence of contamination or a water supplier suspects a high risk of contamination; or other violations or situations with significant potential to have adverse health effects.

In order to comply with the Tier 1 Notification regulations, WTMA has contracted with **SwiftReach911**, which provides telephonic messaging capable of delivering water emergency notifications to our all of our customers within hours. Should a water emergency occur, we will also be able to quickly alert you when a problem has been corrected. Recent trends indicate that many people are abandoning their land lines or have un-published phone numbers and we need your assistance in providing your emergency contact number.

Please take a moment to either:

- ✓ call WTMA at 627-2379,
- ✓ e-mail us at [WTMA@warwicktownship.org](mailto:WTMA@warwicktownship.org) or
- ✓ go to our website at [www.warwicktownship.org](http://www.warwicktownship.org) and click on the SwiftReach911 symbol to enter your information.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us to implement this directive.



## Warwick Emergency Services Alliance



Volunteerism, funding, energy use and provision of services to the community are all on the agenda of the Warwick Emergency Services Alliance this year. In addition to receiving two grants, the alliance of four volunteer fire companies and three volunteer ambulance groups in the Warwick School District is implementing the top priority to come out of its 2010 Strategic Plan.

Earlier this year, WESA received **two grants**: one from the **Lancaster County Planning Commission**, to conduct energy audits and devise an **Energy Master Plan** for its facilities; and the second from the Federal Emergency Management Agency of about \$64,000 to conduct a comprehensive, four-year volunteer recruitment & retention campaign.

Many local citizens remain unaware that **100% of their fire protection, and most EMS care, is provided by dedicated volunteers**. The pool of volunteers has been declining steadily for years, putting the very foundation of the volunteer fire service at risk. In an effort to counteract this trend, WESA Administrator Tony Robalik applied successfully for a **FEMA grant** last year to initiate a comprehensive **volunteer recruitment & retention campaign**. The **\$64,000** will be spent over four years in a comprehensive public relations campaign aimed at recruiting volunteers, as well as providing incentives for existing volunteers to stay.

Funding local emergency services has also become more difficult. With a **dwindling volunteer base**, more and more burden is placed on **remaining volunteers to raise money** through chicken barbeques, calendar sales, and other activities. Furthermore, it is the rare piece of equipment that gets cheaper with time. To partially **offset this trend**, Robalik successfully applied for a Lancaster County Planning Commission grant aimed at **reducing energy use by a minimum of 10%** for the Rothsville, Brunnerville and Brickerville Fire Companies, and for Warwick Community Ambulance.

In addition to these two exciting initiatives, a third major effort is the **Emergency Services Study**, for which the Warwick Emergency Services Alliance has contracted with VFIS, a local company with a great deal of expertise in the matter. The study will present a comprehensive picture of the present **“level of service”** provided by WESA members to the community and, more importantly, provide a **direction for the future of the emergency services** in the Lititz area. WESA and VFIS expect the study to be complete by the end of 2011.

## The Importance of Tree Trimming



**Warwick Township** is required to **respond** to any **public safety issue** within the right-of-way. One example would be trees and shrubs that endanger the safety or welfare of persons traveling within the Township.

The PA Motor Vehicle Code Title 75 authorizes state and local authorities to require property owners to remove items deemed as traffic hazards. In addition, Chapter 300 of Warwick Township's Code of Ordinances pertains to **trees and shrubs that endanger** the safety or welfare of persons traveling on roadways within the Township. The ordinance states in part that “Trees or shrubs, or portions thereof, which obstruct vehicular traffic, obstructs the view of motorists or due to age, disease or weakness appears to be in imminent danger of falling upon the roadway shall be deemed a nuisance and the property owner shall act to correct the condition”. This includes any branches that **extend over a sidewalk** at a height **less than seven (7') feet**, and any branches that **extend over a street** at a height of **less than eighteen (18') feet** above the roadway. Any branches less than eighteen (18') must be trimmed to the right-of-way line. Also, trees or shrubs which are located within clear sight triangles shall be deemed to be nuisances.

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Thanks go to the **PA Department of Environmental Protection** and the **US Department of Energy** for their generous support through a **Conservation Works! / American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant** of **\$96,098**. In the end, the project came in **under budget** and only **\$92,600** of the grant money awarded was used.

Thanks to the use of in-kind services and creative project management, Warwick Township itself spent **only \$4,700** from its **Capital Reserve** to complete the project.

The **Warwick Township office** is one of the county's only **Energy Star-certified** offices. Its rating of 81% means that it uses **less energy** than 81% of comparable offices nationwide.

The first-completed element of the energy-efficiency project was the installation of **R-38 insulation** in the **Public Works garage**, which will **cut heating costs up to 50%**. The township is also looking into acquiring a used waste-oil burner, which will allow it to heat that garage with used oil that would otherwise have no value.

The second element of the project involved the installation of well over **500 separate lighting elements** and controls at the Warwick Township Municipal Campus, the Lititz Library, and the Lititz recCenter. Prominent among these are new **high-efficiency induction lights** in the parking lots of the three facilities. The new lights use just 100W of power, compared to 175W at the township and library, and 400W at the recCenter. The lights are all "full cut-off", which means that 100% of the light is directed downward, no out or up. LED lights have been installed in several locations, as well. These lights are controlled by sophisticated "astronomic time clocks" which will ensure they will only be on when necessary. This saves energy, saves money, and reduces light pollution.



*Pictured above is the new "cool roof" on the Warwick Township Municipal Building*

Finally, the **Warwick Township Municipal Office** sports one of the region's first "**cool roofs**." Back in 2009, township staff was looking at a costly project to repair the roof, which had gone 20 years without significant maintenance. At that time, Tony Robalik, the township planner, suggested that staff should look into the energy-saving potential of turning the old metal roof into a "cool", or white, one. The township initiated a **public bidding process** to do just that, which local firm **Capital Coating** won. The final product cost twice what a standard roof maintenance project would have cost, but it made the project eligible for a federal **energy-efficiency grant**, which cut the cost to the township down to just half what it would have been for a normal roof repair project. It will also save the township significant amounts of energy and money, as well as giving the township a roof that will be **nearly maintenance-free** for the foreseeable future.

In the end, the project is expected to **save** the region nearly **200,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh)** of energy, or over **\$20,000, annually**. (200,000 kWh is equivalent to the energy consumption of over 18 average American homes, according to the US DOE.) This is good for the environment, good for national energy security, good for local businesses, and good for local taxpayers.

## Help Save Lives in your Community

Warwick Township would like to **remind** you that this is an important time to **change the batteries** in your **smoke** and **carbon monoxide detectors**. As the cooler weather approaches and **dormant heating** systems begin to make their emergence from hibernation, the **importance** of having working smoke detectors is **imperative**. Each year thousands of people are **killed** and **injured** due to a **lack of working** smoke detectors. This **simple** step can and does **save lives** and **nine volt batteries** are a **small expenditure** compared to **human life**. If you need **assistance** completing this, don't hesitate to **contact your local fire company** they are more than willing to help out.





## Warwick Township Recycling Program

Recycling is a requirement for all homes, businesses, and institutions within Warwick Township. Every **homeowner** in the Township is required to recycle clear and colored **glass** containers, food & beverage **cans**, **newspapers**, **yard waste**, and **plastics**. In determining whether a plastic is recyclable, a good rule of thumb to follow is that **plastic** containers with a “**neck**” (i.e. most detergent containers, soda and water bottles) are recyclable. Please note that lids are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash. In addition, white goods and tires are also required to be recycled. You should contact your hauler to schedule a pickup of white goods and tires. **Businesses** and institutions within the Township are required to recycle all of the above referenced materials plus **high grade office paper** and **corrugated cardboard**.

For additional **information**, including the proper preparation of recyclables, and a comprehensive listing of **recycling resources**, which includes cell phones, paint, computers, and lightbulbs, please visit our **website** at: [www.warwicktownship.org](http://www.warwicktownship.org) and click the “**Recycling**” link on the left side of the home page

As a note, please **make sure** your recyclables are placed in an appropriate **recycling bin**. Recyclable items placed in **plastic bags**, cardboard boxes, or other types of containers might be thrown away as **trash**. Your hauler specifically looks for your recycling bin on your designated pick-up day.

You may obtain additional **recycling bins** and **battery bags** at the Warwick Township office during regular business hours.

Please make sure your **trash and recyclables are secured on windy days**;  
plastics and trash blowing around pollutes our land and our streams.

If possible, wait until your next scheduled collection day to place recyclables at the curb on windy days.

The Warwick Township Administration Office now accepts **credit card payments** for building permits, invoices, real estate and streetlight taxes, and zoning fees.



The credit cards accepted are **Discover, MasterCard, and VISA**.

Please note that this service includes a **convenience fee of 2.45%** of the transaction amount, with a **minimum fee of \$1.50**.

### Want more information?

If you wish to receive **agendas**, meeting **minutes**, and **important news**, you may sign-up for eAlerts on Warwick Township’s website. As this information is added, you will receive an **eAlert**, sent via **e-mail**, notifying you of the content update and providing a **link** to the information.

To sign-up, click “**sign up for eAlerts**” at the top left side of the homepage, and check which notifications you wish to receive on the “Warwick Township eAlert System” page. Type your e-mail address and click “Submit”. It’s that simple!

This newsletter is a publication of **Warwick Township** and the **Warwick Township Municipal Authority**. It is intended to provide you with up-to-date information about community projects.

W. Logan Myers, III, Chairman  
Troy A. Clair, Chairman  
Daniel L. Zimmerman, Manager

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[www.warwicktownship.org](http://www.warwicktownship.org)

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### Important Phone Numbers

**Administration Office**..... 626-8900  
**Municipal Authority**..... 627-2379  
**Police Department**..... 626-3162  
**Building Inspector**..... 626-8900  
**Public Works Department**..... 626-8900  
**Tax Collector-Lynn Reapsome**.626-8900

**Lititz Community Center**..... 626-5096  
**Lititz Post Office**..... 626-2329  
**Lititz Public Library**..... 626-2255  
**District Justice Office** ..... 626-0258

#### Warwick School District -

District Office..... 626-3734  
High School..... 626-3700  
Middle School..... 626-3701  
Lititz Elementary School..... 626-3702  
Kissel Hill Elementary ..... 626-3703  
John Beck Elementary ..... 626-3704  
John Bonfield Elementary ..... 626-3705

#### U.S. Senators -

Pat Toomey..... 717-782-3951  
Robert Casey ..... 717-231-7540

#### U.S. Congressman -

Joseph Pitts..... 393-0667

**Governor-Tom Corbett**..... 717-787-2500

**PA Senator-Mike Brubaker**..... 627-0036

**Representative-John Bear**..... 626-1776