



It's that time of year again and we are planning the Warren Community Festival of Trees for the 2026 Christmas Season. The dates and times of the event and the set up and take down are included here for your reference as well as on the attached form that we need you to fill out. To make planning easier for us, please indicate your choice of the size of tree that you need (or will be supplying) and the choice of light colors that you need (or will be supplying). For planning and setup purposes on our end, please reserve your space by Monday, November 9th at 5 p.m. so that we can have all trees in place for the setup which will begin on Friday, November 13th. The building is open each day during the set up from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and you can decorate at your earliest convenience.

This year we will once again hold a Silent Auction Fundraiser. This was a great success last year and the Community Building Board has made the decision to continue this fundraiser to help with funding many necessary upgrades and continued maintenance to the building. Participation in the Festival of Trees is free of charge; however, we kindly request that individuals and organizations consider donating items for gift baskets. These baskets will be featured in a Silent Auction during the Warren Christmas Walk and for a few weeks following. No donation to this is too small as we will combine smaller gifts if necessary. We would like all donations by the end of set up on Sunday, November 22nd so that we can assemble the gift baskets and have time to promote the event. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you again for helping us make this event a success each year.

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**Warren Community Festival of Trees
Wednesday, November 25th, 2026
thru Saturday, January 2nd, 2027**

**SET UP: Friday, November 13th-Sunday, November 22nd
Festival begins on Wednesday, November 25th**

**TAKE DOWN: Sunday, January 3rd-Friday, January 8th
PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER**

ALL RESERVATIONS FOR TREES MUST BE MADE BY 5 p.m. on Monday, November 9th



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SUGGESTED THEMES: Patriotic (celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, or Historic (Colonial) Theme celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Old Stone Hotel/Warren History).
Or a Theme of Your Choice

DECORATORS:

Any person, organization, church or business

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All trees are to be artificial

Any size tree can be used.

All ornaments and decorations (provided by you)

**** Please note:** The Warren Community Building Committee, Village of Warren and the Community Building Caretaker are not responsible for the loss or damage of any items that you use for decorations.

Set up and take down (provided by you)

We have several trees available, if you do not have one of your own – please fill out the information below so that we know what you need.

NAME (organization etc): _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: (email address/and or phone number _____)

SIZE OF TREE NEEDED: Small (Window size) or Full Size (circle your choice)

LIGHT CHOICES: Please indicate your choice of tree/lights below by circling:

tree without working lights (as you will be providing your own)

clear lights

multicolored lights

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**Silent Auction to raise funds
for the Warren Community Building**

Thank you for making a contribution to our silent auction. Please complete this form and leave it with any donation that you are making. Donations can be dropped off to the Community Building and placed upstairs in the meeting room on the right at the top of the stairs.

NAME (organization etc): _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: (email address/and or phone number) _____

Please provide a brief description of the item that you are donating.

Please provide an approximate retail value : \$ _____

Thank you for supporting the Warren Community Building

Silent Auction Fundraiser

Warren Community Building

Item: _____ Value: _____

Donated by: _____

Starting Bid: _____ Minimum Bid Increment: _____

<u>BIDDING NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>	<u>BID</u>
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