



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

April 2014

Westford Town Office

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Town Office Notes

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are due April 1st. A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call the town office. For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and your license will be mailed to you. **The fee until April 1st is \$10.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$12.00 for dogs that are not spayed or neutered.** Dog licenses obtained **after April 1st** are subject to a late fee.

Senior Luncheons

The Senior Luncheon will be on Monday, April 14th at noon at the Brick Meeting House. Anyone that is 55+ may join us in having a home cooked meal, great conversation, and getting to know others in town that are this age and above. If you need a ride or have questions, please call me at 878-3090. You might not think of yourself as a senior yet, (most of us don't) but don't let that stop you from coming. We have talked about what else we could call ourselves so that the word "senior" doesn't scare people off. If you come once, I think you will find that you enjoyed yourself and will probably continue to come. Give us 1 try. Hope to see you there!
Carol Howrigan, President

Income Tax Booklets

The Vermont Tax Department is no longer sending income tax booklets to the town office. There are 3 ways you can get your state income tax forms:

- Print forms from the Vermont Tax website (www.tax.vermont.gov). Click on the "Individual Income Tax Resource Area" tab to access forms.
- Order forms by email (taxforms@state.vt.us)
- Order forms by phone (802-828-2515)

You can also access the Federal forms online at <http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs>.

Homestead Declarations

Homestead Declarations must now be filed annually. The VT Tax Department has created a site for Frequently Asked Questions located on their homepage: www.state.vt.us/tax/index.shtml

Spring Yard Clean Up

Spring has arrived and eventually it will feel it! When cleaning up your yard, please keep in mind:

- Burn permits are required prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online (www.westfordvt.us), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during regular office hours.
- Yard waste, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage, therefore Gauthier Trucking will not collect these materials when picking up your garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating CSWD drop off center. For a list of centers please visit www.cswd.net.
- Mark your calendars: The CSWD Rover will be accepting household hazardous waste on July 27th in Westford. More information about this free service will be forthcoming in the May newsletter.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, April 28th.

*****IMPORTANT*****

**CHANGES TO TOWN NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
ACTION REQUIRED**

In an effort to save taxpayers money, the Selectboard has decided to change the way the newsletter is distributed. Given today's technology, the newsletter is available electronically by email and on the Town's website, therefore mailing of hard copies will be limited to those who contact the Town Office to request to be put on the mailing list. This change goes into effect for the July Newsletter.

If you currently receive your newsletter in the mail and would like to continue to, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
VACANT TOWN POSITIONS**

The Selectboard is accepting applications for the following positions that were not filled at the 2014 Town Meeting elections:

- * **Town Auditor** – Town auditors play a vital role by ensuring that local officials are accountable for their expenditures of taxpayer's money. It is the auditor's job to review the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review. You do not have to have an accounting degree to be a town auditor. The auditors meet monthly to balance the bank statements and review accounts in preparation for the annual town report. Hours are flexible. This is a very part time position with hourly compensation.
- * **Town Grand Juror** – The grand juror is responsible for inquiring into and providing information to the property authorities of criminal offenses that may occur in the town in which he/she lives. This office is mostly obsolete because the state's attorneys provide most of these services in local communities. However, because the position has not been deleted from state statute, the position remains to be filled by election (or appointment by the Selectboard if no one is elected).
- * **Town Agent** – The town agent has a limited role in town government with regard to civil disputes. Like the grand juror, this role is also mostly obsolete because the town hires an attorney to represent the town in legal matters. The Selectboard may ask the town agent to act as a liaison between the Selectboard and the town attorney in particular matters.

Interested candidates must be a Westford resident and a registered voter. Please contact the Town Office (878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us) for more information or an application. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

WESTFORD FRONT PORCH FORUM

If you have not joined the Westford Front Porch Forum, please consider doing so. Everyone is invited to participate. This is a great way to connect with neighbors and the community and it's free!

Check it out at FrontPorchForum.com!

*This community service is brought to you by Burlington residents Michael and Valerie Wood-Lewis
Reach us at www.FrontPorchForum.com.*

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Planning Commission held its second public workshop on February 19, 2014. Over 40 Westford residents attended. The workshop focused on the design and layout of residential subdivisions in the AFR II District, which is the Rt. 128 and Rt. 15 corridors. The current zoning and subdivision regulations require residential subdivisions of more than 3 lots to go through a review process called Planned Residential (Unit) Development, (PUD). This process requires, whenever feasible, that the houses be clustered close together. During the workshop, residents discussed their ideas for how this type of development could occur using some new residential design patterns the Planning Commission has been examining for possible inclusion in new “form based” zoning regulations.

As we have explained previously in this newsletter, the Planning Commission is currently engaged in the process of revising the Westford Zoning Regulations. It is working on drafting form based zoning regulations for the town center area, and for the AFR II corridors. The residents who attended the workshop were asked for their input regarding the Planning Commission’s new ideas for PUDs in the AFR II District, and for their views about how residential development should occur along Rt. 128 and Rt.15. The discussions and views that were shared at the workshop have greatly assisted the Planning Commission to identify issues of importance to residents, particularly those in the AFR II District.

The Planning Commission wishes to thank everyone who has participated in this process thus far, either through one of the two workshops, or through the town’s website or at the various town gatherings on the Common last summer. The Planning Commission has learned valuable information about the views of the residents. We will continue to keep you updated as we move through this process. We encourage you to participate in this process by attending our meetings. The Planning Commission will meet at the town offices at 7:00 PM on April 16th, April 30th, May 5th, and May 21st.

MOVING EARTH? YOU MAY NEED A PERMIT....

If you plan to move a large amount of earth by means of excavation or fill please contact Kate Lalley, Zoning Administrative, prior to doing so. You may need to apply for a zoning permit pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Zoning Regulations. This regulation is in place to ensure that excavation and fill does not impact the Water Resource Overlay District (streams, ponds & wetlands) and/or the Flood Hazard Overlay District. Furthermore, it ensures that proper erosion control measures are taken during land development and commercial excavation does not occur without the proper permits in place. If you have questions or would like to know whether your property is located in the Water Resource Overlay and/or Flood Hazard Overlay Districts please contact Kate Lalley, Zoning Administrative (zoning_admin@westfordvt.us) or Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator (planner@westfordvt.us) at 878-4587 or by email.

BUILDING? YOU MAY NEED A PERMIT....

If you plan on building a *structure* you will need to first apply for a zoning permit. The permit is required to ensure the *structure* conforms to the Town Zoning Regulations (district setbacks, uses, etc). A *structure* is defined as an “Assembly of materials for occupancy or use that is a minimum of 100 square feet in size *OR* is on a permanent foundation, including but not limited to, a building; sign; wall or fence, except a wall or fence on an operating farm, or a wall or fence less than 6 feet in height.” Also, please be aware that interior work such as finishing basements or attics, adding bedrooms, etc may also need a zoning permit. If you have questions and/or would like to apply for a zoning permit, please contact Kate Lalley, Zoning Administrative, at 878-4587 or zoning_admin@westfordvt.us.

Thank you to all voters for your participation at the Annual Meeting and Town Meeting Day. The turnout at the meeting and voting booths was very high. Although the budget article did not pass, the process has spurred high participation and started many valuable conversations around education in Westford and Vermont in general. It was encouraging to witness so many citizens sharing in the work of the board, and I hope to see that engagement continue as our focus shifts to the vote results as well as other topics.

The most common themes expressed were tax burden, spending, and the state's education funding formula. Based on feedback from the legislative community forum, an open letter to our state leadership was made available for citizens to sign. The letter voiced concern for the financial sustainability of education in Vermont, regardless of the outcome of our town's balloting. Over 240 signatures were collected. The letter was delivered to the legislators representing Westford, those serving on the Senate and House committees for Education and Finance, as well as the Secretary of Education and Governor. The board hopes to use this opportunity to bring our concerns to a larger stage and be heard. Feedback will be shared as it becomes available.

The Capital Funding article passed, which will allow for the maintenance required to our wood chip heating system. The school is one of our town's greatest capital assets—thank you for supporting its continued maintenance.

The non-binding, advisory article asking if the school be closed and students tuitioned was passed over and did not see a floor vote. Instead, another non-binding, advisory article was introduced and passed, recommending the formation of a committee to investigate how to retain a locally-controlled and sustainable school system. The board will be investigating this work and the opportunities to invite participation.

After Town Meeting:

The school board meeting following Town Meeting Day has traditionally been devoted to reorganizing the board (electing officers), executing our required governance tasks (authorizing for bill payment, setting newspaper of record, etc.), making committee assignments, and setting our meeting schedule. Without an approved budget, the board focused on the results from balloting and debated the timeline and possible options for formulating a new budget to present to the town. Several citizens were in attendance to discuss their views on next steps. Opinions were split, as evidenced by the very close vote tally. Your communication is vital—please attend meetings and/or contact any board member with your questions or concerns.

Several board members also participated in a regional meeting of the Vermont School Board Association related to the broad issues of governance currently being debated in legislature. The last great change to Vermont's education governance structure was over 100 years ago, where the state reduced the number of school districts from 3000 to 300 districts and supervisory unions. Proposals are in play which do away with supervisory unions and form a smaller number of preK-12 districts, potentially as few as 30. This reorganization has been long discussed, but appears to have enough backing and momentum to finally see action. Our board members provided thoughts and concerns about the concept. The conversation was rich and well moderated. It forced all those in attendance to reflect on our desires to both keep tradition, yet enable the highest possibility for our students to achieve.

This is a very busy time, with a great deal of potential change and challenge surrounding us. It is also a special opportunity, as I have never seen such a high level of thoughtful engagement about education. Thank you to all who are contributing to that. The board looks forward to working in the best interests of our students and citizens as we represent you.

Respectfully,

The Westford School Board

Mark Drapa, Andre Roy, Martha Heath, Scott Cooledge, Glenn Dukes

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It's now time for Kindergarten Registration. If you have a child(ren) that will be 5 before September 1, 2014, please register them for Kindergarten by April 18, 2014.

Kindergarten Registration forms are available to be downloaded from the school website at www.ccsuvt.org/westford. Please return completed forms to the school office by April 18, 2014. Please be sure to include a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record and a copy of a current physical. Also 3 proofs of residency are required. Please refer to the website for a list of documents that are acceptable as proof of residency.

If your child is currently enrolled at Westford Elementary, the only form that needs to be completed is the Kindergarten Registration – Parent/Guardian Form.

If your child is currently attending another Childcare/Pre-School Program outside of Westford Elementary School but is enrolled at our school, then you will need to complete the "Kindergarten Registration – Parent/Guardian Form" only and also have the Childcare or Preschool that they are presently attending complete the "Childcare/Preschool Questionnaire".

If you know of a family with a child(ren) that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall, please encourage them to go to the website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pauline Perry at the Westford Elementary School, 878-5932 or email pperry@ccsuvt.org.

PRESCHOOL OPENING

Westford Elementary School presently has 2 openings available in the afternoon Preschool Class.
If interested please contact Kendra Dibble at 857-7000 x6541

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We will have a substitute librarian several times this month while Bree takes time for training classes and a well deserved vacation. Sub days include 4/16, 4/18, 4/19, 4/23-4/26. On those days, we will only be offering basic library services - no inter-library loan or new library cards. Thank you for understanding.

Library Hours

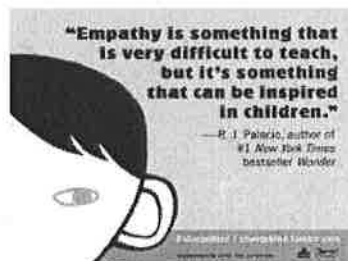
Wednesday:	1-7pm
Thursday:	10am-6pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	10am-2pm



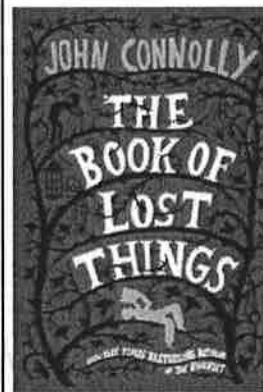
This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read", a science-based theme. Join us at the **Westford Elementary School Science Fair on Thursday, April 17 from 6:30 to 8:00.** We will have a table set up with some of the cool experiments and projects we will be doing this summer. Want to see play dough conduct electricity? Every thought of making your own lava lamp?

We will also have bookmarks, stickers and other cool, science related things.

5th and 6th grade students at the Westford School are reading Wonder. Parents of those students (and anyone else in the community) are encouraged to read this powerful and amazing book. Multiple copies are available to check out. We will be hosting a multi-age book discussion and community event some time in May!



Book Group Discussion



Wednesday, April 16,
6pm

The Book of Lost Things

By: John Connolly

High in his attic bedroom, twelve-year-old David mourns the death of his mother. He is angry and alone, with only the books on his shelf for company. But those books have begun to

whisper to him in the darkness, and as he takes refuge in his imagination, he finds that reality and fantasy have begun to meld. While his family falls apart around him, David is violently propelled into a land that is a strange reflection of his own world, populated by heroes and monsters, and ruled over by a faded king who keeps his secrets in a mysterious book... The Book of Lost Things. (from Amazon.com)

An imaginative tale about navigating the journey into adulthood, while doing your best to hang on to your childhood.

Extra Copies Available at the Librarian's Desk.
Next Month: Seabiscuit

Pajama Storytime
Wednesday, April 30 - 6-7pm
Theme: Cars and Trucks

We've made a homemade car/kid wash and need to test it out (you won't get too wet!)
Come dressed in your PJs for a good time! We'll read stories and do a craft.



Early Literacy Storytime : Birth to Pre-School Every Thursday at 11am No registration required!

4/3/14: Theme: Sheep

4/10/14: Theme: Butterflies

4/17/14: Theme: Eggs/Easter

4/24/14: Theme: Bunnies

Storytime consists of several stories around a theme, as well as a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot out of it!

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April Library Events

April 2 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm

April 9 - EFT Part II - Stress and Anxiety with Kim Allen 7-9pm

April 10 - Medical Mission to Haiti - Talk given by Kristy and Lily Trask 7-9pm

April 11 - Preschoolers visit the Library

April 16 - Book discussion group - 6-7pm

April 17 - School Science Fair - Come visit the Library's table - 6:30-8pm

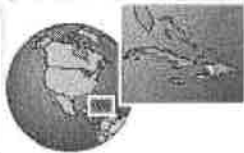
April 21-25 - School Vacation Week

April 30 - PJ Storytime - Cars and Trucks - 6-7pm - Wear your PJs!

Storytime every Thursday 11am

Tai Chi every Monday and Wednesday from 11:15 to 12:15 starting 3/12/14

Haiti Medical Missions Trip, February, 2014



**Presented by Kristy and Lily Trask
Thursday, April 10th
7-9pm**

**Pictures, slide show and discussion.
Come see our pictures and share our experiences about our life changing trip.
Refreshments will be served.**

The Meditation Group meets every Tuesday from 7-8pm at the Library. All are welcome. Contact Michael for more details (878-3725)

**Emotional Freedom Technique Seminar
Part II - Stress and Anxiety
With Kim Allen - Wed., April 9, 7-8:30pm**

Thank you to all those who came to the Learn EFT Tapping session on Wednesday, April 9th. Kim will do a follow up session for those attendees (others who have experience with EFT are also welcome) who now wish to learn how to use EFT to relieve stress and anxiety.

Looking for Something to do over April Vacation?

The Library has the following passes:

**ECHO Center
Shelburne Farms
Shelburne Museum
Birds of Vermont Museum
American Precision Museum
VT State Historic Sites
VT State Parks**

Westford Welcome Baby Tea - May 10

Do you have a child born March 2013-March 2014? The Library dedicates a book to every child in Westford! What will your child's be?

We want to make sure we know about you - so we can invite you!

Invitations go out mid-April, if you do not get one by the end of the month, please contact Bree with your child's information.

Co-Sponsored by the Westford Rec Dept.

WE WANT TO DELIVER YOU BOOKS!

We have funding to provide outreach services to FIVE childcare providers in Westford. You DO NOT need to be a registered daycare - just provide care to at least 2 children that are not your own. Perfect for grandparents, friends or neighbors. Contact Bree to sign up. No names, just numbers, will be given to the granting agency!

The Westford Public Library is now accepting donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. Please make sure items are in GOOD condition - clean and free of mold. Ask yourself - would I loan this to a friend? We do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, VHS or cassette tapes, music CDs, or old travel guides.

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MISSION STATEMENT

April 2014

The Westford Recreation Department was created to provide recreational, educational, athletic, cultural, and entertainment activities to all Westford residents and neighbors. We strive to offer programs for a wide variety of ages, abilities and interests. We depend on community input, support and volunteers to make these programs successful.

Coordinator's Corner-

Please join me in welcoming our newest Recreation Committee member, Martha Bennett! Martha management skills are going to be key in helping us fine tune existing programs and to work on developing new programs in town. Martha has two children who attend Westford school and we welcome her aboard! Thank you for volunteering more of your time Martha...we greatly appreciate it!

April brings the start of lacrosse season and the Egg Hunt. We also have many adult fitness programs. Check out page 2!!!

As always, you can contact me at (c) 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata



Our Next Committee Meeting is April 15th. Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we'll put you on the agenda! Thanks!

Westford Ice Rink Info:

With the warm temps (hopefully approaching), please continue to watch for the rink to be open or closed. There is a sign on the Common Side; Green is OPEN, red is CLOSED. Rink master Dave Adams is who determines if the rink is usable and you can email WestfordRink@gmail.com or follow the Twitter account, @Westford Rink. Thanks Dave!



LACROSSE STARTS THIS MONTH!!!!

Kindergarten to Grade 2! This program will run Monday nights from 6-7pm, starting April 28th and goes until June 9th (with the Monday of Memorial Day off). Coach Brent Carpenter is ready to have a great year! Players need their own sticks and t-shirts are included in the registration fee. \$25/player and scholarships are available. **GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS IN TODAY!!!**

3/4 Co-ed Team: GET THOSE REGISTRATIONS IN TODAY!!! We NEED to know if your child is playing!!!! The Parent/Player/Coach meeting will be on April 16th at the Westford Elementary School. Practices are at the Westford Elementary School Thursday nights from 6:30 until 7:30/8:00pm and the first practice is April 17th. Registration fees are \$40 per players and you need your own sticks, and padding, but helmets are available to rent from the Rec Dept. for \$15/season. Please fill in on the regular registration form, and indicate that you need to rent a helmet, so we can set one aside. Let your friends, co-workers, and family from other towns know, as we are open to any player wishing to join our team!! The more the merrier!

NO 5/6 LACROSSE TEAM THIS YEAR. Unfortunately after many months of polling Westford families, and searching for a coach, we were not able to get enough interested players or a coach for the 5/6 co-ed team.

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Want to stay up to date on Rec Happenings?
Like our Rec Dept page on Facebook or sign up
for Front Porch Forum. You will be in the know!!



front porch forum™
HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

Recreation Department Committee Members

Heather Armata, Coordinator	338-8235	George Lamphere	879-6488
Maureen Carpenter	893-5096	Randy Aiken	872-0841
Noel Boutin	878-3632	Meredith Irish	373-9980
Martha Bennett	878-9269		

Or Email us at: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

KEEPING YOUR ACTIVITIES LOCAL AND AFFORDABLE!!!



Integral YOGA w/ Tiffany @ RBMH Every **WEDNESDAY** evening, now

from 6:30-8pm at the Red Brick Meeting House. \$13 drop-in fee; \$100 for 10-class punch card.

Contact Tiffany at tiffshannon@gmail.com.
Watch Front Porch Forum for updates/cancellations.



Pick-up Adult Volleyball!!!

When: **Monday** evenings

Where: The Westford Elementary School

Time: 8:00-10:00pm

Fee: \$2 donation per player suggested

Contact: Tammy Brown 872-8333

We are **LOOKING** for **MORE players!** All abilities welcome!!!



YOGA with Cat Earisman @ RBMH

Cat Earisman, E-RYT will be coming to the RBMH on **THURSDAY** evenings to teach Flow Yoga! Breathe, stretch, strengthen and laugh in this athletic style of yoga---all abilities welcome, because everyone is encouraged to work at their own level. Class will be held from 6:15-7:30, and you can prepay for the month for \$40, or drop in for \$12.



ZUMBA
fitness

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES are HERE!

Tuesdays at the RBMH from 6-7:00pm

Fee: \$5/Class and your **First class is FREE!**

Zumba fitness is the Latin inspired dance fitness class that has taken the world by storm. No fitness or dance experience required. Let Stephanie take you through great music & fun moves that will get your heart moving. Modifications available for all fitness levels. Drop-in class...no pre-registration required!

ANNUAL EGG HUNT!!

On the Common!

Snow, or Rain or Sunshine!

April 19th at 10:00am

Bring a Basket to collect eggs, turn them in and get a goodie bag full of treats (not all candy)! All ages welcomed and our littlest residents are encouraged to join!!! This is a running Westford tradition that we hope you can attend! Some years it's been snow and very cold, other years it's green grass and warm. Any predictions?

Save the Dates!!

5/10/14— Welcome Baby Tea for all babies born in Westford between April 2013 & March 2014. From 10:00-11:30 at the Westford Public Library.

Food, prizes and good fun!



6/15/14—Father's Day Hike on the Schultz Trail— Come join us for a nice hike on one of Westford's nicest trails!



Week Long Summer Soccer Camp...July 7th to July 11th!! The Rec Dept. is hosting a summer soccer camp for 5 days, from 8:30 until 11:30am, for Boys and Girls in Grades 3-6. Coach Asa Hoover is back and excited for this program! Registration fee is \$55 for the week. Start sending in your registration forms now to secure your child's spot!!!

Drop off at town office or scan and email it to

WestfordVTRec@gmail.com!! We also NEED parent volunteers to stay during the sessions, as supervisors, not coaches. If you are parent, and can supervise a morning, or afternoon session (or a couple), email me ASAP. It will only run if we can get parent volunteers!! Email Heather at WestfordVTRec@gmail.com or call 338-8235





Westford Summer Camp

@ The Westford Elementary School

Theme: Nature and Outdoor Activities

JUNE 23—27, 2014

Daily 8:30-4:30pm

Ages: 5-12

\$165/5 Days & 10% sibling discount per each

additional child

minimum 6 kids to run program

registration due April 15th

Tentative Daily Schedule:

8:30-9:00 Welcome Time

9:00-10:00 Daily meeting to explore themes

10-10:30 Healthy Snack (provided)

10:30-12:00 Outside exploration

12-12:30 Lunch

12:30– 1:00 Reading of Themed materials

1:00-3:00 Outdoor games & free play

3:00-3:30 Healthy Snack (provided)

3:30-4:30 Craft & Free Choice

4:30 pick up

Daily Themes; Morning/Afternoon:

Meadow Exploration/Water Games

Predator & Prey/Olympic Games

Birds/Obstacle Courses

River Exploration/Soccer, Kickball

Nature Art/Native American Games

Policies:

* Healthy snacks include carrots and hummus, crackers and cheese, homemade muffins, nuts and berries, juice and water

* \$25 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration and is applied toward your full week tuition

* Registration is on a first come, first served basis

* Full registration is due one week before the start of camp, or your space will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waitlist

* If enrollment is less than minimum amount allowed, and the camp is cancelled, you will be reimbursed your deposit and any monies paid toward tuition.

About your Instructor:

Naturalist and educator Sarah Stein M.Ed. creates experiences that allow your children to use their senses within nature, developing a relationship with their local environment. Nature serves as a tool, to achieve passionate enjoyment, creativity and engagement, which are a springboard for life.



Mail your registration form to; Westford Recreation Dept., 1173 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494 with checks made payable to the Westford Recreation Dept. Questions?? Call Heather at 338-8235 or email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

NAME (Parents) _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (only to be used for WRD mailings) _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL/WORK PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please list **medical conditions**, physical limitations, allergies, or restrictions WRD should be aware of:

NAME	PROGRAM	GRADE	T-SHIRT SIZE	FEE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:				_____

How did you hear about this program? Please circle: Front Porch Forum Town Newsletter

Parent/Neighbor Westford Elementary School VTGrandpa.com Rec Dept. Member Other _____

*****Please contact a Recreation Department member if your financial situation is preventing you from signing yourself, or your child, up for a program. Scholarships are available.*****

RELEASE/WAVIER AGREEMENT:

I am fully aware of the inherent risk, and give my consent for the above named applicant(s) to participate in the program(s) listed above. I hold harmless the Town of Westford, Westford School, their employees, elected officials, and/or any volunteers or instructors from any and all liability from any injury, claim, costs or loss of services which may be incurred by me, or us, or our minor children on account of participation in said program(s). Permission is hereby granted for me or us, or my child(ren) to receive emergency treatment if needed and I authorize the attending physician to administer any needed medical attention. Furthermore, I certify that I, or we, or my child(ren) are in good health and that there are no limitations to my/our participation except in writing above. I have read this document carefully and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Send registration with check payable to:
WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt.128, Westford, VT 05494**

SEEKING MOWING QUOTES FOR 2014 SEASON

The Selectboard is requesting quotes for mowing of the Town Common, Town Office, Town Library, the area near the statue (between Brookside Road and White Church Lane), the KP lot (small area on Route 128 just before the village) and a small area on the corner of Common Road and Brookside Road. This would include trimming and mowing in a timely manner.

Please include separate quotes for the following:

- Brick Meeting House, located on the east side of the town common, next to the Westford Market.
- Brookside Cemetery on Maple Tree Lane. The cemetery requires mowing on an as needed basis, usually 8-10 times per mowing season and trimming every other time, as well as mowing and trimming in preparation for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, July 4, Labor Day and Columbus Day.

If you need additional information, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587. The Selectboard reserves the right to reject all quotes. Quotes should be sent to Town of Westford, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494 and **must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 10, 2013.**

Second Spring North, a program of Collaborative Solutions Corporation is seeking community members to join our Community Advisory Group.

Neighbors, local business owners, consumers of mental health services and their families are encouraged to participate in this effort. Our Community Advisory Group is crucial to ensuring we continue to meet the needs of those people in our area who require intensive mental health treatment. The time commitment is minimal – the input invaluable to our mission.

Second Spring North Community Advisory Group

- Ensures the mission of the organization is upheld
- Assist the organization in utilizing community resources
- Advises the organization regarding community needs
- Supports the organization's growth and development
- Educates themselves and the local community about the issues facing severely mentally ill individuals

For more information or to volunteer to serve, contact Program Manager, Leslie Slingerland at 802.899.1328 or leslies@cscorp.org

LAKE CHAMPLAIN ACCESS TELEVISION Launching 3rd Channel

Lake Champlain Access Television (LCATV) will launch a third channel on April 1, 2014. LCATV Channel 17 will air the community media center's governmental access programming, including select board and other municipal meetings and annual election coverage. LCATV Channel 16, which previously aired both governmental and educational programming, will become a dedicated educational access channel. LCATV's school board coverage will remain on Channel 16. The organization also administers Channel 15 for public access content.

Lake Champlain Access Television is a not-for-profit public, educational and governmental access media facility for eight communities in Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. LCATV's equipment, air time and training are available to its membership free of charge so that they may produce and/or present original access programming on Comcast Cable Channels 15, 16 and 17 and on lcatv.org.

Westford Volunteer Fire Department

Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce we are accepting applications for the **2014 Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship**. Applications for this scholarship must be postmarked by May 2, 2014.

At the time of her passing, Betty requested that donations be made to the fire department in her memory. Many of you generously responded to her request, for which we continue to be truly grateful. The Westford Fire Department & Auxiliary set aside these donations to establish a scholarship fund to honor Betty's life and contributions in community service. The scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified graduating Westford high school senior based primarily on their record of achievement in community service, wherever performed. The student receiving this scholarship will also have their name engraved on a plaque commemorating the recipients of the Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship.

Westford students graduating from high school this year should contact Pauline Perry at (H) 878-5606, (W) 878-5932 ext. 6522 or perryrb@aol.com to request a scholarship application form. Please be sure you clearly state your name, mailing address and phone number when leaving a message.

We are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity and look forward to hearing from you. In this way and many others, Betty was and will continue to be a great blessing to our community. Applications should be mailed to the 2014 Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship, c/o Westford Fire Department, PO Box 54, Westford VT 05494.

Thank you for your Support!

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FROM THE WESTFORD FIRE WARDEN, DENNIS L. ANGIO:

We are now coming to the end of a very long, cold and snowy winter. At this time I would like to thank all of you who applied for burn permits although it was not required while there was snow on the ground. In a few weeks, after the snow has melted, burn permits will once again be mandatory and will be strictly enforced. Please be aware that as ground fuels dry out and we have little rain, the danger of fire increases.

As always, I will monitor the weather on a daily basis and will open or close the burn permit system as appropriate. It is against Vermont state law to burn without a permit and to do so can result in a summons and an appearance in municipal court. For anyone new to Vermont, please be aware there is not much you can legally burn. A good rule is, if it grows on your lawn you can burn it - that means grass clippings, branches, brush and small stumps. No treated or painted wood can be burned. You cannot use accelerants to start your fire and you must have a water hose and extinguishing tools nearby. Your fire has to be completely out and not left smoldering when retiring for the evening.

You have to extinguish your fire if it becomes a nuisance to your neighbors. Please pay attention to the wind as it is an important factor in causing your burn to become out of control. If this happens please call 911. Remember, just because you can get a permit does not mean you should burn. If you have any questions about the aforementioned regulations, please call me at 879-1231 and I will be glad to address any concerns you may have pertaining to your burn. A little awareness and attention to this activity can mean the difference of summer fun and tragedy. Thank you.

UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD APRIL SCHEDULE

April 6, 8:30am - Traditional Worship Service

April 13, 8:30am - Alternative Service with music, silent meditation and words of inspiration

April 17, 7pm - joint Maundy Thursday Service with Westford and Fairfax congregations, at the United Church of Fairfax, corner of Fletcher & River Road in Fairfax

April 20, 8:30am - Easter Service

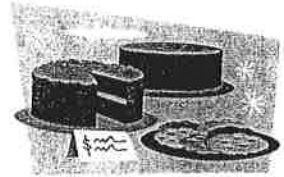
All services officiated by Rev. Katherine Arthaud.
We are an Open and Affirming Community Church.
All are welcome!



SOUP 'N CHOCOLATE SUPPER

Saturday, May 3rd, 5-7PM

Brick Meeting House, Route 128, Westford



Soup, Chili, Salad, Artisan Bread and **Chocolate** Desserts.

Silent Auction - Great Prizes

Benefits the UCW White Church Preservation Fund

Adults \$8 - Children \$5 (over 5 years) - \$25 maximum for families

ROLAND PIGEON & FRIENDS

ANNUAL CONCERT featuring VINTAGE COUNTRY MUSIC

UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD (WHITE CHURCH)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 4-5PM

All are invited to join Roland, family, friends and fellow musicians for an afternoon of a wide variety of country, folk and old time fiddle music. Both young and older talent will be participating. Sure to offer a broad appeal to audiences of any age group. Concert is free. Refreshments will follow entertainment. For info call 802-879-4028