



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

August 2014

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## Property Tax Bills

The first installment for property taxes is due Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have an August 15<sup>th</sup> postmark (postal, FedEx, or UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the town office door before the office opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. If your taxes are escrowed, please forward a copy of the tax bill to your mortgage company if you have not already done so.

## Friendly Reminders

- **Garbage and recycling** need to be put out for pickup before 8:00am on Wednesday mornings, and placed curbside at the end of your driveway (or road in some cases) where it can be seen by the driver. If you put garbage out the night before, or early in the morning, please put it in a can with a lid or other appropriate receptacle to prevent animals from getting into it.
- Free **recycling bins** are available at the Town Office (one size only).
- Property owners who plan on **replacing driveway culverts** must get an Access Permit from the Town Office before starting the work. There is no charge for the replacement if the culvert is the same size.
- **Burn permits** are needed prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online ([www.westfordvt.us](http://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 trash. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating Chittenden Solid Waste drop off center. For a list of centers please visit [www.cswd.net](http://www.cswd.net).
- **Metal items** can be put in the metal dumpster located at the town garage.
- **Hazardous waste materials** must be brought to a participating CSWD drop off center.

## Town Office Summer Hours

The Town Office is open Monday–Thursday, 8:30am – 4:30pm and Friday, 8:30am – 1:00pm.

The Town Office will be closed:

- Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Primary Election
- Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Labor Day.

## HUNTLEY ROAD CLOSED AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> – AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>

Huntley Road will be closed to all traffic beginning Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to allow for the installation of a box culvert. The culvert is being installed south of Drinkwine Lane, approximately 4/10 mile from the Cambridge Road intersection. If you live north of where the culvert is being installed, you will need to drive north into Fairfax to get to Route 128.

## 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION – TUESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

- Voter Registration Deadline: 5pm Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: 5pm Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Voting Day: 7am-7pm, Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Westford school in the gym

### SENIOR LUNCHEON

Luncheons are on hold until September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a wonderful summer and stay healthy.  
Carol Howrigan, President.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the September Newsletter is 12:00  
noon on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### HEAR IT FIRST ON THE FRONT PORCH FORUM

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

Check it out at [www.FrontPorchForum.com](http://www.FrontPorchForum.com)!

*This community service is brought to you by Burlington residents Michael and Valerie Wood-Lewis.*

## TOWN PLAN UPDATES

It seems like only a few months ago, but the last rewrite to Westford's Town Plan happened nearly five years ago, and state statute requires an update by May 2015. Why have a town plan? It lets Westford lay out in writing our values, goals, needs, and long-term vision. There are some statewide and regional goals that we must consider, including plans for land use (including preservation of Westford's unique resources), transportation, utilities, energy, economic development, and flood resilience. We must also establish a recommendation for how to implement the plan moving forward.

The 2010 Town Plan was a significant change and took into consideration surveys and other input from Westford residents to lay out a vision for our town to "plan for and manage growth while protecting and preserving the rural character, historical sites, natural resources and agricultural land of the Town." While the Planning Commission doesn't expect large changes to the Plan for the 2015 update, we are looking for feedback from the public as well as each of the town's commissions and committees.

You can find a copy of Westford's current Town Plan on the website or copies are available at the town offices. The Planning Commission will be soliciting feedback from the public through the end of August. Soon after, the Planning Commission will be holding their first public hearing to present draft updates and take further comments on the Plan amendments.

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## Read and Win at the Fair!

Children (entering K-8) are eligible for a FREE ticket to the Champlaine Valley Fair on Monday, August 25 if they have read THREE books this summer.

This special ticket gives the child: FREE admission, a FREE ice cream, a FREE ride, and a FREE book! It can only be used on August 25.

The Westford Public Library will be handing out tickets Wednesday, August 13 - Saturday, August 23. Parent's signature is required before ticket can be issued.



## Library Hours

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

## Book Group Discussion:

Will not meet in July and August. Because of a busy summer and low participation, we are taking a break. We would appreciate input on how to make our adult book group more appealing.

Books to Film Series?  
Classics?

Different genres?

I would also LOVE to have someone else moderate the group - bring your passion to the book group!

## Volunteers Needed:

### Regular volunteers:

You do not need to commit to every week, just a regular schedule.

Wednesdays 1-3pm: Check in and shelve books

Thursdays 1-3pm: Check in and shelve books

Fridays 4-6pm: Sit at the desk and check out books for folks (requires some computer skill)

Also needed: other regular volunteers who could help process books, organize shelves, weed the collection, and help out with odds and ends.

Volunteers under 18 need parent's permission. All volunteers must fill out the proper forms.

We can't run a great library without your help and support - THANK YOU!

## Calling all Summer Readers!

Bring your reading logs in starting Wednesday, July 30 to have your books counted and raffle tickets made! Your book count must be turned in by August 7 to be entered into the raffle on August 8. So, get reading and bring in your logs anytime July 30-August 7. If you will be away or can't make it in to the library, parents may email me the number of books your child has read this summer. (This includes adult readers as well!)



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

\*8/7/14: Theme: Sink or Float

8/14/14: Theme: Back-to-School

8/21/14: Theme: Friendship

8/28/14: Theme: Farming

Storytimes marked with a (\*) are considered part of the Summer Reading Program

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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## August Library Events

- August 1 - Drop in Codes and Compasses  
4:30-6:00pm Stop in anytime for a decoder, a compass and some fun!
- August 2 - Drop in Codes and Compasses  
10:30-Noon.
- August 6 - READ with Rainbow 5:30-6:30. (Pre-registration and permission required)
- August 6 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- August 7 - E-Textiles: a Maker class 6-9pm.  
Combining science and art! (Pre-registration and permission required)
- August 8 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party on the Common 4:30-5:30pm
- August 13-23 - Read and Win at the Fair ticket giveaway
- August 17 - Westford Concert on the Common Series: Bill Staines 6-7pm
- August 25 - Read and Win at the Fair Day
- August 27 - First Day of School

Storytime every Thursday 11am

**Drop in Codes and Compasses :** Stop by the library and grab a compass, a decoder wheel, and start your adventure. You get to keep the compass and decoder!



Friday, August 1 - 4:30-6:00pm  
Saturday, August 2 -10:30-Noon

### Summer Reading for Adults? Yes!

Fill out a raffle ticket for every book you read this summer to have a chance to win a \$25 Sweet Clover Market gift card.



## END OF THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM ICE CREAM PARTY AND RAFFLE!

Friday, August 8  
4:30-5:30pm  
On the Common

Join us for the sweet taste of success and ICE

**CREAM!** Make you own sundae and celebrate all your great reading! We will be drawing for raffle prizes at 5:15pm - you do not need to be present to win, but it's fun if you are!

**THANK YOU** to all the great readers and parents out there - we had 94 kids sign up for Summer Reading this year!

## Spark A Culture of Innovation Workshops Classes taught by the Vermont Makers Group

### Thursday 8/7 - 6-9pm: E-textiles

Using conductive thread and LEDs, we will make wearable art. Combining fashion, engineering, and artistry, this is not a class to miss!

Classes are for ages 10+ (parents use judgment with younger children)

Limited number of spots - pre-registration and permission slip required.

### FREE SUMMER FUN!

Passes may not be reserved & are checked out for 3 days

- Vermont State Parks - day use (2 passes)
- Vermont Historic Sites
- Shelburne Farms (2 passes)
- Shelburne Museum
- ECHO Center (2 passes) (\$4/person)
- Birds of Vermont Museum
- American Precision Museum (Winsor, VT)

**WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF USED BOOKS** - The Library will begin accepting donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs again in January of next year. **We always accept donations of current hardcover best-sellers, audiobooks and DVDs.** Thank you for your generosity.

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

August 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-**

THANK YOU all to everyone who attended our 4th of July festivities! We had a great turn out at our first 4 mile run at 8:30am and are looking forward to bringing you the second annual run next year! We also appreciate your support at our Perfect Scoop Ice Cream Shop and enjoyed connecting with everyone in town.

We are getting ready for fall sports and activities, so get those registration forms in for Fall Soccer and if you have a program you would like to see offered in town, let us know! As always, you can contact me at (c) 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

*Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata*



Our Next Committee Meeting is August 12th at 7:00pm at the Westford Town Office. Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we'll put you on the agenda! Thanks!



**FALL SOCCER SIGN UP!!!!**

We are looking for a coach for our Pre-K/K group. Practices are held on Saturday mornings, usually between 9-10am, but we can work with your schedule! No coaching experience necessary and we can provide you with ideas for activities that the kids will love. This is a 6- 8 week commitment and SO rewarding!

Coaches kids play for free.

Parents, you can still sign your kids up for the Pre-K/K group; Fee is \$25/player and includes a t-shirt. Registration due by August 25th.

Grades 1/2 Co-ed Soccer- Coach Heidi Rabtoy is excited to coach this group during the fall! We are going to work on scheduling a few games with other towns, something new for the Rec Dept., so get excited for this year! Practices and games will still fall on Saturday mornings, between 9-10am (game times TBD). Registration fee is \$25/player, which includes a t-shirt and is due by August 25th.

Grade 3/4 Co-ed Soccer- Registrations MUST be in by August 10th, since we need to know if we have enough players for a team. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:30-7:00pm and Saturday games. Coach Noel Boutin starts practice on August 19th! Fees; \$35/ player.

Maximum family cost of \$80 for Fall Soccer. Scholarships available. Contact Heather at 338-8235 or email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

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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	Danielle Vierling	871-9404

Or Email us at: [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:tiffshannon@gmail.com). Watch Front Porch Forum for updates/cancellations.



**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!

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
Pick up adult volleyball and Thursday night yoga with Cat Earisman are taking a break and we will let you know when they return.

**FRIDAY NIGHT PICK UP LACROSSE!**



Looking to play some additional Lacrosse this Summer? Are you looking to add a new skill? Coach Brent Carpenter and Mike Rohne are offering open Lacrosse sessions for instruction, free play or non contact games. We will be using the soft balls, so bring a stick and cleats. (Gloves and helmet are still recommended). We will be meeting at the Westford School on Friday Nights from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM from July 11th through August 22nd.

Thank you Coach Asa Hoover and Coach Anissa Hartmann for a fantastic Summer Soccer Camp!!! What a great week of learning and fun!!! Thank you to all the participants! We are going to have some great soccer players this year!!



**GREAT ESCAPE.....BROMLEY.....SIX FLAGS!!!!**

The Recreation Department is once again offering discount tickets to several adventure parks and not only do you save money, but you also support programming for the Recreation Department!!! The following are available for purchase at the Westford Town Offices (878-4587), during normal business hours:

**Great Escape Adult (over 48 inches) Tickets: \$39/ticket** (normally \$54.99 at gate)

**Great Escape Parking Passes: \$15.00** (normally \$20.00)

**Bromley Adventure Park: \$31/ticket** (normally \$45.00 each)

**Six Flags New England Adult (over 54 inches): \$42/ticket** (normally \$59.99 at gate)



# 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**

## **WE ARE ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2015 WESTFORD CALENDAR!!!**

It's that time of year again!  
We are now accepting photographs for the 2015 Westford Calendar!

*First, I would like to thank all who have participated in our annual calendar sale over the last five years. Our community efforts have resulted in a great new swing set for the Common.*

The rules are as follows:

- 1) Send us your most beautiful, interesting and/or down home photographs of Westford's people, places, natural areas, weather events and/or community celebrations from seasons and years past.

The Town will do the rest by designing a calendar using YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS (you'll be famous) and selling them during the holiday season.

You may drop off or mail your photo to the Town Office (1713 VT Rte 128, Westford, VT 05494) or email a digital copy to Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator ([planner@westfordvt.us](mailto:planner@westfordvt.us)).

## **~JAZZ, BLUES & ROCK BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE FOOD SHELF~**

Mark your calendars, Marianfest is Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>. Due to popular demand, we welcome back the Nobby Reed Project and The Mumbles for a rocking Food Shelf benefit concert during the Farmers' Market on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. COME and bring your friends! The music is going to be amazing. Even if it's raining, we are going to be rocking. All we need is for you and your friends to join us and bring along a non-perishable food item to donate.

### **Marianfest Details:**

Who? Everybody! Bring your friends and family, it is going to be FUN!

What? A benefit concert for the Westford Food Shelf. Admission is FREE, suggested donation of one non-perishable food item.

When? Rockin' through the Farmers Market and into the evening, Friday August 15th from 4:30-8:30PM.

Where? Westford Town Common. Rain location is the Red Brick Meeting House.

Why? To benefit the Westford Food Shelf AND to enjoy awesome LIVE MUSIC!

### **Schedule:**

4:30 - 6:15PM it's The Mumbles! \*\*So much more than an opening band, these guys are not to be missed!\*\* Hailing from New Orleans, LA, The Mumbles are a tiny band with a mighty sound! Using two keyboards, drum kit, and a saxophone, they combine New Orleans funk and soul with jazz to create original "pop songs in the key of partying down" (Time Out New York). More info and free listening at <http://themumbles.org>

6:45-8:30 PM local Blues legend, The Nobby Reed Project. Nobby's guitar skills and Blues singing are some of the finest anywhere. If you love the Blues, you've gotta come see The Nobby Reed Project! More info at <http://www.nobbyreed.com>

See you at Marianfest!

More info at <https://www.facebook.com/marianfestVT> or email [calef@roversnorth.com](mailto:calef@roversnorth.com)

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT

~on the common~

- Ice Cream served at 6:30pm
- Westford Fairfax , Fletcher Band Concert at 7pm



*proceeds benefit the  
Brick Meeting House*



For information:  
Call Alex Weinhagen at 777-3995 or 878-5804

## WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ON THE COMMON

### August 17 BILL STAINES @6PM

*"A modern day Stephen Foster. His music will be around a hundred years from now" (composer David Amram). One of the most durable and beloved singers on the folk music scene today, Bill has been writing songs, touring, and recording for four decades.*

Free Sunday concerts, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. August 17 concert 6PM. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain location is the Brick Meeting House. Co-sponsored by the Westford Library, Westford Recreation Dept., and the Westford Parenting/Education Committee.

## UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD SUMMER SCHEDULE

No Sunday services for the months of July and August. Sunday Services will resume the Sunday after Labor Day weekend, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The church **will remain open** all summer for weddings, funerals, food shelf and community functions as needed.

Rev. Katherine Arthaud is available for phone calls, visits, weddings, baptisms, funerals etc. Call 802-233-8639 if you would like to speak with her for any reason. (email: [karthaud@aol.com](mailto:karthaud@aol.com))

During our 2 month suspension of Sunday Services, we ask for continued financial support of the church's operating expenses. Send checks to: UCW, PO Box 53, Westford, VT 05494. Thank you.