

Westford Newsletter

December 2014
Town Office Notes

Season's Greetings!



Selectboard FY'16 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard began working on the FY'16 budget in October. Workshops will be held on:

- December 11th
- If needed, additional meetings will be held.

The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2015. A joint informational meeting with the School Board will be held in January to present the proposed town and school budgets before finalizing them for the vote in March.

Joint Selectboard and School Board Budget Meeting

The Selectboard and School Board will hold an informational meeting **Wednesday, January 7th at 7pm** at the Westford School to present the proposed town and school budgets. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to provide feedback prior to finalization of the budgets before being voted on in March 2015.

Senior Luncheon

The December Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, December 8th, at 12:00 noon in the Brick Meeting House. All 55+ are welcome to join us for a hot meal prepared and served by volunteers from Westford. It is a fun and welcoming gathering. There is no need to call ahead. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call me at 878-3090. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. Carol Howrigan, President

Holiday Giving (formerly known as Holiday Baskets)

Last year the Town collected monetary donations to purchase gift cards to Hannaford for those less fortunate instead of collecting and distributing food. The gift cards prohibited the purchase of tobacco and alcohol products. This change was successful and provided recipients with the ability to purchase food and household items that were needed.

Monetary donations will be accepted December 1st through December 19th. If you prefer, you can purchase the gift cards (ones that prohibit tobacco and alcohol purchases) yourself. Please mail or deliver your donation to the Town Office. The gift cards will be mailed on December 20th to Westford residents only.

If you prefer to donate food items, there are boxes located at the Town Office, Library and Post Office for the Westford Food Shelf. Whatever you choose to do, thank you for supporting your community!

Office Hours

The Town Office will be closed:

- Wednesday, December 24th through Friday, December 26th
- Thursday, January 1st

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the January Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, December 29th.



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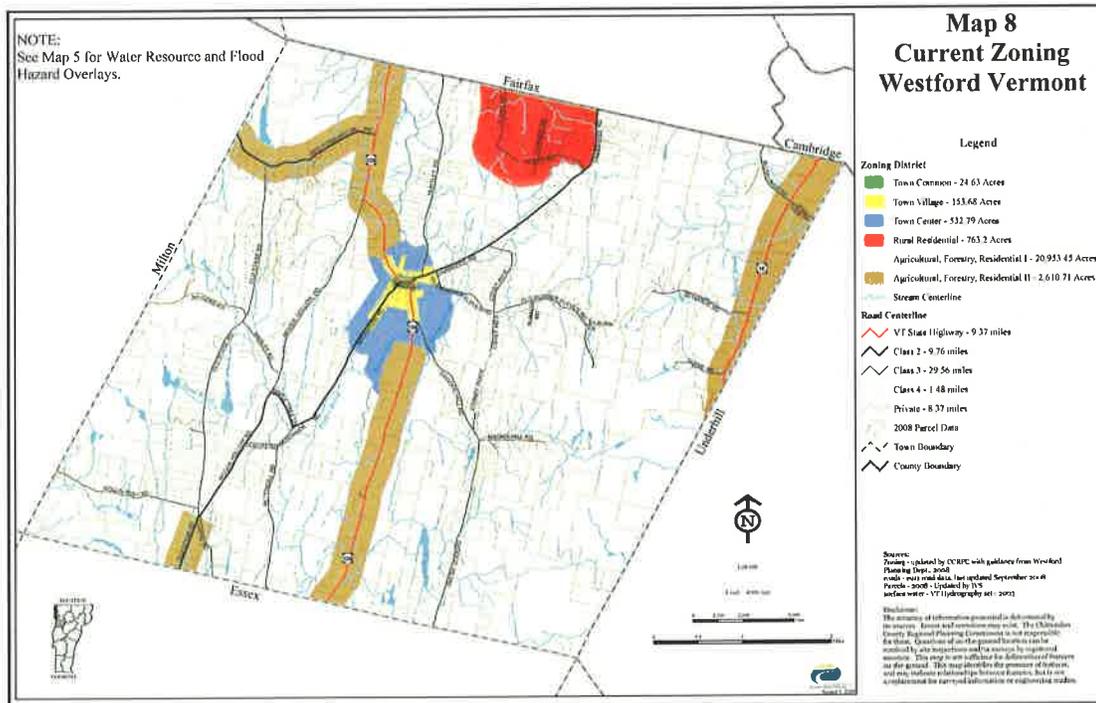
PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Planning Commission has been very busy the last several months, meeting on average three times a month. In addition to drafting new zoning regulations, it has also been updating the Town Plan, which needs to be done every five years. The updated Town Plan will be available for review shortly and will be up for its first public review/meeting in January. The Planning Commission wants to thank all of the town's various committees and groups for providing comments and recommendations for the updated Town Plan.

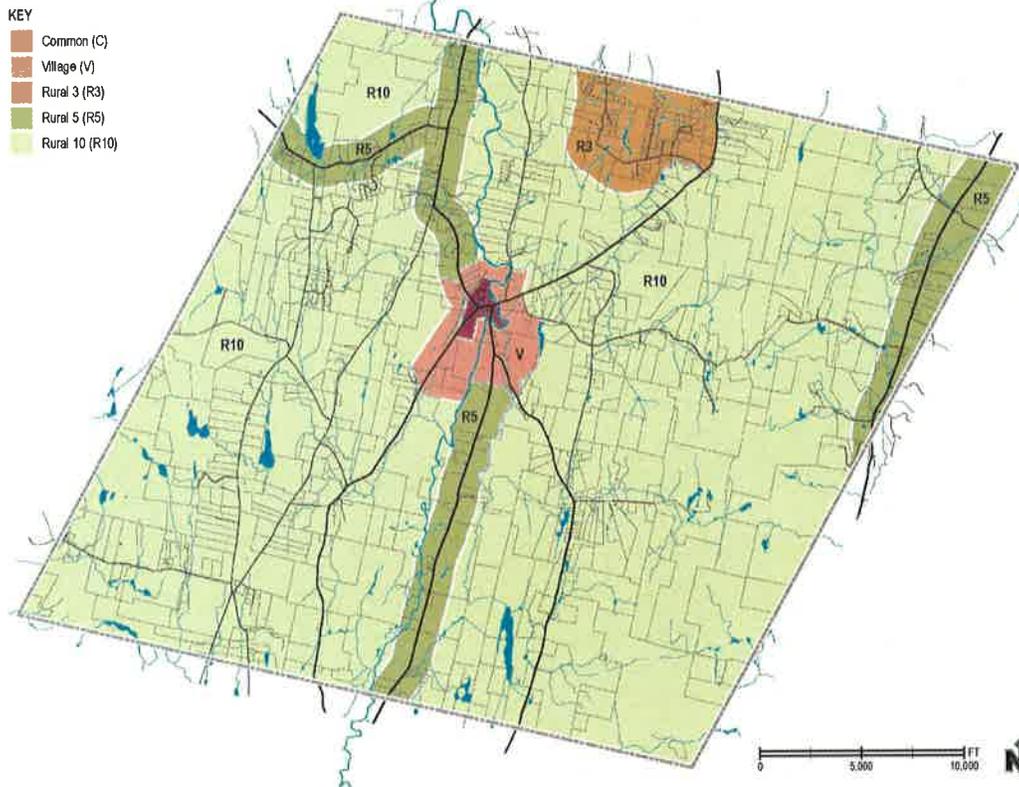
As mentioned, the Planning Commission has been working on amending the Zoning Regulations. As part of that process, we looked at the current zoning districts within the town, their function, the minimal acreage generally needed for development in each district, and the names currently used to identify those districts. The districts are currently called: Town Common, Town Village, Town Center, Rural Residential, Agriculture, Forestry & Residential I and Agriculture, Forestry & Residential II. The Planning Commission believes these names are more confusing than helpful and that the names of the districts should more clearly give information about the size and location of each district. The Planning Commission is recommending that the Town Common, Town Village and Town Center districts be combined into two districts called the Common District and the Village District. It is also recommending that the districts currently named Rural Residential (Plains Road residential area), Agriculture, Forestry & Residential I (most of the town's land area) and Agriculture, Forestry & Residential II (Rts. 15 and 128, and Westford Milton Road) be designated respectfully as Rural 3 or R3 (three acre minimum lot size) Rural 10 or R10 (10 acre minimum lot size) and Rural 5 or R5 (5 acre minimum lot size).

Attached below is a draft Zoning District map showing the proposed re-designated zoning districts, along with a map showing the current zoning districts.

CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT MAP:



DRAFT ZONING DISTRICT MAP:



The Planning Commission meets at the town office and its schedule throughout the remainder of the year is as follows:

Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Gordon Gebauer

The Westford Planning Commission: Jeremy Berger, Wendy Doane, Seth Jensen, Mark Letorney

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Three separate and related efforts continue to define the work of the school board:

1. The budgeting process for FY 2016
2. The Sustainability Committee
3. The School and Community Visioning process.

The Sustainability Committee's work is near conclusion. This Committee was charged with determining potential, long-term options that would allow the school to be financially sustainable. The final Committee meeting was held on November 13th and the Committee's final report will be submitted to the Board at the beginning of December.

The Core Planning Team comprised of a diverse group of community members, teachers, and school staff is engaged in planning efforts to lead our community in an upcoming school visioning process. This process will explore what does the community of Westford hold as the core values and vision for our school in the coming years? What do we see as the key strengths of our school and our community as a whole? How can we utilize these strengths to create a vision that drives our work and allows Westford to offer the best education possible for all our students? Please mark your calendars for January 31st to join your community in a robust, hands-on, highly collaborative process to create a common vision for our school.

Westford School Visioning Summit: Saturday, January 31st, 2015. All Community Members are Strongly Encouraged to Attend.

In addition, over the last three weeks, the school board has participated in two, initial, exploratory discussions regarding the possibility of engaging in a study to form a Regional Education District (RED) with the Essex Town School District and the Chittenden Central Supervisory Union. On November 3rd the Westford Board met for initial discussion and consideration of the issue. On November 17th a joint meeting was held with the Essex Town School District School Board as well as with the Chittenden Central Supervisory Union School Boards to further explore and understand the application process as well as to hear the perspective and concerns of each of the school boards and community members that were present. Detailed minutes from each of these meetings can be found on the school website at <http://www.ccsuvt.org/westford>.

Lastly, the school budget process for FY '16 is underway. The meeting schedule is listed below and community members are encouraged to attend these budget planning meetings. In addition, the board will be utilizing a blog as further means of communication to the town. The blog will be updated with analysis as well as <http://www.ccsuvt.org/westford/responding> to questions and issues that arise throughout the budget process. The blog can be found at <http://westfordboard.blogspot.com>.

Respectfully,

The Westford School Board

Martha Heath, Mark Drapa, Andre Roy, Scott Cooledge, Kim Phinney

FY 2016 Westford School Board Budget Schedule

Monday, October 6 - Regular School Board meeting

6:30pm at Westford School, see agenda for topic times

- FY'14 end of year budget status - A report from our financial officer on the close of the FY'14 budget year and how well we executed to the budgeted amount.
- FY'16 Budget guidance - A presentation from our financial officer on the anticipated state and local budget starting conditions which will be in place for the FY'16 Westford School budget.

Monday, December 1 - Regular School Board meeting with budget focus

6:30pm at Westford School, see agenda for topic times

- FY'16 Budget recommendations - Budget presentation from our administration and financial officer with recommendations for budgeting decisions. This will take into account known Special Education requirements, staffing, site and maintenance, and technology needs.

Thursday, December 11 - Budget Worksession #1

6:30 at Westford School

- Board discussion with opportunity for community input. Goals include defining Board broad direction on budget, provide feedback to administration and financial officer on requested budget changes.

Thursday, December 18 - Budget Worksession #2

6:30pm at Westford School

- Continued board discussion with opportunity for community input. Review of requested budget changes and their impact and update on any state guidance on tax rate, common level of appraisal, etc.

Tuesday, December 30 - Budget Worksession #3

6:30pm at Westford School

- Final review of proposed FY'16 budget with opportunity for community input. Prepare budget numbers, vote warning, and presentation materials in advance of the Joint Meeting

Wednesday, January 7 - Joint Meeting with Select Board

7:00pm at Westford School

- Presentation of the proposed FY'16 budget. Final proposed budget accepted by Board for public warning in anticipation of vote at Town Meeting Day

Monday, March 2 - Budget Informational Meeting

7:00pm at Westford School

- Town Meeting review of proposed FY'16 budget

Tuesday, March 3 - Budget vote

7:00am to 7:00pm at Westford School

Up to date meeting agendas, minutes, and materials can be found on <http://www.ccsuvt.org/westford> at the "School Board" quick link

NEW TOWN WEBSITE!

The Town of Westford has a new website! The new website (www.westfordvt.us) was made possible through the Vermont Digital Economy Project and The Snelling Center for Government. The project works with towns to create websites that will engage the community, enable greater efficiencies and make government more accessible.

Nanette Rogers and Melissa Manka worked hard with Tess Gauthier from The Snelling Center to create what we hope is a more user-friendly website. There are still some pages that need to be completed and/or updates that need to be made. If you visit the website, please let us know what you think!

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http://westfordpubliclibrary.org

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westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494



The Library will be closed 12/24-12/26 for Christmas. We will also be closed 12/31 and 1/1 for New Years.



What better gift to give than a book? Please choose a star from one of our giving trees. Each star contains the name of a book that the library would like to have. Thank you!



Be Cool at the Library: Capital Campaign

This year we are raising money to install central air conditioning in the Library! Please consider donating to the Westford Public Library this holiday season and help us "Be Cool". Your tax-deductible donation will be used for this improvement.



You can support us in TWO ways: 1. Fill out the Holiday appeal in this newsletter and send in a check. 2. You can buy a Be Cool at the Library sunshine for \$5 and add to our "cool" garland. You can buy as many as you want!

Art Show and Sale - Friday, December 5 from 6-8pm

Talented Westford artist, Longina Smolinski, will be bringing more of her silver jewelry and other beautiful works for display. She will also be selling jewelry, glassware, and ornaments. Great for holiday gifts! Come to shop or just to look at her wonderful art.

NEW - Library Hours!

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

Book Group Discussion:

We've tried books to film, fiction, non-fiction and just about everything else, but it seems that the adult book group is just not happening! We are taking a break until there is more interest. How long? I'm not sure. If you have a great idea, I'd love to hear it:
Parent-Child book group
Genre specific (Mysteries, anyone?)
Books to Food group
Classics You Should Have Read

I'm happy to accommodate. I'm also looking for a coordinator to take this over and lead discussions.

Contact Bree with suggestions. Thank you.

PJ Storytime

Wednesday,
December 17
6:30-7:30pm

Theme:
Stars

Stories and craft -
Wear your PJs!



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

12/4/14: Theme: Snow

12/11/14: Theme: Monkeys

12/18/14: Theme: Holidays (we will make something "gift") 12/25/14 & 1/1/15: CLOSED

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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December Library Events

- December 3 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- December 5 - Longina Smolinski: Art Show and Sale 6- 8pm
- December 6 - Thomas Day! With VTPBS starts at 10:30am (first video at 10:45)
- December 12 - Drop in Light up Ornament anytime from 4-7pm
- December 13 - Drop in Light up Ornament anytime from 10:30-Noon
- December 13 - Holiday Bazaar - Library is running the wrapping station 2-5pm
- December 17 - PJ storytime - Theme: Stars - Wear your PJS!
- December 24-26 - CLOSED
- December 31 & January 1 - CLOSED
- January 2 - Lunch and a Movie - Noon-2pm

Storytime every Thursday 11am

Building Bright Futures Playgroup is Back!

Mondays 9:30-11:00am(No playgroup 12/22&12/29)

Westford Public Library

Children 0-6 are encouraged to attend!

Contact Janice for more info (janice@tfish.net)

Westford Rec. Department's Annual Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, December 13 from 2-5pm at the
Westford Elementary School



Have the kiddos come and make gifts of all kinds and let the Library wrap them for you. Gift making costs \$15 for 5 gifts, the wrapping is FREE. (funds benefit the Rec. Dept)

We will also be wrapping any purchases from craft vendors for FREE, as well as kids may color and decorate paper for FREE.

Light Up (LED) Ornaments
Fri. Dec 12(4-7pm) or Sat. Dec 13(10:30-Noon)
Drop in anytime!
We'll be making light up ornaments using our favorite maker supplies - LEDS, copper tape, and coin cell batteries. Learn how fun and beautiful circuits can be! Great as gifts! Fun for all ages - project takes 30 minutes.

Save the date: Friday, January 2 - Noon-2pm Lunch and a Movie
Get out of the house and watch something animated and newish. We'll provide popcorn, you bring a bagged lunch.

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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Westford Public Library Fundraising Appeal



Be Cool at the Library

This year we are raising money to install central air conditioning in the Library for your comfort. Please consider donating to the Westford Public Library this holiday season and help us "Be Cool". Your tax-deductible donation of any amount will be used for this improvement.

Some fun facts about the Westford Library:

- The library had 6451 visitors last year.
- The library contains over 9722 items with patrons borrowing nearly 10,989 items
- The library has 757 DVDs and audio books to check out.
- Your library card provides you access to Listen Up! Vermont (downloadable audio books and E-books), Universal Class (Continuing Education Courses), and Vermont Online Library (23 databases, test preparation and job skills training).
- The library has several museum passes and a Vermont State Parks pass.
- The library has three high-speed Internet terminals and wireless Internet.
- The library has an active Early Literacy Story time for infants and toddlers.
- The library hosted the school-aged literacy program Read with JR, a therapy dog.
- The library hosted 143 programs for children and adults this year with 2228 attending.
- The library operates as a community meeting place for local groups.
- The library has an updated website ([http:// westfordpubliclibrary.org](http://westfordpubliclibrary.org)) and is on Facebook (Westford Public Library) and Twitter (@Westfordvt.pl)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount donated: _____

Make checks to:

Westford Public Library
P.O. Box 86
Westford, VT 05494

Many thanks from the Board of Trustees and the Librarian of the Westford Public Library

MISSION STATEMENT

December 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 to the Westford Public Library for collaboration on the free Movie Night Out in November! We had 23 kids and 12 adults enjoy pizza, popcorn and drinks while watching a newly released movie! It was great to travel 5 minutes to the movies and enjoy the show with our friends and neighbors.

Stay tuned for another movie night offering soon!

OUR REC WEBSITE IS LIVE! Please go to :

<http://westfordvt.us/recreation> and check us out! A downloadable PDF registration form is available (online coming soon!) and **ONLINE PAYMENT** is open! You can also link to our Facebook page and review our meeting minutes. We are excited to have the page live and are looking forward to expanding it in the future.

If you have any Rec questions/suggestions, please contact me at (c) 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata



Our Next Committee Meeting is December 16th.

Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we will put you on the agenda! Thanks!

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!
New Winter AFTER SCHOOL programming is on it's way!

- Open Art Studio
- Outside Winter Fun/ Indoor TechnologyCreate a Comic
- Around the World Culture Club & Chorus
- Exploring Trails & Bread Making

3rd Annual Holiday Bazaar and Children's Craft Center
December 13th at the Westford Elementary School

This is an event for all ages and is co-sponsored by the Westford Public Library!

Adults: Come peruse the various crafts, gifts and baked goods for sale and buy local for the upcoming holidays!

Kids: Come make five different crafts (candles, jewelry, ornaments, etc.) and then wrap up your gifts, so that you can surprise a parent, grandparent, sibling or teacher!! Volunteers will be available to help assist children through the five stations, as well as help them wrap their gifts at the Library run wrapping station.

Fee: \$15/child (craft center fee only) Bazaar is **FREE** to the Public! (Pre-registration not required, but strongly encouraged so we bring enough supplies!)

Time: 2- 5:00pm

Want to be a Vendor?: Our table rentals are only \$10, so reserve your space **TO-DAY!!** Email me to reserve your space & drop off your registration form/payment at the Town office. Please make a notation as to what items you will be selling. Vendors of all age welcome!! Contact Heather at 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.....MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL volunteers needed!

The 16th Annual Broomball Tournament REGISTRATION is OPEN!! First come, first served.....22 Team Slots are ready to be filled! Get your team registered by January 3rd!!!!



Recreation Department Committee Members

Heather Armata, Coordinator	338-8235	Danielle Vierling	871-9404
Maureen Carpenter	893-5096	Noel Boutin	878-3632
Martha Bennett	878-9269	Meredith Irish	373-9980

Or Email us at: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

KEEPING YOUR ACTIVITIES LOCAL AND AFFORDABLE!!!

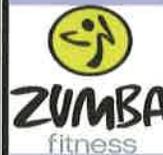
**Integral YOGA w/Tiffany**

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. *No class on 12/24 & 12/31*

**ZUMBA FITNESS!**

Tuesdays at the RBMH from 5:30-6:30pm

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

Heather Sanders will 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! Heather offers a 5-class punch card for \$20, giving you one class free and a 10-class punch card for \$40, giving you 2 classes free!

OPEN GYM is BACK!!!!!!

When: Sundays in January & February

Where: Westford Elem. School

Time: 10:30am-12:00pm

Ages: Birth to 4th Grade

Come shoot hoops, hula hoop or jump loop-d-loops! Whatever you do, get your energy out on those cold winter days! Bring your own trikes, scooters, or bikes (no marking tires, please). We need coverage on 1/18, 1/25 and 2/22. Email if you can supervise, open & close the gym. Thanks for volunteering your time!

NEW THIS YEAR.....We will have open Nordic Skiing offered during open gym. Use our new equipment on the awesome school trails! Sized for Grade 3-Adult.

**YOGA with Cat... A 6 Week Series!**

Cat Earisman, E-RYT will be coming to the RBMH on **THURSDAY** evenings in November & December

to teach Flow Yoga! Breathe, stretch, strengthen and laugh in this athletic style of yoga---all abilities welcome. Class dates; 12/4, 12/11, 12/18. Time; 6:15-7:30, and we need 5 people to pre-register/prepay before it is open to drop ins. Fee is \$66/6 classes and drop in will be \$12. Please call Cat directly at 324-8363 or email cearisman@gmail.com.

**NEW ADULT PROGRAM ALERT!!!! Pick up Co-Ed Adult Basketball is**

HERE! Wednesday evenings, starting December 3rd, from 8:00 to 9:30pm at the Westford Elementary School Gym. This is a free activity but if you would like to make a donation to the Rec dept. we certainly appreciate it. Open to everyone 18+...Bring friends from other towns! (Please note that our 5/6 Girls basketball team will be ending practice or a game at 8pm, so give them time to leave the court.)

Time to Sign up for NORDIC SKIING!!!!

When: January 9, 2015 to March 13, 2015
 Time: Fridays from 3:00pm until 4:45pm
 Where: Westford Elementary School Trails
 Who: **Kindergarten to 8th Grade**
 Fee: K-2: \$15/Child \$25/Family,
 3-8: \$40/Child \$70/Family

Early Bird Fees above due by 12/30 (add \$10 to K-2 and \$15 to 3-8 reg. fees Received after 12/30)

Details: 3rd-8th Graders can use the schools equipment or bring your own. Fee includes your rental of school equipment. Kindergarten-Grade 2 must bring your own equipment and be accompanied by an adult (no fee for adult). Kids will be grouped by ability and age. All groups will learn new skills through games, instruction, and touring. This is a great time to **TRY SOMETHING NEW** and scholarships are available! Come enjoy the new equipment purchased last year!! Contact Coach Rosemary Shea-Cobb at sheacobb19@gmail.com or call 343-3347. You can also email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com for registration forms or go online to <http://westfordvt.us/recreation> and download form and **PAY ONLINE!**



WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 16th ANNUAL ADULT BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT

January 17th & 18th

WESTFORD ICE RINK ON THE COMMON

\$12 per Adult player (Grade 9 and older)

Registration due January 3, 2015

(Adult Tournament has 22 slots available)

First Come First Served!!!

This is NOT ice hockey! No skates are needed - players wear boots (your own). We'll provide the equipment. Teams can be coed. Exact times and schedules to be determined by the number of teams registered. Food and refreshments will be for sale at the Red Brick Meeting House throughout the entire tournament. Adult teams are grade 9 and older and there is NO LIMIT to the number of players on a team. We will email all teams prior to the tournament with their first game time. First Game starts at 9:00am on Saturday, January 17th. All players

(or a parent if under age of 18) **MUST** sign attached waiver, or you WILL NOT PLAY....NO EXCEPTIONS.

Additional waivers are available at Westford Town Offices. For more info, call Heather Armata at 338-8235 or email WestfordVTREC@gmail.com.

W.R.D.'s 16th ANNUAL BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

TEAM NAME: _____

Contact Name (Team Captain) _____ Phone Number _____

Email address: _____

Team members: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

9. _____ 10. _____

Make checks payable to W.R.D. Send completed registration and payment to: Westford Rec Dept, 1713 VT Rt.128, Westford, VT, 05494. Deadline: January 3, 2015 OR, go online to <http://westfordvt.us/recreation> and download a registration form and pay online (if paying online, list your Team Name in the Memo Section). Proceeds benefit RBMH restoration and the Westford Recreation Departments programs, equipment purchases and scholarships fund.

(Minimum of 5 players required for a team)

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**

DECEMBER TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There will be no change to the schedule for trash and recycling the month of December. Please note there are 5 Wednesdays in December, so **no recycling** that last Wednesday of the month. To reiterate:

Dec. 3 – Town wide garbage collection. Recycling for all roads west of Route 128 and including Route 128

Dec. 10 – Town wide garbage collection. Recycling for all roads east of Route 128

Dec. 17 – Town wide garbage collection. Recycling for all roads west of Route 128 and including Route 128

Dec. 24 - Town wide garbage collection. Recycling for all roads east of Route 128

Dec. 31 - Town wide garbage collection. No recycling.

United Church of Westford - December Schedule

Saturday, Dec 6, 7pm – Old Tyme Basket Auction Fundraiser. See specific text box for more info.

Sunday, Dec 7, 8:30am – Traditional Worship Service with Rev. Katherine Arthaud

Sunday, Dec 14, 8:30am – Traditional Worship Service with Rev. Katherine Arthaud (concert–get info from Marge)

Wednesday, Dec 24, 7pm – Candle Light Holiday Service. See specific text box for more info.

All are welcome! We are an Open and Affirming Community Church



Westford Community Holiday Gathering & Tree Lighting

Saturday December 6th

6:30 p.m.

On the Westford Common

Bring your flashlights and your singing voices for a holiday sing-a-long and the annual lighting of the tree in the gazebo!



CANDLE LIGHT HOLIDAY SERVICE UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD DECEMBER 24 AT 7PM

All are welcome! As home of the Westford Food Shelf, we are encouraging people to bring a nonperishable food donation for the food shelf pantry. Thank you.

WHITE CHURCH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASKET AUCTION

Saturday Evening, December 6th

The 7th annual fund raising auction sponsored by the United Church of Westford will begin immediately following the lighting of the town Christmas tree. Beautiful baskets of food, gifts, toys, wine, coffee and a wide variety of holiday decorations will be featured at the auction. Quilts, art work, knitted goods and designer jewelry from Westford artisans and other local artisans will be among the many surprises that are part of this 'Old Tyme' traditional auction. All proceeds benefit the UCW White Church's operating expenses.

Come warm up and enjoy refreshments while previewing the baskets! There will be something for every age group! Shop local! Enjoy the antics of the professional auctioneer and his 'Vana White' assistant! See friends and neighbors! Hope to see you there!



WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTS

An Afternoon with Therapeutic Harpist

KATHRYN KUBA DANDURAND

Date: Sunday, December 7th, 2014
Time: 4-5 p.m.
Where UCW White Church, Westford
Contact: mhamrell@comcast.net

Kathryn Kuba Dandurand will present a unique offering at the Westford UCW white church on Sunday afternoon, December 7th from 4-5pm. Ms. Dandurand will share her musical talents and experiences through the playing of the harp demonstrating its healing and therapeutic gifts for our body and soul.

She is completing her 10th year as a certified therapeutic harpist providing solace at the bedside of patients at Northwestern Medical Center, Franklin County Rehabilitation Center, Nursing homes throughout Franklin County.

Kathryn Kuba Dandurand is also a licensed massage therapist offering a combination of live harp music before and after a massage through her HarpNHands business in Franklin County.

Kathryn will bring 6 small harps from the "Color My World" program for audience participation. The program has free admission followed by refreshments and opportunity to meet the performer.

For more information call Marge Hamrell @ 802-879-4028



COMMUNITY TURKEY DINNER

to benefit the

Red Brick Meeting House Restoration Fund

featuring

Adams' Farm Turkeys

and all the trimmings!

Where: Red Brick Meeting House
When: Saturday, January 24, 2015
Seating beginning at 5:00 p.m.
Cost: Adults \$10.00
Seniors 65+ \$8.00
Under 12 \$7.00

Donations and volunteers needed.

Contact Michelle Gauthier at 999-7350 or westfordgauthier@gmail.com.