



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

July 2014

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## Property Tax Bills

You should receive your 2014-2015 property tax bills no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive your bill by this date, please contact the Town Office.

The first of four installments 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 8:30am on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. **If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company in a timely manner while retaining a copy for your records.**

In July, the State will send notification to homeowners explaining the 2014-2015 Education Tax Credit. If you are receiving a school tax adjustment, it will be reflected on your tax bill. You should compare the credit on the letter with the amount on your tax bill. **Due to State law, the credit is applied equally to each installment.**

## July Recycling Pickup

There are 5 Wednesdays in July, which means there is no recycle pick up on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. This means there will be 2 weeks in between your last pickup in July and your first pickup in August. Please note your calendar.

## Senior Lunch

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

## Friendly Reminders

- **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. 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.
- **The Rover** will be accepting household hazardous waste in Westford **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm** at the Town Garage. This is a free service sponsored by the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

## Town Office Hours

The Town Office will be closed **Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day.

**The Town Office will close at 1:00 p.m. on Fridays during the months of July and August.** Normal office hours will resume after Labor Day.

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, July 28<sup>nd</sup>.

## Volunteers Needed to Serve on Nominating Committee for Treasurer & Delinquent Tax Collector Positions

The Governor signed the Westford Town Charter into law on June 3, 2014 (Act M-20, original bill number H.881), and it became effective that same day. We'll put the enacted version up on the Town website shortly. In the meantime, it can be viewed on the Vermont Legislature's website at <http://leg.state.vt.us/docs/2014/Acts/ACTM020.pdf>. It is essentially the same language that Westford voters approved earlier this year - just a couple of technical changes.

Pursuant to Section 3, certain Town positions that were formally elected are now to be appointed by the Selectboard. Two of those positions (Town Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector) require the formation of a Nominating Committee. This committee will look for candidates, advertise for the positions, review candidate credentials and background, and then submit up to three names of qualified candidates to the Selectboard for consideration. This will be a five person committee comprised of one Selectboard member, two justices of the peace, and two residents. Once the Selectboard and the justices of the peace select which of their members will serve on the committee, those three people will select the two residents to complete the committee.

If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the Town Clerk's office ([townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us), 878-4587). We could use your help!

Alex Weinhagen, Town of Westford Selectboard  
[alex.weinhagen@westfordvt.us](mailto:alex.weinhagen@westfordvt.us), 802-777-3995 (cell/text), 878-5804 (home)

## THINKING ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE?

This is a reminder that the Town of Westford is enrolled in the National Flood Insurance Program. This allows homeowners to purchase flood insurance at affordable rates. Please note that anyone can purchase flood insurance, whether your home is located in a flood hazard area or not. In fact twenty to twenty-five percent of all flood insurance claims come from *outside* of flood hazard areas.

Contact your homeowner's insurance company about including flood insurance in your coverage.

## THE ROVER IS COMING TO TOWN!

The Rover will be accepting household hazardous waste in Westford  
**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm**  
at the Town Garage

The Rover is a mobile household hazardous waste collection unit that hibernates at the Environmental Depot, CSWD's year round hazardous waste collection facility in South Burlington. While the Depot takes hazardous materials year round, the Rover will stop once in each town July 12 thru October 18. Please visit <http://cswd.net/hazardous-waste/rover/> for the complete schedule or call the Hotline at 872-8111.

The Rover accepts paints and stains, automotive fluids, hobby supplies, pesticides, fertilizers, household cleaners, and anything with the words "Danger," "Caution," "Warning," or "Poison" on the label.

**Can't make it to the Rover on this date?** If you are a Chittenden County household, bring it to the Environmental Depot any time of year – free of charge! **Environmental Depot**, 1011 Airport Parkway. Wednesday-Friday 8-2; Saturday 8-3:30.

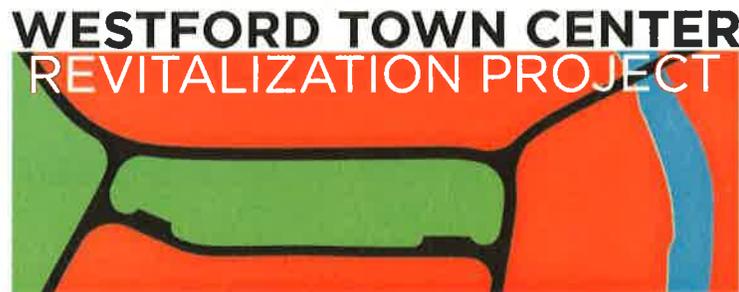
## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

In 2010 the Town of Westford adopted a new Town Plan. The Westford Town Plan is the principal policy statement for the Town of Westford. It presents a snapshot of existing conditions and a vision for the future. The plan addresses housing, demographic trends, economic development, natural resources, greenways and trails, transportation, facilities, utilities and services, child care, energy, historic resources and future land use. The plan is implemented through Westford's various bylaws and ordinances, including the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations. Among other things, the plan requires the town to develop an overall strategy for how the town center area could be developed over time.

In conformance with the Town Plan, the Westford Planning Commission has been working on finding ways to develop a community wastewater system in the town center; developing a conceptual master plan for the Town Common; and developing new zoning regulations for the town center area. If new regulations are adopted, the Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator are charged with the task of making sure all new development is in compliance with those regulations.

The Planning Commission has held several public workshops and conducted several surveys in an attempt to gauge public opinion regarding development in the town center. A draft of the Planning Commission's current proposed regulations is now available for public review and is available on the town's website. A public workshop will be held on **Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM** at the Brick Meeting House to share and discuss the conceptual plan for the Town Common and the proposed new regulations for the Town Center area. The Planning Commission would like public feedback and comment on its work thus far. If you are interested in the future commercial development in the Town Center, please plan to attend the public workshop.

### THE WESTFORD PLANNING COMMISSION & BRANDY SAXON OF PLACE SENSE PRESENT...



#### PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Join us for an evening of discussion and refreshments as we discuss our progress.

**WHEN: MONDAY JUNE, 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**  
**WHERE: BRICK MEETING HOUSE**

For more information please contact Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator,  
at [planner@westfordvt.us](mailto:planner@westfordvt.us) or 878-4587.

## SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

**Sustainability Committee:** At the Westford School Board's annual planning day in June, the board agreed to a committee and its charge in response to the advisory motion that passed at Town Meeting asking the board to look at options for a sustainable future for the Westford School District, particularly in regard to educating its preK through Grade 8 students. The board agreed to the following charge to the committee:

- To identify all options to be considered
- To provide operational definitions of a set of screening criteria
- To measure the options against the screening criteria
- For the options that meet the criteria, outline implementation steps that would be needed should the board decide to pursue the option with further study

The board decided that Martha Heath would chair the committee and that volunteers would be requested. We are pleased to report that we have an excellent group of citizens who have volunteered to serve. Members of the committee will be: Robin Weber, Michael Battig, David Paul, Koi Boynton, Suzanne Blanchard, Gavin Cook, Kim Phinney and Christian Frenette.

The committee will meet for the coming four months with a report due to the board on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Members of the Westford community are invited to send ideas for options to be considered to Martha Heath at [mheath@ccsuvt.org](mailto:mheath@ccsuvt.org). The committee would welcome your input.

The board's next meeting is on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the school. We are always pleased to have members of the community attend. Hope to see you there.

Martha Heath    Mark Drapa    Andre Roy    Scott Cooleage



### Westford's 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Westford Common  
Parade, Fun, Food  
11:00am – 1:30pm  
Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>



Parade line up  
10:30 @ Town Garage  
Parade Start 11:00 am

Local Music by Local Artist  
Library Book Sale  
Everyone is invited!!  
Come join us on the Green!!

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## Happy Independence Day!

### Westford Public Library's Fourth of July Book Sale

9am-1pm

\$5 per bag of books!

Shop early and then come  
back for more!

Regular Library services will not be offered on the Fourth of July - we will be open 9-1 for the Book Sale only.

Come ride the float! Meet at the town garage at 10:30 - parade at 11am. We go around twice and drop kids off the second time around by the Red Brick. Pre-registration and permission slip required.



### Family Movie Night - "The Building Block Movie"

Friday, July 18 - 7-9pm (Drop off 9+ ok)  
Drinks and popcorn provided!

From 5-7pm we will be building wind powered LEGO cars - Balloons + Legos = FUN! Try to build the fastest car, the longest run, the greatest creation you can! If you like Legos, you might want to stay for the movie - we think you can figure out what it is!

You can also just come for the movie



### 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. Please contact Bree with more suggestions.

### Volunteers Needed:

July 4 - 1pm until it's done - help us box books and clean up from the book sale. Must be able to lift boxes of books. Great for teens and adults!  
Summer - we need teen volunteers to help with our summer programs - look at our brochure and see what you can do. Most of the helping will be working with younger kids and some set up and clean up.

#### Regular volunteers:

Wednesdays 1-3pm: Check in and shelve books

Fridays 4-6pm: Sit at the desk and check out books for folks (requires some computer skill - not much!)

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!

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

\*7/3/14: Theme: Sound and Music

\*7/10/14: Theme: Movement and Kinetics

\*7/17/14: Theme: Water and Hydrology

\*7/24/14: Theme: Five Senses and Perception

\*7/31/14: Theme: Cooking

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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## July Library Events

- July 2 - Float Building 3-5pm
- July 4 - Parade and Book Sale (permission slip needed to ride the float)
- July 9 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm (pre-registration & permission slip needed)
- July 10 - Deconstruction Days 3:30-5:30pm
- July 11 - Deconstruction Days 4:30-6:30pm
- July 12 - Deconstruction Days 10:30-Noon
- July 16 - Pop Up Cards that POP! 6-7pm
- July 17 - Creative Solar Creatures 6-9pm (pre-registration & permission slip needed)
- July 18 - Wind Powered Lego Cars 5-7pm
- July 18 - Family Movie Night: The "Building Block" Movie 7-9pm
- July 23 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm (pre-registration & permission slip needed)
- July 25 - Drop-in Squishy Circuits 4:30-6pm
- July 26 - Drop-in Squishy Circuits 10:30-Noon
- July 30 - All about the Moon - "Moon Selfies" 6-8pm

Storytime every Thursday 11am

The following Summer Reading programs require pre-registration:

- ♦ Reading with JR
- ♦ Riding the Float in the Fourth of July parade
- ♦ Creative Creatures: a Maker program
- ♦ E-textiles: a Maker program

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.



Fizz, Boom, Read!  
Come to these great programs being offered this month - more in the Summer Reading



Brochure in this newsletter:

- July 10-12 - Deconstruction Days - we are going to take apart a lot of stuff! We will have items appropriate to for all ages.
- July 16 - Pop up cards that really POP! Make a light up card using LEDs, batteries, and copper conductive tape .
- July 25&26 - Squishy circuits - Conductive play doh, LEDS, batteries=FUN! Great for any age.
- July 30 - All about the Moon - plaster casts of the moon&more!



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

7/17 - 6-9pm: Creative Solar Powered Creatures:  
Learn to use solar cells and LEDs to light up recycled plastic creations.

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 FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY BOOK SALE!** - The Library will begin accepting donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs again in January of next year. **We always accept donations of current hardcover bestsellers, audiobooks and DVDs.** Thank you for your generosity.

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## Summer Reading at a Glance

- June 18 - Registration for SRP begins  
June 19 - Storytime 11am - Color and Light  
June 20 - SRP Kick-off Concert 6-7pm -  
The Swing Peepers on the Common  
June 25 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
June 26 - Storytime 11am - Weather  
June 27 - Drop-in Nature prints 4:30-6:30  
June 28 - Drop-in Nature prints 10:30-Noon
- July 2 - Float Building 3-5pm  
July 3 - Storytime 11am - Sound and Music  
July 4 - Parade and Book Sale  
July 9 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
July 10 - Storytime 11am - Movement  
July 10 - Deconstruction Days 3:30-5:30pm  
July 11 - Deconstruction Days 4:30-6:30pm  
July 12 - Deconstruction Days 10:30-Noon  
July 16 - Pop Up Cards that POP! 6-7pm  
July 17 - Storytime 11am - Water  
July 17 - Creative Solar Creatures 6-9pm  
July 18 - Wind Powered Lego Cars 5-7pm  
July 18 - Family Movie Night: The "Building Block" Movie 7-9pm
- July 23 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
July 24 - Storytime 11am - Five Senses  
July 25 - Drop-in Squishy Circuits 4:30-6pm  
July 26 - Drop-in Squishy Circuits 10:30-  
Noon  
July 30 - All about the Moon - "Moon  
Selfies" 6-8pm  
July 31 - Storytime 11am - Cooking
- August 1 - Drop-in Codes and Compasses  
4:30-6:00pm  
August 2 - Drop-in Codes and Compasses  
10:30-Noon  
August 6 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
August 7 - Storytime 11am - Sink or Float  
August 7 - E-textiles 6-9pm  
August 8 - End of SRP Ice Cream Party  
and Raffle Drawing

## Raffles and Prizes

**Kid's Raffle (0-8years old)**  
Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every ten books recorded on reading log!  
Prizes: Movie tickets, bug catchers, puzzle games, lots more!

### **Tween Raffle (9-12 years old)**

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every three books recorded on your reading log!  
Prizes: Movie tickets, \$25 gift card to the Essex Family Fun Center, and more!

### **Teen Raffle (13-18 years old)**

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every book read.  
Prizes: Movie tickets, \$25 UMall gift card

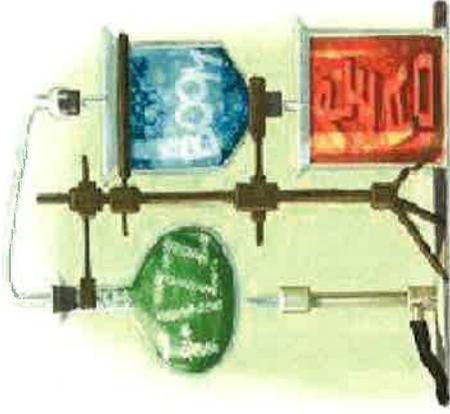
### **Adult Raffle (19 and older)**

Raffle tickets given for every book read during the summer.

Prize: \$25 Sweet Clover Market gift card

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## Summer Reading Program



Fizz, Boom, Read!



Westford Public Library!

June 18 - August 8



Westford Public Library

Hours: Wed 1-7, Th 10-6, Fr 1-7, Sat 10-2

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Bree Drapa, Librarian

## Fizz, Boom, Read!

Visit the library starting June 18 to sign up for our Summer Reading Program! List the books you read (or your family reads) on your reading log, come to programs and be eligible for prizes at the Ice Cream Party (8/8). The more events you attend, the better your chances of winning!

**Find the Safety Glasses!** Find the safety glasses and win a prize! Visit weekly as the glasses move throughout the library.

Children 9+ may attend these events without an adult, younger children need to bring an adult. For more information see the Library's Unattended Minor Policy.

### Summer Reading Program Events

June 20 - Kick Off Concert: The Swing Peepers on the Common 6-7pm.  
Family friendly and fun! The Swing Peepers, a vocal-harmony and multi-instrument duo, perform inventive, earth-friendly and interactive songs and stories. The Swing Peepers are lively, improvisational, and endearingly goofy. Bring a picnic and celebrate summer! Brought to you by grants from the VT Dept. of Libraries, the Smith Fund and the Winnie Bell Learned Fund.

June 25 - R.E.A.D. with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
Nancy McKee and her Newfies are back! Read to JR or Rainbow, both trained Delta therapy dogs and lovers of the written word. Bring your own books from home, or choose one of the dogs' favorites at the library.

**Permission slip and pre-registration required**

June 27 (4:30-6pm) & June 28 (10:30-Noon) - Drop in Nature Prints

Come in anytime on either day to explore the beauty of nature and the wonder of science. We will be using special color changing paper to make this project.

July 2 - Float Building 3-5pm  
Help create/decorate our AWESOME float - it's a "robot". **Sign up to ride the float at the library by this date.** All ages welcome and goodie bags will be given to all riders. You do not need to attend this event to ride the float. Thank you to J. Hutchins, Inc for pulling our float.

### July 4 - Parade and Library Book Sale

Meet at the Town Garage at 10:30am, parade at 11am. **All riders need to have signed a Summer Reading Program permission slip.**

**Library Book Sale 9am-1pm** (\$5 per bag)

July 9 - R.E.A.D with JR 5:30-6:30pm

See June 25 for details

**Permission slip and pre-registration required**

July 10 (3:30-5:30), 11(4:30-6:30pm)&12 (10:30-Noon) - Deconstruction Days!

Come anytime on any day - we'll have lots of things to deconstruct! Have you ever wondered what the inside of a computer looks like? A printer? We'll have lots of things to take apart - complex and simple, for every age! Bring tools if you can, but we will have extras. And when we are done - we'll make some "robot art" creations for display in the Library!

July 16 - Pop Up Cards that Really POP! 6-7pm

These are no ordinary cards! Using copper tape, batteries, and LEDs we will create cars that light up! Be a "maker" of something super cool! All supplies provided - great for any age.

July 17 - Creative Creatures: a Maker Program 6-9pm  
(Limited Number of Spots Available)

**This three hour class will be taught by a member of the Vermont Maker Group. We will be making light up creatures using solar cells, LEDs and lots of recycled plastic. Best for ages 10+ (parents use your judgment on younger children)**

**Permission slip and pre-registration required**

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Balloons + Legos = a whole lot of FUN! Try to build the fastest car, the longest run, the greatest creation you can. If you like Legos you might want to stay for.

July 18 - Family Movie Night: The "Building Block"

Movie - 7-9pm

Because of our movie license agreement we can not advertise the name of the movie - but I think you can figure it out! Popcorn and drinks provided.

July 23 - R.E.A.D. with JR 5:30-6:30pm

See June 25 for details

**Permission slip and pre-registration required**

July 25 (4:30-6pm) & July 26 (10:30-Noon) - Squishy Circuits!

Be a maker! Have fun learning about electricity while making circuits out of conductive play-doh! Light up your creations using batteries and LEDs. This activity is fun for older kids or the youngest scientist in your family.

July 30 - All about the Moon (Moon Selfies!) 6-8pm  
Have you ever wondered how far the moon really is? How big it really is? We will make plaster moon casts and use lights and cameras to take Moon "Selfies". Fun for all ages!

August 1 (4:30-6pm) & August 2 (10:30-Noon) - Compasses and Codes

Drop in anytime and learn to use a compass and decode clues in an indoor and outdoor scavenger hunt. You get to keep the compass and decoder!

August 6 - R.E.A.D. with JR 5:30-6:30pm

See June 25 for details

**Permission slip and pre-registration required**

August 7 - E-textiles: a Maker Class 6-9pm (Limited Number of Spots Available)

**Light up clothes? Are we in the future? No!**

**The future is here with these maker creations.**

**Another class taught by the Vermont Makers**

**Group. We will be sewing with conductive**

**thread and using batteries and LEDs to make wearable creations. Best for ages 10+ (parents judgment for younger children)**

**Permission slip and pre-registration required.**

August 8 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 4:30 - 5:30pm

Who doesn't love ice cream? And prizes? Help yourself to a sundae feast, and give yourself one more chance at a raffle ticket! We will pass out certificates and do all drawings (kids, tween, teen, and adult). You do not need to be present to win.

### SCIENCE STORYTIME! -

Thursdays 11am

For ages birth - six.

6/19: Color and Light

6/26: Weather and

Meteorology

7/3: Sound and Music

7/10: Movement and

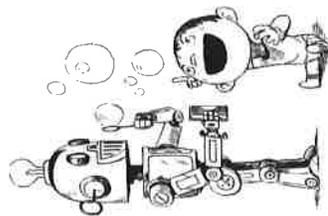
Kinetics

7/17: Water and Hydrology

7/24: Five Senses and Perception

7/31: Cooking

8/7: Sink or Float



# WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## *On the Common*



### **July 13 STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS @7PM**

*Spirited country and juke joint sounds, echoing from the Tennessee Hills and Texas  
Honkytonks of the '40s and '50s*

### **July 27 MUD SEASON @7PM**

*Westford rooted acoustic renditions of old and new folk, Americana &  
contemporary*

### **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.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

July 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-**

We hope that your summer has gotten off to a great start and we have several Rec offerings for the summer, along with a new 4 mile run on July 4th morning! Welcome our newest member of the Rec Dept., Danielle Vierling! Danielle is a physical education teacher and she and her husband have a daughter who will be attending Kindergarten in the Fall. She brings great energy and ideas to our group and we are happy to have her on board! Thank you Danielle! Please start to plan ahead for Fall sports for your children. Since we have seen a decrease in participants for our sports teams, it is as important as ever to know if we have enough players, so that our coaches can plan accordingly. As always, you can contact me at (c) 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.  
*Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata*

**SUMMER SOCCER**

**Who:** Pre-K to Grade 2  
**When:** Mondays, starting July 14th and running until August 18th  
**Time:** 6-7:00pm  
**Where:** Westford Elementary School  
**Fee:** \$25/child and a max family fee of \$60  
 Basic skills and fun games are the focus, with mentoring and further skill development for kids with more soccer knowledge. The primary goal is to keep kids moving and developing a strong sense of sportsmanship while having summer fun!

**4th of July Celebration!**



The Perfect Scoop Shop will be back on the Common selling ice cream and water. Please come support us and enjoy tasty Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream at the same time!! **NEW THIS YEAR... 4th of July, 4 mile Run or Walk for \$4!** Start location

will be the Covered Bridge and start time will be 8:30am. A great way to get your 4th of July celebration started! Registration the morning of the race at 8:00am on the bridge. Parade is at 11:00, so please plan accordingly when parking.



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!

**Week Long Summer Soccer Camp**

**STILL TIME TO REGISTER!!!!**

**When:** July 7-11th  
**Time:** 8:30-11:30am  
**Where:** Westford Elementary School  
**Who:** Coach Asa Hoover



**Ages:** Grades 3-6 (grade your child is entering in the fall)  
**Fee:** \$55/week  
**Contact:** Heather @ 338-8235 or 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!!

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 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.

**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)



**FALL SOCCER**

We are looking for coaches for Fall Soccer Pre-K/K and Grades 1/2 Teams. Practices are held on Saturday mornings, usually between 9-10am, but we can work with your schedule! We are hoping to incorporate 3-4 games for the 1/2 Team this year, but don't worry if you don't have experience...we will give you all the tools you need to coach! Email Heather at [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com) or call 802-338-8235 if you can coach, or assist. We need to know by July 25th. Registration is open and the fee is \$25/player, which includes a t-shirt.

Sign up for 3/4 Co-ed Soccer NOW! 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. Scholarships available. Contact Heather.

# 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**

## TOWN COMMON PLAYGROUND - BIG THANK YOU!!!

As you may have seen...  
The old Town Common playground is OUT and the new playground is IN!  
HURRAY!!!

### WE WANT TO GIVE A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

#### Volunteers:

Sue Adams, Eric Allen, Ira Allen, Keith Allen, David Dewey, Junior Drinkwine, Wayne Fleming, Finn Haller, Pat Haller, James Jorschick, Leni Jorschick, Ted Lavallee, Gordie Owens, Sarah Pinto & Baby Drew, John Reilly, Westford Highway Department – Brent Meacham, Dickie Stygles & Ronnie Germaine

#### Equipment/Material Donations:

Jorschick Construction & Development Corporation, Drinkwine Excavating, Essex Equipment, Harrison Concrete Construction Inc. & Redi-Mix Corporation, Ted Lavallee

#### Donation of ADA Swing:

Town of Westford 250th Committee

#### Purchase of Swing Set:

Purchase of the swing set and all other materials was made possible through the community's participation in the *Annual Westford Calendar* and donations made by local organizations/groups.

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!**

### 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.

### WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

**Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are NOT allowed** in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be removed by cemetery officials. Also **the planting of trees and shrubs is NOT permitted**. There are signs posted in each cemetery.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Westford Cemetery Commission, Brookside Cemetery Commission, Pleasant View Cemetery Association