



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

April 2015



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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

Hello neighbors and friends. Our April luncheon is on April 13th. Hopefully, everyone will be back from vacations and we'll have a good sized group attend. If you haven't come yet, make this your first of many times to enjoy a couple of hours of visiting and catching up on friends and neighbors. 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 be filed annually. For more information on filing the Homestead Declaration, please go to 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 <http://www.cswd.net/>.
- Mark your calendars: The CSWD Rover will be accepting household hazardous waste on July 18th in Westford. More information about this free service will be forthcoming future newsletters.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, April 27th.

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 [http://frontporchforum.com/!](http://frontporchforum.com/)

SEEKING TOWN AUDITOR

The Selectboard is accepting applications for the following position that was not filled at the 2015 Town Meeting elections:

Town Auditor – Town auditors play a vital role by ensuring that local officials are accountable for their expenditures of taxpayers' money. It is the auditors' job to review the accounts of local officials and report the findings directly to the taxpayers for review. For more information on the statutory responsibilities of a town auditor, please go to http://vlct.org/assets/Resource/Handbooks/VLCT_Municipal_Auditors_Hndbk_2008.pdf.

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.

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 position is filled.

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.

SERVE THE TOWN OF WESTFORD JOIN THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD!

The Town of Westford is seeking a candidate to fill the position of Development Review Board (DRB) Member. The DRB is a seven member board whose duties include review of local development applications (*subdivision, site plan, conditional use and variance*) and appeals of Administrative Officer decisions. The DRB meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month as needed.

Interested individuals should submit an application for appointment to the Town Office. Applications can be found on the Town Website, picked up at the Town Office or emailed upon request.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this position further, please feel free to contact Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator, at 878-4587 or planner@westfordvt.us.

YOU SPOKE....THE PLANNING COMMISSION LISTENED
Proposed Commercial Land Use and Development Regulations
to be presented at a workshop
APRIL 15th at 7:15 PM
Westford Public Library

The proposed Commercial Land Use and Development Regulations will be presented at a workshop with the purpose of feedback from citizens. The new regulations are a response to surveys and input the Planning Commission has been gathering from citizens over the past few years regarding how you want Westford to grow. The last regulations known as *The Zoning Regulations and the Subdivision Regulations* were first adopted in 1972. The proposed regulations are unified into one document called *The Westford Land Use and Development Regulations*. There are four focus points that will be addressed at the workshop by consultant Brandy Saxton and the Planning Commission.

- 1) **Uses:** the intent is to encourage businesses in town. More uses are allowed.
- 2) **R5 (Rural 5, currently known as AFR2) Planning and Design Standards:** intent is to protect rural character and emphasize clear expectations so that applicants will know what is required and gain predictable and consistent outcomes. Performance standards will give applicants flexibility and choice within a clear framework.
- 3) **Site Design and Engineering Standards:** intent is to be more specific so that the applicant is more certain of the outcome.
- 4) **Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Criteria:** intent is to give guidance and consistency.

Please join us at the library! Hope to see you there!

Wendy Doane, Jeremy Berger, Gordon Gebauer, Seth Jensen, Mark Letorney

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

***** PROPOSED/REVISED 2015 WESTFORD TOWN PLAN*****

As you may be aware, the Westford Planning Commission has begun the public hearing/adoption process for the draft 2015 Westford Town Plan.

On January 21, 2015, the Westford Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed 2015 Westford Town Plan. Based on public and town official input the Westford Planning Commission made minor revisions to the proposed Plan and associated maps. The revised 2015 Westford Town Plan can be viewed by visiting the Town Website at <http://westfordvt.us/draft-2015-town-plan/>. Paper copies are also available at the Town Office upon request.

On February 18, 2015, Westford Planning Commission approved a resolution approving the Plan for submission to the Westford Selectboard and filing with the Town Clerk.

In March, the newly configured Westford Selectboard received and reviewed the Plan.

At the end of April, the Westford Selectboard is expected to hold a public hearing on the Plan and decide whether to revise, approve or deny the proposed Plan.

Please feel free to contact Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator, with questions, suggestions and/or concerns regarding the 2015 Westford Town Plan at planner@westfordvt.us or 878-4587.

*****DRAFT WESTFORD LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS*****

The Westford Planning Commission recently completed review of the draft Westford Land Use & Development Regulations! This is a momentous occasion because it is the culmination of five years worth of work. (You may remember the numerous workshops, surveys and public outreach initiatives the Planning Commission undertook over the past five years!)

The Westford Planning Commission, with the assistance of Brandy Saxton of Place Sense, members of the public and town officials, has developed a comprehensive and unified land use and development regulation (previously known as the Westford Zoning Regulation & Westford Subdivision Regulations). This document implements the goals, objectives and strategies outlined in the 2010 Westford Town Plan and addresses the pressing issues of today (e.g. economic development, affordable & senior housing, fragmentation of land & resources, significant natural resource & working land protection, agricultural diversification, water quality, village center growth & revitalization, etc.). This is a complete re-write of the regulations. A land use endeavor such as this hasn't been undertaken by the Town of Westford since the 1970s when the Town first adopted zoning and subdivision regulations. With the gracious financial support received from a Municipal Planning Grant awarded by the VT Dept. of Housing & Community Development and a Unified Planning Work Program Grant awarded by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, the Town was able to thoroughly research, survey and develop a set of regulations which are at the forefront of land use planning in Vermont. This is the result of the Westford Planning Commission's (and your) hard work, dedication and effort. Please take the time to review the draft Westford Land Use & Development Regulations. These regulations will affect the entire Town.

Visit <http://westfordvt.us/draft-westford-land-use-development-regulations/> to view the draft Westford Land Use & Development Regulations. Paper copies are available at the Town Office upon request.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

The Westford Planning Commission will hold two informational workshops at the Westford Library at 7:15 p.m. on the following dates:

April 15th - Westford Land Use & Development Regulations: Rural Commercial Development

April 29th – Westford Land Use & Development Regulations: Rural Residential Development

Please feel free to contact Melissa Manka, Westford Planning Coordinator, with questions, suggestions and/or concerns at the Town Office at planner@westfordvt.us or 878-4587 OR feel free to attend a regular Westford Planning Commission meeting. Westford Planning Commission meetings are typically held the 1st Monday & 3rd Wednesday of the month, but please check upcoming agendas for specific dates and times.

SOUP 'N CHOCOLATE SUPPER

Saturday, May 2nd, 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

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

http://westfordpubliclibrary.org

(802) 878-5639

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

Most Westford Public Library cards expired in February. If you have not renewed your card, please do so by calling or emailing the library. We will start deleting expired accounts in April/May. We are charged for services per patron, so it saves us \$ to have up to date records.



Library Hours

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

Calling all Super Helpers!
The Summer Reading Program needs you!

The library is looking for adult helpers for several programs/activities:

- Crafty people to help make capes
- Dedicated leader(s) for Crazy 8's, an exciting Math club (grades k-2, 3-5)
- Youth volunteer coordinator
 - Parents to help with a drop-in Lego club
 - Other great ideas!



Please contact Bree if you'd like to be a Super Helper!

Rescheduled from March:



More Than Feelings: Social-Emotional Development in Young Children

The next VELI ("Mother Goose") program will deal with encouraging social and emotional development through the use of picture books for children in pre-school and kindergarten. If you have a child this age, you know this can be a tough age. If your child needs a little more encouragement in these areas, please sign up for our parent session (**only 10 spaces available**). This is a one night session - children are welcome to attend. Parents will go home with two **FREE** books and lots of ideas and games to encourage self-awareness.

Parent Session: Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Library - children welcome and snack will be served.

Save the Date - Westford Welcome Baby Tea
Saturday, May 2 10:00-11:00am
If you have a child born March 2014-March 2015, you are invited. Please contact Bree at the Library with your child's info. You will get an invite in the mail. There will be prizes!

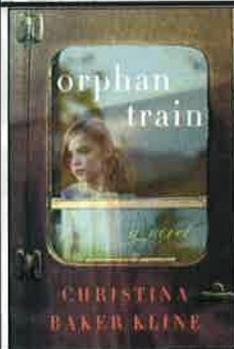


Adult Book Group: Wed., May 20 7-8pm
Orphan Train

Copies now available at the Library.

Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are (amazon.com)

If you have been meaning to join a book group now is the time - we are super casual, and we'll even have snacks!



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

4/2/15: Theme: Silly Stories

4/9/15: Theme: Baby Animals

4/16/15: Theme: Gardening/Plants

4/23/15: Theme: Flowers

4/30/15: Theme: Insects

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 1 - Trustees Meeting - 7-9pm
 - April 4 - Easter Crafts - 10:30am-Noon (after the Easter Egg Hunt on the Common)
 - April 9 - VELI Social-Emotional Development class for Parents 6:30-8:00pm (Pre-registration required)
 - April 10 - Art Opening: 4H Whispering Pines Photography Display 6-8pm, refreshments served.
 - April 11 - Family Movie Night: Penguins of Madagascar (Co-Sponsored by the Rec. Dept.) Pizza, Popcorn, and drink provided 6-8pm - Drop off ok for 9+
 - April 16 - Science Fair at the Westford School - 6-9pm, drop by the Library's table for hands-on fun!
 - May 2 - Welcome Baby Tea 10:00-11:00am
- There will be a substitute librarian April 17-April 29, regular library services only - no new library cards or inter-library loan.

Storytime every Thursday 11am
Playgroup every Monday 9:30-11:00am



Art Opening:
Friday, April 10 - 6-8pm

Come to the Westford Public Library and support the local horse 4-H club, Whispering Pines of Chittenden County, as members display some of their favorite photographs for the public to enjoy!

Enjoy refreshments and meet with the young photographers to talk to them about their work!

This art display will run from April-June.

Family Movie Night
(co-sponsored by the Rec. Dept.)
Saturday, April 11
6-8pm



Dinner and a Movie:
Pizza, popcorn and drinks provided!

Bring the family to the Library for this laugh out loud adventure. The Penguins of Madagascar are out to save the world from a mad scientist! This time they are getting a little help from other animal super agents.

This film is rated PG and runs 92 minutes. Note the movie is on Saturday at an earlier time. Drop off is ok for ages 9+

Science Fair
EVERYTHING UNDER THE SUN

Come by the Library's table at the Science Fair on April 16, from 6-9pm. We'll have lots of hands on fun and a sneak peek at the Summer Reading Program!

The Westford Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4 at 10am on the Common.

After this fun Rec. Dept. event, head over to the Library for some egg-stra special Easter crafts. We will have crafts set up until Noon.



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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SEEKING MOWING QUOTES FOR 2014 SEASON

The Selectboard is requesting quotes for mowing of the following town properties:

- Town Common
- Town Office/Library
- Area near the statue (between Brookside Road and White Church Lane)
- KP lot (small area on Route 128 just before the village)
- Spiller lot (red house on corner of Common Road and Brookside Road)

All quotes should include trimming and mowing in a timely manner.

The Selectboard is also requesting **separate** quotes on behalf of the Brick Meeting House and Brookside Cemetery for the following properties:

- 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.

The contractor who was selected and did this work in previous years will not be available to submit a quote. The Selectboard is requesting 3 references to be submitted with your quote to help them choose the best contractor for the job.

If you need additional information, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us.

The Selectboard reserves the right to reject all quotes. Quotes should be sent to the above address and must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 9, 2015.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It's now time for Kindergarten Registration. If you have a child(ren) that will be 5 before September 1, 2015, please register them for Kindergarten by April 17, 2015.

Kindergarten Registration forms are available to be downloaded from the school website at www.ccsuvt.org/westford. Click on "Information" tab, then choose New Student Registration, then choose Registering a Kindergarten Student. Please return completed forms to the school office by April 17, 2015. 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 School, 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-

SCHOOL BOARD

The Westford School Visioning Summit occurred on January 6th and was attended by approximately 70 residents. The two topics discussed at the Summit were: 1) How to strengthen the working partnership between the Westford Community and School and 2) How to enhance student-learning opportunities. The feedback and data from the Summit has been organized and presented to the Visioning Summit Core Planning Team (composed of school staff and citizens) and the Westford School Board as the Summary Report from "A Visioning Summit: Westford Community and School Partnerships". That data and feedback can be viewed at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9IYBGmn9rJDdDVSc0hrSkhLU0/view?pli=1>. This Summary Report will be used as the process enters the design and deliver stage. A design team of school staff and community members will be assembled to identify and create opportunities that support the needs and wishes identified in the Visioning Summit Summary Report.

As many are aware the Westford School Board voted on 12/16/2014 to engage in a redistricting study along with the school boards of Essex Junction (Prudential Committee) and Essex Town. A committee made up of 20 citizens representing the town of Westford, the town of Essex, and Essex Junction will study the potential of forming a Regional Education District (RED) that could "afford students broader opportunities, while at the same time reducing costs, in the long term, through economies of scale and through more efficient utilization of buildings and personnel," (<https://redstudy.files.wordpress.com/2015/03/red-template.pdf>). ACT 153 defines the Study Committee's work, while the cost of this study will be reimbursed by the state of Vermont. More information and progress regarding the RED study can be found at <https://redstudy.wordpress.com/>.

Finally, the Westford 15-16 School Budget presented at the annual town meeting was voted down the following day March 3, 2015. The defeated budget was a decrease of 1.2% from the previous year. If you follow the local news and/or Representative Bancroft's Chittenden 8-3 Legislative Reports in the Front Porch Forum you are aware that Vermont Education financing is a hot topic in many local communities and in the Statehouse in Montpelier. With the proposed 15-16 School budget being rejected at the polls the Westford School Board is now considering possible next steps. A petition for reconsideration could be received from citizens and the same budget would again be put before the voters of Westford. If no petition were received the School Board would need to amend the original proposed budget, incorporate the additional cost of another voting process, and present that new budget to the voters. In order to significantly reduce per pupil costs and subsequently the tax rate, further staff positions would most likely be eliminated. It is very important that the Westford School Board is well informed if they are to construct a new 15-16 school budget. Please attend the next Westford School Board meeting at the school on April 2 or contact a School Board member to make your position on the 15-16 budget known.

Scott A. Cooledge

Respectfully submitted for the Westford School Board (Mark Drapa, Martha Heath, Andre Roy, Kim Phinney, Scott Cooledge)

MISSION STATEMENT

April 2015

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-

Will the cold ever end? I feel like I've said this before..... Visit us on Facebook and like our Page; Westford Recreation Department. Or go to our website... <http://westfordvt.us/recreation> and check us out! A downloadable PDF registration form is available (online coming soon!) and online payment is open! 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 April 21st. Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we will put you on the agenda! Thanks!

Westford Ice Rink Info:

The rink is STILL OPEN, due to cold temperatures, but that can change overnight, so PLEASE, ready the signs or check in with Dave Adams; There is a sign on the Common Road side: Green is OPEN, red is CLOSED. Rink master Dave Adams is who determines if the rink is usable. Email Dave at: WestfordRink@gmail.com or follow on Twitter @Westford Rink.

Lacrosse Registration is STILL open!

Tiny Cats, Monday Nights, April 27th-June 8th, 6-7:00pm at Westford Elementary School, Ages Kindergarten to Grade 2 \$35/player includes t-shirt. **U-11 Team** (Kids ages 11 and below...generally 3rd, 4th and 5th graders), Practices are Wednesday nights, 6-7pm and Saturday mornings, 9-11am. Season runs April 11th to June 10th. Pre-season (in the gym) starts March 25th. \$50/player and you need to also sign up to become a member of the US Lacrosse League. \$25 registration fee and can be done on their website at www.uslacrosse.org.



Thank you to our AWESOME Zumba instructor, Heather Sanders, for shaking it up at the Library on March 14th! 20 Adults and Kids got to experience a fun way to exercise, and enjoyed some green fruits and veggies! In collaboration with the Public Library...thanks all!



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
Greg Baker	324-5537	Email: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com	

HOW IS THAT NEW YEAR'S HEALTH RESOLUTION COMING ALONG?

WESTFORD RECREATION

Integral YOGA w/Tiffany Start off your new year with yoga!
 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.



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!



Cultivate Your Own Yoga Practice
Saturday, April 25th, 9-11am @ The Red Brick Meeting House
 What is yoga? This workshop will teach you how to create a space for yourself to practice yoga and how to formulate a daily practice. Simple breathing techniques. Spend some time learning a simple yoga sequence that you can take home and do in your own private yoga space. \$25.00 for this two hour workshop. Bring a mat, water and a snack. Payments and questions will be direct to Anne Whitney. You may call 802-598-6299 or email aeorellana@yahoo.com with any questions.



YOGA with Cat
 Cat Earisman, E-RYT is at the RBMH on **THURSDAY** evenings to teach Flow Yoga! Breathe, stretch, strengthen and laugh in this athletic style of yoga---all abilities welcome. Time; 6:15-7:30. Prepay fee is \$66/6 classes and drop in will be \$12. **FIRST CLASS FREE (for new students)!** Please call Cat directly at 324-8363 or email cearisman@gmail.com.



Pick up Co-Ed Adult Basketball is HERE!
 Wednesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30pm at the Westford Elementary School Gym.
 This is a free activity and open to everyone 18+...Bring a friend or two! This will be indoors until the end of school, and then you can move to the outside court for the summer!



Egg Hunt on the Westford Common!
 April 4th @ 10:00am. Meet at the Pavilion. Bring a basket, collect eggs and turn them in for a goodie bag! Rain, snow or sunshine!! All ages!!!!

Family Movie Night!!!
 April 11th from 6-8:00pm at the Westford Public Library. This is getting POPULAR!! Don't miss out! Pizza provided by the Rec Dept., Popcorn and Drinks provided by the Library. FREE! All ages welcomed and we'll be watching Penguins of Madagascar!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

5/2– Welcome Baby Tea for all babies born in the last year. BBF Sponsored. 10-11am at the Westford Library
7/4– 4th of July Celebration! 4 Mile Run, on the 4th, for \$4! Perfect Scoop Ice Cream shop and NEW this year...hot dogs and chips for sale!
7/6– Summer Soccer for ages Pre-K to Grade 3. Monday nights from 6-7:00pm. More to come!

Westford Recreation Presents
Knights and Castles Summer Camp
@ The Red Brick Meeting House in Westford
July 13-17, 2015 - \$150/ 5 Days - Grades 1 - 4
Min 5 students - Max 10 students
Registration due by June 1st



About your Instructor

An event manager by profession, Bekah Gwozdz loves to bring learning alive for children with hands on activities. Her favorite subject to explore is history. Knights and Castles is a result of seeking out Summer enrichment activities for her own children.

Tentative Daily Schedule

8:30am Welcome Time
9:00am Castle Project
10:00am Snack (provided)
1030am Outdoor Time
12:00pm Lunch
1230pm Free Time
130pm Medieval Science Exploration
2:00pm Medieval Outdoor Games
3:00pm Snack (provided)
3:30pm Medieval Craft Project
4:30pm Home Time

Policies:

- \$25 non-refundable deposit due at time registration and applied toward your full week tuition
- Registration is first come, first served basis
- Full tuition is due by June 8th, or your space will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waitlist
- If minimum enrollment is not reached, and the camp is cancelled, you will be reimbursed any monies paid toward tuition

Mail your registration for to: Westford Recreation Dept.; 1173 VT Route 128; Westford, VT 05494 with checks made payable to the Westford Recreation Dept. Questions?? Call Heather at (802)338-8235 or email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.



Westford Summer Camp

@ The Westford Elementary School

Theme: Nature w/Outdoor Activities, Art and Journaling

Each week features different curriculum....so sign your kids up for both weeks!

(Natural History) **JUNE 22-26, 2015**

AND

(Art & Journaling in the Nature) **JULY 6-10, 2015**

Daily 8:30-4:30pm

Ages: 5-12

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

minimum 6 kids each week to run program

registration due by June 1st

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

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 by June 8th, 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**

Westford Volunteer Fire Department

Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce we are accepting applications for the **2015 Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship**. Applications for this scholarship must be postmarked by May 1, 2015.

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 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 2015 Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship, c/o Westford Fire Department, PO Box 54, Westford VT 05494.

WESTFORD FIRE DEPT. TAG SALE

Westford Town Garage, Cambridge Road., Westford

Come find bargains and support your local volunteer fire department.

Drop Off Dates:

- * Saturday, April 25, 9 AM- Noon
- * Monday, April 27, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM
- * Friday, May 1, 4 PM- 6 PM

Clean out your attic or garage and bring items for donation to the Westford Town Garage on Cambridge Road. **NO CLOTHING, BOOKS, COMPUTERS, TV's OR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, PLEASE.**

For more information, please call Susan Schmidt (878-7573).

Tag Sale Date:

- * Saturday, May 2, Green Up Day, 9AM – 2PM



UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD APRIL SCHEDULE

April 5, 8:30am – Easter Service

April 12, 8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

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

WESTFORD FIRE WARDEN

To all my Westford friends and neighbors. As we are near the end of a very long and brutally cold winter, I again thank all of you who took out burn permits even though not required at this time by Vermont State law while the ground is covered with snow. As I have stated in the past, having these permits available to the fire Dept. and myself makes it easier to track any concerns of smoke or possible fires in a given area.

As the snow melts and warm weather makes its way in, quickly drying ground fuels can become hazardous due to lack of rain and winds speeding the drying process. At this time burn permits are once again mandatory. This will be enforced by the Fire Warden or any law enforcement official that may ask to see your burn permit.

Please be aware that there are not many materials that can be legally burned. Treated or painted wood of any kind is prohibited. The same goes for any cardboard, paper or household garbage. A good rule of thumb is if it grows on your lawn then you can probably burn it. In addition, accelerants of any kind are illegal. This includes gasoline, oil, paper or any other flammables.

If you have any questions or concerns about your burn, please contact me at 879-1231.

In closing, please remember if a neighbor has health or comfort concerns, your fire must be extinguished. Also, make sure you have a water hose and tools present in the event your fire needs to be put out quickly. Most importantly, you must not let your fire smolder over night or be left unattended. It must be out completely before retiring for the evening.

Keep in mind even though you have complied with all conditions, you have complete responsibility for your burn and any consequences as a result of it. Following a few rules and safety measures will help to ensure that we all have a safe and pleasant summer.

Respectfully,
Dennis Angiono



United Church of Westford Music Series Featuring

ROLAND PIGEON AND FRIENDS

**Sunday, April 26th, 4-5pm
at the UCW White Church**

The annual Roland Pigeon country music concert will be held on Sunday April 26th at the UCW white church in Westford from 4-5 pm. 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 and offer a broad appeal to audiences of any age group. Special guests include Rosie Newton, Neil Rossi, and Eric George joining Roland's fellow country musicians from his past bands.

Concert is free. Refreshments will follow the entertainment. Call 879-4028 for more information.