



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

June 2015

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Town Office Notes

Dogs

Dog licenses were due April 1st. If you have not licensed your dog(s) please do so before June 15th to avoid additional fees that may be assessed. Per State Statute a list of dogs that remain unlicensed as of June 15th will be turned over to the Selectboard and Dog Warden.

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 we will mail the license to you. The fee is \$16.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$13.00.

With warmer weather, we want to remind you to please keep your dog(s) under control at all times either by voice command or restrained by a leash, fence or other appropriate apparatus. Please contact the Dog Warden (Diane Forsey 363-2545) for dog problems.

Senior Luncheons

The last luncheon for the spring will be on June 8th at noon at the Brick Meeting House. We take July and August off and will be back on the second Monday in September. Hot dogs and hamburgers are on the menu along with salads, etc. Hope to see you there! Carol Howrigan, President (878-3090).

Friendly Reminders

- **Burn permits** are needed 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. 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.
- **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 18th, 9am-1pm** at the Town Garage. This is a free service sponsored by the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, June 22nd.

TIMELY TAX PAYMENT CLARIFICATION

IMPORTANT POLICY CHANGE

Please Read

The Town of Westford currently accepts postmarks (USPS, UPS & FedEx) for tax payments. Given the electronic age we are in, the Town occasionally receives checks directly from financial institutions after a taxpayer initiates the payment. This type of payment may be known as Bill Pay.

These payments are mailed to the Town directly from the financial institution however the envelope does not bear a postmark. **Effective July 1, 2015 the Town of Westford will acknowledge this type of payment based on the date the payment is received at the Town Office.**

The Town highly recommends that if you remit payment using this method, you contact your financial institution to determine the appropriate lead time to ensure your tax payment is timely.

School Board Notes

A sincere thanks to all who recently voted in the re vote of the school budget. Your support and continued participation is noted and very much appreciated by the board and the Westford school staff.

The Legislature closed their session with the passage of the education bill. The final version of the bill did not require school districts to consolidate but it did provide a strong recommendation for the various school districts to discuss and engage in consolidation discussions. The bill contained strong incentives for those that elect to consolidate. One change that occurred was that instead of providing tax relief for four years, the relief was extended to five years for those districts that consolidate.

Another important provision in the bill was the spending of school districts will be monitored and for those that spend above the state per pupil allotment, they will have to provide a report to explain their per pupil spending amount to the State Board of Education.

The month of May has been a busy month for board members as they continue to serve on several committees; policy, leaders a work, and the RED study.

Respectfully submitted

Andre Roy on behalf of the board; Mark Drapa, Martha Heath, and Kim Phinney.

School Board Member Needed

Do you have the desire to serve you community as a school board member?

We accepted the resignation of Scott Cooledge from the board at our meeting in May. Many thanks to Scott for his excellent service and dedication to the school.

The board is required to appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of Scott's term (March 2016). Duties and eligibility requirements for school board membership can be found at www.vtvsba.org/download/candidates.pdf. Anyone who is interested in joining the board, contact Mark Drapa with a letter of intent by **June 5**. Please include any supporting information that you would like the board to know as they consider the appointment. All are welcomed to volunteer.

By email: madrapa@ccsuvt.org

By mail:

Mark Drapa
c/o Westford School
146 Brookside Road
Westford, VT 05494

Meetings are generally the first Monday of each month at 6:30. Board members are also expected to participate on several committees. On average, the monthly time commitment is from 10 to 12 hours. Budget season is December to January, and involves extra meetings.

The school is a reflection of our entire community, and we hope to draw on volunteers representative of that diversity of expertise. Thank you for your consideration.

Congratulations to
MELISSA MANKA
Westford Planning Coordinator!!!

Melissa Manka is receiving the
2015 Mark Blucher Professional Planner of the Year Award.

Since 1992, the Vermont Planners Association has recognized outstanding achievement in Vermont community planning through its annual awards. The field of nominations was very competitive, with judging occurring by the New Hampshire Planners Association. The awards will be presented in May 29th at the organization's Spring Workshop in St. Johnsbury at 12:30 at the Catamount Film & Arts Center.

Written about Melissa: As Westford's Planning Coordinator over the last ten years, Melissa has overseen several zoning revisions and a major rewrite of the Westford Town Plan, plus other major milestones, including spearheading the Westford Town Center Revitalization project and Village Center Designation. Manka provides staff support to a number of local boards, a particularly challenging job in a community that is transitioning from mostly rural to becoming a bedroom community for Burlington. She deals all on her own with all of the same issues, concerns, and concepts as do the larger Chittenden County communities. As Lee Krohn, of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission says, "She is a one-person dynamo, toiling quietly in the hills of Westford, helping to make her community a better place. She has helped their Planning Commission work through some complex issues; handles the Development Review Board as well; helps bring parties together to collaborate on areas of mutual concern; creates a community photo calendar every year, and sells it to raise funds for community purposes; helps gain grants; and even watered new trees on the Town Common. She has a style, manner, and demeanor that are perfect for her boards and for her community."

WESTFORD FARMERS' MARKET NEWS

THE FARMERS' MARKET WILL NOW BE HELD ON MONDAYS STARTING JUNE 22, 4-7PM. PLEASE NOTE THIS DAY CHANGE! FARM TO FAMILY COUPONS (WIC & EBT) ACCEPTED. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING SHOPPING OR SELLING, CONTACT LAURA BAUM AT laurabaum108@yahoo.com

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Westford Public Library's Fourth of July Book Sale - 9am-1pm
Last Day to donate items: Sat. June 13

\$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.

Super Helpers needed! Book Sale Setup and Cleanup Volunteers Needed:
Setup: 7/3 starting at 5pm
Cleanup: 7/4 starting at 1pm
All helpers get a FREE bag of books!
Let Bree know if you can help!



Library Hours

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

Pardon our appearance: exciting projects in the works! The Library will be undergoing a few construction projects this month.



We will be doing some: painting, landscaping, and ramp repairs.

We are have two VERY EXCITING projects this month: We will be boosting our WiFi signal to cover a large portion of the Common thanks to a grant from the Vermont Council on Rural Development and their Digital Economy Project. AND we will be installing our heat pump (which also cools the building) thanks to the generous donations of Westford patrons during our Be Cool at the Library Fundraiser. We hope these improvements will benefit the whole community.

Congratulations to the First Graders at Westford Elementary School for getting their library cards!

Library cards do expire every two years-so if you have a 3rd grader, their card is about to expire. 4th graders and up who have not renewed their cards may not be in the system. Children 15 and younger need a parent permission to get or renew a card - make sure your card is up to date so you can read all summer long!



Every Hero has a Story!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE IN THE TOWN NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR WEBSITE WESTFORDPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG



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

6/4/15: Theme: Music

6/11/15: Theme: Dads - Father's Day

***6/18/15:** Theme: I am a Hero

***6/25/15:** Theme: Family Heroes

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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June Library Events

- June 3 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- June 13 - Last day for donations to the Fourth of July Book Sale
- June 17 - First day of the Summer Reading Program
- June 17 - High Flying Super Heroes (drop in anytime from 4:30-6:30pm) See Summer Reading Program Brochure for description
- June 19 - Summer Reading Program Kick Off Concert: The Swing Peepers 6:30-7:30pm on the Common
- June 20 - High Flying Super Heroes (drop in anytime from 10:30am-Noon)
- June 22 - First Farmer's Market 4-7pm (NEW DAY AND TIME)
- June 24 - Rainbow the Water Rescue Dog Show 5:30-6:30pm See Summer Reading Brochure for description
- June 26 - Design Your Own Super Hero Masks and Shields - anytime 4:30-6:30pm See Summer Reading Program Brochure for description
- June 27 - Design Your Own Super Hero Masks and Shields - anytime 10:30-Noon

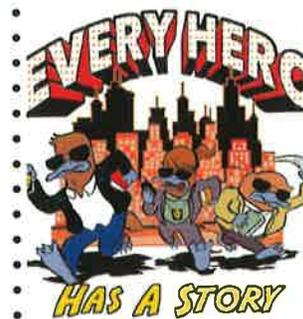
Storytime every Thursday 11am

The Westford Conservation Commission and the Westford Public Library present a Summer Story Walk set up on the town trails behind the school. Fun for all ages! Great exercise for your body and mind!



Summer Reading for Adults? Yes!

Fill out a raffle ticket for every book you read this summer & you could win a \$25 City Market gift card.



Every Hero has a Story!
Summer Reading Program runs June 17-August 7!
Sign up at the Library.
Events!
Prizes!
Fun!
See the brochure included in this newsletter.

Summer Reading Kick Off Concert!
The Swing Peepers
Friday, June 19
6:30-7:30pm
On the Common
Bring a picnic! Great music for all ages!



FREE SUMMER FUN!

Passes are available for a 3 day check out
Passes may not be reserved

- 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)

The Building Bright Futures Playgroup does not meet at the library during the summer. For summer info, contact Janice Hunt at Janice@tfish.net

There is also no CVAA Tai Chi at the Library during the summer. The class will hopefully return in the Fall.

LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS IS JUNE 13 - The 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. We do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, VHS or cassette tapes, music CDs, or old travel guides.

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Summer Reading at a Glance

- June 17 - Registration for SRP begins
- June 17 - High Flying Superheroes 4:30-6:30pm
- June 19 - SRP Kick-off Concert: The Swing Peepers 6:30-7:30pm
- June 20 - High Flying Superheroes 10:30-Noon
- June 24 - Rainbow Water Rescue Dog Show 5:30-6:30pm
- June 26 - Masks & Shields 4:30-6:30pm
- June 27 - Masks & Shields 10:30-Noon
- July 1 - Float Building 3-6pm
- July 2 - Cooking with Superfoods: Kale 6:30-7:30pm
- July 4 - Book Sale 9am-1pm
- July 4 - Parade 11am - meet at 10:30am
- July 8 - Super Curious - Toys - 5-7pm
- July 9 - Cooking with Superfoods: Yogurt 6:30-7:30pm
- July 10 - Super Spy 4:30-6:30pm
- July 11 - Super Spy 10:30-Noon
- *July 13 - K9 Dog Heroes - 5:30-6:30pm
- July 15 - Super Curious - Household Electronics - 5-7pm
- July 16 - EcoOwls with MC Baker 6:30-7:30
- July 18 - Local Heroes: Firefighters (at Westford School) 10:30-Noon
- July 22 - Super Curious - Computers 5-7pm
- July 23 - E-Textiles: Light up Lightening Bolt Headpieces 7-9pm
- July 24 - Superhero Obstacle Course 4:30-5:30pm
- July 29 - Lightening Badges 5-7pm
- July 30 - Wire Baskets with MC Baker 6:30-7:30pm
- July 31 - Super Groovy Washer Necklaces 4:30-6:30pm
- August 1 - Super Groovy Washer Necklaces 10:30-Noon
- August 7 - End of the SRP Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 5-6pm

Storytime every Thursday at 11am

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: Essex Cinemas, Buttered Noodles, and 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: Essex Cinemas, Spare Time, and more!

Teen Raffle (13-18 years old)

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every book read.

Prizes: Essex Cinemas, \$25 UMail gift card

Adult Raffle (19 and older)

Raffle tickets given for every book read during the summer.

Prize: \$25 City Market gift card

2015 Summer Reading Program



Every Hero has a Story!

Westford Public Library!
June 17 - August 7



Westford Public Library

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

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Bree Drqpa, Librarian

Every Hero has a Story!

Visit the library beginning June 17 to sign up for the 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 (8/7). The more events you attend, the better your chances of winning!

Find the Superhero! Find the superhero and win a prize! Visit weekly as the hero moves throughout the library.

Children 9+ may attend all 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 17 (4:30-6:30) & June 20 (10:30-Noon)- High Flying Superheroes Drop-in anytime to make a fun superhero straw rocket or a balloon powered flyer.

June 19 - Kick Off Concert: The Swing Peepers on the Common 6:30-7:30pm 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 endearing! 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. Great for all ages!

June 24 - Rainbow the Water Rescue Dog Show (on the Common) 5:30-6:30pm Many of you know Rainbow as a great READ dog, but did you know that she is a Newfoundland breed champion, water rescue dog, draft dog and an advanced obedience dog? Do you want to be rescued (on land) by Rainbow? Volunteers needed!

June 26 (4:30-6:30pm) & June 27 (10:30-Noon) - Superhero Masks and Shields Every hero needs to protect his secret identity. Drop-in to make your very own mask and shield.

July 1 - Float Building 3-6pm Help create our SUPER float! **Sign up at the library required to ride the float 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.

July 2 -Cooking with Superfoods: Kale 6:30-7:30pm Want to learn to cook something delicious and super healthy? We will make and try several recipes. Ideal for tweens/teens. **Sponsored by Sweet Clover Market**

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 8 - Super Curious - What's Inside This? - Toys 5-7pm The first in a three part series - we will take apart and learn what makes common objects work. Great for any age, especially those who like to take things apart.

July 9 - Cooking with Superfoods: Yogurt 6:30-7:30pm Want to learn to cook something delicious and super healthy? We will make and try several recipes. Ideal for tweens/teens. **Sponsored by Sweet Clover Market**

July 10 (4:30-6:30pm) & July 11 (10:30-Noon) - Super Spy: Codes and Compasses Spies use all kinds of gadgets to keep their plans secret. Go on a scavenger hunt and see if you can crack the secret code - you get to keep the decoder and compass!

***MONDAY* July 13 - K9 Dog Heroes 5:30-6:30pm** on the Common Join Cpl. David Dewey and K9 Tazor of the Colchester Police Department - VT's Police K9 program has over 40 dogs working in all parts of the state. K9s help their human partners sniff out drugs, catch bad guys, and look for missing and lost children. Chittenden County has several of these K9 teams. Come check out a few of them and see what they can do.

July 15 - Super Curious - Household Electronics 5-7pm We will take apart common objects and see what makes them work. Great for any age, especially those who like to take things apart.

July 16 - Unmask your Creativity with MC Baker: Eco Owls 6:30-7:30pm You know it's going to be good when super artist, MC Baker, is at the library! She has created an owl out of recycled cardboard and wire that will blow you away! **Due to the complexity of the project this program is for ages 9 and up.**

July 18 - Local Heroes: Firefighters 10:30-Noon at the Westford School The Westford Fire Dept. will be on hand teach us fire safety and LET US SHOOT THE HOSE! They will also be teaching adults how to use fire extinguishers so that you can be a hero at your home!

July 22 - Super Curious - Computers 5-7pm The last in the three part series, we'll focus on what's inside a computer and, of course, take it apart! Open to all ages.

July 23 - E-textiles: Lightening Bolt Headpiece 7-9pm **Pre-registration is required, open to ages 10 and up.** Using LEDs and conductive thread, we will sew a light up lightening bolt. Can be attached to a headband, armband or worn as is. Bring a headband if possible.

July 24 Super Hero Obstacle Course 4:30-5:30pm Join us for a good time as super coach, Danielle Vierling, leads us in a heroic relay and obstacle course. From dressing like a super hero to moving like one, you are sure to have a great time. On the Common.

July 29 Lightening Bolt Badges 5-7pm Drop-in anytime to make a light up lightening bolt with copper tape, LEDs and a coin cell battery. Great way to have fun and learn circuitry. Perfect for the Super Curious crowd. All ages welcome.

July 30 - Unmask your Creativity with MC Baker: Wire Baskets 6:30-7:30pm Super artist, MC Baker, leads us through making a basket out of twisted wire. **Due to the complexity of the project this program is for ages 9 and up (or younger if with an adult).**

July 31 (4:30-6:30pm) & August 1 (10:30-Noon) Super Groovy Washer Jewelry Be a super friend and make a necklace for you and one for a friend, using wire, washers, and nail polish.

August 7 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 5-6pm 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.



Be a Math Hero!
Add a little math to your summer with Bedtime Math's Summer of Numbers Pick up a math log and get started!

Math will never be the same!

HERO STORYTIME! Thursdays 11am

For ages birth - six.

6/18: I am a Hero

6/25: Family Heroes

7/2: Heroes at School

7/9: Hometown Heroes

7/16: Storybook Heroes

7/23: Heroes to the Rescue!

7/30: Eco Heroes

8/6: Animal Heroes



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.



Westford's 4th of July

Westford Common
Parade, Fun, Food
11:00am – 1:30pm
Saturday, July 4th



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

40TH ARMY BAND – VT GUARD MARCHING BAND

Local Music by Local Artist
Library Book Sale
Strawberry Shortcake Sale
Duck Race
Everyone is invited!!

Come join us on the Green!!

UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 7 & 14, 8:30am – Traditional Worship Services officiated by Rev. Katherine Arthaud

No Sunday Services for the months of July and August. Sunday Services will resume after Labor Day, Sept. 13th. 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)

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

THINGS EVERY PROPERTY OWNER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT...

THE WATER RESOURCE OVERLAY DISTRICT & FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY DISTRICT

The Town of Westford has a Water Resource Overlay District and Flood Hazard Overlay District. The purpose of these districts is to protect water quality, public health, safety and welfare. Please note that these districts could affect the use of your property. ALL property owners should be aware of the district(s) location as well as the uses and restrictions in the district(s).

Please review **Map 5 (Water Resources, Wetlands & Floodplains) of the Town Plan** to determine whether your property contains locally regulated water resources or floodplains. It is important to note that the Water Resource Overlay boundaries are determined by the Town using the best available data and the Flood Hazard Overlay boundaries are determined by the State and Federal governments. It is also important to note that 2009 brought about changes to both these boundaries. Town Plan Maps can be viewed on the Town website www.westfordvt.us or at the Town Office.

Once you have determined whether your property is located in the Water Resource Overlay and/or Flood Hazard Overlay, you should familiarize yourself with the regulations associated with these districts. Below is a *summary* of the regulations for each district. A complete copy of the regulations can be reviewed on the Town website at www.westfordvt.us or at the Town Office. We highly recommend you review the regulations in their entity if you own property in either of these districts.

Water Resource Overlay District Regulations Summary:

Permitted Uses:

- Low impact forms of recreation
- Snowmobiling
- Agricultural operations conducted in accordance with the VT Accepted Agricultural Practices
- Logging conducted in accordance with the VT Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality
- Maintenance of existing lawn or open land
- Use and maintenance of man-made ponds
- Reforestation projects
- Control of non-native species
- Wastewater systems and potable water systems permitted by the State of VT

Conditional Uses:

- Construction of man-made ponds
- Construction of public facilities, infrastructure & services
- Construction of boardwalks
- Construction or expansion of private driveways, private roads or private bridges
- Construction of public or private trails greater than 4 ft in width
- Seasonal use, non-permanent arrangements such as docks, gazebos, etc.

Prohibited Uses:

- Cutting vegetation, such as trees or shrubs, except for logging operations in accordance with VT Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality
- Manipulation of water or shoreline such as excavating, dredging, draining and filling
- Construction of permanent structures
- Installation of underground power and communication lines, unless located under a DRB approved roadway

- Storage of hazardous materials

Please note: State and/or Federal permits may be required in addition to Town permits if disturbing, developing in or developing near a water resource.

Flood Hazard Overlay District Summary:

Ultimately, the Flood Hazard Overlay District is a no build and no fill zone. However, new accessory structures (which meet flood hazard definition of an accessory structure), roadways and substantial improvements of existing structures are allowed with conditional use approval.

Please feel free to contact Kate Lalley, Zoning Administrator (zoning_admin@westfordvt.us), or Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator (planner@westfordvt.us) with questions or concerns.

Note: The Town of Westford does not delineate boundaries or locations of Class two wetlands. Therefore, individuals should contact the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Protection with wetland concerns and questions.

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.

CARING FOR YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Septic systems are very much like automobiles. They need periodic inspections and proper maintenance to continue working properly. Also, like automobiles, they must be operated properly and cannot be overtaxed without the owner suffering consequences such as repair or replacement bills.

WHAT TO DO

- HAVE YOUR SEPTIC TANK PUMPED every 2 to 5 years by a septage hauler. At the same time, the tank should be inspected for leaks or damage to baffles and pipes. Any leaks or damage should be repaired immediately. This is not a do-it-yourself job. You should, however, check the level of sewage scum and sludge in the tank yearly.
- Each spring, after the frost is out of the ground, check your leachfield for wet spots. You should also INSPECT THE DISTRIBUTION BOX (AND PUMP OR SIPHON CHAMBER if you have one) to make sure they are level. If these components are not level, the leachfield will not receive even distribution and the siphon or pump may not function properly. It may be necessary to call a designer or installer to reset and repair these components or any shifted or broken piping going in or out of them.
- Several times each year (set up a regular schedule) INSPECT THE SIPHON OR PUMP – if your system has one. Observe the operation of at least one cycle. Run water in the house until the chamber is filled and the siphon or pump activates. If the chamber does not fill or does not empty and fill to the specified levels, then servicing is required.

WHAT NOT TO DO

An absorption field generally does not require any maintenance. However, to protect and prolong the life of the absorption field, follow these simple rules:

- Plant only grass over and near your septic system. Roots from nearby trees or shrubs may clog and damage the absorption field.
- Do not drive or park over any part of your septic system. This can compact the soil and crush your system.
- Direct all wastewater from your home into the septic tank. This includes all sink, bath, shower, toilet, washing machine, and dishwasher wastewaters. Any of these wastewaters can contain disease-causing microorganisms or environmental pollutants.
- Keep roof drains, basement sump pump drains, and other rainwater or surface water drainage systems away from the absorption field. Flooding of the absorption field with excessive water will keep the soil from naturally cleansing the wastewater, which can lead to groundwater and/or nearby surface pollution.

SEPTIC SYSTEM HEALTH TIPS

- Conserve water to avoid overloading the septic system. Be sure to repair any leaky faucets or toilets. Use low-flow fixtures.
- Do not use caustic drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead, use boiling water or a drain snake to open clogs.
- Do not use septic tank additives, commercial septic tank cleansers, yeast, sugar, etc. These products are not necessary and some may be harmful to your system.
- Use commercial bathroom cleansers and laundry detergents in moderation. Many people prefer to clean their toilets, sinks, showers, and tubs with mild detergent or baking soda.
- Your septic system is not a trash can. Do not put disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, paper towels, facial tissues, plastics, cat litter, or cigarettes into your septic system. These items quickly fill your septic tank with solids, decrease the efficiency, and will require that you pump out the septic tank more frequently. They may also clog the sewer line to the septic system causing wastewater to back up into your home.
- Avoid dumping grease or fats down your kitchen drain. They solidify and the accumulation may contribute to blockages in your system.
- Keep latex paint, varnishes, thinners, waste oil, photographic solutions, pesticides, or other hazardous chemicals out of your system. Even in small amounts, these items can destroy the biological digestion taking place within your septic system.

If you would like more information or a copy of your septic system plans please contact Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator, or Kate Lalley, Zoning Administrator, at the Town Office (878-4587).

MISSION STATEMENT

June 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-

There is still TIME!!! Get your kids signed up for week-long Summer Camps, Summer Soccer Camp and our Summer Soccer and Lacrosse Programs.

Please get your registration forms in NOW! You can go to our website to download the form at westfordvt.us/recreation.

See you around town!!!

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 June 15th.

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

Week Long Summer Soccer Camp...August 3rd-7th!! The camp is located at the Westford Elementary School, runs for 5 days, from 8:30 until 11:30am, and is for Boys and Girls entering grades 3-6 in the fall. You have a new coach this year, Westford Alumni Joe Aiken!! He is excited to be home for the summer and coaching your kids! They will improve their skills through drills, condition and scrimmages. Registration fee is \$55 for the week. Start sending in your registration forms now to secure your child's spot!!! Drop off at town office or scan and email it to WestfordVTRec@gmail.com!! You can call Heather at 338-8235 with any questions.



SUMMER SOCCER

Who: Pre-K to Grade 2
When: Monday nights, starting July 6th and running until August 10th
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, hot dogs, chips and water. Please come support us and enjoy lunch and dessert at the same time!!

COMING BACK FOR A 2nd 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 healthy 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. See you in July!!!!



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	

KEEP MOVING THIS SUMMER! WE HAVE MANY CHOICES!!

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!

Sangha Yoga with Anne
Tuesday evenings from 7-8:00pm join Anne Whitney at the Red Brick Meeting House for some restorative or flow yoga....whatever the group is feeling up to that evening! Also, Anne is offering Yoga on the Grass, **Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30am** (weather permitting, otherwise you'll be in the Red Brick). Friday morning dates are: May 29th, June 5th and June 26th.

 \$10/class or by donation. You may call 802-598-6299 or email aorellana@yahoo.com with any questions. All ages and abilities welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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!


Spring/Summer Tutoring Available!
 Experienced elementary teacher looking to provide tutoring services. Excited & enthusiastic about helping children with their learning and reinforcing skills. Very flexible hours: After 3P.M. until June 16th. After school ends in June, can be available as needed. Rate: \$45.00 an hour. Contact Vanessa Hadedank directly VHadedank@ccsuvt.org.

SUMMER LACROSSE!!!

Open to players entering Kindergarten through Grade 6 in the Fall!!
 When: Wednesday nights @ WES fields from 6-7:00pm. The program runs from June 17th to August 12th w/no practice on July 29th. Only \$25/player with a family max of \$60. Coach Brent will keep your kids moving and improving their skills! Have your kids try something new this summer!!

DISCOUNT TICKETS TO NEW ENGLAND ADVENTURE PARKS!!!!
 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 (and will be for sale at our 4th of July tent!):**

- Great Escape Adult (over 48 inches) Tickets: \$40/ticket** (normally \$56.99 at gate)
- Great Escape Parking Passes: \$16** (normally \$20.00)
- Bromley Adventure Park: \$35/ticket** (normally \$45.00 each)
- Six Flags New England Adult (over 54 inches): \$45/ticket** (normally \$59.99 at gate)

NEW THIS YEAR!! ARBORTREK CANOPY ADVENTURES in JEFFERSONVILLE!!

- TREE TOP & CLIMBING: \$49/ticket** (normally \$60 each)
- CLIMBING ONLY: \$15** (normally \$20 each)



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 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 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 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 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

On the Common



THE SWING PEEPERS

FRIDAY June 19 6:30-7:30 pm

Kick off the Summer Reading Program at Westford Library with this folksy, family friendly concert. Great music – With or without kids!

STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS - SUNDAY July 12

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

THE FIZZ - SUNDAY July 26

Local talent! Rock from Allmans to Zevon, plus rockin' originals

MAD MOUNTAIN SCRAMBLERS - SUNDAY August 9

A Green Mountain-based bluegrass band featuring a wide spectrum from this branch of American Roots.

Free Sunday concerts, 7:00 to 8:00 pm (except for June 19). Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain location is the Red Brick Meeting House. Co-sponsored by the Westford Library, Westford Recreation Dept., and the Westford Parenting/Education Committee.