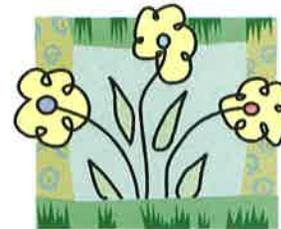
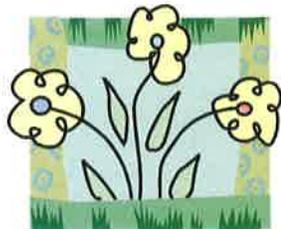


# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

May 2015



## Westford Town Office

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[www.westfordvt.us](http://www.westfordvt.us)

## Town Office Notes

### School Budget Revote

- **April 29<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)** – Last day to register to vote (by 5pm).
  - **May 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday)** – Last day to request an absentee ballot (by 5pm).
  - **May 4<sup>th</sup> (Monday)** – Public hearing, 7pm, at the Westford School in the gym.
  - **May 5<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)** – Voting day. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm at the Westford School in the gym.
- If you have any questions please contact the town office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us).

### Property Taxes Due - Final Installment

The final property tax installment is due Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Payments postmarked (US postal, UPS, FedEx) by the 15<sup>th</sup> are considered timely as well as payments placed in the drop box **before** the office opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The drop box is located to the left of the town office door. **Please note: any taxes received or postmarked later than the above date will be subject to 1% interest and an 8% penalty.**

### Senior Luncheon

May's Spring Luncheon will be on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone 55+ is welcome; our numbers have increased monthly. We now offer books and DVD's from our local library as well as magazines and local newspapers for bringing home. Please stop by for a delicious meal at 12:00 noon. For information, call 879-7382. No need to RSVP.

### Dogs

If you have not licensed your dog(s) please do so as soon as possible (licenses were due April 1<sup>st</sup>). 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 at 363-2545) for dog related issues.

### Town Office Closed

The Town Office will be closed:

- Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – School Budget Revote
- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Spring Yard Clean Up

Spring has finally arrived! When cleaning up your yard, please keep the following in mind:

- Burn permits are required prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online ([www.westfordvt.us](http://www.westfordvt.us)), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during regular office hours.
- Yard waste, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage, therefore Gauthier Trucking will not collect these materials when picking up your garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating CSWD drop off center. For a list of centers please visit [www.cswd.net](http://www.cswd.net).

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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 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

**Pajama Storytime - Last One until Fall!**  
Wednesday, May 13 - 6:30-7:30pm  
Theme: Super Heroes!

Come hear fun stories about super heroes and get excited for this year's summer reading theme:  
**Every Hero has a Story!**



Come dressed in your PJs or favorite super hero outfit! We'll read stories and do a craft. This is our last PJ storytime until fall (it's too light out!)

We are gearing up for Summer Reading!  
June 17 - August 7

## Every Hero Has a Story

Will be our theme this year. I will be visiting the Westford School grades PK-6th to promote the program. We have lots of "super" things planned for this summer. We will be participating in something new this summer - a program from Bedtime Math called a Summer of Numbers. There will be a math AND reading logs this year!

We are always looking for volunteers (age 9-adult!) and "super" ideas!

We will kick off the Summer Reading Program Friday, June 19 with a Concert by the Swing Peepers on the Common from 6:30-7:30pm.

SRP brochure will be published in the June newsletter and on our website.

**Westford Welcome Baby Tea**  
Saturday, May 2 10:00-11:00am

If you have a child born March 2014-March 2015, you are invited. You should have gotten an invite in the mail. RSVP appreciated. Refreshments served. There will be prizes!

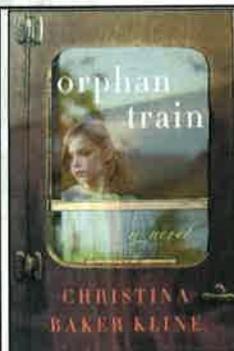


Adult Book Group: Wed., May 20 7-8pm  
*Orphan Train*

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 through Pre-School Thursdays at 11am No registration required!

5/7/15: Theme: Moms! (Make a little gift for mom)

5/21/15: Theme: Flags/Memorial Day

5/14/15: Theme: Weather

5/28/15: Theme: Mo Willems stories

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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## May Library Events

**May 2 - Welcome Baby Tea 10:00-11:00am - for new babies and their families - invites were sent in April - RSVP appreciated.**

**May 6 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm**

**May 13 - PJ Storytime 6:30-7:30pm - LAST ONE until Fall! Theme: Super Heroes - wear your PJs or favorite super hero outfit**

**May 20 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm - Orphan Train - books are available at the Library**

**May 23 - 3D printer - Show and Tell - 10:30-Noon, come see our new 3D printer in action!**

**May 27 - Make your own Aromatherapy Products with Horsetail Herbs 7-8:30pm - sign up required - limited to 10 spots.**

**Last day we are accepting donations for the Fourth of July Book Sale : Saturday, June 13.**

**Storytime every Thursday 11am**

**Playgroup every Monday 9:30-11:00am**

**Tai Chi every Mon & Wed 11:15-Noon**

**Make your own Aromatherapy Products with Kelley Robie of Horsetail Herbs  
Wednesday, May 27 from 7-8:30pm  
(sign up required - limited to 10 people)**

Formulate your own creations, with pure essential oils, creating heavenly scents! Keep your skin looking radiant & feeling healthy with a luxurious, *Moisturizing Body Butter*. Pamper yourself with *Goat Milk Melt & Pour Soap*, and don't forget those lips as we make a *Luscious Lip Balm*. . . The basics of Aromatherapy will be discussed while we are creating these amazing natural products. **You'll go home with your own hand-made goodies.** *Kelley Robie, of Horsetail Herbs*, is an Herbalist, Certified Iridologist, and Animal Communicator with a degree in Animal Science from the Univ. of Vermont.



**3D Printer Show and Tell  
- Saturday, May 23  
10:30-Noon**

Did you see our new 3D printer at the Science Fair? Both the Library and the School were awarded a 3D printer from a YALSA grant.



Come see it in action - we will be actively printing something, talking about the uses of 3D printers and how they work, and taking community input as to how we should best use these new exciting resources.

Remember the first time you used a microwave?  
**This is WAY COOLER!**  
**Open to all ages!**



**Wonderful New Art is up in the Library!**

Come view works of photography by the local horse 4-H club, Whispering Pines of Chittenden County. Members display some of their favorite photographs for the public to enjoy - and they would love for you to sign their comment book!

**This art display will run from April-June.**

**Warmer Weather = Library Museum Passes!  
Check them out for 3 days - no reservations!**

VT State Parks	ECHO
VT State Historical Sites	Shelburne Farms
Birds of VT Museum	Shelburne Museum

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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## SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Please remember to vote on our school budget Tuesday, May 5 from 7am to 7pm at the Westford School.

A mailer with budget vote information was sent to every Westford address. It is also repeated in this newsletter. Data contained in the mailer is taken directly from the budget data presented in the Town Report and at Town Meeting.

All data, presentations, and estimated tax calculations are available on the Westford School Board webpage. The materials are meant to provide a comprehensive view of our budgeting methods. In addition to budget line items, they also contain examination of projected enrollment, staffing ratios, staffing trends, comparative tax rates of neighboring towns, and more.

If you prefer a more personal experience, your school board members are always available for a phone call or email.

Additionally, we will need to appoint a new board member. A plan/schedule to fill the vacancy is slated for discussion at the May 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Many thanks to Scott Cooledge for his service and insights.

Respectfully,

Westford School Board

Mark Drapa, Martha Health, Kim Phinney, Andre Roy

# Westford School Budget Vote Dates

**New Voter Registration** \_\_\_\_\_  
**before April 29**  
**Westford Town Office**

**Absentee Ballots** \_\_\_\_\_  
**submit by 5:00pm Monday, May 4**  
**Westford Town Office**

**Informational Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Monday, May 4**  
**7:00pm, Westford School**

**Australian Ballot Voting** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
**7:00am - 7:00pm, Westford School**

Reprint of the mailer sent to all Westford residents by the Westford School Board.

**Please remember  
to vote  
Tuesday, May 5**

## **What is the proposed budget and how does it compare to last year?**

- Total budget is \$5,091,651
- Decrease of \$62,334 from last year (-1.2%)

## **What were the major budget changes?**

- Reduced staffing in response to student enrollment (-\$61k)
- Lower special education costs (-\$41k)
- Higher high school tuition rates (+\$48k)

## **What is our current enrollment?**

- K-12 enrollment: 274 students, preK: 15 students

## **What are our class sizes?**

- Average class size is 19.9 students (K-8)
- We have one classroom teacher for each grade level (K-8)
- Student to teacher and student to staff ratios 20% higher than state average.

## **What are the projected tax rate changes?**

- The anticipated base rate is now \$.98 (vs. \$1.00 at Town Meeting)
- If you pay the Homestead rate (greater than \$90,000 of income):
  - total of \$1.511
  - +\$42 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (+2.86%)
- If you pay the Income Sensitivity rate (less than \$90,000 of income):
  - total of 3.04%
  - +\$26 per \$10,000 of income (+9.35%)

## **How can a budget decrease increase taxes?**

- Contributing factors are decreased number of students, decreased revenue, and a decreased CLA (Common Level of Appraisal).

## **For more info and further questions:**

All detailed budget presentations, tax grids, and meeting minutes can be found at the Westford School Board page:

- <http://www.ccsuvt.org/school-board?refid=4>

Frequently asked questions and more in-depth data analysis can be found on the board blog:

- <http://westfordboard.blogspot.com>

Contact your board members directly:

- Mark Drapa, [madrapa@ccsuvt.org](mailto:madrapa@ccsuvt.org), 893-2689
- Andre Roy, [andre.roy@ccsuvt.org](mailto:andre.roy@ccsuvt.org)
- Martha Heath, [mheath@ccsuvt.org](mailto:mheath@ccsuvt.org), 893-1291
- Kim Phinney, [kphinney@ccsuvt.org](mailto:kphinney@ccsuvt.org), 922-2274

## 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 (WROD) and Flood Hazard Overlay District (FLOD). 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).

#### **How do I know if my property contains locally regulated water resources or floodplains?**

The easiest way to find out is to check the *Interactive Map* on the Town website [www.westfordvt.us](http://www.westfordvt.us). Information about water resources, wetlands and floodplains is listed in the legend under "Land Use" and "Natural Resources". Another option is to check Map 5 (Water Resources, Wetlands & Floodplains) of the Town Plan, available at the Town Office. 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.

#### **If your property falls within 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](http://www.westfordvt.us) or at the Town Office. We highly recommend you review the regulations in their entirety 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:

- Clearcutting and/or removing 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](mailto:zoning_admin@westfordvt.us)), or Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator ([planner@westfordvt.us](mailto: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 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](mailto:zoning_admin@westfordvt.us)) or Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator ([planner@westfordvt.us](mailto: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 Administrator, at 878-4587 or [zoning\\_admin@westfordvt.us](mailto: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).**

## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

The Planning Commission continues to be quite busy finalizing the draft development regulations and unifying the current zoning regulations and subdivision regulations into one document. Westford currently has two documents that regulate commercial and residential development: the Westford Zoning Regulations and the Westford Subdivision Regulations. The new draft regulations unify both the zoning and subdivision regulations into one document entitled the *Westford Land Use and Development Regulations*. The Planning Commission has held several public workshops during the past year seeking public comment and feedback on the various drafts of the new regulations. The most recent public workshop was on April 15<sup>th</sup> and focused on commercial development under the new draft regulations. Nine residents attended that workshop. The next public workshop is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM at the Westford Public Library and will focus on residential development under the new draft regulations. After this public workshop, the Planning Commission will review and, if necessary, amend the draft regulations, and then schedule and notice a formal public hearing at which the public may further comment on the draft regulations. That public hearing will likely not occur until June. If there are no major changes to the draft regulations as a result of that public hearing, the Planning Commission will submit the draft regulations to the Selectboard for review. The Selectboard will hold its own public hearing on the new draft regulations, likely sometime in late summer or early autumn. The Selectboard will then decide whether to reject, adopt or amend the draft regulations.

The Planning Commission has also been quite busy updating the Town Plan. Vermont Statutes require towns with duly adopted town plans to update those plans every five years. Westford last updated its Town Plan in 2010. The Town Plan must be updated and approved by the Selectboard this year....2015. The Planning Commission reviewed the 2010 Town Plan, drafted updates, and submitted the draft updated Town Plan to the newly constituted Selectboard just after Town Meeting. The Selectboard reviewed the draft updated Town Plan and held a public hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to take comments from residents. It is now the Selectboard's decision whether to adopt, reject or amend and then adopt the draft updated Town Plan. The Selectboard will likely make its decision at its meeting in May.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Planning Commission's surveys, opinion polls, meetings and hearings. Your input has been very helpful in drafting both the updated Town Plan and the Westford Land Use and Development Regulations.

Westford Planning Commission:

Jeremy Berger (Chair), Wendy Doane, Seth Jensen, Gordon Gebauer, Mark Letorney

### **UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD May Schedule**

Saturday, May 2, 5-7pm - Soup and Chocolate Supper at the Brick Meeting House  
Sunday, May 3 & 10, 8:30am - Traditional worship services with Rev. Katherine Arthaud

All are welcome!

**MISSION STATEMENT**

May 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-**

Spring is around the corner, which means that Summer won't be far behind!  
 We have a lot of summer activities lined up, so please get your registration forms in. You can go to our website to download the form at [westfordvt.us/recreation](http://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](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com).  
*Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata*



Our Next Committee Meeting is May 19th.

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

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE FOLKS INVOLVED WITH THE ICE RINK!!!**

We couldn't have had such a successful year without your help; Dave and Sue Adams for their never-ending maintenance and coordination of the rink, Morgan Emanuelsson for rink dismantling, repairs and painting; George Lamphere for use of his trailer; Art Woolf and Celeste Gaspari for off-season storage space, Frank Ammirato for the hooking up and disconnection of the lights, Henry Adams, George & Avery Lamphere and Matthew Olsen for dismantling and unloading of the rink into storage. Thank you ALL for your efforts...it is greatly appreciated!!!

**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](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)!! You can call Heather at 338-8235 with any questions.



THANK YOU to ALL the businesses that donated towards the Annual Egg Hunt goodie bags!! It was cold, wet and snowy, but the kids had a blast! Thank you to committee member Maureen Carpenter for organizing the event again this year.....we appreciate it!



**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 Habedank [directlyyVHabedank@ccsuvt.org](mailto:directlyyVHabedank@ccsuvt.org).

**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: <a href="mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com">WestfordVTRec@gmail.com</a>	

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](mailto:tiffshannon@gmail.com). Watch Front Porch Forum for updates/cancellations.

**Aloha 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!



Classes are currently by donation, until Anne completes her certification this month. You may call 802-598-6299 or email [aeorellana@yahoo.com](mailto:aeorellana@yahoo.com) with any questions. All ages and abilities welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Saturday- 5/2 Welcome Baby Tea at the Library...10-11am for all babies born in the last year!**

**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!!!!



**ZUMBA** fitness

**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!

**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](mailto: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!

**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!



# 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](mailto: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**



**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

**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.

**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**

## 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](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](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us)) for more information or an application. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## 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

## PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association will be held:

**Date: Sunday, May 17, 2015**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Place: Westford Town Library**

- To hear reports of officers and committees.
- To elect officers for the coming year.
- To discuss the future of the cemetery.
- To transact any other business deemed necessary.

## WESTFORD FIRE DEPT. TAG SALE

Westford Town Garage, Cambridge Road., Westford

*Come find bargains and support your local volunteer fire department.*

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

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

### Drop Off Dates:

\* \* Friday, May 1, 4 PM- 6 PM

### Tag Sale Date:

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



# 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](mailto: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.



## SOUP N' CHOCOLATE SUPPER

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-7pm

Brick Meeting House, Route 128, Westford

Soup, Chili, Salad, Artisan Bread, **Chocolate** desserts

### ***SILENT AUCTION***

Great Prizes

Adults \$8, Children \$5 (over 5 years),  
\$25 Max for family

*Benefits the UCW White Church Preservation Fund*

