



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

November 2015

Town Office Notes

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## Property Tax Installment

Property taxes are due Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have a November 16<sup>th</sup> postmark (postal, FedEx and UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the town office door before the office opens at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## School Merger Vote - Important Dates

- **Voter Registration Deadline, October 28<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)** – 5:00 p.m. deadline to submit an application for addition to the voter checklist, or to file a written notice of intent to apply for those who are not eligible to register to vote but will be by voting day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registration.aspx>).
- **Absentee Ballot Deadline, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday)** – 5:00 p.m. deadline. Last day a voter, or an authorized person on behalf of a voter, may request an absentee ballot. If you want to vote by absentee ballot you may request one now by calling the Town Office (878-4587) or sending an email ([townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us)).
- **November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)** – Voting day at the Westford School in the gym. Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning the voting procedures for the school merger, please contact the town office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us).

## Selectboard FY'16 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard will begin working on the FY'17 budget in October. Workshops will be held on:

- November 12<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>
- December 10<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

If needed, additional meetings will be held. The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2016. A joint informational meeting with the School Board will be held in January to present the proposed town and school budgets before finalizing them for the vote in March.

## Senior Luncheon

Our November luncheon will be on November 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Brick Meeting House. Would love to see a full house this month. Questions or need a ride? Call me at 878-3090. Carol Howrigan, President.

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Town Office Hours

- Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Closed for school unification vote
- Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Closing at 12pm
- November 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - Closed for Thanksgiving

### Westford Town Office

1713 Vermont Route 128, Westford, Vermont 05494

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## HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

For the past couple of years the Town has collected monetary donations to purchase Hannaford gift cards for Westford residents in need. We no longer collect and distribute food. The gift cards provide recipients with the ability to purchase food and household items as needed and according to their personal preferences.

Monetary donations will be accepted November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you prefer, you can purchase the gift cards (ones that prohibit tobacco and alcohol purchases) yourself. Please mail or deliver your donation to the Town Office. The gift cards will be mailed on December 21<sup>st</sup> to Westford residents only.

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

### WESTFORD COMMUNITY HOLIDAY GATHERING & TREE LIGHTING



Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 p.m.  
On the Westford Common

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

### HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Volunteers needed to help put up the ICE RINK Boards on the Westford Common

**SUNDAY, NOV 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am**

Bring tools and work gloves.  
For more info, call Dave Adams 233-5701

## SEEKING SNOW REMOVAL QUOTES FOR 2015-16 SEASON

The Westford Selectboard is requesting quotes for snow removal at the town office and library for the 2015-16 season.

Ideally, snow removal will be done prior to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. Saturday. This includes sanding/salting when needed. Snow removal includes the sidewalk from the town office parking lot to the library, the town office and library handicap ramps, stairs and stoops, back entrances at both buildings and the mailbox.

If you need additional information, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us).

Please submit quotes to 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494 or email to [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us).

**Quotes and a Certificate of Insurance must be received by 4:30 p.m. on November 12, 2015.**

The Selectboard reserves the right to reject all quotes.



## Westford Music Series Concert

at the UCW White Church  
Presenting

# Spider Roulette

4pm, Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

The Westford Music Series presents the lively blues band, Spider Roulette, in Westford on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm. Known for their lively playing, versatile vocals and wide range of instrumentation will guarantee a fun time for the audience.

The Spider Roulette Trio features, Carrie Cook, Mike Kirick and Keith Williams. The band's lead singer, Carrie Cook, is well known Vermont songstress with a strong background in bluegrass, old time country and jazz singing. She loves playing her kazoo and upright bass to blend in with her fellow musicians talents. Mike Kirick shows his considerable talent with both strong vocals and his juggy music and harmonica. The trio rounds out with Keith Williams's huge talent playing a variety of instruments including guitar, resonator guitar, ukulele, harmonica, foot drums and vocals.

Free. Donations encouraged. Refreshments.

### UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 1, 8:30am – Annual Pet Blessing. Bring your leashed or caged pet(s), or picture of your pet(s), for this spirited, fun worship service.

Sunday, November 8, 8:30am - Traditional worship services with Rev. Katherine Arthaud

Sunday, November 15, 4-5pm – Free concert featuring Spider Roulette

Please join us! All are welcome!

### RARE OFFER TO SUPPORT THE STEEPLE!

Peter Miller, renowned Westford oil painter, has offered to sell paintings at cost from his studio collection to support the United Church of Westford Steeple Fund. Since Peter uses the landscape of Westford and vicinity as his subject, there will be many familiar views and scenes of the area. The buyer will be able to choose from dozens of pieces of work at Peter's studio. This is a rare offer that will help restore and preserve our landmark building and grace your home with a painting of real value. Call Peter for more information: 879-6093.

**From This Point Forward...**  
**Jackson Farm & Forest Project**  
**&**  
**Town Center Community Wastewater Initiative**

Please note that the Town of Westford is currently in the *investigation stage* of the “Jackson Farm & Forest Project” and the Town is updating the Town Website with the “knowns” as they become available.

**In the beginning of October, the Town of Westford received the [Site Investigation, Capacity, and Preliminary Cost Estimates for a Shared Wastewater System at the Jackson Property, Westford, VT](#), which is one piece of a much larger proposal called the [Jackson Farm & Forest Project](#) .**

Currently, the Vermont Land Trust with the assistance of the Westford Conservation Commission is in the process of conducting an appraisal of the forest land and agricultural land on the Jackson Farm. The completed appraisal is expected in a few weeks. The appraisal will shape any offers to be made with the funding support of the Vermont Land Trust, and any such support as well as the wastewater report will guide the Selectboard in deciding whether to pursue the project further with Town representation and, if so, what (if any) project funds will need to be voted on in March. Please note that the Town would *not* be asking voters for one million dollars, because (if pursued) the project would be carried out through a public, private and non-profit partnership.

Please stay tuned as more information becomes available. And please note that the Westford Planning Commission will provide FAQ articles on the wastewater portion of the project in the coming weeks. We ask for your patience as the Town attempts to coalesce a proposal with many moving parts in order to gather the information necessary to allow the Selectboard and citizens to take full advantage of this opportunity, if within our means and ability.

All information available at this time (which mainly focusses on wastewater due to the recent release of the report on the property) can be found on the [\*\*Town Center Community Wastewater Initiative\*\*](#) webpage at <http://westfordvt.us/westford-town-center-community-wastewater-project/>. *This webpage includes the wastewater reports for: Town Center Area, Brick Meeting House Property, United Church of Westford Property, Upper Town Common, Town Property south of Common Road (known as “Spiller Property”) and Jack Farm Property.*

### **Westford School - Gun Free Zone & No Hunting**

The Gun Free School Zones Act of 1990 (18 U.S.C. § 922(q)) states:

It shall be unlawful for any individual knowingly to possess a firearm that has moved in or that otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is a school zone.

Hunting - is strictly prohibited on or near Westford School’s gun free safety zone. No parking on Westford School parking lots/grounds for any hunting purposes.

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**The Library will be CLOSED  
Wednesday, Nov. 27**

**&**

**Thursday, Nov. 28  
For Thanksgiving.**



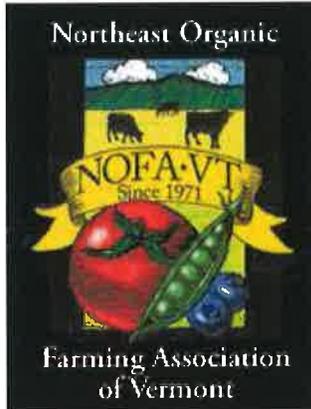
**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



**The last Tai Chi class will be  
Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 11:15-Noon**

**November 16-22 is Agriculture Literacy Week. We are having a fun contest!**

**Wed. Nov. 18 - Sat. Nov. 21 bring in an awesomely decorated fruit or vegetable. Kid and adult entries allowed - winner will receive a \$10 gift card to J&L Hardware and some pretty serious bragging rights!**



**Fire Safety Storytime-Thurs. Nov. 19 - 11am**

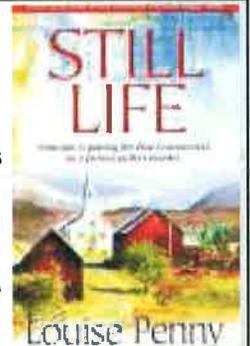
**REAL firefighters and the FIRETRUCK!  
The firefighters will read stories, teach us about fire safety and let us check out the FIRETRUCK!**

## Library Hours

**Wednesday: 1-7pm  
Thursday: 10am-7pm  
Friday: 1-7pm  
Saturday: 10am-2pm  
Closed November 26 & 27**

**Adult Book Group  
Restarting!!!  
Wed. Nov. 18  
7-8pm**

**Pick up your books now at the front desk! PLEASE join us - we NEED new people! We will be reading Still Life, by Louise Penny.**



The first book in the highly acclaimed mystery series, introduces Inspector Gamache and takes place right over the border in Quebec. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident and nothing more, but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter.

There will be no Adult Book Group in December, but be sure to pick up January's book: The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

**NO PJ STORYTIME IN NOVEMBER!  
IT WILL RETURN IN DECEMBER.**

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

**11/5/15: Theme: I Love the Letter "T"**

**11/12/15: Theme: Painting**

**11/19/15: Theme: Firefighter Storytime: See above from more details**

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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## November Library Events

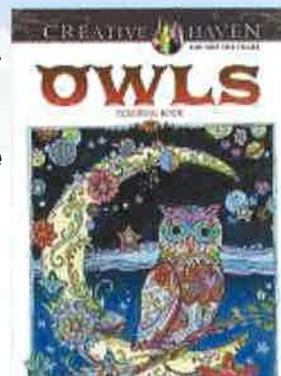
- November 4 - Last Tai Chi Class 11:15-Noon
- November 4 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- November 6 - Older Kid Coloring Night- 7-8pm  
(drop off 9+ ok) Refreshments provided
- November 13 - Family Movie Night 7-9pm:  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - pizza and popcorn, co-sponsored by the Rec. Dept. (drop off 9+ ok)
- November 18-21 Bring if a decorated fruit or vegetable for Agricultural Literacy Week
- November 18 - Book Group: Still Life by Louise Penny. Refreshments provided.
- November 19 - Firefighter Storytime 11am:  
**FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRE TRUCK!**
- November 20 - Drop in anytime 4-7pm to make a book hedgehog or turkey
- November 21 - Drop in anytime 10am-2pm to make a book hedgehog or turkey
- November 26 & 27 - CLOSED

**Playgroup every Monday 9:30am**  
**Crazy 8's Club K-2 - Wednesdays**  
**Crazy 8's Club 3-5 - Thursdays**  
**Storytime every Thursday 11am**

## Older Kid Coloring Night: Owls

Friday, Nov. 6 7-8pm

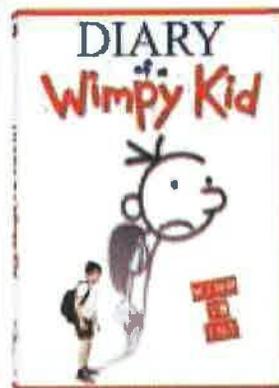
Color, relax, sip hot chocolate and experience the Zen of coloring. Colored pencils and challenging artwork make this the perfect way to unwind. This is all the rage with adults.



Kids 9+ can be dropped off.

## Family Movie Night

Friday, Nov. 13  
7-9pm  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (the Movie)



Pizza, popcorn, and drinks provided. Co-sponsored by the Rec. Dept.

Come celebrate the release of the 10th Wimpy Kid Book!

We will have a drawing for a FREE copy of the new book (only open to kids who come to this event)

"The hysterically funny, best-selling book comes to life in this smash-hit family comedy! Greg Heffley is headed for big things, but first he has to survive the scariest, most humiliating experience of any kid's life - middle school! That won't be easy, considering he's surrounded by hairy-freckled morons, wedgie-loving bullies and a slice of cheese with nuclear cooties!"

Rated PG-13, running time 92 minutes.

**Make a book hedgehog or turkey - great decorations for Fall and it's a fun recycling project.**

**Drop in anytime:**  
**Friday, Nov. 20 4-7pm**  
**Or**  
**Saturday, Nov. 21**  
**from 10am-2pm**

**All supplies provided, time varies based on the # of pages to fold, min. time 30 minutes.**



The Library is **not accepting** donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations again in the late winter/early spring. Thank you to community for all your wonderful support!

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## SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

**PLEASE GO TO THE POLLS TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> our community will be making a difficult and important decision about the future of education for the students of Westford. As was outlined in the last newsletter article, the school board made the decision to join the study of a new unified district as a way to insure the sustainability of the Westford Elementary School. Here are the reasons the Study Committee recommended forming a new unified district between Essex Town and CCSU (Essex Junction, Essex High School and Westford.) (( To view a short video showing how governance of our systems is now and how it would change go to [redstudy.wordpress.com](http://redstudy.wordpress.com) and click on the video on the right hand side of the page.))

**Preserving and Improving the Quality of Education for our Students:** Declining enrollment has caused our tax rates to rise dramatically in spite of a total budget that is lower than the FY09 budget. The state is taking away hold harmless protection, had this not been in place last year our tax rates would already be 7 cents higher than they are. Without a change, the board will have to reduce educational programs and/or increase property taxes. The committee believes education can be further improved through strategies such as sharing of best practice and programs and greater efficiency in delivery of services.

**Cost Savings:** The committee estimates that by the third year of operation nearly \$1M a year can be saved and in the 4<sup>th</sup> year and beyond over \$1M per year. This estimate was reached by extensive analysis done by the CFOs from the two districts and an outside consultant. By the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the efficiencies of operating as a single district will be fully realized. The committee cannot make guarantees about the actual tax savings because too many variables are outside the control of a local school district. The committee does feel confident that taxes will be lower than they would be without this unification of districts.

**Taking Advantage of Tax Incentives:** For a limited time, the State is offering tax incentives of 10 cents in the first year of operation declining to 2 cents in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation

**Controlling Our Own Destiny:** The legislation passed last year requires school districts to look at new forms of governance. If Essex Town and Essex Junction unify and Westford votes “no”, Westford will be assigned to a different Supervisory Union to receive superintendent and central office services. By 2019, Westford would have to be to be part of a larger district (of at least 900 students) or be assigned to one by the state or explain how we can meet all the state’s requirements without doing so.

**Westford Specific Provisions:** The committee recognized that Westford has some unique challenges to consider in this proposal. The Articles of Agreement grandfather students who are currently attending high schools other than Essex HS at the time the new unified district would begin operation (July 1, 2017). The articles also address school closure guaranteeing that the school would stay open for at least four years and that the Town of Westford would have the right of first refusal to buy the property if a closure were to happen. For the foreseeable future, the schools in Essex Town and Essex Junction do not have room for Westford students and all the schools’ teacher/student ratios are appropriate meaning that no closures are anticipated. Finally, if Westford votes “no” in November and Essex Town and Essex Junction vote “yes”, Westford will have until July 1, 2016 to hold a second vote on whether to join.

**Concerns About Use of School Land and Trails:** This subject came up at our last forum. It was discussed at length during the study committee’s deliberations. We learned that any agreements that are in place when the new district becomes operational are binding on the new district. If it is the will of the community, and we believe it likely is, the Westford School Board could enter into a long term lease with the Town of Westford to insure town residents retain access to the land and the trails.

Want to learn more? Please visit the study committee’s website at <https://redstudy.wordpress.com/>. There is a wealth of information to be found there. Still have questions? Please contact a board member or a member of the study committee. Once again, PLEASE VOTE on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Martha Heath      Mark Drapa      Andre Roy      Kim Phinney      Christian Frenette

## NOVEMBER SCHOOL NEWS

The Westford School library welcomed Melissa Stewart, an award-winning author of over 150 science books for children. During her visit to Westford our preschool through second grade students participated in Melissa's workshop called Bringing Science to Life. They explored some of Melissa's books together and learned about the book making process. The preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students watched as the second grade students performed a reader's theater. Third and fourth grade students learned to think like scientists while crafting nonfiction writing. Melissa guided them through selecting topics, researching, crafting a piece of writing that is organized, clear and engaging, as well as how to make a piece of writing even better by revising.

The Regional Education District (RED) Study Committee hosted three public forums in October to help answer questions leading up to the November 3rd vote. Check out the RED webpage at <https://redstudy.wordpress.com/> to view the presentation, to view a short video, for frequently asked questions, and to learn more about the upcoming vote. All Westford residents are encouraged to vote in this very important educational decision.

The Howard Center will present "Paper Tigers" November 16th at the Film House at Lake and College in Burlington. The film focuses on students at an alternative school that specializes in educating traumatized youth and examines the potential for trauma informed communities to help children who have been impacted by adverse childhood experiences. Visit [www.howardcenter.org](http://www.howardcenter.org) for more information. Westford School has been engaged in professional learning specific to trauma informed practices to meet the needs of all students. Community members are encouraged to attend this presentation to learn more about a successful school that is meeting the needs of traumatized youth.

### Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Throughout much of Westford School the first unit of study in writing has focused on narratives where students write about small moments. The 3rd and 4th grade students shared aloud sections and craft techniques from their true stories during a writing celebration with families. During the second part of the event, visitors read full stories and left comments on student work. This authentic audience and feedback are great examples of a strong family-school partnership, much like our home reading logs, that have a powerful impact on student learning. This is an example of work that has replaced the traditional homework approach to extend learning in meaningful and authentic ways for students and families.

Westford School has successfully completed assessments identified on the Comprehensive Assessment Plan for fall. This data provides baseline literacy and math information for each student. We use this information to inform instruction, measure progress, and to identify striving learners who may need extra support. Much of this information was available and shared with parents during conferences.

The end of the first trimester is approaching. Trimester 1 ends on November 20th and progress reports will go home on Friday, December 4th. Powerschool, our student information system, will continue to generate progress reports for students K-4. However, grades 5-8 has transitioned to JumpRope, a fully electronic standards-based reporting system. Students and families are now able to check an individual student's progress in his or her classes by [accessing the online JumpRope portal](#). Click on [these directions for more specific log in information](#). We hope you find the level of detail and specificity that the portal provides about student learning to be informative. No one system can meet the needs of all families. So, please feel free to continue to contact teachers with any questions, comments, or concerns specific to your child's progress.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**November 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-**

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Recreation Department Coordinator! I will announce the name of our new coordinator when all the town paperwork has been processed, but wanted to thank those few individuals who expressed interest in the position. Your new coordinator is going to bring great experience and energy to the town and we are excited to have two months of transition, so that the turnover can be smooth! Keep your eyes posted for our formal announcement!

Thank you to all the fall soccer coaches for a great season!!! We had some new coaches volunteer, and we are grateful for your time and positive energy! Jeff LaBossiere, David Smith, Greg Baker, Heidi Rabtoy and Bert Sheltra...thank you all for coaching our pre-k/K, grade 1/2 and 3/4 teams!! Thank you to the runners who came out and supported our 4th Annual Pumpkin 5K and 1K Fun Run! We had a good turn out and were so appreciative to the Westford PTO for donating snacks and drinks, which made up an impressive free food spread for our participants!

*Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata*

Our Next Committee Meeting is November 10th. Please let us



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

**YUP!!! IT'S That Time Again!!!**



**TIME TO SET UP THE ICE RINK ON THE COMMON!!!!!!**

If you enjoy using our FREE ice rink all winter long, then we need to see you on **NOVEMBER 1st from 10:00am - 12:00pm** We'll be setting up the rink boards and lights. Please bring screw guns, wrenches, sledge hammers, and some good weather! Please do your part to help keep this tradition alive in our town! **Rinkmaster Dave Adams** will be there leading the charge!

**DIY HALLOWEEN Mask-Making and Ghoulish Games!!**

When: October 31st Time: 10:30-12:00pm

Where: Westford Public Library Who: Kids all ages!

What: Come dressed up in your costumes and decorate masks at the library. Afterward we will head over to the Common for some fun games, like pin the spider on the web and bean bag toss. All participants will receive a goodie bag!! Fun for kids of ALL ages!! See you there...if you dare!!!!



**ZUMBA!! 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! Try something new!!!

**Sangha Yoga with Anne**  
Tuesday evenings from 7-8:00pm join Anne

Whitney at the Red Brick Meeting House for some restorative and/or flow yoga. \$12/class. Call 802-598-6299 or email [aorellana@yahoo.com](mailto:aorellana@yahoo.com) with any questions. All ages and abilities welcome!!



**Integral YOGA w/Tiffany**

Every **WEDNESDAY** evening, 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.



**Recreation Department Committee Members**

Heather Armata, Coordinator 338-8235  
Maureen Carpenter 893-5096  
Martha Bennett 878-9269  
Greg Baker 324-5537

Danielle Vierling 871-9404  
Noel Boutin 878-3632  
Meredith Irish 373-9980  
Email: [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)

Winter Sports are HERE!!!! Keep yourself moving!!!



**Basketball Starts this Month!!!**

Mark your calendars.....Practices will start the week of November 16th.

Registration is OPEN for the following ages:

Boys 3/4.....Girls 3/4.....Boys 5/6.....Girls 5/6

**Registration Fee: DUE 11/6!!! \$35/First Child, \$30/Second Child, Max \$80/Family**

*(We are trying to determine if we will end up with a co-ed 3/4 team. If so, we'll modify the practice times. Also, we might be changing the practice days of the 5/6 girls and 3/4 teams. A final schedule will be published once we work it out with coaches and determine the number of teams we have. Thank you for your patience!!)*

**TENTATIVE Schedule is as follows:**

3/4 Girls— Fridays, 6:30-8pm, Saturdays (tentative) 11:00-12:30pm.

3/4 Boys— Fridays, 6:30-7:30pm, Saturdays (tentative) 12:30-2:00pm.

5/6 Girls— Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30-8pm, Saturdays 9:30-11:00am.

5/6 Boys— Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-8pm, Saturdays 8-9:30am.

ALL GAMES ARE TBD. Scheduling will occur November 5th.

Watch FPF, Rec Dept. Facebook Page and Email for more information! Scholarships available! Drop off registration form at Town Office, along with payment. Thanks!

**November 13th.....Family Movie Night in Westford!** Co-sponsored with the Westford Public Library, we are hosting a movie night from 7-9pm. **Free to all, but please bring Thanksgiving oriented non-perishable food donations for the Westford Food Shelf.** Pizza, Popcorn and Drinks provided and this is a DROP-OFF event for ages 9+. Under 9, an adult must accompany. RSVP is appreciated, so we know how much pizza to bring, but not necessary. Email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.



**4th Annual Holiday Bazaar and Children's Craft Center  
December 12th at the Westford Elementary School**

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

**Adults:** Come peruse the various crafts, gifts and baked goods for sale and buy local for the upcoming holidays! There we SO many choices last year!!!

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

**Fee:** \$15/child (craft center fee only) **Bazaar is FREE & Open to the Public!**

**Time:** 9-2:00pm

**Want to be a Vendor?:** Our table rentals are only \$10, reserve your space **TODAY!!** Space is limited, so get your registration & payment in ASAP! (Email me to reserve your space & drop off your registration form/payment at the Town office. Please make a notation as to what items you will be selling and email me pictures so that I can post on our Facebook event page) Vendors of all ages welcome!! Contact Heather at 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com



LOOKING FOR NORDIC SKIING COACHES!!! Do you love to go Nordic skiing? Would you like to pass that love of the sport along to children? If so, we are in need of some Nordic skiing coaches! We have new equipment that we would like to get some great use out of! Please email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com if you think that you might be interested in coaching/teaching one day a week this winter. We do not compete, only ski the great trails of the school, develop skills and have fun!

# 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 RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**ADULT BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT**

January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

WESTFORD ICE RINK ON THE COMMON

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

*Registration due January 1, 2016*  
*(Adult Tournament has 22 slots available)*

***First Come First Served!!!***

This is NOT ice hockey! No skates are needed - players wear boots (your own). We'll provide the equipment. Teams can be coed. Exact times and schedules to be determined by the number of teams registered. Food and refreshments will be for sale at the Red Brick Meeting House throughout the entire tournament. Adult teams are grade 9 and older and there is NO LIMIT to the number of players on a team. We will email all teams prior to the tournament with their first game time. First Game starts at 9:00am on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. All players (or a parent if under age of 18) ***MUST*** sign attached waiver, or you WILL NOT PLAY....NO EXCEPTIONS.

Additional waivers are available at Westford Town Offices. For more information email

WestfordVTREC@gmail.com.

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**W.R.D.'s 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BROOMBALL TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (Team Captain) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team members: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Minimum of 5 players required for a team)



# WESTFORD TURKEY TROT



**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

**Registration: 8:30 a.m. Race Start: 10 a.m.**

**Snow, Rain or Shine**

**Westford School**

**Brookside Road, Westford, VT**

**10k run ★ 3k walk/run ★ 100 yd Tot Trot (6 & under)**

**\$12, pre-register online by Nov 19**

**\$15, day of race**

**Random Drawing for Prizes!**

**Homemade treats & chili for sale!**

Proceeds benefit The Committee for Westford Children and Families

**[www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com](http://www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com)**