

# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

May 2016

## Westford Town Office

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



## Town Office Notes

### Property Taxes Due - Final Installment

The final property tax installment is due Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Payments postmarked (US postal, UPS, FedEx) by the 16<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 Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The drop box is located to the left of the town office door.

**Please note** - If you pay your taxes using Bill Pay (generating a check online through your financial institution), please make sure you allow sufficient time for mailing. These envelopes do not bear a postmark therefore will be acknowledged by the date received at the Town Office not by the date on the check.

**Any taxes received or postmarked later than May 16<sup>th</sup> will be subject to 1% interest and an 8% penalty.**

### Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Brick Meeting House. All seniors 55+ are welcome. Please join us for a home cooked meal and good conversation. If you need a ride, please call me at 878-3090. Hope to see you there. Carol Howrigan, President

### 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 \$17.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$14.00.

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 Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

### Newsletter Deadline

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

# 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 seepage 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).**

## GET INVOLVED IN TOWN GOVERNMENT- JOIN THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD!

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

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

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

## SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Change and transition seem to be the topic of most school board meetings lately. While this will continue to be true for a while, I'd like to call attention to some traditions that are thankfully reliable.

The annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Italian Dinner was a very enjoyable night, as always. The gym was packed with families being served by our eighth grade students. The hard work and coordination required to make this event a success were visible in every corner. "Westford's best restaurant" may only be open for one night per year, but it's one to look forward to.

Later in the month, the gym was abuzz again with the school Science Fair. This year, it was announced that we had a record high number of students participating, and the excitement was visible. A wide range of ages was represented, with tables exploring scientific concepts from Kindergarten through eighth grade. The dedication from the coordinating staff and participants was fantastic. Thank you to all for your continued hard work.

Returning to change, there are several items that should be of interest to Westford residents:

- The new unified school district is required to hold an annual meeting this spring. The meeting has been warned for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Essex High School. Meeting agendas and minutes can be found at <http://essexwestford.blogspot.com/>
- The school land liaisons from the Selectboard (Dave Adams) and school board (Mark Drapa) have been working with the town's real estate lawyer to prepare several concepts for school land ownership and usage agreements. We will hold a public meeting to present the concepts and solicit feedback from town residents. This first meeting will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Westford School. A second meeting opportunity will be scheduled in June as well.

Respectfully,

Mark Drapa, Christian Frenette, Martha Heath, Kim Phinney, Andre Roy

# WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWS

## News & Events

### Science Fair

The Westford Science Fair celebrated its fifth anniversary this year with the theme of "Earth's Energy is Everywhere!" Kurt Sherman is the faculty advisor and takes the lead in organizing, promoting, supporting student ideas and execution, and providing consultation to colleagues. Over 50 third through seventh graders participated this year, with a record twenty-four entering the competition portion of the fair. We also had a large turnout of classroom teachers who stayed throughout the event. The science fair serves as an exciting, culminating event for students and highlights their interests and creativity. Every participant received a badge stating "Science Rocks" as a promotional reinforcement for hard work toward product completion.

This year included regular contributors from Westford's Lego-Robotics Club, as well as a natural science table demonstrating owl pellet analysis contributed through the town library. New to our family of contributors is the Westford School LittleBits League demonstrating electronic devices constructed from programmed and original designs. The 7/8 team contributed their engineering theme on bridge construction and strength building by "breaking" three entries of different designs. In our Cadet Class, emphasis is placed on following the scientific method using inquiry whilst using a topic of personal interest. Medals were awarded for the smaller Competition Class in 3/4 and 5/6. Honorable mentions ribbons were given for competitive class entries showing distinction in design, research and execution.

### Green Up Day: Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Westford tradition of Green Up Day continues this year with students again supporting road side clean up and areas surrounding school grounds.

### Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation is May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the PTO and all parents who support this wonderful Westford tradition of recognizing exceptional teachers.

### Upcoming Events

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Date Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip is June 9-10.
- 7/8 Plymouth Trip is June 1-2.
- Primary Breakfast is June 10.
- Evacuation & Relocation Drill is May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Kindergarten Orientation is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- SBAC Administration for Grades 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8.
- NECAP Science Assessment.
- Step Up Day is Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

## Travel Talk

**Wed., May 11 7-8:30pm**

This Month's Destination is: TBD  
We still need a presenter for this month - if willing, please contact Bree. Watch FPF for more details.



Share a fun evening with fellow travel enthusiasts.  
Refreshments served.

Travel Talk will be taking a break during the Summer months. It will return in September 14, destination Poland.

Accepting Book Donations: Read on for times!

The Westford Public Library is accepting donations for our Annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We are doing things differently this year in hopes of bring you a better, more organized book sale. We will be accepting donations on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays of May and June from 10am-Noon. Please, stick to these times only.** So that's **5/14, 5/28, 6/11, and 6/25.**

We are also limiting drop off of donations to **TWO BOXES PER PERSON PER VISIT.**

We **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING:** VHS tapes, Cassettes, Music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. Ask yourself "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale.

We **WILL BE ACCEPTING:** books in good condition, hard covers, paperbacks, kids books, DVDs, and audiobooks.



If you have items that are not accepted here Goodwill and CSWD Drop off locations also accept books for sale and recycling.

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS - IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MAKES A BIG MESS! THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your support of the Westford Public Library!

## Library Hours

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

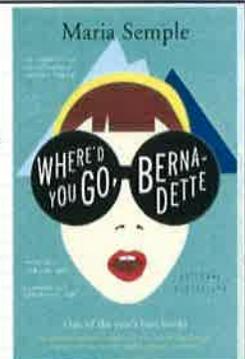
## Adult Book Group

**Wed. May 18**

**7-8pm**

**Pick up your books at the front desk!**

**We will be reading**  
**Where'd You Go, Bernadette**  
**by: Maria Semple**



Bernadette Fox is notorious. To her Microsoft-guru husband, she's a fearlessly opinionated partner; to fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, she's a disgrace; to design mavens, she's a revolutionary architect, and to 15-year-old Bee, she is a best friend and, simply, Mom.

Then Bernadette disappears. It began when Bee aced her report card and claimed her promised reward: a family trip to Antarctica. But Bernadette's intensifying allergy to Seattle--and people in general--has made her so agoraphobic that a virtual assistant in India now runs her most basic errands. A trip to the end of the earth is problematic.

To find her mother, Bee compiles email messages, official documents, secret correspondence--creating a compulsively readable and touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world.

(from Amazon.com)

Extra copies available at the desk.

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

**5/5/16:** Theme: Mother's Day

**5/12/16:** Theme: Mo Willem's Elephant & Piggie

**5/19/16:** Theme: Rebus Stories

**5/26/16:** Theme: Dinosaurs!

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!

The WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY provides access to materials, technology, reference services and programs to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the Westford community.

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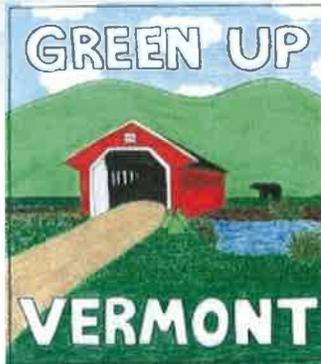
## May Library Events

- May 4 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- May 7 - Green Up/Clean Up the Library! 10am-Noon - Contact Bree to offer help.
- May 9 - Last BFF Playgroup of the Season
- May 11 - Travel Talk 7-8:30pm, Destination: TBD
- May 13 - Family Movie Night (w/ the Rec. Dept.)  
Pizza, popcorn, drinks provided. Movie: The Peanuts Movie. 7-9pm
- May 14 - Book Sale Donation drop off 10am-Noon
- May 18 - Last Crazy 8's grades K-2
- May 18 - Adult Book Group "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" 7-8pm, refreshments served
- May 19 - Last Crazy 8's grades 3-5
- May 21 - Pancake Breakfast and Storytime 9am-10:30am - Pancakes, Maple syrup, and stories - fun for all ages! (Helpers and syrup donations needed - contact Bree)
- May 28 - Book Sale Donation drop off 10am-Noon

**Playgroup Mondays 9:30am - last one 5/9**  
**Crazy 8's K-2 Wednesdays afterschool-5pm**  
**Crazy 8's 3-5 Thursdays afterschool-5pm**  
**Storytime every Thursday 11am**

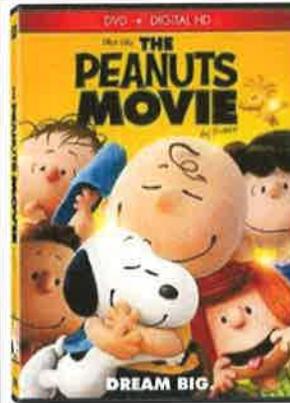
### **Green Up, Clean Up the Library!** Saturday, May 7 - 10am to Noon

The Library could use some help sprucing up! Not only trash pick up, but there are plenty of other tasks - raking gravel out of the grass, weeding, and some Spring cleaning jobs both inside and out. Great for all ages. Many hands make light work - contact Bree for projects. We also have Green Up Day bags to pick up so you can make your own part of Vermont beautiful!



The Library is **accepting donations** of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations on the second and fourth Saturdays of April, May and June from 10am-Noon. Please drop off donations during those times **ONLY**. Thank you to community for supporting our annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

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**Family Movie Night**  
**Fri., May 13 7-9pm**  
**The Peanuts Movie**  
**(Rated G, 89 minutes)**

Join the Library and the Westford Rec. Dept. as we present another family friendly movie.

Pizza, popcorn, and drinks provided for **FREE!**

Drop off OK for kids 9+, but fun for the whole family!

**DREAM BIG AND LAUGH ALONG** with Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the rest of the beloved Peanuts gang!

**Pancake Breakfast and Storytime**  
**Saturday, May 21 9am-10:30am**  
 (note earlier time)

Celebrate the end of sugaring season with some tasty pancakes, maple syrup, and stories! We'll have breakfast (pancakes, fruit, milk, juice, coffee), and then we will have a special Saturday story time (Theme: Pancakes!). Storytime will begin around 10am.



**HELPERS NEEDED** for pancake flipping, and Maple syrup donations appreciated. Contact Bree at the Library to sign up for helping or donating syrup.

# Westford Recreation Department

Mission Statement:

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.

## For Families

### Edible/Medicinal Walk

May 21st \* 10:00am - 12:00pm \* Westford School Trails

All ages \* Rain Date May 22nd 1:00pm - 3:00pm

\$12/Person \* Maximum 12 participants



Join us for an easy walk through a field, along a brook and into the woods in search of edible and medicinal plants.

We'll talk about a bit of botany (some amazing plant life cycles); ecology (especially plant / insect associations); and Native American uses mixed with a bit of folklore and whimsy; or, as my Dad used to say "What you can eat if you're starving in the forest."

Meet at the Westford School parking lot near trail #1 marker.

## Movie Night

May 13th \* 7:00pm - 9:00pm

"The Peanuts Movie"

Westford Library

Pizza, Popcorn Drinks!

(under age 9 needs to be accompanied by an adult)



## For Kids and Teens

### Summer Soccer

Grades PreK - 2

Mondays beginning July 11th

6:00pm - 7:00pm

\$25/Player for 6 Weeks \* WES

## Looking Ahead

### June

Summer Camps Begin  
Deadline for Registration  
Is June 1st!

Check Out the Summer Camp  
Flyer Today!

Summer Pick Up Games  
For Grades 7 - 10 Begin

### July

4th of July Celebration  
Parade, Book Sale, Food, Music,  
Old Fashioned Relay Games

If you are interested in joining the  
parade, vending on the common  
or have any questions, please  
email [westfordvtrec@gmail.com](mailto:westfordvtrec@gmail.com)  
Or call (802)662-1042.

### August

Summer Concert Series  
Red Hot Juba  
August 21st \* 7:00om - 9:00pm  
Westford Common  
Rain Location: RBMH

Look for Fall Soccer and  
Afterschool Program Information

For Adults

### Adult Pick Up Basketball

Wednesdays through May 25th  
8:00pm - 9:30pm \* FREE  
Join us for basketball.  
Bring a friend or two.



### Gentle Yoga Series

4 Week Session Beginning May 25th  
Wednesdays \* 9:30am - 10:30am \* RBMH  
Fee: \$40/4 weeks or \$12 drop in

Practice a gentle flow sequence to calm your mind and open and strengthen your body. This class is suitable for beginners as well as more advanced students looking to slow the pace down.

### Restorative Yoga & Aromatherapy with Kim

Wednesday May 25th \* 7:00pm - 8:00pm\* RBMH  
\$12/Person \* Drop Ins Welcome \* Open to all levels

Through the use of props (bolsters, blankets, blocks) your body will be supported in poses allowing you to experience a release of deep muscle tension and blocked energy leaving you feeling rejuvenated and restored.

Aromatherapy will be used throughout to enhance the sense of deep calm you will find from this practice.

Please bring a mat and 2 blankets.  
Contact Kim with any questions at [kim@annecy.us](mailto:kim@annecy.us).



Coming Soon!  
Discounted Ticket Purchase Opportunities!

Great Escape  
Six Flags New England  
Bromley Adventure Park  
Killington Adventure Center  
Arbortrek Canopy Adventures at Smugglers Notch

#### Recreation Department Committee Members

Bekah Gwozdz, Coordinator	662-1042	Danielle Vierling	871-9404
Maureen Carpenter	893-5096	Martha Bennett	878-9269
Meredith Irish	373-9980	Greg Baker	324-5537
Jeff LaBossiere		Email: <a href="mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com">WestfordVTRec@gmail.com</a>	

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# Summer Camps

Registration  
Deadline  
June 1st!

\$35 deposit due at registration. Full payment due by June 1st.

## American Revolution

June 27 - August 1 \* 8:30am - 4:30pm \* Grades 1 - 3 \* RBMH \* \$175/Child \* Instructor: Bekah Gwozdz

Just in time for 4th of July! Participants will explore the time period surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence through active games, hands on activities, cooking, and crafts.

Participants are invited to march in the 4th of July parade with the Westford Recreation Department.

## Cycles and Circles

July 11 - July 15 \* 8:30am - 4:30pm \* Ages 6 - 12 \* WES \* \$175/Child \* Instructor: Sarah Stein

Let's follow a drop of water. Find the eggs of baby bugs and seeds that will become mighty trees. Investigate the life cycles that surround the Westford School.

## Art Adventures

July 18 - July 22 \* 8:30am - 4:30pm \* Ages 6 - 12 \* WES \* \$195/Child \* Instructor: Sarah Stein

Have you ever painted with a flower or tie-dyed with beets? Explore different out-of-the-box ways to create art.

## Westford Explorers

July 25 - July 29 \* 8:30am - 4:30pm \* Ages 6 - 12 \* RBMH \* \$175/Child \* Instructor: Sarah Stein

Using the Red Brick Meetinghouse as home base, we will discover the historical and modern town of Westford.

Who built the covered bridge? Who keeps the town running? What can you do to help your town?





May 2016

# Summer Camps



\$35 deposit due at registration. Full payment due by June 1st.

## Soccer Camp

August 1 - August 5 \* Grades 3 - 5 \* WES \* \$55 each session / \$100 for both

Session A 8:30am - 12:00pm \* Coach Joe Aiken is back! Practice your soccer skills in a fun way.

Session B 12:00pm - 4:30pm \* Sports exploration.

This summer we are offering two sessions per day. The morning session will be spent working on soccer skills and scrimmaging.

The afternoon session will be more laid back and offer a variety of sports and physical activities.

## Vikings

August 8 - August 12 \* 8:30am - 4:30pm \* Grades 1 - 3 \* RBMH \* \$175/Child \* Instructor: Bekah Gwozdz

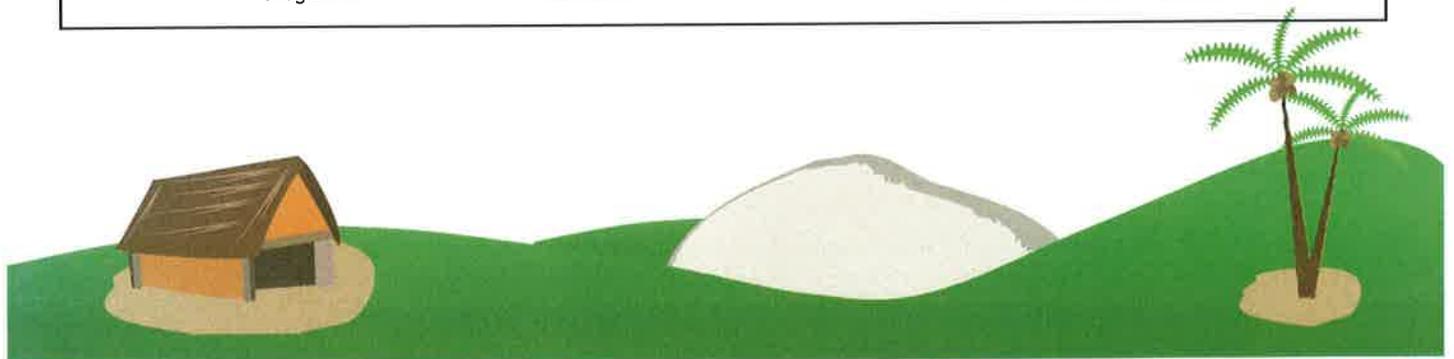
Want to know more about these Norse explorers? This is the camp for you!

Participants will explore the time period surrounding the Viking explorations through active games, hands on activities, cooking, and crafts.

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Noel Boutin 878-3632  
Meredith Irish 373-9980  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ ALT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please list medical conditions, physical limitations, allergies, or restrictions WRD should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name	Grade	Program	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Total Fee:</b>			_____

Would you be willing to coach or be a parent helper?  Yes  No

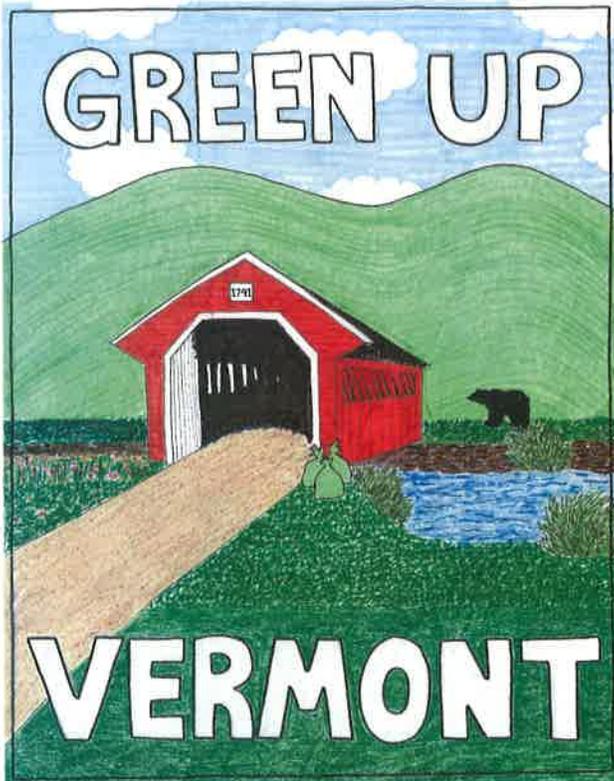
**\*\*\*Please contact a Recreation Department member if your financial situation is preventing you from signing yourself, or your child, up for a program. Scholarships are available.\*\*\***

**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**



## GREEN UP DAY SATURDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>

Green Up Day bags are available at the Town Office and Westford Library.

A dumpster will be at the town garage (35 Cambridge Road) to bring your Green Up Day bags to. Please do not leave bags on the side of the road as there is no pick up available. All bags must be delivered and deposited in the dumpster.

Be safe out there on Green Up Day! Wear brightly colored clothes, sensible shoes, gloves, and sunscreen. Be tick smart! Wear long pants, avoid tall grass, wear bug repellent and check for ticks when you arrive home.

For more information on Green Up Day go to <http://www.greenupvermont.org/> or contact the Town's Green Up Day Coordinator, Mark Peloquin, at 233-6417 or [mark\\_peloquin@yahoo.com](mailto:mark_peloquin@yahoo.com).

### 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 & Pleasant View Cemetery Association

### UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD May Schedule

Sunday, May 1, 8:30am – Worship service with guest speaker Susan Lloyd

Sunday, May 8, 8:30am – Worship service with Rev. Katherine Arthaud

Saturday, May 14, 5-7pm – Soup and Chocolate Supper at the Brick Meeting House

All are welcome!

### NEW FIRE CHIEF FOR WESTFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

After many years of service to the Westford Volunteer Fire Department, and to the Town of Westford, Randy Botala has decided to step down as Chief and retire from fire service. Please join the members of the Fire Department in thanking Randy for his service, dedication, and the sharing of his knowledge.

We are proud to announce that Steve Willard has been elected as our new Chief, effective April 11, 2016. Bill Fay was elected Assistant Chief; Tony Pouliot and John Quinn were elected Captains.

## **Westford Volunteer Fire Department Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship**

We are pleased to announce we are accepting applications for the **2016 Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship**. Applications for this scholarship must be received by May 16, 2016.

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 since 2003.

Westford students graduating from high school this year should contact John Quinn at [jquinninvt@aol.com](mailto:jquinninvt@aol.com) request a scholarship application form. Please be sure you clearly state your name, mailing address and phone number when sending your email request with "2016 Scholarship" in the subject line.

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 may be submitted by email to John Quinn at [jquinninvt@aol.com](mailto:jquinninvt@aol.com) or through the USPS to the 2016 Betty Fay Memorial Scholarship, c/o Westford Fire Department, PO Box 54, Westford VT 05494.



# SOUP 'N CHOCOLATE SUPPER

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</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*





# Westford PTO

May 2016 Newsletter

*The Westford PTO mission is to enrich our children's lives with educational and extracurricular activities.*

## School Staff Appreciation — May 2–6

Please join us in showing appreciation for the Westford teachers and staff by contributing a dish for their lunch break. We have themes for each day, and assigned grades. Please sign up to bring something in on your child's day. Or if you prefer, send in desserts or snacks any day that is convenient for you. Look for the Signup Genius link via e-mail, then drop your items off to the front office by 11 am.

Monday 5/2	Tuesday 5/3	Wednesday 5/4	Thursday 5/5	Friday 5/6
Soups & Salads	Italian	Brunch for Lunch	Picnic	Appetizers & Desserts
Grades 1-4	Ms. Lewis & Ms. Martin	Grades 5-8	Pre-K & Kindergarten	Open to all grades

## Green Up Day — Friday, May 6, noon-2:15 pm

Our annual Green Up Day service project returns! All students will need to wear boots and gloves for their protection. Once again this year, students will be picking up trash on the dirt roads around town and on school grounds. Please be aware and drive safely. Safety rules for Green Up Day participants are available at:

<http://www.greenupvermont.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Safety-Rules.pdf>

Primary grade students groom school grounds with the help of middle school students, and the elementary students go roadside with parent volunteers. Students bring their finds to the town garage. Please join in this worthwhile Westford School tradition.

## Westford School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft Fair

**Tuesday, May 17, 5:00-7:00 pm**

Booth setup is from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Proceeds benefit the Westford Elementary School Art Program.

Attention all artisans, bakers, and crafters: Westford Elementary School is hosting a craft fair, and we want YOU to showcase and sell your handmade creations!

There will be a lot of traffic at the school due to Fine Arts night, so crafters will have a large pool of built-in buyers for their wares.

The deadline for applying for a 6x8 space is Friday, May 7th. Craft spaces are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (who will split the space with one other child). E-mail Jessica, [jgj33@msn.com](mailto:jgj33@msn.com), as soon as possible to reserve your space. Join us in this fun event!

## PTO Calendar

**Monday, May 2**

**School Board meeting**

Westford School, 6:30 pm.

**May 2 – 6**

**School Staff Appreciation Week**

**Friday, May 6**

**Green Up Day**

Westford School,  
noon-2:15 pm.

**Wednesday, May 11**

**PTO monthly meeting**

Westford School, 7:00 pm.

**Monday, May 16**

**U46 School Board meeting**

EHS Library, 6:00 pm.

**Tuesday, May 17**

**Fine Arts Night**

Westford School,  
5:00-6:30 pm.

**Tuesday, May 17**

**Westford School Craft Fair**

Westford School,  
5:00-7:00 pm.

**Thursday, May 19**

**In-Service Day, no school.**

**Monday, May 30**

**Memorial Day, no school.**

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