



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

April 2015

## Westford Town Office

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## Town Office Notes

### Seeking People to Serve on Town Road Committee

The Road Committee is charged with updating the Town's Road Plan. The plan spans a period of five (5) years, the last one being adopted in 2012. The current Road Plan can be viewed at <https://westfordvt.us/boards/road-committee/> or at the Town Office.

Members of the Committee will work closely with the Road Foreman. The Committee will review the prior road plan(s), plan future road projects, make recommendations to the Selectboard for budget items, etc. If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please submit a letter of interest by April 20<sup>th</sup> to [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) or Town of Westford, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494.

### Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are due by 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. **If you no longer have your dog or your dog has died, please let us know!** For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and your license will be mailed to you. The fee until April 1<sup>st</sup> is \$11.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$13.00 for dogs that are not spayed or neutered. Dog licenses obtained **after April 1<sup>st</sup> are subject to a late fee.** We encourage all dog owners to register their dogs before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Homestead Declaration

If you are a Vermont resident and own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, **you must file a Homestead Declaration by April 18<sup>th</sup>.** For more information on filing the Homestead Declaration, please go to <http://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>.

### Senior Luncheons

The Senior Luncheons will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Red Brick Meeting House. All seniors 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

### Spring Yard Clean Up

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

- Burn permits are required prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online ([www.westfordvt.us](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 <http://www.cswd.net/>.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## NO RECYCLING PICKUP MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

There are 5 Wednesdays in March, which means there is NO recycle pick up on Wednesday, March 30th. This means there will be 2 weeks in between your last pickup in March and your first pickup in April. Please note your calendar.

# Town of Westford

## Seeking Mowing Quotes for 2016 Season

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

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

All properties require weekly mowing. Trimming is not required weekly however the maximum amount of time between trimmings shall not exceed two weeks. The mowing schedule must take into consideration the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well as the Farmers' Market schedule (Monday afternoons). Mowing shall be done in a manner that allows sufficient time for grass clippings to dry unless weather conditions make this impossible (e.g. raining for several days in a row leading up to the Farmers' Market and July 4<sup>th</sup>).

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

- **Brick Meeting House**, large brick building located on Route 128, east of the town common. Mowing shall be done on the same schedule as the town properties.
- **Brookside Cemetery** (Maple Tree Lane), **Richardson Cemetery** (Covey Road) and **Cloverdale Cemetery** (Route 15). The cemeteries require mowing on an as needed basis, usually about every 2 weeks and trimming every other time. The job also includes spring cleanup (i.e. branches and brush) and final clean up in early October. Spring cleanup and the first mowing need to be completed by Memorial Day. The mowing schedule needs to take into consideration the following holidays: Mother's Day, Father's Day, July 4, Labor Day and Columbus Day.

NOTE – All gravestones, upright fieldstones and markers need to be treated with care to maintain their integrity. Stones and markers cannot be dislodged or removed.

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- \* Please submit 3 references with your quotes.
  - \* The chosen contractor will need to provide proof of liability insurance and may need to complete a W-9.
  - \* The contractor who performed this work last season is not available to submit quotes this season.

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

**The Selectboard reserves the right to reject all quotes.**

**Mail quotes to Town of Westford, Attn: Nanette Rogers, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494 or email to [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us). Quotes must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2016.**

## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

After five years of surveys, opinion polls, research and drafting, the Planning Commission is pleased to announce that the new “Westford Land Use & Development Regulations” have been approved by the Selectboard and became effective on March 10, 2016. You can find the new regulations on the Town’s website or by using this link: <https://westfordvt.us/documents/planning-zoning/>

During the past year, the Planning Commission also updated the five year Town Plan. The last update to the Town Plan was in 2010. The new Town Plan became effective on May 14, 2015. It can be found on the Town’s website or by using this link: <https://westfordvt.us/2015-town-plan/>

One of the projects the Planning Commission is currently working on is reviewing and potentially updating our river corridor information and maps. As we have seen too frequently in Vermont recently, major storm events can cause tremendous damage to land and structures, divert river and stream channels, and cause flooding and erosion in areas that never experienced problems before. Westford is fortunate in that it has very few structures located within the flood hazard area (100 year floodplain), fluvial erosion hazard areas (now known as River Corridor Protection Areas) or the State of Vermont mapped and newly created River Corridor (fluvial erosion hazard area plus a buffer).

In 2016, the Planning Commission will be working with the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to review the Town’s River Corridor and River Corridor Protection Area mapping. The Planning Commission will then determine whether to pursue additional River Corridor or River Corridor Protection Area regulations in order to maintain the highest level of Emergency Relief and Assistance Funding from the State of Vermont for damage caused to public infrastructure in the aftermath of a declared disaster (ex. Seymour Road Bridge). The River Corridor Protection Area and River Corridor mapping can be found on the Town’s website or by using this link: <http://map.ccrpcvt.org/westfordmapviewer/> More information on River Corridors and River Corridor Protection Areas can be found on the Town’s website or by using the link: <https://westfordvt.us/river-corridor/>

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings of the Planning Commission. The meetings are held downstairs in the Town Offices starting at 6:30 PM. The Planning Commission is currently scheduled to meet on the following dates:

Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Westford Planning Commission:

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

### WESTFORD FRONT PORCH FORUM

If you have not joined the Westford Front Porch Forum, please consider doing so. Everyone is invited to participate. This is a great way to connect with neighbors and the community and it’s free! Check it out at <http://frontporchforum.com/>!

# WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

http://westfordpubliclibrary.org

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westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

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## Travel Talk

**Wed., April 13 7-8:30pm**

This Month's Destination is:

Oaxaca (Mexico):

Presented by Patricia and Michael Hechmer



Oaxaca City is an UNESCO world heritage site and the capital of Oaxaca state. Both are centers of weaving, art, and design. The ruins of ancient civilizations coexist alongside vibrant living cultures. Sixteen languages are spoken in Oaxaca, one of Mexico's most indigenous states. Share a fun evening with fellow travel enthusiasts. Refreshments served.

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 April, May and June from 10am-Noon.**

**Please, stick to these times only.** So that's **4/9, 4/23, 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. April 27**

**7-8pm**

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

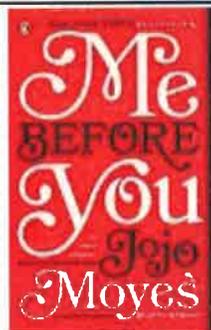
**We will be reading**

***Me Before You***

**by: Jojo Moyes**

*The New York Times*

**bestseller, soon to be a major motion picture.**



They had nothing in common until love gave them everything to lose . . .

Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life—steady boyfriend, close family—who has barely been farther afield than their tiny village. She takes a badly needed job working for ex—Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident.

Will has always lived a huge life—big deals, extreme sports, worldwide travel—and now he's pretty sure he cannot live the way he is.

Will is acerbic, moody, bossy—but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

*A Love Story* for this generation, *Me Before You* brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common—a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks,

*What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?*

(from Amazon.com)

Extra copies available at the desk.

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

4/7/16: Theme: Chickens

4/14/16: Theme: Gardens (Let's Grow Kids here)

4/21/16: Theme: Trees

4/28/16: Theme: Poetry

Storytime consists of several stories around a theme, as well as a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot out of it!

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## April Library Events

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

**April 9 - Book donation drop off - 10am-Noon**

**April 13 - Travel Talk: Oaxaca 7-8:30pm, refreshments served**

**April 14 - Special Storytime as part of Let's Grow Kids Initiative 11am - Theme: Gardens**

**April 23 - Book donation drop off - 10am-Noon**

**April 27 - Book Group 7-8pm, refreshments served**

**April 30 - Welcome Baby Tea 10:30am-Noon (all babies born March 2015-March 2016 should have received an invitation in the mail - if not, please contact Bree at the Library)**

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

## **Bored During April Vacation? Visit the Library!**

There's plenty to do at the Library: check out books and DVDs, borrow a park or museum pass and visit somewhere new, play with the LEGOs, board games and other toys, use the Wi-Fi, or just get out of the house!

There's still weekly Thursday storytime at 11am - the theme that week is Trees. Listen to stories, do a craft, and see some of your friends.

"There's no excuse for being bored when there's a library in town" - Bree Drapa, town librarian

## **Westford Welcome Baby Tea!**

**April 30 from 10:30 to Noon**

**Who:** Children born March 2015 - March 2016 and their parents and siblings

**What:** Socialize with other parents, have tea and snacks, take home some great gifts & see which book is dedicated to your child in the library.

**Where:** Westford Public Library

**RSVP by April 23 to Bree at the Library at 878-5639 or [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com)**

**This event is co-sponsored by the Westford Public Library and Building Bright Futures.**

**Donations to make this event possible come from:**

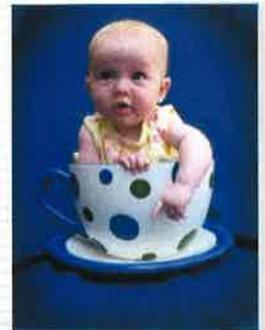
**Westford Public Library**

**Westford Public Library Board of Trustees**

**Building Bright Futures**

**The Committee for Westford Families and Children**

**If you have a child born within those dates and did not receive an invitation in the mail, please let Bree at the Library know - we would love to have your family join us!**



## **April is Poetry Month!**

This April marks the 20th anniversary of National Poetry Month, which was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996. Over the years, National Poetry Month has become the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry's vital place in our culture.

Here's one of my favorites by Shel Silverstein:

"If you are a dreamer come in,  
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar  
A hoper, a pray-er, a magic-bean-buyer ...  
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire  
For we have some flax golden tales to spin  
Come in!  
Come in!"

**Come in to the Library and check out some poetry!**

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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## SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

A big thank you to all in our town for participating in the school budgeting process. Passage of our budget allows us to turn our attentions toward the students as well as a smooth transition to the new unified district.

The unified board has formally been seated. Our Westford representatives, Martha Heath and Andre Roy, have been busy with the challenging task of organizing the board and laying out the roadmap to being operational on July 1, 2017. A note of congratulations goes out to Martha for her election as the chair of the unified board.

The floor vote at town meeting pertaining to the sale of a ~19 acre parcel (corner of Old Stage Road and Milton Westford Road) passed after some discussion about the details of the proposal. With that approval from the voters, the boards reconfirmed their intention to move forward with a sale. The property will soon be listed.

Work to organize the transfer of the remaining school lands is moving along well. Both myself and Dave Adams (school/town board liaisons) had a productive meeting with our real estate attorney where we covered the many mixed uses of the school property and adjacent town forest property. We wanted to clearly define the type of usage we've enjoyed as a town and highlight the special circumstances that make our arrangement unique. Parking for town trailheads, emergency shelter status (with backup generator), town meetings, community functions, Rec department activities, shared maintenance, and more – these are just a very small sample of the access we expect as a community. Our directive was for the firm to prepare ownership options that best allow usage to remain unchanged now and in the future. We anticipate receiving their proposals in April, and will share them with the town for feedback and evaluation.

All school to town property transfers require voter approval. Our intention is to have ample public discussion of the recommended configurations, with the goal of advancing the most desirable one to a vote.

A final bit of exciting information that I'd like to share is that our new district recently received a \$30,000 Great Schools partnership grant from the Nellie Mae Foundation to pursue effective community engagement. The multi-year effort is geared towards bringing all three communities together to help define our core values and educational goals as the new district takes shape. More information about this effort will be forthcoming on Front Porch Forum and in the newsletter.

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

### **2016 FARMERS' MARKET**

The Farmers' Market will be held Mondays on the Town Common, 4pm -7pm  
June 20th – September 19<sup>th</sup>

Vendor fee for the season is \$65 and day vendor fee is \$8.

Kid vendors are free!

If you have questions about being a vendor or are a musician and would like to perform during the Farmers' Market, please contact Laura Baum at [laurabaum108@yahoo.com](mailto:laurabaum108@yahoo.com).

# WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWS

## News & Events

- **Pre-K & K registration**

Westford School is requesting information on pre-school and kindergarten aged children living in the Westford community. If you have a child who will be either pre-school or kindergarten age for the 2016/17 school year, we are asking you to contact Westford School. This will support our planning of appropriate pre-school and kindergarten programming. Please contact Terri Martin, Office Manager, by phone at 802-878-5932, or by email at [tmartin@ccsuvt.org](mailto:tmartin@ccsuvt.org). We look forward to seeing families at our K and PreK orientations.

- **Italian Dinner – April 8<sup>th</sup>**

- **Science Fair- April 14<sup>th</sup>**

## Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

The annual science fair is approaching and Westford students are engaged in both classroom and individual projects. The theme this year is “Earth’s Energy is Everywhere.” The purpose of a broad theme is to be inclusive of many science ideas across a K-8 continuum, while simultaneously recognizing specific energy studies that support individual project ideas. Class wide projects include bridge testing, electronic modules, and force and motion. Partnering with the PTO has ensured a school wide presentation by “Jolts and Volts” to also support our science focus. Another exciting development this year is in [Little Bits](#). Little Bits are electronic modules for students to manipulate. These electronic building blocks empower invention and support creativity. This will also serve as the foundation for more elaborate Makerspace and programming endeavors.

In the area of assessment Westford teachers have completed common winter assessments and reported student process via trimester 2 report cards. This information is also used to inform classroom instruction as well as the additional supports students receive. This is also the time of year that we begin the infrastructure preparation to support a seamless administration of our state assessment SBAC. All students in grades 3-8 will take the SBAC in late spring.

We concluded student led conferences in March and continue to benefit from strong parental support. Thank you. Students demonstrating and reflecting on their learning through student led conferences is a strong Westford tradition.

## 2016-2017 WESTFORD SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It’s time to start thinking about kindergarten registration for the fall of 2016. If you have a child that will be 5 by September 1, 2016, please register them for kindergarten by April 29, 2016.

If your child will be attending Westford School this fall, and is not currently enrolled in our pre-school, you can download a copy of the kindergarten registration forms off of the Westford School website. Printable registration forms are accessible through the Westford website by clicking on “Families” on the home page, “New Student Registration,” and then “Registering a Kindergarten Student.” Look for the “Kindergarten Registration Packet” link (about halfway down the page) to open the .pdf forms. The completed registration forms may be brought to school at your earliest convenience.

Also, please save the date for our upcoming Kindergarten Orientation on Friday, June 3, 2016. We have several sessions planned for that day: Session 1 (8:30-9:30), Session 2 (10:30-11:30), Session 3 (12:30-1:30)

To update your child’s status for this fall, or to RSVP for the orientation, email Terri Martin at [tmartin@ccsuvt.org](mailto:tmartin@ccsuvt.org). Please let us know your preferred time(s) for orientation and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

As we are busy planning for next year, we thank you for your quick response. Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about kindergarten orientation or if you need a hard copy of the kindergarten registration packet.

# 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 Hike

May 21st \* 10:00am - 12:00pm \* Trail TBD  
All ages \* Rain Date May 22nd 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Edible/Medicinal vegetation is all around us. Come see what the Westford trails have to offer!



### Sangha Yoga with Anne

Tuesdays \* 7:00pm - 8:00pm

\$12/Class \* RBMH

Please contact Anne with questions at  
(802)598-6299 or aeorellana@yahoo.com

## For Adults

### Yoga with Cat

New Session  
March 31!

Thursdays \* 6:15-7:30pm \* RBMH

Fee: \$12/Class or 6 weeks for \$66

Please contact Cat with questions  
at cearisman@yahoo.com

### Adult Pick Up Basketball

Wednesdays through May 25th

8:00pm - 9:30pm \* FREE

Join us for basketball.

Bring a friend or two.

### Gentle Yoga with Kim

Wednesdays \* 9:30am - 10:30am \* RBMH

Fee: \$12/Class or 6 weeks for \$60

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 with Kim

Thursday April 13th 6:30pm - 7:30pm

RBMH

Fee: \$12 - Drop Ins Welcome

Restorative Yoga is one of the best gifts you can give yourself. This gentle, therapeutic practice is all about letting the body open at it's own pace.

In this class we will use props (bolsters, blankets, blocks etc.) to support the body so that postures are held without effort or force.

This class will deeply relax the body and calm the mind. Open to all levels.

Please bring a mat and 2 blankets.

For Kids & Teens

# Kid's Yoga with Kim Horton



Grades 3 - 8 \* \$60/Student for 6 Weeks  
 Session begins Thursday March 31st  
 3:00pm - 4:30pm  
 RBMH \* Bus Transportation Provided

Students practice yoga through playful, creative and fun poses paired with cool music, games, stories and journaling. Students are having fun as well as learning new skills focused on keeping their mind and bodies healthy. Relaxation or savasana as it is called in yoga will be sure to be wonderful with a mist of heavenly scents and foot massage!

## Kids' Cooking Classes

### Cake Decorating with Leta

Grades 4 - 8 \* \$15/Student  
 Minimum 10 Students  
 Tuesday April 19th \* 9:00am - 12:00pm



### Cooking with Kim

Grades K - 8 \* \$30/Student  
 Minimum 10 Students  
 Fee Includes: Pizza Pan, Food, and Recipe Cards  
 Thursday April 21st \* 9:00am - 12:00pm

## Mini Milers

April 9th - June 4th  
 Saturdays 9:00am - 10:00am  
 WES  
 Boys and Girls \* Grades K - 5  
 \$35

If you are interested in joining us, please  
 RSVP to  
[westfordvtrec@gmail.com](mailto:westfordvtrec@gmail.com).



## Teen Dance

Friday April 15th  
 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
 RBMH  
 Grades 7 - 10  
 \$10 Cover

Pizza, Cookies, Beverages Provided

Help us choose the playlist! Add your requests to  
 our facebook events page or email  
[WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)



## Take me Out to the Ballgame! July 30th, 2016

The Rec Dept will be selling \$6 grand stand tickets to  
**Vermont Lake Monsters v. Brooklyn Cyclones**  
**6:05pm @ Centennial Field**

Tickets will be available for preorder from April 5 - April 19.  
 Contact a rec committee member, stop by the town offices, or email [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com) to reserve your  
 tickets today!

This is a fundraiser for the Rec Department.



# Summer Camps



\$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**

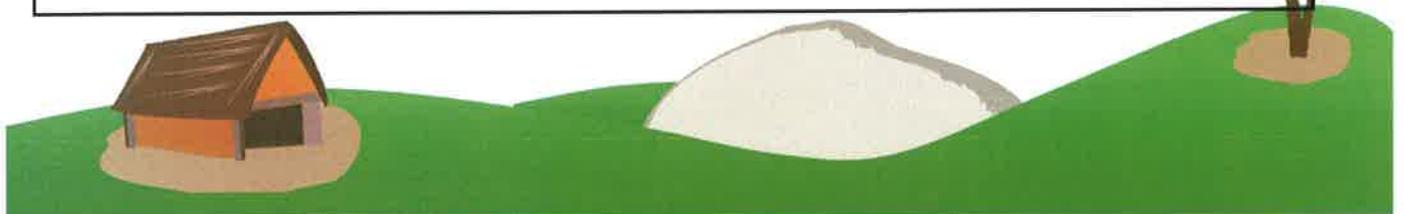
Have you ever painted with a flower or tie-dyed with beets? Explore different out-of-the-box ways to create art.

## 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?





Registration  
Deadline  
June 1st!

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## 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 \* 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.

### Recreation Department Committee Members

Bekah Gwozdz, Coordinator 662-1042  
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



# 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. _____	_____	_____	_____
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<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

## **FIRE WARDEN NEWS**

Once again we are coming through another winter and will usher in what will hopefully be a pleasant spring and summer. Normally at this time of year we talk about snow melting and fire danger escalating due to drying ground fuels and dry leaves and clippings left over from the previous year. As it now stands, without much snow to speak of we are entering a drying season that is already drier than normal. If we do not get much rain over the next few weeks I believe open burning will be riskier and pose a higher danger than normal. Because of this condition I am asking that you be very careful and attentive to your burn at all times.

Be sure to have suppression tools such as water hoses, shovels, and rakes available in the event your fire must be extinguished. Please call 911 immediately if you think your burn is getting out of control. Above all, make sure you never leave your fire unattended or allow it to burn out overnight. As always I will monitor weather reports several times daily and will make the decision to open or close the burn system as conditions allow. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 879-1231.

Thank you  
Dennis L. Angiono  
Westford Fire Warden

## **SOUP 'N CHOCOLATE SUPPER**

**Saturday, May 14th, 5-7PM**

Brick Meeting House, Route 128, Westford

Soup, Chili, Salad, Artisan Bread and **Chocolate** Desserts.

### **Silent Auction - Great Prizes**

Benefits the UCW White Church Preservation Fund

Adults \$8 - Children \$5 (over 5 years) - \$25 maximum for families

## **UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD APRIL SCHEDULE**

**April 3 & 10, 8:30am** – Traditional Worship Services officiated by Rev. Katherine Arthaud

We are an Open and Affirming Community Church.  
All are welcome!