



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

November 2016

Town Office Notes

Happy Thanksgiving!

Property Tax Installment

Property taxes are due Tuesday, November 15th. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have a November 15th postmark, 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 Wednesday, November 16th.

General Election and Jackson Farm & Forest Project Vote - Deadlines & Important Information

- **November 2nd (Wednesday)** – 5pm deadline to register to vote if you are not already on the Westford voter checklist. You can register to vote using one of the following methods:
 1. Submit an application in person at the Town Office.
 2. Register online using the Vermont Secretary of State's Online Voter Registration System (<https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>). If you are registering to vote for the first time in Vermont, you must include a photocopy of a valid ID with your Westford address on it (driver's license, bank statement, utility bill).
 3. Submit an application by mail to the Town Office. This also requires ID if registering for the first time.
- **November 3rd (Thursday)** – Jackson Farm & Forest Project public hearing, 7pm at the Westford School
- **November 7th (Monday)** – 5pm deadline to request absentee ballots. If you would like an absentee ballot, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us and provide us with your name, phone number and the mailing address where you want the ballot sent. You can also request a ballot through the *My Voter Page* at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>. Please allow sufficient time for the ballot to be mailed. Voted ballots not received by Election Day will not be counted!
- **November 8th (Tuesday)** – Voting day. Polls will be open from 7am - 7pm in the Westford School gym.

The warning for the Jackson Farm and Forest Project is included in this newsletter.

FY'18 Town Budget Meetings

Budget meetings are part of the Selectboard's regular meetings and will be held on Oct. 27th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 8th and 22nd. Additional meetings will be held if needed. 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 2017.

Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be on November 14th at noon at the Red Brick Meeting House on the common. 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 or Beth Menut at 893-2263. We are having many new faces. Hope this continues as it is always nice to keep growing. If you have a neighbor that isn't coming, please contact them and see if they would like to give it a try. The Adams Turkey Farm has graciously donated turkeys for our meal this month. Hope to see you there. Carol Howrigan, President

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the December Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, November 28th.

Westford Town Office

1713 Vermont Route 128, Westford, Vermont 05494

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**OFFICIAL WARNING
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WESTFORD**

The legal voters of the Town of Westford are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westford School in said Town of Westford on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for a public informational hearing on an Australian ballot article to be voted on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls for Australian balloting will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1 Shall the voters of the Town of Westford authorize borrowing by the Town in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000), which amount may be reduced by proceeds from the sale of real estate currently owned by the Town, for a term of up to five years both to:

- A. purchase a 130-acre, more or less, portion of the former Jackson Farm, subject to a conservation easement, which is located on Brookside Road and currently owned by Lynn and David Gauthier, for a Town Forest and other public purposes, and
- B. to purchase the development rights from and permanently conserve 42 acres of farmland on the former Jackson Farm for use as a working farm?

Approved this 18th day of August, 2016.

WESTFORD SELECTBOARD

David E. Adams, Chair

Casey Mathieu

David Tilton

Received for record August 19th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Attest: Nanette Rogers, Town Clerk

Posted at: Westford Town Office, Westford School, Westford Library, Westford Post Office and Brick Meeting House.

The warning for the Jackson Farm & Forest Project vote can also be found on the Town's website <https://westfordvt.us/voting/town-meeting/>

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

The Town Office will be closed:
Tuesday, November 8th (General Election)
November 24th-25th (Thanksgiving).

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

For the past several years, the Town has collected monetary donations to purchase Hannaford gift cards for Westford residents in need. 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 28th through December 19th. 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 20th to Westford residents only.

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

JACKSON FARM AND FOREST PROJECT

On Election Day – November 8th, 2016 -- the people of Westford will vote on whether or not to conserve the Jackson Farm on Brookside Road. The Jackson Farm is located on the north side of Brookside Road and stretches between the Westford School and Town Common. The Farm holds a special place for many Westford residents and has greeted generations of Westford students on their bus rides to and from school.

Like it or not, Westford is in the northeast corner of Chittenden County, not the North East Kingdom of Vermont. While Vermont's population as a whole is not growing, Northern Vermont's – especially in the Burlington area, and Westford is sandwiched in-between several of the fastest growing communities in the State, including Essex (6.6%), Fairfax (6.6%), Georgia (4.2%), and Milton (4.4%). We can't stop growth (and communities in the rest of Vermont who are seeing their populations decline may like to have our problem), but we can plan for it so it happens in a way that is best for our community.

As more land is developed, it becomes harder for farmers to find fields large enough for their equipment. As part of the Jackson Farm and Forest Project, 42 acres of working farm fields will be purchased by a local farm family, with a perpetual conservation easement to ensure they remain in agriculture and helping to ensure that Westford's agricultural heritage is also part of its future. The farmer will pay the agricultural value of the land with their own money. A State grant will pay for most of the value of the development rights, with the Town contributing a smaller percentage.

The remaining land will be owned by the Town and will become a Town forest, open for recreation and responsible forest management. Again, a State grant will pay for most of the cost of this land, with the Town again contributing a smaller percentage. One trend that can be seen in other communities, and to some extent Westford, is fragmentation of larger blocks of forestland. While many of us enjoy informal agreements with our neighbors to walk on each other's "back-forty," if other communities are instructive, this could become less and less the case as our Town develops. Creating a Town Forest now will ensure that all residents – current and future -- can enjoy part of what makes Westford special. Finally, a Town forest can be actively managed for firewood, maple sugaring, or timber, providing an opportunity to source these products locally.

There have been some questions regarding how the Jackson Farm and Forest Project relates to the Town Plan and Town Zoning. Since the mid-1990s, Westford has had a "Town Center District" which extends roughly to the Post Office on Route 128 North; to Osgood Hill Road on 128 South; to the Town Garage on Cambridge Road; and to the Westford School on Brookside Road. Maps of zoning revisions over time can be found on the Town website.

Over the years, the Planning Commission received feedback that this District includes areas and neighborhoods with very different characteristics – from open farmland on Brookside and Osgood Hill Roads, to the densest neighborhoods in Westford. In response, in 2009, The "Town Center District" was split into three separate districts -- no properties were removed from, nor added to, from the established existing Town Center Area district -- rather properties closer to the Common were rezoned to allow smaller scale businesses, commercial and higher density residential development and areas outside the Common were rezoned to allow expansion of existing neighborhoods. Ultimately, this was carried out with the understanding that uses appropriate around the Common weren't necessarily appropriate at the far reaches the "Town Center Area".

Based on this feedback, and following numerous community meetings, surveys, and forums, in February of 2016, the Town replaced its old zoning with a "form based code" which separated the Town Center District into distinct areas -- "Center," "Village," "Neighborhood," and "Rural" areas referred to as "Transects." When creating these new transects, the Planning Commission was very careful not to reduce the development potential for any piece of land within the Town Center, as we understand that for many Westford Residents, land represents most, if not all, of their lifetime investment. The Jackson Farm is divided into the following "Transects"

- The area on the east side of Brookside Road that was recently cleared is in the "Neighborhood Area," meaning development occurring on this lot would need to conform to the neighborhood design standards. This part of the Farm is NOT part of the conservation discussion.

- The area of the Farm on the west side of Brookside Road is within the “Rural Area” -- meaning development needs to conform to the rural design standards and conservation, forestry, agriculture and recreation are encouraged. That said, since the mid-1990s’ the minimum lot size in the area is 1-dwelling unit per acre, meaning that the Farm could see significant development if it is not conserved.

This is a long way of saying that the proposed conservation of the Jackson Farm is in keeping with the planning and zoning for the area.

There has also been some confusion about the Jackson Farm and community wastewater. The Planning Commission would like to state unequivocally that the vote coming up in November is to conserve the Jackson Farm. The vote in no way authorizes or commits the Town to build a community wastewater system. The conservation agreements are simply being written so that, if the Town should decide to do so in the future, a portion of one of the fields could be used for a community wastewater system. If, in the future, the Town decided to use this soil for a community wastewater system, it could only do so after a great deal of public discussion AND additional votes.

Recognizing that Town buildings will need replacement wastewater systems at some point in the future, the Planning Commission has been exploring a wide variety of potential options to address the wastewater challenges around the Common. This has included digging test pits on public property (and a few private properties with landowner permission). The vast majority of this testing was paid for using non-property taxpayer funded grants. A ~three acre portion of the Jackson Farm contains the only soils suitable for a conventional (not a mound) system in the entire vicinity of Common. All of the other properties other than the Jackson Farm have significant constraints, such as poor drainage, ledge, proximity to the river, etc. that would require a mound system or expensive pretreatment. Ensuring access to this small area of the Farm provides the Town with many more options to consider; whereas we currently have very few options – even just for our existing public buildings. While there is no imminent plan to build a community system in Westford – one thing is certain -- should anything resembling a community system ever be built -- anyone connected to it would pay an ongoing user fee, and very likely for new users a connection fee. This is the case for every community system in Vermont, and there is no reason to believe Westford would be any different.

Respectfully,
The Westford Planning Commission



Please remember that there will be a public hearing at the Westford School, 7pm on THURSDAY, November 3.

Voting is on November 8th during the General Election. This item is on the back-page of the ballot.

For Information, please see the Town’s website: <https://westfordvt.us/jackson-farm-and-forest-project/>

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Thank you to all attendees at the Land Transfer meeting this past month.

All four articles passed. Parcels 2 (15 acres) and 3 (50 acres) are to be transferred to the town, with the added amendment that the Selectboard must hold a vote/meeting prior to ever offering these parcels for sale. The two advisory articles passed as well, with little or no discussion. The lack of input is unfortunate, as the intention of these articles was to seek advice from the town to offer some guidance to the boards negotiating agreement terms. Please watch future agendas for school board meetings and attend if you have input to share on these agreements.

Most discussion was focused on the single goal of town ownership of both parcels. We heard no issues with the school's usage of these resources, either past or future. The board will now work diligently to craft the proper agreements to insure that student usage will continue unaffected, and future student opportunity will work within the new ownership structure.

November is traditionally when the board starts receiving readouts and guidance in support of developing a budget for the coming year. This is now the official duty of our new unified board. The Westford School board will only act in an advisory role this budget season.

How will this be different for us? Our budget will now be rolled into the district total. Similarly, the number of pupils used to determine spending per pupil will take into account all students in the new district. All towns will vote on a single budget.

Student priorities and staffing needs will still guide the budget discussion. As part of a larger pool, we will have a very different landscape for tax calculations.

Our school benefits greatly from the work of many parent and community volunteers throughout the year. The board would like to recognize all those who give of themselves for the betterment of our children. Thank you for your time and talents!

Respectfully,

The Westford School Board

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

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.



Westford PTO

November 2016 Newsletter

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

Opportunities to Get Involved

Scholastic Book Fair



The PTO and Westford School Library present our annual Scholastic Book Fair on **Mon., Oct. 31–Wed., Nov. 2** during school hours, with evening hours for **Family Night, Wednesday, November 2, 4:00-8:00 pm.**

There are still a few shifts available if you would like to help staff the book fair, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4eafac2ca75-2016> (or contact PTO). All proceeds benefit our school library. Books make great gifts!

7th Annual Buy Local Fundraiser

Starts this Friday, Oct. 28 – Nov. 18. We have added **3 new discount vouchers** from local businesses; simplified our product offerings to only our best sellers; and new this year, we will have a **pop-up shop** on pick-up day!

Visit the PTO table at the Pumpkin Glow this Friday for a copy of the catalog.

Shop online Friday, Oct. 28 – Friday, Nov. 18 at: westfordpto.myshopify.com

Buy Local Fundraiser



Oct. 28-Nov. 18



presents *The Velveteen Rabbit*

Our annual Very Merry Theatre event for students in grades 3 – 6 will be performed **Wednesday, December 21** evening as part of a holiday potluck dinner and community gathering at the school. Look for more information coming to your home and inbox soon!

Holiday Craft Fair – Sunday, December 4th – RBMH

The PTO will host a holiday craft fair at the Red Brick Meeting House on Sunday, December 4th from 9am-2pm. Vendors tables (\$20 each) are limited. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Heather Armata at HeatherA@Vermontkw.com or call/text – 802-338-8235. Join us for this fun community event and support our local talent!

PTO Calendar

Friday, October 28, 6-9 pm
Pumpkin Glow & Haunted Forest, Westford School.

October 28 – November 18
Buy Local Fundraiser!
westfordpto.myshopify.com

Monday, October 31 – Wednesday, November 2
Scholastic Book Fair, school library. Family night Wednesday, 4-8 pm.

Monday, November 14, 7pm
PTO monthly meeting, Westford Town Library.

November 21 – November 25
No school.

Sunday, December 4, 9am-2pm
PTO Holiday Craft Fair, Red Brick Meeting House.

Monday, December 12, 7pm
PTO monthly meeting, Westford Town Library.

Wednesday, December 21
Very Merry Theatre Show & Holiday Dinner.

December 23 – January 2
No school.

Monday, January 9, 7pm
PTO monthly meeting, Westford Town Library.

Check out Principal Lewis' blog:
<http://westfordprincipal.blogspot.com/>

Contact Westford PTO with questions, comments, and ideas:
E-mail: westfordvtpto@gmail.com
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westfordvtpto>
Website: <http://westford.ccsuvt.org/hope-parent-organization/>

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

http://westfordpubliclibrary.org

(802) 878-5639

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

The Library will be **CLOSED Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving.**



Speaking of thankful...

The Westford Public Library would like to thank Andrea Letorney for her many years of service on the Library Board of Trustees. Andrea worked tirelessly on the restoration and physical plant of the library, writing grants and meeting with countless contractors. Her vision helped guide the library in policy and planning. She most recently served as treasurer and then Board chair. Thank you, Andrea! She will be replaced on the Board by Pat Hechmer.

Travel Talk- Wed. Nov. 9 from 7-8:30pm

Destination: Paris

Presented by: Mark Peloquin

From the strolling by the Seine River to the grand architecture of the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris is full of wonder and romance. A traveler's dream! Come hear Mark's experience and see pictures of his journey. Refreshments served.

Also: We are in need of Travel Talkers for future months. Please consider talking about your special trip - contact Bree for more information.

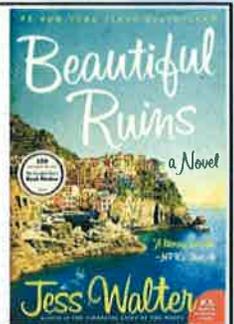


Fire Safety Storytime-Thurs. Nov. 17 - 11am
Fire Chief Steve Willard and a REAL FIRETRUCK!
The firefighter will read stories, teach us about fire safety and let us check out the FIRETRUCK!

Library Hours

Wednesday:	1-7pm
Thursday:	10am-7pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	10am-2pm
CLOSED: November 24 & 25	

Adult Book Group
November 16
7:00-8:00pm
Pick up your books
at the front desk!
We will be reading
Beautiful Ruins
by: Jess Walter



The #1 *New York Times* bestseller is an "absolute masterpiece" (Richard Russo, Pulitzer Prize-winning author): the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962 and resurfaces fifty years later in contemporary Hollywood.

The acclaimed, award-winning author of the national bestseller *The Financial Lives of the Poets* returns with his funniest, most romantic, and most purely enjoyable novel yet. Hailed by critics and loved by readers of literary and historical fiction, *Beautiful Ruins* is the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962...and is rekindled in Hollywood fifty years later. (from Amazon.com)

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

11/3/16: Theme: I Love Books!

11/10/16: Theme: Turkeys

11/17/16: Theme: Fire Safety Storytime w/Chief Willard and the FIRETRUCK

11/24/16: No Storytime - Library Closed

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.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

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November Library Events

All month long - Story Walk on the Westford School Trails - Over in the Meadow by Ezra Jack Keats

November 2 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm

November 4 - Family Movie Night 6:30-9:30pm - Pizza, popcorn, and drinks provided, co-sponsored by the Westford Rec. Dept. (OK to drop off ages 9+)

November 9 - Travel Talk: Destination: Paris 7-8:30pm, presented by Mark Peloquin, refreshments served.

November 10 - MoTown Mushrooms - Intro. to Home Growing (Free 7-8pm) and Straw Log Workshop (\$15 fee 8-9pm). Registration required for both/either.

November 11 - Relax! Coloring Friday 3-5pm

November 16 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm

November 17 - Fire Safety Storytime 11am - with Fire Chief Steve Willard and a FIRETRUCK!

November 24 - CLOSED

November 25 - CLOSED

November 30 - Dorothy's List Book Group 3:30-4:30pm

December 1 - The ABCs of Medicare 7-9pm

Storytime every Thursday 11am

Westford Public Library and the Westford Rec. Dept. present a Family Movie Night.....

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Fri. Nov. 4 - 6:30-9:30

Movie at 6:45, food starting at 6:30

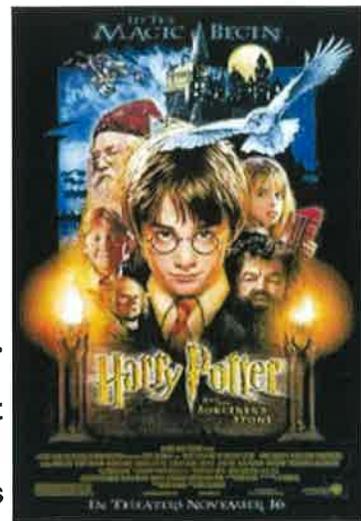
Pizza, popcorn and drinks provided.

Drop off OK for 9+

See how it all began...

Join Harry, Ron and Hermione in their first wizarding adventure.

Rated PG, 152minutes



Relax! Coloring Friday - Nov. 11 Afterschool - 5pm
For ages 9+ (Kids ride Bus#3 with a note from home)

Relax after a long week with a little coloring, a warm drink, and some relaxing music. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you'd rather.

The Westford Public Library and the Westford School are starting a Dorothy's List Book Group for readers in grades 4-8.

Our first book: The Blackthorn Key
Discussions will take place during lunch on Mondays at school. See Ms. Shelley for details and to get a book. The final discussion will take place at the Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 3:30-4:30pm



Let the MoTown Mushrooms team take you into the world of mycology!
Thursday, November 17 from 7-9pm
Info. Session (7-8pm FREE)
Workshop (8-9pm \$15 material fee)
Registration Required!

In this mushrooming 101 session you will learn about gourmet and medicinal mushrooms and the basics of their cultivation. Bringing the right fungi into

your property can be not only delicious but beneficial for the soil, trees, plants and vegetable gardens. You will find that growing mushrooms is easier than you think, with a specie and technique that will suit your specific needs.

Stay afterwards for the hands-on cultivation workshop. We will teach you how to make straw logs, so you can grow your own gourmet mushrooms at home.

Confused about Medicare? Learn the ABCs of Medicare from Affiliated Associates

Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7pm

What does Part A cover?

What does Part B cover?

How do I sign up? And when?

How much will it cost?

Come find out the answers!



The Library is **no longer accepting donations** of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations in the spring of 2017. Thank you to community for supporting our annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

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.

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.

Basketball

Basketball Starts in November!

Registration is OPEN for the following ages:

Grades 3/4 and 5/6

Registration Fee: \$35/First Child, \$30/Second Child, Max \$80/Family



Typical Schedule:

3/4 Fridays and Saturdays

5/6 Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

Scholarships available!

Drop off registration form at Town Office, along with payment.

Thanks!

Coaches Needed!

If you are interested in coaching, please email westfordvtrec@gmail.com.

Fees waived for coaches' players.

Fencing

Fall Fencing Series

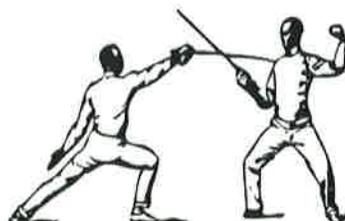
Tuesdays November 1 - November 29

Youth ages 9 - 13 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Adults ages 14+ 6:00pm - 7:30pm

RMBH * \$75 for 5 weeks

Instructor: Dale Rodgers



Recreation Department Committee Members

Bekah Gwozdz, Coordinator
Maureen Carpenter
Martha Bennett
Greg Baker

662-1042
893-5096
878-9269
324-5537

Danielle Vierling 871-9404
Jeff LaBossiere
Meredith Irish 373-9980
Nancy Volkers

Email: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

Yoga

Afterschool Yoga

Wednesdays October 26 - December 7 * 3:15pm - 4:30pm

Grades 3 and up

RMBH * \$60 for 6 weeks * Pre-registration Required * Min 5 - Max 12



Students practice yoga through playful, creative and fun poses paired with cool music, games, stories, hula hooping and journaling. Students are having fun as well as learning new skills focused on keeping their minds 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!

Yoga Series with Kim Horton, RYT

Wednesdays October 26 - December 7 * 8:45am - 9:45am

RMBH * \$60 for 6 weeks or \$12 drop in

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.

Power Flow Yoga with Cat

Thursdays October 27 - December 8 * 6:15pm - 7:30am

RMBH * \$72 for 6 weeks or \$13 drop in



An athletic style of yoga that moves with the breath. Poses are sequenced to challenge balance, strength and focus. Move at your own pace as you discover your strengths and limits.

Included with the class are good music, and good fun!

Movie Night

Friday November 4

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Westford Library

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

*Pizza and Snacks will be served





**WESTFORD RECREATION
18TH ANNUAL**

BROOMBALL

TOURNAMENT

January 14th & 15th

Westford Ice Rink on the Common

\$15/Player (Grade 9 and Up)

Minimum 5 players required per team

Team Registration Due Jan 6th!

(Only 22 Slots Available!)

First Come - First Served!!

(\$20/player for tournament day additions to roster)

This is NOT ice hockey!

No Skates are needed - players wear their own boots.

We'll provide broomsticks and balls.

Teams may be co-ed.

All players (or parent if under age 18) MUST sign our participation waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Minimum \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve slot.

Exact times and schedules determined by the number of teams and will be emailed to the team leaders one week prior to the tournament.

Make checks payable to Westford Rec

Send completed registration form to:

Westford Rec; 1713 VT Rte 128; Westford, VT 05494

Food and refreshments will be for sale at the Red Brick Meeting House throughout the tournament.

Proceeds benefit RBMH Restoration and Westford Recreation programs and equipment purchases.

Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Captain's Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Team Members:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

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. _____	_____	_____	_____
Total Fee:			_____

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

I agree that Westford Recreation may use photographs of registrants with or without their name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

*****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 Community Holiday Gathering & Tree Lighting



Saturday December 5th
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 IT FIRST ON THE FRONT PORCH FORUM

If you have not joined the Westford Front
Porch Forum, please consider doing so.
Everyone is invited to participate and it's
free! This is a great way to connect with
neighbors and the community.

Check it out at [http://frontporchforum.com/!](http://frontporchforum.com/)

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UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Sundays, November 6 & 13, 8:30am - Traditional worship services with Rev. Katherine Arthaud

Please join us! All are welcome!



WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES O'hANLEIGH

The Music of Irish-America

Date: Sunday, November 13th 4-5 p.m.

Where: Westford UCW white church

Contact: Marjorie Hamrell, 879-4028

O'hAnleigh returns to the Westford Music Series on Sunday, November 13th from 4-5 pm at the UCW white church on the common. The Middlebury based Irish-American band of Tom Hanley, daughter Becca Hanley, Cindy Hill and Doug Riley will play toe tapping tunes, rousing pub favorites, familiar old time sing-a-longs in the Irish American tradition. Included will be award winning original songs about Celtic myths and legends and traditional favorites.

It will be a special opportunity to enjoy the Irish American music tradition while warming up with the O'hAnleigh band and their guest, as they display their high spirits and great energy. Appropriate for the entire family.

Refreshments. Free will donation. Call 879-4028 for more information.

WESTFORD TURKEY TROT



Saturday, November 19, 2016

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 17

\$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

WINTER WEAR SHARE!

Community members will be holding a drive for our community this month to share our good condition used winter wear or new donations with neighbors who can use them! Coats, hats, gloves, mittens for all ages in clean, serviceable condition, to share on November 19, at the United Church of Westford (the White Church above the common). Open to all, come and drop off, or come and browse...you never know what you may find! Open 8:00am to noon.

Clean items in good condition can be dropped off at the Westford Town Office or Library between October 22 and November 12, or email Carol Winfield (carol@vtwildlife.com) and we can come and pick up what you would like to share.

Please note this event will be the same day as the Westford Food Shelf, but is not affiliated with the Food Shelf, as they cannot accept clothing. This is a one-time only event. Thank you for your support!