



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

October 2016

## Westford Town Office

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### Transfer of School Property Vote - Important Information

The Westford School District is holding a Special Meeting on **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to vote on transferring property owned by the School District to the Town. *This is a floor vote. If you want to participate in this important decision, you must be present at the meeting.* The warning for this vote is included in this newsletter.

If you are not already registered to vote in Westford, the deadline to register for the **School Vote** is **5pm, Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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 method also requires a valid ID if registering in Vermont for the first time.

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

- **November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday)** – 5pm deadline to register to vote for the **General Election & JFFP vote** if you are not already on the Westford voter checklist (please see details above)
- **November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)** – Public hearing for the Jackson Farm & Forest Project vote, 7pm at the Westford School
- **November 7<sup>th</sup> (Monday)** – 5pm deadline to request absentee ballots (see details below).
- **November 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)** – Voting day. Polls will be open from 7am - 7pm in the Westford School gym.

**Absentee Ballots** – Absentee ballots for the **General Election & JFFP vote** are available now. If you would like an absentee ballot, please contact the Town Office (878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto: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!

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

### Selectboard FY'18 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard will begin working on the FY'18 budget in October. Workshops will be held on:

- October 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- November 10<sup>th</sup>
- December 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

If needed, additional meetings will be held. The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2017.

### Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon: The Senior Luncheon will be on October 10th 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 or Beth Menut at 893-2263. We had many new faces last month. Hope to see you there again. Carol Howrigan, President

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

WESTFORD SELECTBOARD

David E. Adams, Chair

Casey Mathieu

David Tilton

Received for record August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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/>

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the November Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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/>!

*This community service is brought to you by Burlington residents Michael and Valerie Wood-Lewis.*

**UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD  
OCTOBER SCHEDULE**

October 2, 8:30am: Annual Pet Blessing. Bring your pet or picture of your pet for this lively and spirited worship service.

October 9, 8:30am: Traditional worship service.

Please join us! All are welcome!

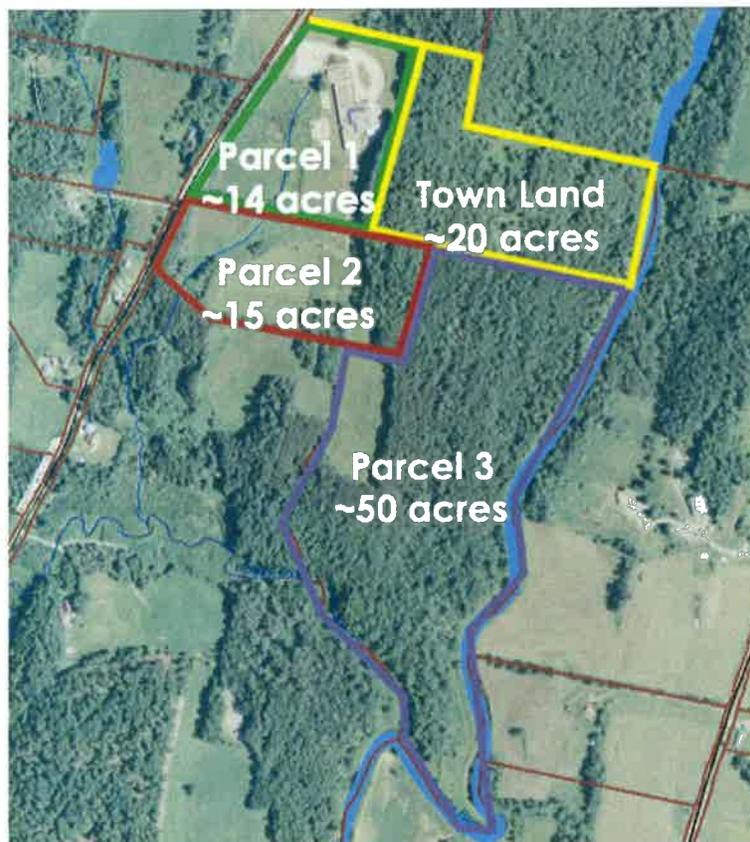
## School Board Notes

On Tuesday, October 11 (7:00pm, Westford School), Westford town residents will have the opportunity to voice their vote on potential land transfers between the school district and the town. This is the culmination of many months of work, several public forums, and quite a bit of behind the scenes research. The final vote, however, will be determined only by the people who attend the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

As this is a non-budgetary item, our voting rules dictate that it will be a **floor only vote**. Folks who attend and are registered voters will make the decision. Please consider attending the meeting to help debate the question.

There are three parcels that comprise the school property:

- Parcel 1, 14 acres in size, contains the school building, parking lot, playground, well, septic, and the sports fields up to a portion of the softball field. Half of the softball field and the far soccer field are not part of this parcel.
- Parcel 2, 15 acres in size, contains the remaining half of the softball field, the far soccer field, and Brookside Road frontage.
- Parcel 3, 50 acres in size, mostly wooded, many of the town trails criss-cross this parcel from the adjacent town forest land.



Article I asks if the school should convey Parcel 3 to the town for a token sum. This is a binding vote.

Article II similarly asks if the school should convey Parcel 2 to the town for a token sum.

Articles III and IV are advisory (non-binding) and speak to the two methods that the town and school can use to preserve access and usage. The specifics of any easements and/or use agreements will not be voted on, but we would like to hear the town's opinions and expectations of these concepts. The work to craft any easements and use agreements will be undertaken by the Selectboard and school board. In Article III, we propose creating easements through Parcel 1 so that the parking and trailhead are formally made available to town residents. Additionally, it recognizes the designation of the school as an emergency shelter, granting rights to its usage for

such purposes. Article IV is presented to allow for flexible use agreements between the town and school should we need to determine how to facilitate for upkeep of traditionally school-maintained sports fields on town land. Similarly, it looks to recognize that other improvements/investments may be proposed in the future by the school district, setting a template for how to approach them.

During the research and public forum phase of this project, many topics were explored. Approaching the discussion from the student perspective, the board identified several points that deserve thoughtful discussion. Even under a unified district, this is still our town school, serving our children, guided by our educational values.

- Special rules apply to schools and school land, particularly concerning possession and discharge of firearms. If Parcels 2 or 3 become town land, then *these protections would no longer apply*. Students routinely use Parcels 2 and 3 during school and afterschool hours. The school board feels very strongly that, should a transfer occur, it is necessary to continue a similar type of protection through other means such as posting the land, prohibiting firearms discharge, etc. The existing town forest land is not posted, but its only parking access is at the school, which does accomplish a similar goal.
- Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 have deed restrictions limiting use to education and recreation. These restrictions expire in the near future. Should the town honor those terms moving forward? The school board feels obligated to extend these restrictions as specified by the original owners, preserving the existing usage enjoyed by our students.
- Parcel 2 contains a soccer field and part of the softball field. These fields are currently utilized by students both during and after school, and have been maintained and developed under the school's budget. Removing these fields from the school ownership complicates matters and will require the creation of use and maintenance agreements.
  - How will future maintenance and development of the sports fields be handled if they are not on school land? Will the unified school district continue to invest in infrastructure not on its land? Will these be town budget items instead?
  - Will school students have first scheduling priority for the fields, or will scheduling be on a first come, first served basis?
  - How will the town maintain the property such that it is safe and accessible to students?
- Westford town residents overwhelmingly voiced a central goal during our school's visioning process: integration of outdoor, natural resources into our school curriculum. Reinventing Westford School as a Sustainability Academy was identified as a long-term direction.
  - Does an ownership change to our natural resources limit or alter our ability to realize this goal?

There may not be elegant or easy answers to the above questions. Ownership change will no doubt have other consequences that we haven't yet identified. It is our role to advocate for our students' best interests, regardless of the administrative structure our school belongs to.

Your careful attention is valued and appreciated. Please make time to attend on October 11 and voice your vote. The warning articles are included on the next page.

Respectfully,

Your Westford School Board

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

**WARNING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WESTFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Westford Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Westford School in said Town of Westford on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon (7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles:

**Article I:** Shall the Westford Town School District convey the 50-acre, more or less, parcel of land located southeasterly of the Westford School, westerly of the Brown's River and northerly of Roger's Brook, as described in a Warranty Deed of Frederick T. Rope and Irene K. Rope, dated March 31, 1972, and recorded in Volume 33, Page 288 of the Town of Westford Land Records, to the Town of Westford for One Dollar (\$1.00)?

**Article II:** Shall the Westford Town School District convey the 15-acre, more or less, parcel of land located southerly of the Westford School and easterly of Brookside Road, as described in a Warranty Deed of Frederick T. Rope and Irene K. Rope, dated November 13, 1970, and recorded in Volume 32, Page 82 of the Town of Westford Land Records, to the Town of Westford for One Dollar (\$1.00)?

**Article III:** Shall the Westford Town School District convey easements over, upon and through the 14-acre, more or less, Westford School property at 146 Brookside Road to the Town of Westford for parking; recreational trail access, use, maintenance, repair and replacement; emergency generator operation, maintenance, repair and replacement; and access, parking and use of the Westford School as an emergency shelter?

**Article IV:** Shall the Westford Town School District negotiate with the Town of Westford to establish a use agreement to govern the Westford Town School District's use, maintenance, repair, replacement and improvement of the recreation fields and other recreational facilities on both the 15-acre, more or less, parcel of land located southerly of the Westford School and easterly of Brookside Road, and the 50-acre, more or less, parcel of land located southeasterly of the Westford School, westerly of the Brown's River and northerly of Roger's Brook, which parcels of land are described in two Warranty Deeds of Frederick T. Rope and Irene K. Rope, dated November 13, 1970, and recorded in Volume 32, Page 82, and dated March 31, 1972, and recorded in Volume 33, Page 288, respectively, of the Town of Westford Land Records?

Adopted and approved at the special meeting of the Westford School Board duly called, noticed, and held on September 9, 2016.

DATED at Westford, Vermont, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

Mark Drapa, Chair  
Andre Roy, Vice-Chair  
Martha Heath  
Kim Phinney, Clerk  
Christian Frenette

Received for record this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016  
Nanette Rogers, Town Clerk

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

The warning for this meeting can also be found on the school's website  
<https://content.ccsuvt.org/ccsu//2016/09/Special-School-District-Vote-Oct-11-2016.pdf>

**WESTFORD PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Westford Planning Commission hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24, Section 4441 of the Vermont State Statutes for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning: **Proposed amendments to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations.**

**The public hearing has been scheduled for:** October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westford Town Office, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, Vermont.

**Purpose:**

The Planning Commission is proposing to amend the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations for the following purposes:

- 1) To correct and clarify certain spelling, grammatical and punctuation errors that appeared in the first draft of the new regulations;
- 2) To clarify the driveway and road standards;
- 3) To clarify when and under what circumstances lots in a subdivision may be identified and considered as 'deferred lots';
- 4) To clarify the applicability of the regulations of agriculture and silvicultural purposes.

**Geographic Area Affected:** Entire Town.

**Summary of Changes to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations:**

**Section 112.B(2)** (Agriculture and Silviculture), eliminate setback and building envelope; **Section 202.B** (Water Resources Overlay), gave administrative officer more discretion; **Section 203.C** (Interpretation of District Boundaries), corrected typographical error; **Section 213.A** (Common District-Permitted Uses) clarified regulation; **Section 223.A** (Village District-Permitted Uses), clarified regulation; **Section 233.A** (Rural 3 District-Permitted Uses), clarified regulation; **Section 243.A** (Rural 5 District-Permitted Uses), clarified regulation; **Section 251.A** (Rural 10 District-Purpose), clarified regulation; **Section 253.A** (Rural 10 District-Permitted Uses) clarified regulations; **Section 262.B** (Form Based Code Overlay-Applicability), corrected typographical error; **Section 263.B** (Planning and Design Standards-Building Form), corrected typographical error; **Section 263.E** (Planning and Design Standards-Design), corrected typographical error; **Figure 7** (Transect Zone Summary Table), corrected typographical error; **Section 282.A** (Flood Hazard Overlay District-State and Federal Law), corrected typographical error; **Section 283.A** (Flood Hazard Overlay District-Exempt Uses), clarified regulation; **Section 288.A** (Flood Hazard Overlay District-Application Requirements), corrected typographical error; **Section 311.D** (Basic Subdivision Design) corrected typographical error; **Section 311.E** (Basic Subdivision Design), eliminated need for building envelope; **Section 311.F** (Basic Subdivision Design), clarified need for DRB approval for future development of deferred lots; **Section 314.I** (Planned Unit Development-Common Outdoor Space), clarified regulation; **Section 321.C (10)** (Vehicular Access-Pre-Existing Driveways), gave DRB discretion to require driveway improvements; **Section 321.C (11)** (Vehicular Access-Rights-of-Way), established rights of way for roads and driveways; **Section 321.D** (Roads Serving New Development), clarified regulation; **Section 321.D (3)** (Roads Serving New Development- Design and Construction Standards), clarified road construction standards; **Section 321.D (5)** (Roads Serving New Development-Compatibility with Anticipated Traffic and Use), corrected typographical error; **Section 321.D (7)** (Roads Serving New Development-Intersections), clarified regulation; **Section 321.D (11)** (Roads Serving New Development-Emergency Vehicle Turnouts), clarified regulation; **Section 328** (Water and Wastewater Systems), corrected typographical error; **Section 418.A** (Certificate of Occupancy), clarified regulation; **Section 421.A (1)** (Site Plan Review-Applicability) clarified regulation; **Section 421.A (3) and (4)** (Site Plan Review-Applicability), corrected typographical errors; **Section 433.A (2)** (Deferred Approval-Applicability), removed limitation on subdivision of deferred lot; **Section 454.C** (Enforcement Procedures-Action), corrected typographical error; **Section 511.A (2)** (Definitions-Accessory Structure) clarified regulation; **Section 511.P (13)** (Definitions-Private Road) clarified regulation; **Section 511.P (14)** (Definitions-Productive Agriculture Land) clarified regulation; **Section 511.R (12)** (Definitions-Roads), eliminated driveway from definition of roads; **Section 511.S (18)** (Definitions-Structure, Accessory) clarified regulation.

**Location Where Full Text May be Examined:** Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment to the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations are available at the Westford Town Office, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, Vermont or may be viewed on the Town of Westford website at [www.westfordvt.us](http://www.westfordvt.us)

Dated at Westford, Vermont this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September

Gordon Gebauer, Westford Planning Commission Chair

# JACKSON FARM & FOREST PROJECT

**PLEASE VOTE !**

**November 8, 2016**

Many of us in the Westford have long enjoyed the scenic stretch of farmland, forestland, and stone walls of the former Jackson Farm on Brookside Road. This iconic farm is located across from the Westford School, and it stretches north to the Village Center. We now have an opportunity to protect the values that this land contributes to our Town and increase its future role in making Westford a great place to live.

## **Background**

Upon learning that the Jackson Farm would be sold, there was a joint meeting of the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Conservation Commission about the future of the property. A volunteer committee formed to explore ways of protecting the land's many public values.

We are close to success but we need the Town to support the project. Without our Town's Support, we lose this opportunity.

Although the project budget is \$630,000, with the help of the Vermont Land Trust, funding and Conservation Grants have been found that support 2/3rds of the total costs.

We are asking the Town to support the project in a ballot measure on November 8th for \$185,000, bonded over 5 years. The increase in property tax would be about \$42 per year for 5 years for a \$250,000 property value.

(Tax rate = \$0.0168/\$100 property value).

We will also need to raise about \$50,000 in private donations. The Westford Historical Society has already pledged \$5,000 toward that goal!

## **Project Vision and Outcomes**

- ***Westford Town Forest.*** Create a 130+ acre Town Forest/Community Land on the edge of the Village to provide outdoor recreational opportunities, a place to connect with nature, an "outdoor classroom," and potentially much more. Many Towns in Vermont treasure their own Town Forests, and have made creative use of them for things like providing new floors for their Town Hall, or providing firewood for families in need.
- ***Conserved Farmland.*** Protect the 42 acres of open meadows of the Jackson Farm with a perpetual conservation easement and facilitate the purchase of the land by a local farm family, the Pouliots, at the land's affordable agricultural value. Keeping this farmland permanently available and affordable to farmers will help maintain agriculture as an integral part of our Town.
- ***Public Trails.*** A network of trails on the Town Forest parcel could connect over the farmland to trails on the School parcel. A trail along the farmland on Brookside Road, and

a trail along the Browns River on the Haller property, could help create a pedestrian way from the Village to the School.

**Secure Town Leach Field Capacity.** A portion of the northern meadow, which would be included in the Town Forest/Community Land property, has suitable soils for an in-ground leach field near the Village Center should the community decide to pursue in the future. Securing this substantial and proven area for potential future community use maintains our ability to increase economic activity.

### Public Benefits

- **Scenic Viewshed.** The property provides popular pastoral views across meadows and woodland on the edge of the Village and across from the School.
- **Productive Farmland.** Protecting high-quality agricultural soils will help maintain farming in our community and help maintain the Town's working landscape.
- **Outdoor Recreation.** The Town Forest and associated trails could offer diverse opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, birdwatching, and many other community supported possibilities.
- **Education and "Outdoor Classroom."** The Town Forest property has a diverse forestland and portions of two beaver ponds that provide ample opportunities for outdoor education, located directly across the road from the School.
- **Pedestrian Connections between School and Village Center.** Trails along the farm, and a trail along the Browns River on the Haller property, could help to create a pedestrian connection between the Village and School.
- **Scenic and Historic Stone Wall.** The stone wall on the Jackson Farm has become a Westford institution, adding to the scenic views along Brookside Road.
- **Solving Current Village Leach Field Issues.** Municipal buildings, and some private homes, located in the Village Center are facing uncertain futures regarding wastewater systems. Securing this land on the Jackson Farm would help address those problems.
- **Capacity for Future Growth and Development.** Securing leach field capacity on the Jackson Farm would enable future growth of homes and businesses to create a more vibrant Village Center.



For more information, please check out Westford's website at:

<https://westfordvt.us/lets-save-the-jackson-farm-and-create-a-new-Westford-town-forest/>



**PLEASE VOTE !**  
**November 8, 2016**

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## WALK THE JACKSON FARM AND FOREST

When: Saturday, October 8, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Westford Elementary School Parking Lot, Brookside Road

Come experience the best Westford has to offer in pastoral farmland and forest as we take a tour of the Jackson Farm on Brookside Road. We will be exploring some of the 130+ acres of forestland, maybe some ponds, the historic laid stone wall, and beautiful fall colors throughout. This event is part of efforts to keep the Jackson Farm intact and a valuable part of the Westford community.

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## Travel Talk is Back - Wed. October 12

**7:00-8:30pm**

**Destination: New Zealand**

**Presented by: Doris Bittruf and  
Berhard Wunder**



New Zealand has been on many bucket lists for its variety of amazing landscapes long before the Lord of the Rings movies.

We had the chance to spend four weeks on New Zealand's North & South Islands to discover many of its wonders & brought back plenty of photos and memories to share.

## Library Hours

<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>10am-7pm</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10am-2pm</b>



## **PJ STORYTIME**

**Wed. Oct. 26, 6:30-7:30pm**

**Theme: Halloween**

**Wear your PJs or costume and come listen to Halloween stories and do a craft. Great for those who have aged out of morning storytime or who are in school during the day.**

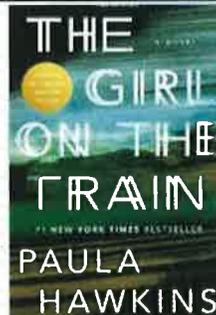
## **Adult Book Group**

**Wed. October 19**

**7:00-8:00pm**

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

**We will be reading  
The Girl on the Train  
by: Paula Hawkins**



The debut psychological thriller that will forever change the way you look at other people's lives.

EVERY DAY THE SAME: Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason, she calls them. Their life—as she sees it—is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.

UNTIL TODAY: And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good? (from Amazon.com)

## Mask Making and Halloween Fun Saturday, Oct. 29 10:30-Noon

**Wear your costume and have a ghoulish good time!  
Come make a spooky mask (or a fabulous one!) at the Library. We'll also have a games and goodies.**



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

10/6/16: Theme: Apples

10/13/16: Theme: Owls

10/20/16: Theme: Pumpkins

10/27/16: Theme: Halloween (Wear Your Costume!!)

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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## October Library Events

October 1 - All month long - Story Walk on the Westford School Trails - Over in the Meadow by Jack Ezra Keats

October 5 - STEM Buddies 3-5pm

October 5 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm

October 7 - Relax: Coloring Friday 3-5pm. For ages 9 and older (kids can take bus #3 w/note)

October 12 - Travel Talk: New Zealand 7-8:30pm

October 13 - STEM Family Night 7-8pm

October 19 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm - The Girl on the Train

October 26 - PJ/Costume Storytime 6:30-7:30pm - Theme: Halloween - wear your costume or PJs!

October 29 - Mask Making and Halloween Fun! 10:30-Noon - Mask making, goodies, and more!

**Storytime every Thursday 11am**



VELI-STEM and the Westford Public Library present: **STEM Buddies!** STEM Buddies is a fun, inquiry-based introduction to the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for kids in grades K-1.

**STEM Buddies Family Night!**  
Thursday, October 13 from 7-8pm  
Come see what your kids have been working so hard on for the past four weeks. Build family marble runs and enjoy an evening of innovation together. Family Night is a required part of the STEM Buddies program.

**Relax! Coloring Friday - Oct. 7**  
**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. Calm...Color!**

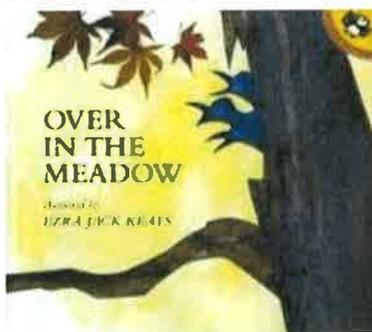


Plan ahead and Save the Date  
Thursday, Nov. 10 7-9pm  
Motown Mushrooms will be putting on a FREE talk on mushrooms & a demo on log inoculation to grow your own at home (\$15 fee for the log).



**Westford Public Library and The Westford Conservation Commission present:**  
**A Story Walk of Jack Ezra Keat's**  
**Over in the Meadow**

**Exercise your body and mind on the beautiful trails of Westford School. The walk will be set up on one of the easier trails - follow the signs from the trailhead. Up all October.**



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.

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# 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.

## 5th Annual Pumpkin Run

Sunday October 16, 2016  
Registration Opens at 9:00am  
Westford Elementary School

### 1K Fun Run

Along Brookside Trail  
Children up to age 17

Run Starts: 9:30am

Awards:  
Top 3 Runners

Registration Fee:  
2 non-perishable food items



Check out our  
website and Facebook page  
for up to date information!

### 6.5K Trail Run

WES Trails- New Route TBD  
Ages 18+

Run Starts: 10:00am

Awards:  
Top 3 Male  
Top 3 Female  
Top 3 Walkers

Registration Fee:  
\$10/person

Pre-register or register the morning of the event

\*Race is open to all towns!

\*Volunteers needed for timers, food table, results board.

Email [westfordvtrec@gmail.com](mailto:westfordvtrec@gmail.com) or call (802)662-1042 for more information.

### Recreation Department Committee Members

Bekah Gwozdz, Coordinator	662-1042	Danielle Vierling	871-9404
Maureen Carpenter	893-5096	Jeff LaBossiere	
Martha Bennett	878-9269	Meredith Irish	373-9980
Greg Baker	324-5537	Nancy Volkers	

Email: [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)

# Afterschool Programs

## 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!

## Fall Fencing Series

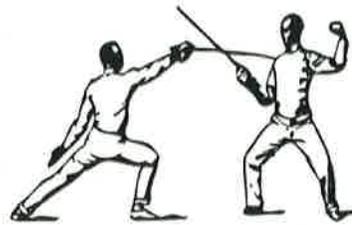
Tuesdays November 1 - November 29

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

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

RMBH \* \$75 for 5 weeks

Instructor: Dale Rodgers



## Yoga

### 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!

## Community Events

### Jackson Farm and Forest Walk

Saturday, October 8th \* 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Saturday, October 22nd \* 1:30 PM–3:30 PM



Come experience the best Westford has to offer in pastoral farmland and forest as we take a tour of the Jackson Farm on Brookside Road.

We will be exploring some of the 130+ acres of forestland, maybe some ponds, the historic laid stone wall, and beautiful fall colors throughout.

This event is part of efforts to keep the Jackson Farm intact and a valuable part of the Westford community.

Meet at Westford Elementary School Brookside Rd

## 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](mailto:westfordvtrec@gmail.com).

Fees waived for coaches' players.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name	Grade	Program	Fee
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<b>Total Fee:</b>			_____

**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 MUSIC SERIES

*PRESENTS*

# FREVO



Date: Sunday, October 23, 2016

Time: 4-5 p.m.

Where: UCW White Church, Westford

Contact: [mhamrell@comcast.net](mailto:mhamrell@comcast.net)

FREVO, a well-known cross over group from the Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble, will present a unique offering at the Westford UCW white church on Sunday afternoon, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5pm. FREVO plays an eclectic sampling of chamber music for flute, clarinet, and cello and classical guitar including original arrangements and music from jazz, Latin, Classical and the newly composed. The quartet features an exciting mix of music with the talents of Bonnie Thurber Klimowski on cello, Steven Klimowski on clarinet, Wendy Greenwald Matthews on flute, and Peter Matthew on guitars.

Flutist Wendy Greenwald Matthews has performed with the Cleveland Composer's Consortium, Warebrook Music Festival, Northern Winds and various orchestras and chamber ensembles. Classical guitarist Peter Matthews is involved in solo and chamber music work with VCME, Vermont Virtuosi, vocal group Counterpoint, and was a prize winner in the Stroud Competition. He and his wife, Wendy, have appeared on Innova and Albany records.

Cellist, Bonnie Thurber Klimowski played for the State of Mexico Symphony Orchestra, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, the VCME and the Stringendo string trio. She is a cello instructor at Saint Michaels' College.

Steven Klimowski studied clarinet under the famed Leon Russianoff, played in the State orchestra of Mexico, founded the Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble, played with the VSO and the Mozart Festival. Steve is currently the principal clarinet with the Burlington Chamber Orchestra and the Opera Company of Middlebury.

This quartet is known for their high energy and love of playing music for all groups, ages and genres. Appropriate for the entire family with variations of music from the Beatles and children's songs to classical jazz pieces.

Refreshments following the concert.

For more information, call Marge Hamrell@ 802-879-4028

## Future Music Series Events:

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Oh' Anleigh

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Full Circle

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Code 11

February 12<sup>th</sup> – Possum Haw

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Young Tradition Vermont

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Zack Tyler

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

# 2016 Trash & Recycling Schedule

Effective July 1, 2016

**Trash:** Tuesday - weekly pickup on Route 128 and all roads west of Route 128 (beginning July 5th)  
 Wednesday - weekly pickup on all roads east of Route 128 (beginning July 6th)

**Recycling:** UNSHADED weeks - Tuesday pickup on Route 128 and all roads west of Route 128 (beginning July 5th)  
 SHADED weeks - Wednesday pickup on all roads east of Route 128 (beginning July 13th)

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