



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

September 2016

Westford Town Office

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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/>). Also, 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. Applications must be postmarked by November 2nd to be considered timely. This method also requires a valid ID if registering in Vermont for the first time.
- **November 7th (Monday)** – 5pm deadline to request absentee ballots (see details below).
- **November 8th (Tuesday)** – Voting day. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm in the Westford School gym.

Absentee Ballots – Absentee ballots will be available September 24th. The Town Office is accepting requests now. Please call (878-4587) or email (townclerk@westfordvt.us) the Town Office and provide us with your name, phone number and the mailing address where you want the ballot sent. Please allow sufficient time for the ballot to be mailed. Voted ballots not received by Election Day will not be counted!

Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions about registering to vote or voting by absentee.

Westford Senior Luncheon

Golly, it's September already. The senior meals will start back on the second Monday each month with this one being on September 12th. We have had a wonderful gathering each month with about 30—50 of us. I would like to see us grow again this year. Many say they have been thinking about it, well now is the time to give it a try. It's only a couple of hours and you will have a nice meal (all homemade by the volunteers) and a place to catch up with others whether they are neighbors, old friends, or a brand new friend. Remember, it's Sept. 12th at noon at the Red Brick Meeting House. I would, also, like to thank all the volunteers that put this together every month. The seniors appreciate it and I appreciate working with all of you. Hope to see you on the 12th. We took group pictures in June and they will be available to look at. They came out good. Would you like to be a volunteer? There are many different jobs to fill. If interested, please call me at 878-3090. Carol Howrigan, President

Clarification of Bulky Items Placed Out for Trash Pickup

The contract between the Town of Westford and Myers for collection of trash and recycling includes the following statement: "Items such as couches, chairs, bedding, shall be considered trash but do not count toward the 64 gallon threshold." Myers will collect bulky items; however, they will charge for the pickup. Some residents have found it cheaper to bring their bulky items to a Chittenden Solid Waste District drop off center rather than have Myers pick them up. Please call a drop off center or go to to <http://cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/drop-off-centers/> to determine the best course of disposal for your household.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, September 26th.

Town Office Summer Hours

The Town Office is open Monday–Thursday, 8:30am – 4:30pm and Friday, 8:30am – 1:00pm.

The Town Office will be closed Monday, September 5th for Labor Day.

Regular hours resume after Labor Day. The office will be open 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday.



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.

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS FUTURE OF WESTFORD SCHOOL PROPERTY

We've previously written that what we call the land around the Westford Elementary school is actually broken up into three parcels - one that holds the school and parking lot (parcel 1), one that contains the sports and recreational fields (parcel 2), and one that provides some of our town's excellent recreational paths (parcel 3). The upcoming RED consolidation will be taking all three of those properties into the new district, unless we act before next July.

On June 8th, the Westford School Board held a public forum about the future ownership of the lands surrounding the Westford School. The meeting was well attended, and it was clear from the residents who attended that they would like to see Westford taking ownership of parcels 2 and 3 from the school districts.

For this to happen, the School Board will need to hold a special town meeting. At the June meeting it was requested of the board to try to have this vote in September or October. So far, no action has been taken to present the ballot item, nor to schedule the meeting and vote. If no action is taken by the Westford School Board, the clock will run out and these lands will be transferred to the RED School Board; we will then no longer have any say in how these lands are managed.

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 www.FrontPorchForum.com!

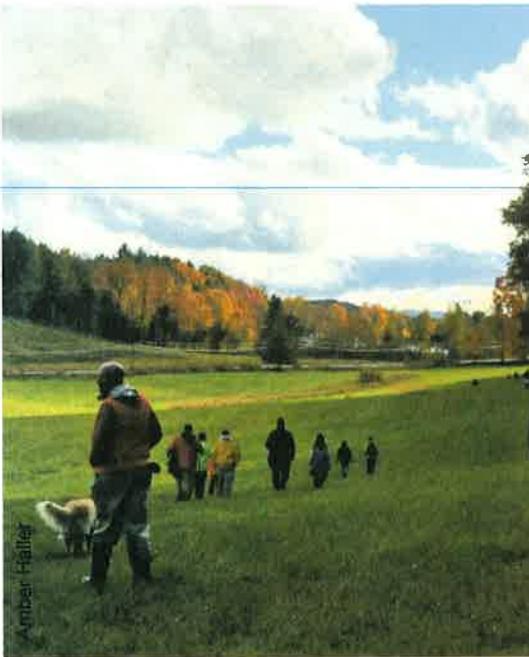
UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER!!!

Sunday Services resume September 11th at 8:30 am.

We are an Open and Affirming community church where ALL are welcome!

Note: We are continuing our schedule of 2 services per month, the 1st and 2nd Sundays at 8:30am.

Rev. Katherine Arthaud is available for phone calls, visits, weddings, baptisms, funerals etc.
Call 802-233-8639 if you would like to speak with her for any reason. (email: karthaud@aol.com)



Let's save the Jackson Farm and create a new Westford town forest!

The scenic farmland, forest, and stone walls of the Jackson Farm, located across from the Westford School, could be permanently protected as a working farm and town forest.

An Opportunity for Westford...

A New 130-Acre Town Forest and Trail Network

The new town forest would offer recreation, student education, and serve as a timber resource for the town. Trails could cross the farmland to trails on the School parcel. A trail along the farmland on Brookside Road and one along the Browns River on the Haller property would help further the pedestrian connection from the Village to the School.

A Working Farm

Forty-two acres of open meadows will be permanently protected as agricultural land and will be bought by the Pouliots, a local farm family.

Protection of a Historic Stone Wall

As part of the project, the stone wall along Brookside Road and the surrounding scenic meadows will be protected.

Town Wastewater Capacity

A portion of the northern meadow, which will be included in the Town Forest property, has suitable soils for an in-ground leach field near the village center should the community decide to pursue that in the future.

What needs to happen...

The project budget is \$630,000. We have already secured nearly two-thirds of this through a grant from the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board and other sources. We will be asking the Town to contribute \$185,000 toward the purchase of the land through a ballot measure in November. We will also need to raise around \$50,000 from private donors.

For more information:

Gordon Gebauer
(802) 879-1681
ggebauer@sover.net

Bob Helser
Vermont Land Trust
(802) 861-6404
bhelser@vl.org

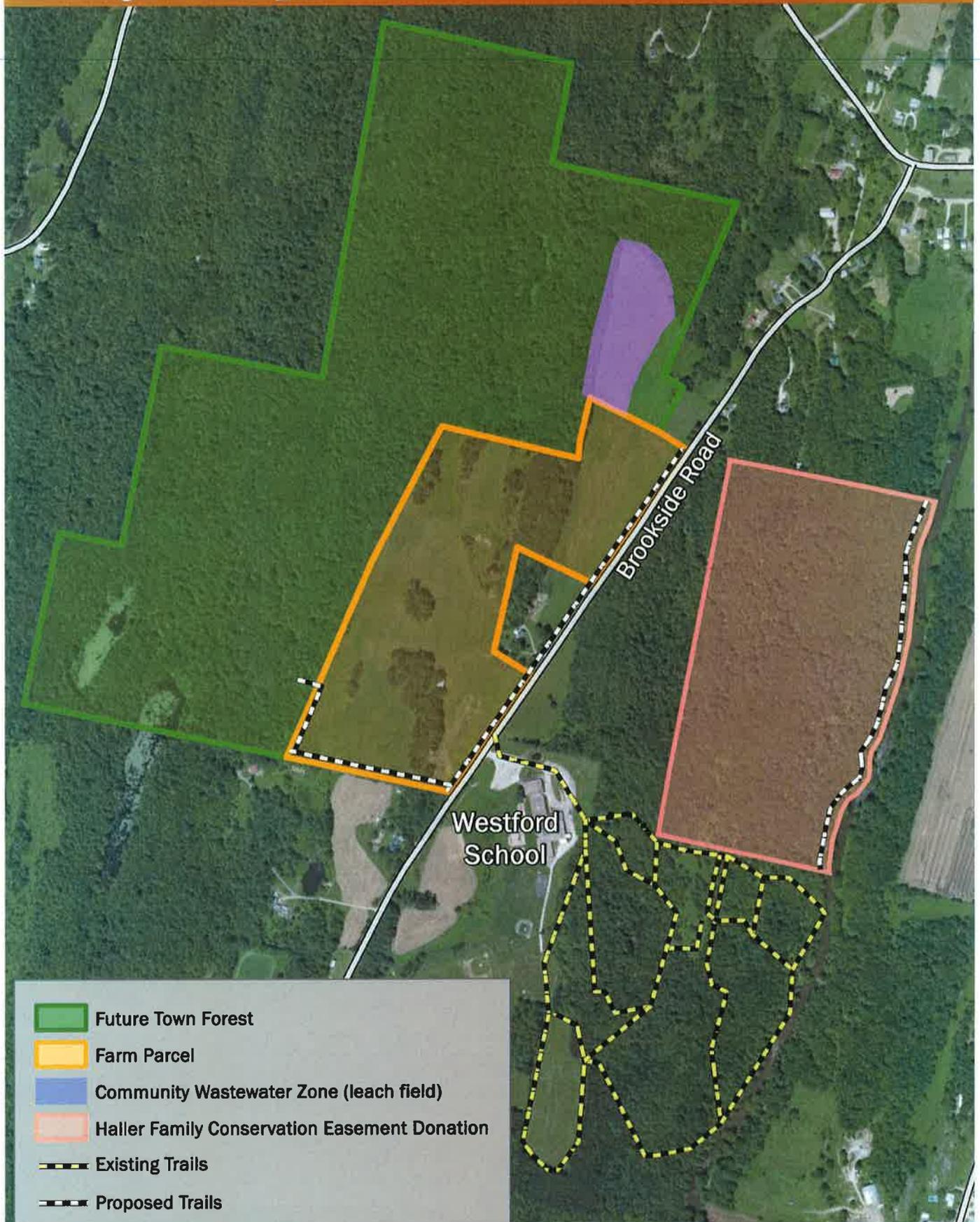
The Jackson Farm & Forest Coordinating Committee:

Dave Adams
Heather Armata
Gordon Gebauer
Pat Haller
Jeff Hutchins
Steve Knight
Melissa Manka
Tom Orfeo
Sarah Pinto
Don Pouliot
Alex Weinbagen
Dave Whitney



Vermont
Land Trust

Project map



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Travel Talk is Back - Wed. Sept. 14

7:00-8:30pm

Destination: Poland

Presented by: Bree Drapa

Come see what your world traveling librarian and family did this summer! From Krakow to Gdansk, Zakopane to the Baltic Sea - we did it all!



Library Hours

Wednesday: 1-7pm
Thursday: 10am-7pm
Friday: 1-7pm
Saturday: 10am-2pm
CLOSING THURSDAY 9/22 at 6pm

Summer Reading by the Numbers

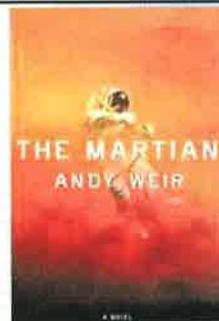
- no kids signed up for Summer Reading
- 35 Summer programs were held
- 1437 children's and teen's books checked out this Summer!
- 412 attendees at this Summer's Programs!

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, and teachers who do so much to support their children's love of reading!

THANK YOU to all those that helped make this a great summer!

City Market	Vermont Dept. of Libraries	Kim Horton
J. Hutchins, Inc.	Georgette Huffman	MC Baker
Snake Time	Jenny Hughes & Reese	Danielle Vierling
Sweet Clover Market	UMall	Max Cobb
Phoenix Books		Dale Rodgers
The Westford Library Board of Trustees		Barb Shenton

Adult Book Group
Wed. September 21
7:00-8:00pm
Pick up your books at the front desk!
We will be reading
The Martian
by: Andy Weir
Extra copies available



Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there.

After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded and completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive—and even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive.

Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment, or plain-old "human error" are much more likely to kill him first.

But Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills—and a relentless, dogged refusal to quit—he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the Impossible odds against him? (from Amazon.com)

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

9/1/16: Theme: Elephants

9/8/16: Theme: Grandparents

9/15/16: Theme: Science!

9/22/16: Theme: Fall

9/29/16: Theme: Leaves

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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September Library Events

- September 7 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- September 14 - STEM Buddies 3-5pm
- September 14 - Travel Talk 7-8:30pm - Poland, refreshments provided
- September 21 - STEM Buddies 3-5pm
- September 21 - Adult Book Group: The Martian 7-8pm, refreshments provided
- September 22 - Library CLOSSES at 6pm
- September 22 - VELI-STEM Childcare Provider Training at the Milton Library 7-9pm
- September 24 - Art Opening: MC and Ziva Baker Collaborative Art Show - 10:30-Noon, refreshments provided
- September 25-30 - Banned Books Week
- September 28 - STEM Buddies 3-5pm
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.

Children will explore Force and Motion with plenty of hands on games, using a variety of tools and materials, and reflection on our group learning. We will have 5th and 6th grade "buddies" helping us out. More info will be given to interested parents. Space is limited, please contact the library to secure a spot. Your child must commit to all FOUR classes and the family night:

All classes are Wednesdays afterschool-5pm
 Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5
 Family Night: Thursday, Oct. 13

Transportation will be provided via Bus #3 from Westford School. Class ends at 4:30pm, but parents can pick up as late as 5pm.

Westford is proud to be one of only 25 libraries in the country to participate in this federally sponsored program.



VELI-STEM Childcare Provider Training - Sept. 22 7-9pm at the Milton Public Library - FREE

We will provide childcare providers with hands on training, free materials and 2 credit hours. Contact Milton Library to register - 893-4644



MC and Ziva Baker Collaborative Art Show Opening Saturday, Sept. 24 10:30am-Noon

Stop by the library to meet the artists and enjoy coffee, juice, and other refreshments. Works of art by the mother-daughter team will be up at the Library September through November.

Celebrate Banned Books Week: 9/25-9/30

Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books from across the United States. **Read Banned Books!**



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 School News

Westford School is in the final stages of preparing for the 2016/17 school year. Teachers are finishing summer professional development opportunities. Summer facility upgrades, cleaning, and maintenance is nearing an end. And, families are wrapping up summer fun. We welcome students for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 31st, and open house on Thursday, September 15th. We invite families to bring a picnic dinner and meet near the playground starting at 5:30pm followed by classroom visits 6:00pm-7:00pm for open house.

It is my pleasure to introduce new teachers and teachers in new roles supporting Westford students this year. Cassidy Shumway and Kelly Hyde will be kindergarten classroom teachers. Kasey McCuin will work as a full time learning specialist in grades 1/2 and 7/8. Sally Conant remains our SLP and will now serve as a learning specialist for PreK and K. Barb Barnier will continue to work as a learning specialist and is assigned to grades 3-6.

Last year, Westford School successfully practiced an evacuation of the school with the support of CCR transportation. This year there has been revision of the Vermont State School Crisis Guide (<http://demhs.vermont.gov/programs/school>). Thus, we have revised our local plans to include these revisions. Students and staff will be educated about safety response code changes and new safety signage has been installed. All schools train on school safety throughout the year as well as conducting required and optional drills to better prepare for emergencies. We anticipate participating another relocation drill in the fall to practice these revisions.

Curriculum & Instruction

Over the past few years, Westford teachers have focused professional development efforts in the areas of literacy and math. This focus has resulted in a successful transition to Common Core State Standards. Additionally, the shift to a workshop teaching model in literacy and math has increased student engagement and stamina. Finally, the adoption of the Bridges Math Program & the Lucy Calkin's Units of Study in reading and writing ensures high quality instructional materials for all students. We appreciate the community's support throughout these shifts, and we know that working to continually improve our practice with your support allows us to meet the needs of all students.

This year Westford School will adopt a system called Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a school-wide approach to teaching social skills and community behaviors while positively encouraging and recognizing students for meeting the school-wide expectations of being safe, kind and responsible. Our goal is a strong system focused on the social and emotional wellbeing of students that complements our long standing efforts and achievements in literacy and math.

Student Registration

We have registered many new students and remind parents new to the community to contact Terri Martin, Office Manager, for support in registering a new student. New student registration paperwork is also available on line @ <http://www.ccsuvt.org/registration>. We welcome the opportunity to integrate new students into our school and classrooms. Early registration allows us to best prepare and serve all students, including placement into teams and the appropriate allocation of resources. We thank families for registering prior to the first day of school and as early as possible.

If you have a child who is 3 or 4, the Westford School PreK classroom has an opening. Please contact Emily Grimes, PreSchool teacher at egrimes@ccsuvt.org or 802/878-5932.



Westford PTO

September 2016 Newsletter

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

Open House — Thursday, September 15th

Visit their classroom, meet their teachers, and help start their school year off right! Picnic on the Westford School grounds at 5:30 pm, and visit classrooms 6:00-7:00 pm.

The PTO will have a table at Open House, so please stop by say hello, take a look at what we have planned so far, share your ideas, and find a way to lend a hand. We need your skills, your connections, your time, your energy, your ideas. If we all help a little, it helps our kids a lot! Let's make it a great year!

Room Parents — A connection for teachers and families

To strengthen support and connections in the classrooms and with families, the PTO hopes to implement a school-wide room parent system this year. We are looking for 1-2 parents per classroom to check in with their child's teacher, perhaps monthly, for any supply or support requests that the PTO can help make happen. Room parents will have the PTO's full support – we can help coordinate materials, snacks, special projects, or other classroom needs.

Look for more room parent information coming soon.

Safe, Kind, Responsible —

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

This year our school has adopted the Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) system to focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of students. In the first six weeks of school, our teachers will introduce three school-wide expectations for students. Expectations for students are to be 1) safe, 2) kind, and 3) responsible – in their classroom and throughout the school.

PTO Calendar

Monday, August 29
Classroom orientation.

Wednesday, August 31
First day of school!

Monday, September 5
Labor Day, no school.

Wednesday, September 14
PTO monthly meeting,
Westford School, 7:00 pm.

Thursday, September 15
Open House,
Family picnic 5:30 pm;
Classrooms open
6:00-7:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 20
Picture Day.

Wednesday, October 12
PTO monthly meeting,
Westford School, 7:00 pm.

Thursday, October 20
Parent Conferences,
no school for students.

Friday, October 21
No school for students.

REMINDER:
Clip your Box Tops!
Collection box in the lobby.

E-mail: westfordvtpto@gmail.com • Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westfordvtpto>

Web: <http://westford.ccsvt.org/hope-parent-organization/>

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.

Family Summer Geocaching Challenge!

We have hidden 5 Caches along the Westford Trails...
Each contain a stamp, a pen, and a guest book...
We challenge you to find all 5 by August 31st!



Here's how it works:

- Pick up a booklet at the Town Office

It will contain information about each of the trails the caches are hidden on as well as the gps location of each of the boxes.

Feel free to use whatever app/device you are comfortable with to track down the boxes.

If you choose not to use a device, that is okay too!

- Once you find a box, sign the guest book and stamp your booklet.
- Once you have found all 5, return the back page of your booklet to the Town Office for a small gift.

If you have any questions or want more information, please email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

Thank you to the Westford Conservation Commission for their support in this endeavor!

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 Vokers	

Email: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

It's Time for Fall Soccer

We are currently seeking coaches for our PK/K team.

This is a one day or three day per week commitment for 6 - 8 weeks depending on grade level.

- PK/K coed team
- 1/2 coed team
- 3/4 coed team

Coach's children receive free registration.

PK/K Co-ed Team

\$25/player

Typically plays Saturday Mornings

9:00am - 10:00am



1/2 Co-ed Team

\$30/player

Typically practices

Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am - 10:00am

3/4 Co-ed Team

\$35/player

Typically practices Tues and Thurs

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Games on Saturday

Please keep in mind practice days and times are subject to change based on coaches schedules



Discount Attraction Tickets Available Now!

ArborTrek TreeTop Obstacle Course/Climing Adventure \$47 (\$13 discount)

ArborTrek Climbing Adventure Only \$15 (\$5 discount)

Bromley Adventure Center \$33 (\$12 discount for 48"+)

Great Escape (Good Any Day) \$41 (\$17.99 discount for 48"+ / \$5.99 discount for under 48")

Great Escape Parking Pass \$18 (\$2 discount)

Killington Adventure Center \$35 (\$34 discount age 14+ / \$24 discount ages 7-13)

Killington Mtn Bike Trail and Lift Tickets \$29 (\$23 discount ages 14+ / \$10 discount ages 7-13)

Killington Mtn Bike Trail, Lift and Bike Rental Package \$101 (\$49 discount ages 14+ / \$12 discount ages 7-13)

Six Flags New England \$41 (\$17.99 discount 48"+ / \$5.99 discount under 48")

Workshops

Amazing Damsels and Dragons!

Sunday August 14th, 2016 * 1:00pm - 3:00pm

RMBH * \$12/participant



Can you tell the difference between a dragonfly and a damselfly?

Any idea how old those "mosquito hawks" that whiz by you are? Do they bite or sting?

Can you imagine ancient dragonflies with a wingspan of 2.5 feet?

For the answers to these and other questions, consider attending Naturalist Laurie DiCesare's show-and-tell presentation on the amazing "Odes" she has identified and photographed throughout Vermont, the Adirondack Park in upstate New York and on the coast of Maine.

This show-and-tell includes exuvia (the cases the nymphs emerge from), macro photos from Lake Arrowhead, Milton Pond and other local wetlands, and a bit of biology and folklore.

Dragonflies are a sign of change and transformation (from water to earth to the air.)

Come become acquainted with a few of Vermont's ~200 colorful species. :-).

For more information contact Laurie at 802.893.1845 or NatureHaven@MyFairPoint.net.



Compost Alive!

Wednesday September 14th, 2016 * 7:00pm - 9:00pm

RMBH * 7/participant

Come help Master Composter Laurie DiCesare mix up a batch of sweet-smelling compost.

We'll talk about several methods (piles, bins, tumblers, worms...); what to include / exclude; mixing "Greens and Browns"; natural compost accelerators; cures for "compost gone wrong"; and what you can do with the "Black Gold" you produce. Your banana peels, coffee grounds, dried eggshells and other compostable donations would be appreciated...or just come watch.

Participants will receive a Basic Composting hand-out...and maybe an eco-friendly door prize.

For more information contact Laurie at 802.893.1845 or NatureHaven@MyFairPoint.net.

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 Music Series

presents the

Missisquoi River Band



Original & Traditional Bluegrass, Folk & Country Music

Event Date: Sunday, September 11th
Time: 4-5pm
Where: UCW White Church, Top of the Common, Westford
Contact: Marjorie Hamrell; 802-879-4028

Vermont's well known Missisquoi River Band, will be featured as the opening act of the Westford Music Series 2016/2017 season offering a variety of original and traditional bluegrass music with blues and folk influences. Sheldon's Patrick Murphy and Jim and Cindy Weed of Enosburg form the songwriting and vocal backbone of the band. Their unique three-part harmony arrangements are masterfully backed up by some of Vermont's most well-seasoned pickers including string wizard Will Patton of Bakersfield on mandolin and National Steel tenor guitar, Neil Rossi on fiddle, Bill Gaston on banjo and dobro, and Jim Weed on lead guitar. Murphy and Cindy Weed complete the sound on rhythm guitar and solid bass fiddle.

Rossi and Gaston - of Big Spike Bluegrass fame - have several CDs while Patton has six gypsy jazz CDs and plays bass and mandolin for a variety of other well-known bands. Their first CD Plenty of Heartaches can be previewed on www.cdbaby.com

The Westford Music Series supports the performers with free will donations and has been serving the community of Westford and surrounding areas for the past 8 years.