



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

July 2017

Westford Town Office

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Town Office Notes

Happy Independence Day!

Property Tax Bills

You should receive your 2017 property tax bills no later than July 15th. If you do not receive your bill by this date, please contact the Town Office.

The first of four installments is due Tuesday, August 15th. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have an August 15th postmark (postal, FedEx, or UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the Town Office door before the office opens at 8:30am on Wednesday, August 16th. **If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company in a timely manner while retaining a copy for your records.**

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

In July, the State will send notification to homeowners explaining the Education Tax Credit. If you are receiving a school tax adjustment, it will be reflected on your tax bill. You should compare the letter with the amount on your tax bill.

Town Office Hours

The Town Office will be closed **Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day.

The Town Office will close at 1pm on Fridays July 7th through September 1st. Normal office hours will resume after Labor Day.

Senior Lunch

Our lunches are on a vacation until September. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you then. Carol Howrigan 878-3090

WOODS HOLLOW ROAD CLOSURE JULY 5TH – SEPTEMBER 1ST

Woods Hollow Road will be closed to through traffic for road reconstruction July 5 – September 1, between the hours of 7:30am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The closure is from 627 Woods Hollow Road to 694 Woods Hollow Road.

- Access to all homes south of and including 627 Woods Hollow Road, can be accessed by travelling north on Woods Hollow Road from Old Stage Road.
- Access to all homes north of and including 694 Woods Hollow Road, can be accessed by travelling south on Woods Hollow Road from Route 128.

ATTENTION DOG LOVERS

The Town of Westford is looking for someone who is interested in serving as Dog Warden. What is a Dog Warden? A Dog Warden is a person who helps dog owners comply with the Westford Dog Ordinance. What qualifications do you need in order to be considered for the Dog Warden position? A love for dogs, the ability to communicate effectively, and a location to bring dogs until they can be reunited with their owner, to name a few. Some people think they need a kennel in order to be a Dog Warden. This is not the case. However, a stray dog does need to be placed in a healthy environment until it is reunited with its owner. A healthy environment includes shelter, food, water and a suitable area for them to relieve themselves.

The Dog Warden position receives an annual stipend of \$500. The Town budget also includes funds for training, supplies and mileage. If you would like more information on helping the community by serving in this position, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us. You do not need to be a Westford resident to apply for this position.

SEEKING RESIDENT TO SERVE ON CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Selectboard is seeking town residents interested in serving as Westford's representative and alternate representative on the Chittenden Regional Planning Commission Clean Water Advisory Committee.

The Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) oversees the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission activities and policy development regarding but not limited to, the Vermont Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan and its related plans and programs. The CWAC will meet at the call of the Chair. The typical meeting time will be the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00am. Full agendas and minutes for Clean Water Advisory Committee meetings can be found at <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/clean-water-advisory-committee/>.

Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us if you are interested in representing Westford on this committee.

TOWN COMMON USE POLICY

1. There is no exclusive use of the common. When scheduling an event, please be aware that this is public property which is used by the general public.
2. Clean up after your dog.
3. Large gatherings need to be scheduled with the Town Office to avoid conflicts.
4. All events must be over by dark, with the exception of Town sanctioned events.
5. Noise should be kept at a level so as not to infringe on the rights of neighboring residents.
6. All trash and recycling must be picked up and placed in the proper receptacles.
7. Tables and chairs must be returned to the gazebo.
8. Exercise care around the flower beds and plantings.
9. Adult supervision is required for all kid activities.
10. Commercial activity requires Selectboard and/or zoning approval.
11. Parking is allowed in the parking lots located at each end of the common, as well as along Common Road in a manner that does not obstruct traffic.
12. No parking on the grass.
13. No parking is allowed on the Route 128 side of the common.
14. Except in emergencies no vehicles are allowed on the common.

WESTFORD SELECTBOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - RESCHEDULED

The Westford Selectboard hereby provides notice of a public hearing being held pursuant to Title 24, Sections 4384 & 4444 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 rescheduled for: Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westford Town Office, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, Vermont.

Purpose:

The Town of Westford 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 to agriculture and silvicultural purposes.

Geographic Area Affected: Entire Town.

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

Section 112 (Agriculture and Silviculture), clarify agriculture requirements; **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.

Dated at Westford, Vermont this 5th day of June.

Casey Mathieu, Westford Selectboard Chair

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****
WEEKLY RECYCLE PICK UP

In case you missed it in last month's newsletter, Myers is collecting recyclables weekly from all households rather than every other week.

Recycling material requirements are a minimum of 2 inches x 2 inches and a maximum of 2 feet x 2 feet. This is because the facility is designed to handle recyclables of standard shapes and sizes. Please refer to CSWD's website for more information on recyclables (<https://cswd.net/recycling/> and <https://cswd.net/recycling/plastic-resin-codes/>).

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **Burn permits** are needed prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online (www.westfordvt.us), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during regular office hours. If you have any questions on whether or not a permit is required (camp fire, bon fire, etc.), please contact the Fire Warden.
- **Yard waste**, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating Chittenden Solid Waste drop off center. For a list of centers please visit www.cswd.net.
- **Metal items** can be put in the metal dumpster located at the town garage.
- **Hazardous waste materials** must be brought to a participating CSWD drop off center or the Rover.

THE ROVER IS COMING TO WESTFORD!

Saturday, July 8th, 9am-1pm at the Town Garage

The Rover is a mobile household hazardous waste collection unit that stops once in each town during summer months. The Rover accepts paints and stains, automotive fluids, hobby supplies, pesticides, fertilizers, household cleaners and anything with the words "Danger, Caution, Warning, Poison" on the label. Please visit <http://cswd.net/hazardous-waste/rover> for a schedule or call the Hotline at 872-8111.

WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free Sunday Concerts On the Common

July 23rd – Eames Brothers Band

August 13th – Starline Rhythm Boys

Co-sponsored by:

Westford Library, Westford Recreation Dept. & Committee for Westford Children and Families

WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are NOT allowed in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be removed by cemetery officials. Also **the planting of trees and shrubs is NOT permitted**. There are signs posted in each cemetery.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Westford Cemetery Commission & Pleasant View Cemetery Association

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**Westford Public Library's
Fourth of July Book Sale 9am-1pm
\$5 per bag of books!**

Shop early and then come back for more!
Regular Library services will not be offered on the Fourth of July.

Helpers needed!

Book Sale Setup and Cleanup Volunteers

Setup: Monday, July 3 9am-Noon

Cleanup: July 4 starting at 1pm until it's

done. All helpers get a FREE bag of books!

Let Bree know if you can help.



Keep at eye out for our float in the parade! If your child (age 6+) wants to ride - sign up by July 1.

Thank you to J. Hutchins, Inc. for pulling the float.



Build a Better World by Creating Animal Habitat!

July 12 - Build a Bat House 6-8pm

Barry Genzlinger is a bat rehabilitator for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept. He is also president of the Vermont Bat Center. Join Barry for a discussion of the bats of Vermont and the work being done to rescue and rehabilitate injured and orphaned Vermont

bats. Then we will build bat houses. **Sign up required (space is limited) for building a bat house - kids and adults welcome.**

August 2 - Building Bluebird Nesting Boxes 6-8pm

Natural habitat is disappearing for our feathered friends. Help "Build a Better World" by making a safe place to nest. Craig Helfrich will help you make your own house to take home. **Sign up required (space is limited), bring a hammer.**



Library Hours

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

NO MEETING IN JULY

Adult Book Group

Wed., August 16

7:00-8:00pm

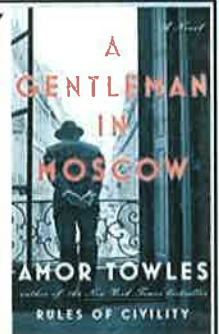
Pick up your books

at the front desk!

A Gentleman in

Moscow

By: Amor Towles



He can't leave his hotel. You won't want to.

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Rules of Civility*—a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose. (from Amazon.com)

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

7/6/17: Theme: Towers

7/13/17: Theme: Bridges

7/20/17: Theme: Castles

7/27/17: Theme: Architecture/Cardboard Box

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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July Library Events

- July 1 - Last day to sign up to ride the float in the Fourth of July Parade**
- July 4 - Library Book Sale 9am-1pm**
- July 4 - Parade 11am-meet at the town garage 10:30am**
- July 5 - "Unbuilding" 4:30-6:30pm**
- July 6 - Collaborate and Code 5:30-7pm (signup for the whole program, not each session)**
- July 7 - Can Heads with MC Baker 6-7pm**
- July 12 - Bat House Building 6-8pm - registration required - space is limited**
- July 13 - Collaborate and Code 5:30-7pm**
- July 14 - Pixel Art Posters drop in anytime 4:30-6:30pm**
- July 15 - Pixel Art Posters anytime 10:30-Noon**
- July 19 - Math and Movement (w/Danielle Vierling) 5:30-6:30pm**
- July 20 - Collaborate and Code 5:30-7pm**
- July 21 - Read to Liesel 6-7pm - registration required**
- July 23 - Concert on the Common: The Eames Brothers Band 7-8pm**
- July 26 - Read to Liesel 6-7pm - registration required**
- July 27 - Collaborate and Code 5:30-7pm**
- July 28 - Mixed Media CityScapes w/MC Baker 6-7pm**
- Storytime every Thursday 11am**
- For more detail see Summer Reading Brochure**

FREE/DISCOUNTED SUMMER FUN!

Passes are available for a 3 day check out
Passes may not be reserved - passes are on a first come first served basis.

- Vermont State Parks - day use (2 passes)**
- Vermont Historic Sites**
- Shelburne Farms (2 passes)**
- Shelburne Museum (1/2 price entrance)**
- ECHO Center (2 passes) (\$4/person)**
- Birds of Vermont Museum (BOGO)**
- American Precision Museum (Windsor, VT)**
- *New* - Vermont Granite Museum (Barre)**

Art with MC Baker - it's always the best!

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Collaborate and Code

Every Thursday 7/6-8/10 from 5:30-7pm.

Drop in or do at home (sign up required for the program) - learn to code in Scratch with Google CS. No coding experience needed. All learning is self-paced and taught with online videos. Become part of our "club", get a passport and complete lessons online. During **C&C**, we'll have computers available, as well as different building materials to play with. Engineering is collaborative! Suggested for 4th-8th grade (but that's up to you).

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Friday 7/21
Wednesday 7/26
All days at 6-7pm



Summer Reading Program

Build a Better World

June 22-August 11

Check out all the events we have going on this summer. Our brochure is in this newsletter and available on our [website](#). New this year: You can register on-line starting June 22!



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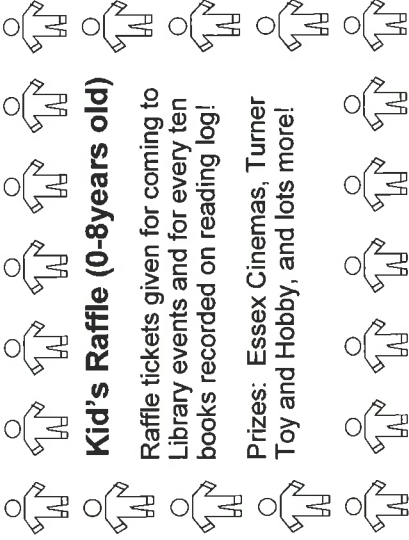
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Bree Drapa, Librarian



Raffles and Prizes Everyone gets a \$5 gift card to Spare Time for signing up!



Kid's Raffle (0-8 years old)

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every ten books recorded on reading log!

Prizes: Essex Cinemas, Turner Toy and Hobby, and lots more!



Tween Raffle (9-12 years old)

Raffle tickets given for coming to events and for every three books recorded on your reading log!

Prizes: Essex Cinemas, Get Air, Phoenix Books and more!



Teen Raffle 13-18 years old

Raffle tickets given for coming to events and for every book read.

Prizes: Essex Cinemas, Phoenix Books, City Market goodie bags

Adult Raffle (19 and older)

Raffle tickets given for every book read during the summer.

Prize: \$25 City Market gift card

Summer Reading at a Glance

- June 22 - Registration for SRP begins - online or at the Library
- June 22 - SRP Signup Fun - anytime 4-7pm
- June 23 - Kickoff Event: Big Blue Trunk 5-7pm
- June 28 - Installation Art w/MC Baker drop in anytime 4-7pm
- *June 29 - Read to Liesel 6-7pm
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- August 3 - Collaborate and Code 5:30-7pm
- August 4 - VINS: Raptors and their Homes 4:30-5:30pm (on the Common)
- August 9 - "Unbuilding" 4:30-6:30pm
- August 10 - Collaborate and Code 5:30-7pm
- August 11 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 5-6:30pm
- August 13 - Concert on the Common: The Starline Rhythm Boys 7-8pm

Storytime every Thursday at 11am

All events marked (*) require pre-registration



Visit the library or go online starting June 22 to sign up for the Summer Reading Program! List the books you read (or your family reads) on your reading log, come to programs and be eligible for prizes at the Ice Cream Party (8/11). **New this year: Everyone who picks up a reading log gets a \$5 gift card to Spare Time! (First 20 to register online get a water bottle too)**

Find Lady Liberty! Find the Statue of Liberty and win a prize! Visit weekly as the monument makes its way throughout the library.

Children 9+ may attend all these events without an adult, younger children need to bring an adult. For more information see the Library's Unattended Minor Policy & Behavior Guidelines on our website.

Summer Reading Program Events

June 22 - SRP Signup Fun 4-7pm Drop in for snacks, building materials and to get your Summer Reading Logs. Sign up online or in person.

June 22 - Kick Off Event: The Big Blue Trunk 5-7pm Big fun for the whole family. Interactive games, huge stunts, obstacles - you name it - it's in the trunk. Come for a couple of hours of rip, roarin' fun on the Common.

June 28 - Installation Art w/MC Baker 4-7pm Drop in to help create art for the Library this Summer. Working with over 1200 popsicle sticks, MC and YOU will create something fantastic.

June 30- Float Building 4:30-6:30pm Help create our float! **Sign up at the library required to ride the float by July 1.** Ages 6 and up are welcome to ride the float and goodie bags will be given to all riders. You do not need to attend this event to ride the float.

July 4 - Parade and Library Book Sale
Meet at the Town Garage at 10:30am, parade at 11am. **All riders need to have signed a Summer Reading Program permission slip.**

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August 9 - "Unbuilding Part II" 4:30-6:30pm We will take apart and learn what makes common objects work. Great for any age, especially those who like to take things apart.

August 11 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 5-6:30pm

Who doesn't love ice cream? And prizes? Help yourself to a sundae feast, and give yourself one more chance at a raffle ticket! We will pass out certificates and do all drawings (kids, tween, teen, and adult). You do not need to be present to win.

Hit the nail on the head.
I READ!



Build a Math Mindset!

Add some math to your summer with Bedtime Math's Summer of Numbers. Pick up a math log and get started!



Building Storytimes! Thursdays 11am
Using books and materials from VELLI-STEM

For ages birth - six.

6/22: Houses

6/28: Animal Builders I

7/6: Towers

7/13: Bridges

7/20: Castles

7/27: Architecture

8/3: Animal Builders II

8/10: Treehouses &

Forts



FIRE WARDEN NEWS

We are a little more than a week before celebrating the Fourth of July or the birthday of America. A question that comes up every year is “Are fireworks legal in the State of Vermont?” There are no rules for small displays such as sparklers, smoke devices, snappers or party poppers. However, the bigger fireworks, including bottle rockets, fire crackers, cherry bombs, M-80’s, roman candles or fountains, are illegal without a permit. It is possible to have a legal fireworks display. According to Vermont State Police Captain Paul White, there are several steps that would need to be followed, and unfortunately few people actually do what is required.

The procedure for a legal permit is:

1. Set up a date for the display
2. Acquire a fireworks permit from the Town’s fire chief or Selectboard at least 15 days before the event.
3. Get your competent fireworks operator approved the by the police and fire chief.

There is no legal definition of a competent operator but it does mean it has to be someone responsible and someone who is not intoxicated. It definitely cannot be a child. It’s important to note that just because you can buy the fireworks in some states, does not mean you can have them without the proper permits. The consumer needs to be aware that although it’s legal for the store to sell them to you, the moment you walk out of the door into the parking lot with that bag of fireworks, you are breaking the law and could be fined \$100.00 or more.

Every year I get calls from residents upset about the explosives going off near their homes. As Fire Warden I have no jurisdiction when it comes to fireworks and I advise the callers to contact the State Police. Everything else remains the same regarding bon fires. You must have a burn permit in hand to have a legal controlled burn. You can acquire a burn permit through the Town’s website (<https://westfordvt.us/administration/fire-warden/>). Make sure you print the permit and have it with you in case a law officer or someone with authority asks to see it. If you do not have a computer, you can get a paper permit from the Town Office during regular hours or from the Fire Warden on weekends or days the Town Office is closed. The Fire Warden will issue permits on the weekend from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

If you have any questions as to what you can legally burn, please call me at 879-1231.

Thank you!
Dennis Angiono

WESTFORD REC SOCCER/SPORTS CAMP 2017: OVERVIEW

I have run the soccer camp for the Westford Rec department for the last two years. It has been a really fun experience for both me and the kids that have done it. We have a lot of fun not only playing and working on soccer, but also playing games and running around in the woods during the hot parts of the afternoon. I have a background in education; I am going into my senior year as an Elementary Education Major at the University of New England. I also have experience in coaching and playing a variety of different sports.

The format of the camp would follow a general guideline, but the details are open to some changes based on what the day brings and what the kids’ interests are on that particular day. The morning of each day from around 8:30 to noon would be almost all soccer based. We would do some drills and skill based stuff, along with playing fun, competitive games. Each day would also include some scrimmaging as well. There would be snack/water breaks throughout the morning as it is usually very hot during camp week.

Lunch would be at noon, and I like to give them a pretty good size break for that as it is a very long day. If kids finish quicker than others they usually play on the playground or play games with one another.

The afternoon session each day is going to include a variety of other playground games and sports. Depending on numbers during camp week we would play games such as four square, kickball, tag games, basketball, and broomball/floor hockey. Soccer golf is also a favorite of many kids in the past during the afternoon. The afternoon does get very hot though, so many times I decide to take the kids in the woods to play games and build forts. Finally, Friday, depending on weather, is water balloon day where we play around with water balloons all throughout the day.

I am looking forward to another fun week. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Joe Aiken
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JULY 2017

Westford Recreation



Westford's July 4th Celebration!

Tuesday July 4, 11 am – 1:30 pm
Parade convenes at 10:30 am at Town Garage.
Music, food, crafts, games!

Soccer Camp



Grades Pre-K through 2nd

Mondays, July 3 through August 7 (six weeks)
6 pm – 7 pm WES Soccer fields \$25 per child



Grades 3 through 6

August 7 – 11, WES Soccer fields
Full day: 8:30 am – 5 pm, \$125
Half day: Either 8:30 am – 12:30 pm or 1 pm – 5 pm, \$65
Please bring your own lunch, snacks and drink.



Westford Recreation Department

www.westfordvt.us/recreation

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.

Tom Schmidt, Recreation Department Coordinator: 802-858-6211 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

Committee members: Danielle Vierling, Greg Baker, Nancy Volkens, Maureen Carpenter, Jeff LaBossiere

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

NAME (Parents) _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (only to be used for WRD mailings) _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL/WORK PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

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

NAME	PROGRAM	GRADE	FEE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:			_____

Would you be interested in being a coach or be a parent helper? Yes No

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

RELEASE/WAVIER AGREEMENT:
 I am fully aware of the inherent risk, and give my consent for the above named applicant(s) to participate in the program(s) listed above. I hold harmless the Town of Westford, Westford School, their employees, elected officials, and/or any volunteers or instructors from any and all liability from any injury, claim, costs or loss of services which may be incurred by me, or us, or our minor children on account of participation in said program(s). Permission is hereby granted for me or us, or my child(ren) to receive emergency treatment if needed and I authorize the attending physician to administer any needed medical attention. Furthermore, I certify that I, or we, or my child(ren) are in good health and that there are no limitations to my/our participation except in writing above. I have read this document carefully and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Send registration with check payable to:
 WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt.128, Westford, VT 05494**

CLASS OF 2017

Phelan Oleg Alber
Celia Eve Andrews
Flannery Thornton Carmical
Owen Scott-Michael Cooledge
Ryan David Garrow

Kolton Christopher Gillilan
Timeka Hope Giroux
Lazaria Ceborah Harris
Kaila Rae Menard
Samuel Price

Alexis Jean Slayton
Reggie Joseph Spiller Jr.
Sascha Carolyn Taylor
Shayla Marjlie Winer
Owen Arthur Young

8TH GRADE GRADUATION AWARDS

The Hazen Wood Award

Awarded to the students who have shown the most effort and perseverance in school work during the 7th and 8th grade: Flannery Carmical

The Citizenship Award

Awarded to the students who exhibit the truest qualities of citizenship. The display of these qualities enhance the entire school climate. The individual's respect, contribution, and stewardship over school and personal issues enables positive feelings to carry on - one day to the next: Owen Young

The Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to the students who embody scholarship during their 7th and 8th grade years: Flannery Carmical, Lazaria Harris, Samuel Price, Sascha Taylor, Shayla Winer and Owen Young

The Katherine & Wilson Howrigan Award

Awarded to the student(s) who have worked the most for the 8th grade class during their final year here at Westford: Flannery Carmical, Ryan Garrow, Kolton Gillilan, Reggie Spiller, Jr., Sascha Taylor and Shayla Winer

The Betty Fay Award/Helping Hands Award

Given to the students of grade eight who exhibit the most genuine desire to help others: Phelan Alber and Kaila Menard

The Sportsmanship Award

Awarded to the students who evidence good sportsmanship when involved in team sports: Celia Andrews and Owen Young

The Joayn Larson Award

Awarded to students who exhibit the following outstanding qualities: patience, unselfishness, and compassion for others. This award is donated by the Westford Home Dem. group in memory of Joayn Larson: Phelan Alber, Owen Cooledge and Kaila Menard

The Judith DeNova Personal Conviction Award

Awarded to the students who have learned to dig deep to find the necessary courage and self determination to persevere when things get tough: Timeka Giroux, Kaila Menard and Alexis Slayton

Band Certificate /Pin: Kaila Menard and Reggie Spiller, Jr.

Chorus Certificate/Pin: Timeka Giroux and Kaila Menard

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!