



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

September 2018

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Town Office Notes

Westford Senior Luncheon

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. It sure has been beautiful. Hot and dry, but better than rainy and cold. Luncheons will start back up this month with it being on September 10th. It's always at the Red Brick Meeting House and at noon. We are opening the doors at 11:30 a.m. to enable more conversation. I'm hoping for a big turn out as lately we have been missing some of our regulars. As usual, new faces would be welcome and if you haven't ever come, please come and enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors. Carol Howrigan, President 878-3090

November General Election

The November General Election will be held on **November 6th** at the **Westford School** in the gym. The polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the General Election is Monday, November 5th. Voters may request an absentee ballot by 1) calling the Town Office at 878-4587, 2) sending an email to townclerk@westfordvt.us, or 3) using the My Voter Page (<https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>). Please allow sufficient time if you would like your ballot mailed. Ballots will be available by September 22nd.

The warning and sample ballots will be uploaded to the Town's website (<https://westfordvt.us/general-election/>) as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions concerning the November General Election, please call or email the Town Office.

Important Notice about Recycling Bins

Effective July 1st, the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) discontinued its subsidy for recycling bins and will charge the Town \$5.00 for each bin the Town orders.

What does this mean for you? It means that when you pick up a recycling bin from the Town Office, the bin will no longer be free. Effective July 1st the Town will pass along this cost and collect \$5.00 per bin.

Please note: you are not required to use the blue bins provided by CSWD. You have the option of obtaining a receptacle from Myers (655-4312) or purchasing your own at a store (J&L, Ace, Lowes, Home Depot, etc.). If you decide to use a receptacle other than the blue bin or one provided by Myers, you must clearly identify that the receptacle contains recycling.

Town Office Hours

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

- Friday, August 31st – Closing at 1:00pm (last Friday of Summer hours)
- Monday, September 3rd – Closed for Labor Day
- Thursday, September 20th – Closing at 1pm (staff training in the afternoon)
- Friday, September 21st – Opening at 1pm (staff training in the morning)

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is 12 noon on Monday, September 24th.

PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

Do you operate a business in Westford or have a home occupation? The Westford Planning Commission would like to know how the Town can help you keep and grow your business. Let us know what you need to continue living and working in Westford. Feel free to contact our Planning Coordinator, Melissa Manka, or our Zoning Administrator, Kate Lalley to discuss your concerns and ideas (802-878-4587). Better yet, come to a Planning Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Town Offices. All meetings are open to the public.

Westford Planning Commission
Koi Boynton, Wendy Doane, Gordon Gebauer (Chair), Seth Jensen, Mark Letorney

WESTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will have an exhibit of some of its collections at the Brick Meeting House, Saturday, October 6th, 2pm – 4pm. Tea will be served.

Look for more information in next month's newsletter, on Front Porch Forum and Facebook.

Opportunities to Serve Your Community!

The Selectboard is seeking town residents interested in serving as Westford's representative on the following:

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)

The CCRPC is one of eleven commissions serving Vermont municipalities and operates under the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act and its bylaws. The CCRPC is guided by Commissioners that are appointed by the City Councils, Village Trustees, and Selectboards of the municipalities within the region. The Commissioners meet throughout the year and act as the Board of the organization, conducts business, and is responsible for the fiscal soundness of the organization. For more information go to <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/commission/>.

CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) provides oversight and direction for all regional transportation planning activities. These can run a very wide gamut and include study or data collection tasks related to rural roads, public transportation, walk/bike enhancements, bridge and culvert inventories, road erosion analysis, project prioritization and even autonomous vehicles. Typically, TAC discussions lead to recommendations to the CCRPC's Board of Commissioners. The TAC meets monthly and consists of representatives from all 18 Chittenden County municipalities as well as partner representation from Local Motion, VTrans, Green Mountain Transit, AARP and others.

For more information, contact Peter Keating, CCRPC Senior Transportation Planner, at pkeating@ccrpcvt.org or 864-4490.

CCRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC)

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 Committee typically meets the first Tuesday of the month. To view minutes, agendas and other documents, please go to <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/clean-water-advisory-committee/>. For more information contact Dan Albrecht, CCRPC Senior Planner, at dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org or 846-4490.

Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us if you are interested in being appointed to one of these positions.

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WANTED: Artists and Travelers

We are seeking artists to display their art at the library as well as people willing to talk about their travels (abroad or domestic) for our Travel Talk Series.



Thank you, Westford, for an amazing Summer Reading Program - we certainly proved that Libraries Rock!

Here's some pretty impressive numbers:

124 kids signed up for Summer Reading (19 adults, too!)

42 Summer programs were held with 827 attendees

2340 books were read

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 the following for your support:

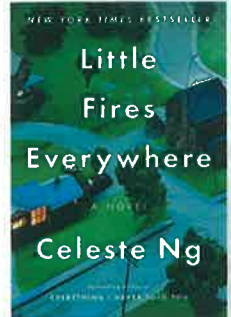
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| City Market | J. Huthcins, Inc. |
| Sweet Clover Market | Spare Time |
| Phoenix Books | Jake Cady |
| M.C. Baker | Danielle Vierling |
| Elaine Morse | Ben and Jerry's |
| Carol Winfield | NOFA-VT |
| Essex Cinemas | |
| Turner Toy and Hobby | |
| The Vermont Department of Libraries | |
| Beth Lane and Liesel the Reading Dog | |
| The Westford Library Board of Trustees | |

Library Hours

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

CLOSING THURSDAY 9/27 at 6pm

Adult Book Group
Wed. September 19
7:00-8:00pm
Pick up your books
at the front desk!
Little Fires
Everywhere
by: Celeste Ng



A riveting novel that traces the fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives.

In Shaker Heights, a progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules.

Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this orderly community.

When old friends of the Richardsons attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town--and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs. (from Amazon.com)

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

9/6/18: Theme: Insects

9/13/18: Theme: Butterflies

9/20/18: Theme: Fall

9/27/18: Theme: Apples

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 5- Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- September 19 - STEM Buddies 3-5pm
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- September 21 - STEM Buddies 3-5pm
- September 23-September 29 - Banned Books Week - "Banning Books Silences Stories"
- September 27 - Library CLOSES EARLY at 6pm
- September 27 - VELI-STEM Childcare Provider Training at the Milton Library 7-9pm
- September 28 - Banned Books Week Read-in - drop in anytime 1-7pm to read a banned book. Snacks provided.

Storytime every Thursday 11am



VELI-STEM and the Westford Public Library present: **STEM Buddies - Year Three!** 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 Light and Sound with plenty of hands on games, using a variety of tools and materials, and reflection on our group learning. We will have middle school "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/family must commit to all FOUR classes and the family night:

All classes are afterschool-5pm
Sept. 19, Sept. 21, Oct. 3, Oct. 5

Family Night: Friday, Oct. 12 6:30-8pm

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.



Coming in October!
Crazy 8's Math Club
Thursdays (grades 3-5)
Fridays (K-2)

See the October Library Newsletter for more.

VELI-STEM Childcare Provider Training
Thursday, September 27 from 7-9pm
The Milton Public Library
2 hours credit through Northern Lights
Cost: Free!



Librarians from Milton and Westford provide childcare providers with hands on training and free materials. The focus of this session is Light and Sound for kids aged 3-7 years old.

Contact The Milton Public Library to register - 893-4644

Celebrate Banned Books Week: 9/23-9/29

Banning Books Silences Stories - Speak OUT!

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 Read-In
Fri. Sept. 28 from 1-7pm

Drop by to check out a banned book, read one for a while, learn which books were banned, where & why, and savor your freedom to read.

We'll have snacks all day long. Kids can come afterschool on Bus #3 - there are plenty of banned children's books on this year's Top Ten List.

Advocate your Right to Read!



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 2019. Thank you to community for supporting our annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

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Exploring Maple Shade Town Forest with Dave Adams, Habitat Specialist, VT Fish & Wildlife



Saturday, September 8th at 10am

Join Dave Adams, a Habitat Specialist from VT Fish & Wildlife, to explore the habitat and forest cover of the Maple Shade Town Forest. Learn how to identify and address invasive plants on your own land as well as identifying how to open up forests to improve wildlife habitat. From this walk you will have skills to use at home as well as bigger understanding of how we, as a town, can address the long-term management of the Westford Town Lands.

This walk is part of the Westford Town Lands Long-term Management Plan Committee's effort to establish the management plan for the Westford Town Lands. See Westfordvt.us for more information.

**RSVP by September 4th by emailing Koi Boynton at
koihope@gmail.com**

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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.

Autumn YOGA in Westford's RBMH

8 Weeks Thurs 9.27-11.15

with /CAT EARISMAN \$99

802 324 8363

cearisman@yahoo.com

& ON GUARD!

SATURDAYS 4PM, IN THE WES GYM FENCING WITH

CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR DALE RODGERS 6 SESSIONS: 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 AND 11/3 \$99/STUDENT RESERVE AT WESTFORDVTREC@GMAIL.COM AND REGISTER AT THE WESTFORD TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

This October 20, 9am.....An Even Greater!!!! 6.5K GREAT PUMPKIN RUN!!!!????????????????????!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!?



Join up with the Pumpkin Runner's Training Club in prep for the 2018 Great Pumpkin Run, INCLUDES: REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018 PUMPKIN RUN with NEW Town FOREST Terrain added!!!!

Westfordvtrec@gmail.com Also: Adult PU BASKETBALL begins 8pm Wed. Sept 5, 2018 thru June 2019@Westford School Gym. Register on site \$15/player.

Don't miss THE 9/21 "PAINT & SIP," AT RBMH, WITH PAULA COLI, 21+ RESERVE A SEAT TODAY WESTFORDVTREC@GMAIL.COM

Tom Schmidt, Recreation Department Coordinator: 802 858 6211 or westfordvtrec@gmail.com Committee members: Danielle Vierling, Greg Baker, Nancy Volkers, Maureen Carpenter, Kristi Griffin, Chuck Medick

Join us for a fun night out!

Painting with Paula



A paint n' sip for those 21+
@ the Red Brick Meeting House
On Friday, September 21st 6pm - 8pm
\$45 per person



Painting done on 11x14 canvas

Seating is limited! Reserve your spot at
Westfordvtrec@gmail.com

Bring your own beverage & feel free to bring a snack!

No previous painting experience needed!

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 |
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| 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