



## WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

June 2019

### Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

### Town Office Notes

#### Dog Licenses

Dog licenses were due April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not licensed your dog(s) please do so before June 13<sup>th</sup> to avoid additional fees that may be assessed. Per State Statute a list of dogs that remain unlicensed as of June 13<sup>th</sup> will be turned over to the Selectboard.

A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call the Town Office. For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail the license to you. The fee is \$17.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$14.00.

#### Senior Luncheons

The Senior Luncheon will be on **June 10th** at 11:30 at the Red Brick Meeting House on the common. All that have reached that wonderful age of (55+) are welcome. This month is our picnic with hotdogs and hamburgers and assorted salads. Hope to see you there! Carol Howrigan, President 878-3090

Please remember that we take a break after our June picnic for the summer. We will start back up in September.

#### Friendly Reminders

- **Burn permits** are required prior to any burning. Burn permits are available from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231), online at <https://westfordvt.us/administration/fire-warden/> or from the Town Office. Permits must be obtained on the day you want to burn and are for that day only.
- **Yard waste** (leaves, brush, etc.) are not considered household garbage, therefore Myers will not collect these materials. Yard waste can be composted or brought to a participating CSWD drop off center.
- **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. **The Rover** will be accepting household hazardous waste in Westford **Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm** at the Town Garage. This is a free service sponsored by the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

#### Newsletter Deadline

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

#### Town Office Hours & Closings

Summer office hours begin Memorial Day and continue through Labor Day. Summer hours are as follows:

- Monday through Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Friday 8:30am - 1:00pm

The Office will be **CLOSED**:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Labor Day



## WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In May, approximately 20 volunteers helped the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District (WNRCD) successfully plant 670 trees along Morgan Brook in Westford. These trees will help reduce sediment and phosphorus runoff for water quality, protect stream banks from future erosion, increase shade and cool the waters for trout, and expand habitat for rare species like the wood turtle. "It's a great program," says WNRCD District Manager Gianna Petito, "we provide the technical assistance, order the trees, coordinate the volunteers and pay for almost all the costs, we just need interested and passionate landowners to give the trees a home."

WNRCD will be doing more plantings in the Westford area next spring 2020 so if you live along a stream that needs some trees, contact them to schedule a site visit this summer ([info@winooskinrcd.org](mailto:info@winooskinrcd.org)). Thank you to all who helped!

## 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 Commissioner Representative & Alternate Representative**

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission was founded in 1966 to promote the mutual cooperation of its 19 member municipalities and to facilitate the appropriate development and preservation of the physical and human resources in Chittenden County.

CCRPC is composed of 19 municipal commissioners and five at-large commissioners (representing Agriculture, Conservation/Environment, Socio-Economic/Housing, and Transportation). The legislative body of each of Chittenden County's municipalities selects its own commissioner and alternate commissioner. The Full Commission selects the five at-large representatives. Each commissioner has one vote.

CCRPC's regular monthly meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Main Conference Room. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information go to <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/commission/commissioners-alternates/>.

### **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](mailto:dalbrecht@ccrpcvt.org) or 846-4490.

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

## 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

# WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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(802) 878-5639

[westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

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## The Westford Public Library is accepting donations for our Annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

We will be accepting donations on the **certain Saturdays of June from 10am-Noon**. Please, stick to these times only - **6/1, and 6/8**. We are also limiting drop off of donations to **TWO BOXES PER PERSON**. We **WILL NOT ACCEPT**: VHS tapes, Cassettes, Music CDs, textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, and moldy or damaged books. Ask yourself "Would I lend this to a friend?" If the answer is no, then keep it out of the book sale. We **WILL BE ACCEPTING**: books in good condition, hard covers, paperbacks, kids books, DVDs, and audiobooks. **DO NOT USE THE BOOK DROP FOR DONATIONS-IT DAMAGES THE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MAKES A BIG MESS!**



## Westford Public Library's Fourth of July Book Sale 9am-1pm

Last Day to donate items: Sat. June 8  
\$5 per bag of books!

Shop early and then come back for more!

The Library will be closing early on July 3 at 5pm for setup. Regular Library services will not be offered on the Fourth of July - we will be open 9-1 for the Book Sale only.

**Out of this World Volunteers Needed!**  
**Book Sale Setup and Cleanup Volunteers Needed: Setup: 7/3 starting at 5pm and Cleanup 7/4 starting at 1pm until it's done.**  
**All helpers get a FREE bag of books!**  
**Let Bree know if you can help**



**Travel Talk is taking a break for the Summer!**  
**Go out and Travel!**  
**We are looking for folks to give talks starting in September.**  
**Let Bree know if you are interested in giving a presentation.**

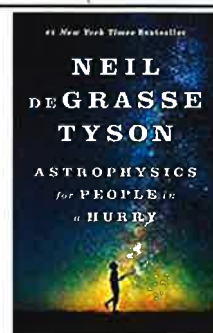


## Library Hours

<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>
<b>Closing at 5pm on July 3</b>	

## Adult Book Group Wed., June 19 7:00-8:00pm

**Pick up your books  
at the front desk!**  
***Astrophysics for  
People in a Hurry***  
**By: Neil DeGrasse  
Tyson**



Over a year on the *New York Times* bestseller list and more than a million copies sold. The essential universe, from our most celebrated and beloved astrophysicist.

What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? There's no better guide through these mind-expanding questions than acclaimed astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson.

But today, few of us have time to contemplate the cosmos. So Tyson brings the universe down to Earth succinctly and clearly, with sparkling wit, in tasty chapters consumable anytime and anywhere in your busy day.

While you wait for your morning coffee to brew, for the bus, the train, or a plane to arrive, *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* will reveal just what you need to be fluent and ready for the next cosmic headlines: from the Big Bang to black holes, from quarks to quantum mechanics, and from the search for planets to the search for life in the universe. (from Amazon.com)

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

**6/6/19:** Theme: Summer

**6/13/19:** Theme: Father's Day

**\*6/20/19:** Theme: The Sun

**\*6/27/19:** Theme: Aliens!

Storytimes marked (\*) are part of the Summer Reading Program - "Blast Off Storytimes"

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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### June Library Events

**June 1 - Book Sale Donation Drop Off Day from 10am-Noon ONLY - 2 box limit**

**June 5 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm**

**June 8 - Book Sale Donation Drop Off Day from 10am-Noon ONLY - 2 box limit**

**\*\*June 14 - Summer Reading Program Begins! Sign up on-line or in person.**

**\*June 14 - Summer Reading Snacks and sign up 3-7pm - Coloring, snacks and Astronaut Ice Cream**

**\*June 15 - Summer Reading Program Kick Off Concert: Rockin' Ron - The Friendly Pirate 10:30am - Noon on the Common**

**\*\*June 19 - Cosmic Bottles 4-7pm**

**June 19 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm - Astrophysics for People in a Hurry**

**\*\*June 20- Kickoff of Coding Club 6-7pm - Periodic Pandas - Introduction to Robotics**

**\*June 21 - Fun with the Sun 4-6pm**

**\*June 22 - Fun with the Sun 10:30-Noon**

**\*June 26 - Out of this World Mural with MC Baker 5-7pm**

**\*June 27 - Alien Technology Part I 4:30-6:30pm**

**\*June 28 - Exordium! With Science Performer Kurt Valenta from 5:30-6:30pm**

**\*June 30 - Float Building - 10:30am-12:30pm - Last day to sign up to ride the float is July 3**

**July 3 - Library Closing early at 5pm for Book Sale setup (help needed - ask Bree for details)**

**July 4 - Library Book Sale 9-1pm - \$5 a bag!**

**Storytime every Thursday 11am**

**Events with a (\*) are part of the Summer Reading Program, (\*\*) require sign up - See SRP Brochure for more details**

### 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) (\$7/person)

Birds of Vermont Museum (BOGO)

American Precision Museum (Windsor, VT)

Vermont Granite Museum (Barre)

Vermont History Museum (Montpelier)

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Congratulations to the First Graders at Westford Elementary School for getting their library cards!

Library cards do expire every two years-so if you have a 3rd grader, their card is about to expire. 4th graders and up who have not renewed their cards may not be in the system. Parent permission is needed to get or renew a card. Update your card so you can read all summer long!



### Summer Reading Program Kick Off Concert:

**Rockin' Ron - The Friendly Pirate**

**Saturday, June 15 10:30 - Noon on the Common**

**Enjoy the area's best kids performers and blast off into Summer! You can also sign up for the SRP.**



### Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories June 14 - August 9

**Check out all of our out of this world events this summer. Our brochure is in this newsletter and available on our website. You can register in person or on-line starting June 14!**



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## Summer Reading at a Glance

June 14 - Registration for SRP begins - online or in person at the Library  
 June 14 - Summer Reading Snacks & Signup 3-7pm  
 June 15 - Kickoff Concert - Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate 10:30-Noon on the Common  
 \*June 19 - Cosmic Bottles 4-6pm  
 June 19 - Adult Book Group 7-9pm  
 June 20 - Coding Club Kickoff 6-7pm - Periodic Pandas - Introduction to Robotics  
 June 21 - Fun with the Sun 4-6pm  
 June 22 - Fun with the Sun 10:30am-Noon  
 June 26 - Out of this World Mural w/MC 5-7pm  
 June 27 - "Alien" Technology Part I 4:30-6:30pm  
 June 28 - Exordium - Science of Air! 5:30-6:30pm  
 June 29 - Float Building 10:30am-12:30pm  
 \*July 3 - 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 at 10:30am  
 July 5 - Flexangle Flying Saucers 4-6pm  
 July 6 - Flexangle Flying Saucers 10:30-Noon  
 \*July 10 - Read to Leisel 5:30-6:30pm  
 July 11 - Alien Technology Part II 4:30-6:30pm  
 July 12 - Fun with the Stars 3-5pm  
 \*July 12 - Read to Leisel 5:30-6:30pm  
 July 13 - Fun with the Stars 10:30-Noon  
 July 17 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm  
 \*July 18 - Cosmic Mobile with MC Baker - younger group 5-6pm, older group 6-7pm  
 July 20 - 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing!  
 July 24 - Variety of Rockets 4-6pm  
 July 24 - Movie Night: Apollo 11 from 7-9pm  
 July 25 - Coding Club 6-7pm - Greg Bemis - Video Game Design  
 \*July 26 - Moon Rover and Moon Maker 4-7pm  
 July 27 - Moon Rover 10:30-Noon  
 \*July 31 - Breakout EDU - younger group 4-5pm, older group 6-7pm  
 August 1 - Coding Club 6-7pm - Mark Drapa - Hardware design  
 August 2 - End of SRP Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 5-6:30pm  
 August 8 - Coding Club 6-7pm - Share Your Stuff  
 August 9 - VINS Animals in Myth and Legend 4:30-5:30pm on the Common

**Storytime every Thursday at 11am**  
**All events marked (\*) require pre-registration**



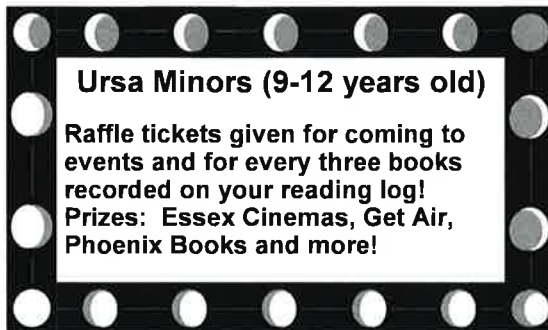
**Raffles and Prizes** All kids get a \$5 gift card to SpareTime for signing up and a FREE ice cream at Sweet Clover Market for turning in your reading log!



### Big Dippers (3-8 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!



### Ursa Minors (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!



### Ursa Majors (13-18 years)

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

## 2019 Summer Reading Program



### A Universe of Stories @

**Westford Public Library**

**June 14-August 9**

**Register in person or online:**

[www.westfordpubliclibrary.org](http://www.westfordpubliclibrary.org)



### Westford Public Library

Hours: Wed 1-7, Th 10-7, Fr 1-7, Sat 10-2

Phone: 878-5639

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Bree Drapa, Librarian

[www.facebook.com/westfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/westfordpubliclibrary)



# A UNIVERSE of Stories

Visit the library or go online starting June 14 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 (8/2).

**Find the Astronaut!** Find the squishy astronaut and win a prize! Visit weekly as the space traveler 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 14 - SRP Snacks & Signup & Coloring 3-7pm** sign up for events that need pre-registration and get your Summer Reading Logs. You can also sign up online (for the program, not events). We'll have a large space mural to color and astronaut ice cream!

**June 15 - Kick Off Concert: Rockin' Ron - The Friendly Pirate 10:30-Noon on the Common** Land-lubbers, prepare ye selves for a rockin' good time. Family friendly concert by the area's best kids performer.

**June 19 - Cosmic Bottles - 4-6pm** The whole universe in a bottle! Using glue and glitter, make an out of this world creation. **Sign up required.**

**June 21 (4-6pm) & June 22 (10:30-Noon) - Fun with the Sun** Drop in and learn about the optics involved in making a kaleidoscope, make one, and also play around with some cool nature print paper.

**June 26 - Out of this World Mural w/MC Baker - 5-7pm** using unique supplies, like roofer's felt and chalk pastels, we'll make a large piece of installation art. All ages are welcome to contribute.

**June 27 - "Alien" Technology Part I - 4:30-6:30pm** The inside of everyday objects can look strange - we will take apart things and see how they work. Great for any age, especially those who like to take things apart.

**June 28 - Exordium! - 5:30-6:30pm - THE STORY OF AIR AS IT OCCUPIES SPACE** - Scientist Kurt Valenta performs science experiments demonstrating that air, though invisible, does occupy space. Great for all ages, fun and science filled.



## Coding Club has been Rebooted!

We will still be offering Google CS First - learning to code in Scratch (you need to come in and sign up for your club code), but we will be meeting less and have guests talk about careers and activities involving coding. (Suggested 4th-8th grade)  
**6/20 6-7pm- Kickoff with the Periodic Pandas - Introduction to Robotics**  
**7/25 6-7pm - Greg Bemis, Video Game Design**  
**8/1 6-7pm - Mark Drapa, Hardware design**  
**8/8 6-7pm - Share Your Stuff**



**June 29- Float Building 10:30am-12:30pm** Help create our Fourth of July float! **Sign up at the library required to ride the float by July 3.** Ages 6 and up can 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.**

**Library Book Sale 9am-1pm (\$5 per bag)**

**July 5 (4-6pm) & July 6 (10:30-Noon) - Flexangle Flying Saucers** - this out of this world craft combines art and origami. Flexangles are fun to make, once you get the hang of it.

**July 10 & July 12 - Read to Leisel 5:30-6:30pm** - Come read to our Reading dog, Leisel, and her human companion, Beth. Both love to be read to. **Sign up required for 15 minute spots, for entering first-fourth graders.**



**July 11 - Alien Technology Part II - 4:30-6:30** See June 27 for details.

**July 12 (3-5pm) & July 13 (10:30-Noon) - Fun with the Stars** Drop in to learn about the constellations, make a constellation viewer and a star mobile.

## Little Dippers: Summer Reading for kids 0-2!

Sign up your littlest reader for Summer Reading! Little Dippers will have a special reading challenge sheet full of fun, age appropriate ideas. They will get stickers and special prizes just like the big kids. Little Dippers will earn a fun prize when they finish and a free ice cream! Little Readers Rock!



**July 18 - Stellar Planetary Mobile w/MC Baker 5-7pm (two sessions - sign up required)** Using wire, you'll make a planet, comet, or star and we will assemble a mobile to hang in the library. 2nd-5th grade 5-6, 6th and up 6-7pm.

**July 24 - Rocket Fun - 4-6pm** Build a variety of rockets to help celebrate the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing.

**July 24 - Movie Night - 7-9pm** - Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by watching the new documentary, Apollo 11. Great for all ages.

**July 26 - Moon Rover and Moon Maker 4-7pm** Design, make, and "test" your design for a moon rover and learn about the moon's surface by making a plaster model. **Sign up required.**

**July 27 - Moon Maker 10:30-Noon** - same as above, without the model making.

**July 31 - Breakout EDU - Space Edition - 4-7pm Sign up required.** Like escape rooms? Get a team together and try this cosmic challenge. **(two sessions)** 2nd-5th grade 4-5pm and 6th grade and up 6-7pm

**August 2 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 5-6:30pm** Who doesn't love ice cream? And prizes? We will pass out certificates and do all drawings

**August 9 - VINS: Animals in Myth and Legend 4:30-5:30pm** - Using real wild animals, explore different tales that people tell to help understand the world of wildlife around them. Grant for this program provided by the Vermont Department of Libraries.

## Out of this World Math!

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



## Blastoff Story Time!

Thursdays 11am  
 Ideal for ages birth - six.

6/20: Sun  
 6/27: Aliens  
 7/11: Stars  
 7/18: Astronauts  
 7/25: Moon  
 8/1: Earth  
 8/8: Planets



## 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 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

### Free Concerts on the Common

7pm – 8pm

- **June 30 - Hungrytown**

After more than fifteen years of world-wide touring and three album releases, Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson - otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown - have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting. This will be their last stateside show this season before heading off to Europe for the summer.

- **July 14 - Jeff Salisbury Band**

Four veteran musicians have joined to form a band to play some of our favorite tunes. Experience this group live to get the full effect! Dance and enjoy! If you enjoyed Left Eye Jump and Joe Moore Band from past seasons you will not want to miss out here.

- **July 28 - Stoney Ridge**

The Stoney Ridge Duo, Gary and Linda, play a wide variety of music with classic rock and country at the forefront. Their vocal harmonies make for an entertaining time for all.

- **August 4 - Nina's Brew Trio**

Hailing from diverse musical backgrounds, Nina's Brew is a melting pot of influence, genre and talent. The trio joined forces in winter of 2017 in Burlington, VT, where the singer-songwriters first met. Together, their sound is rooted in blues, soul, rock and R&B. Shared lead vocals, tight harmonies, and space for some heavy blues guitar shredding are what set this group apart. You will be hearing a lot about this group in the near future. Catch them while you can.

- **August 18 - Starline Rhythm Boys**

What can I say that you don't already know? The Star Line Rhythm Boys are back again!

Co-sponsored by:

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



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Please contact Tonya Calley with any question at [recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us) or 802.324.7132

## WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JUNE

6/21 Adult Paint & Sip \$35  
7-9pm @ Red Brick Meeting House

#### JULY

7/4 Fourth of July on the Common FREE

7/2 Recreation Committee Meeting FREE  
7pm @ Town Office

7/13 Kids Paint & Sip \$20  
10am-12pm @ Red Brick Meeting House

### Looking for 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade participants and vendors

Please contact us at  
[recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us) if you are  
intrested in participating in the  
festivities.



### ONGOING EVENTS

PICKLEBALL Mondays 6/17-8/19  
6-7pm @ Westford School \$10

SUMMER TBALL (Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Mondays 6/17-7/17  
6-7pm @ Westford School \$25

SUMMER SOCCER (Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Mondays 7/22-8/19  
6-7pm @ Westford School \$25

WOMEN'S PICKUP BASKETBALL\* Tuesdays until 6/11  
8pm-9:30pm @ Westford School Gym

MEN'S PICKUP BASKETBALL\* Wednesdays until 6/12  
8pm-9:30pm @ Westford School Gym

TINY CATS Thursdays until 6/13  
6-7pm @ Westford School

*\*This program will start up again in September*

*Registration fees are for the entire season.*



### SUMMER CAMPS

**Summer Soccer Camp** Hosted by VERMONT VOLTAGE PRO SOCCER ACADEMY. A half day soccer camp will be offered June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm. Sharpen your soccer skills before the fall season starts with this professionally run camp. The registration cost of this offering is \$115.

**Art and Crafts Summer Camp** To be held at the Red Brick Meeting house July 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm. Unleash your child's imagination! The cost of this offering is \$275. Our very own Westford resident of 23 years, Janet Jaffee, will be instructing.



# 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/WAIVER 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



### Bring Us Your Food (Truck)!

With the warm weather upon us, I would like to remind everyone that food vendors are welcome in the common area. For more information visit: <https://westfordvt.us/documents/ordinances-policies/>



### The Wonderful World of Maps!

**Westford Map Viewer** is a planning tool used by property owners and the town to guide decision-making. This map identifies property tax map lines, parcel ids, zoning districts, topography, septic suitability, floodplains, waterways, and significant natural resources throughout town. Users can measure, mark-up, query map features, and print PDF maps.

<http://map.ccrpcvt.org/westfordmapviewer/>

**ANR Atlas** provides geographic information about environmental features and sites that the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources manages, monitors, permits, or regulates. In addition to standard map navigation tools, this site allows you to link from sites to documents where available, generate reports, export search results, import data, search, measure, mark-up, query map features, and print PDF maps.

<https://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/>

**BioFinder** is a database and mapping tool for identifying Vermont's lands and waters that support important ecosystems, natural communities, habitats, and species. It features [Vermont Conservation Design](#) and was developed by the Agency of Natural Resources and partners to support stewardship and conservation. BioFinder highlights networks of forests, streams and other features that together create the heart and backbone of Vermont's landscape.

<https://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/BioFinder2016/>



### State of Vermont

#### Village Center & Neighborhood Development Area Designation

Back in 2010, the Town of Westford received Village Center Designation. This program provides significant tax credits for the restoration of historic structures for multifamily and/or commercial use. For more information on this program and its benefits visit: <https://westfordvt.us/designated-village-center-tax-credits-for-rentalcommercial-properties/>

On April 22, 2019, the Town of Westford received Neighborhood Development Area Designation for a portion of the village. This program provides state permitting, land gains tax and appeal benefits to developers and grants the town priority when competing for grants. For more information on this program and its benefits visit:

<https://westfordvt.us/designated-neighborhood-development-area-state-permitting-land-gains-tax-court-appeal-benefits/>





## 2019 Community Survey Results

The 2019 Community Survey results can be viewed here: [https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-Survey-Results\\_Comments.pdf](https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-Survey-Results_Comments.pdf)

The 2009 Community Survey results can be viewed here for comparison: <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2009-Community-Survey-Results.pdf>

We welcome your input on how we might improve the survey in the future and/or what questions should be added or omitted in future surveys. Please send your comments to [planningcommission@westfordvt.us](mailto:planningcommission@westfordvt.us) or attend an upcoming Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission generally meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Town Offices.



## 2020 Town Plan

Westford's Town Plan is set to expire in May of 2020. The Planning Commission is currently in the process of amending the 2015 Westford Town Plan, which can be viewed here: <https://westfordvt.us/2015-town-plan/>

Public comment and discussion are *always welcome* during the drafting process. Public comment can be submitted in writing (1713 VT Rte 128, Westford, VT 05494 or [planningcommission@westfordvt.us](mailto:planningcommission@westfordvt.us)) or verbally at Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission generally meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Town Offices.

To learn more about Town Plans and the financial, regulatory and long-term planning benefits visit: <https://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/DHCD-Planning-Manual-Module1.pdf>



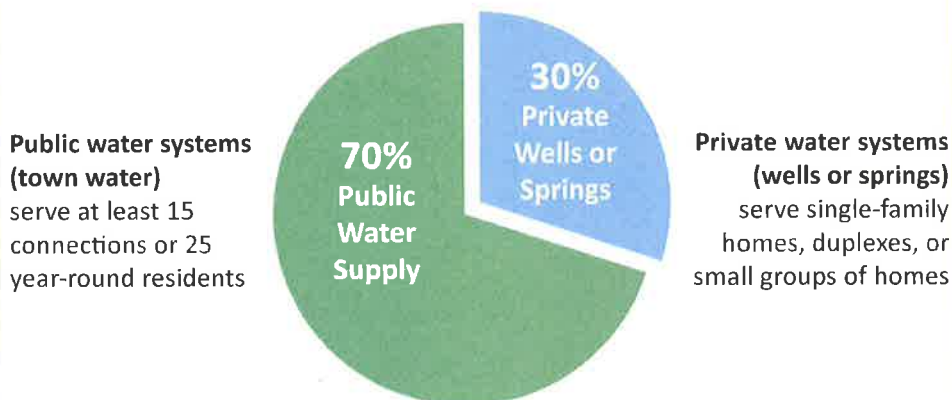
## Subscribe to the Town Newsletter

If you would like to receive a copy of the Town Newsletter by email, send an email to [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) with your name (required), email address (required) and address (optional). [Click here](#) to view current and past newsletters. If you do not have access to the Internet or have a computer, you can call the Town Office at 878-4587 to request being added to the mailing list.

## Private Drinking Water: A User's Guide

### Where does your water come from?

Percent of Vermont Population Served  
By Drinking Water Source



Drinking water can become contaminated from natural or human causes. As a private water system owner, *you* are in charge of maintaining and testing the water system. **You will not know if your water is contaminated unless you test it.** Follow the Private Water Testing Schedule below.

#### KEY MESSAGES

Private systems are monitored and maintained by their owners. It is **important for owners to test their water to make sure it is safe.**

Public water systems are tested regularly for more than 90 contaminants as required by the US EPA. The costs for testing are included in customers' water bills.

Public systems send their customers annual Consumer Confidence Reports with specific information about their water.

#### RESOURCES

For public system test results:  
<https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/DWW>

For results by contaminant:  
[healthvermont.gov/tracking](http://healthvermont.gov/tracking)

### Private Water Testing Schedule

Contaminant...	May Cause.....	Keep Levels Below.....
<b>→ Test Every Year for Bacteria</b>		
<i>E. Coli</i> .....	diarrhea, vomiting .....	not detected
<b>→ Test Every Five Years for Inorganic Chemicals*</b>		
Arsenic .....	bladder, lung, skin cancer.....	0.010 mg/L <sup>†</sup>
Fluoride .....	staining of teeth .....	4.0 mg/L
Lead .....	brain, kidneys, nervous system toxicity....	0.015 mg/L
Manganese .....	nervous system toxicity .....	0.300 mg/L
Nitrate/Nitrite .....	oxygen deficiency in infants, cancer.....	10.0 mg/L
Uranium .....	kidney damage, cancer (lifetime risk).....	0.020 mg/L
<b>→ Test Every Five Years for Alpha Radiation</b>		
Gross Alpha Radiation .....	cancer .....	15.0 pCi/L <sup>‡</sup>

#### WHEN TO TEST YOUR WATER:

- Follow the Private Water Testing Schedule on the left.
- A new well is drilled.
- You buy a home served by a well.
- You're expecting a baby.
- Your water changes in smell, taste, or color. Drink bottled water if it does.
- You put in new parts to the system such as a new pump or new pipes.
- The well runs dry and comes back.
- You put in a water treatment system to remove a contaminant. Test treated water each year for it.
- After a natural disaster such as a flood or earthquake.

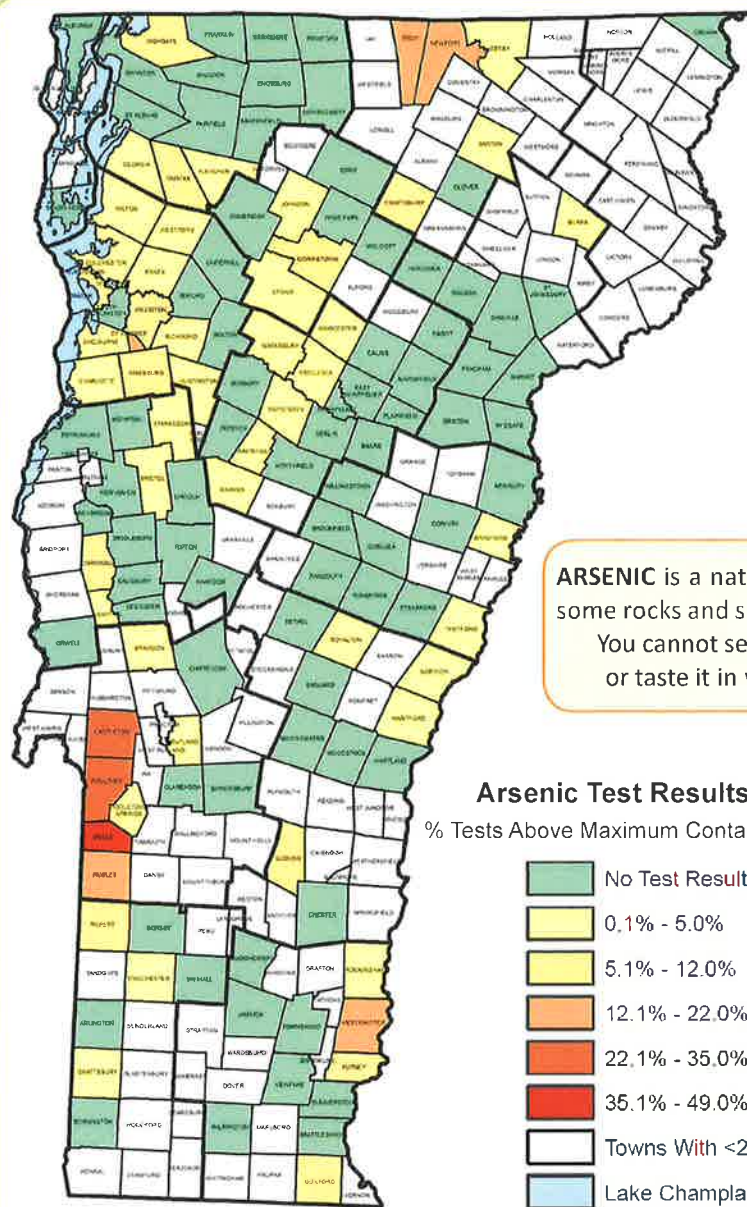
\* You should also test every five years for: chloride, copper, iron, sodium and hardness

<sup>†</sup> mg/L = milligrams per liter, <sup>‡</sup> pCi/L = picocuries per liter (additional testing may be needed)



## Arsenic: Naturally Occurring and Toxic

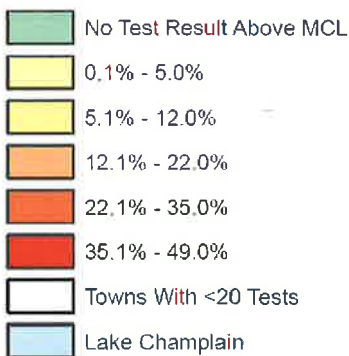
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**ARSENIC** is a natural element in some rocks and soils in Vermont. You cannot see it, smell it, or taste it in your water.

### Arsenic Test Results: Private Water

% Tests Above Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)



Data Sources: Vermont Department of Health Laboratory 2003 – 2016  
Vermont Geological Survey 2002 – 2014

### KEY MESSAGES

Arsenic usually gets into drinking water from natural deposits in the earth.

Some places in Vermont have geologic (underground) formations that increase the chances of having arsenic in water.

Consuming water contaminated with arsenic over long periods of time increases the risk of developing bladder, lung, or skin cancer.

### WHY SHOULD YOU TEST?

Your water may look, smell, and taste fine, but your water may NOT be safe to drink. **Testing is the only way to know what is in your water.**

### CONTAMINANT LEVELS

The US EPA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is the highest amount of a chemical allowed in drinking water. The MCL for arsenic is:

**0.010 mg/L (milligrams per liter)**

### VERMONT LAW REQUIRES:

[Testing Drinking Water from Private Water Supplies](#) fact sheet must be given to people drilling new wells and to new homeowners.

Vermont State Certified laboratories must send private well water test results to the State of Vermont.

## Ordering Water Test Kits

Order water test kits from the Vermont Department of Health Laboratory or a Vermont State Certified laboratory. The **Vermont Department of Health Laboratory** provides testing services for bacteria, inorganic chemicals and gross alpha radiation.

To order water test kits, call **800-660-9997** (toll-free in Vermont) or **802-338-4736**

To find a list of Vermont State Certified laboratories, visit [healthvermont.gov/drinkingwaterlab](http://healthvermont.gov/drinkingwaterlab).

### RESOURCES

For more information about water contaminants or for questions about your private well treatment, visit [healthvermont.gov/water](http://healthvermont.gov/water) or call the Health Department Drinking Water Program at **800-439-8550**.

# WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWS

## School Calendar 2019/20

[Link to 2019-20 School Year Calendar](#)

[https://www.ewsd.org/cms/lib/VT02217845/Centricity/Domain/4/EWSD\\_201920\\_SchoolCalendar.pdf](https://www.ewsd.org/cms/lib/VT02217845/Centricity/Domain/4/EWSD_201920_SchoolCalendar.pdf)

- The Westford School day is 8:00am-3:00pm with the exception of Tuesdays when students will continue to be released at 2:00pm as teachers participate in professional learning communities.
- The preschool schedule is 8:00am-10:30 four days a week- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

## YMCA after school care

The YMCA is offering 37 weeks of after school programs to Westford families. Quality afterschool programming runs from school dismissal until 6:00pm and includes a snack. After school rates vary depending on how many days per week a student enrolls. Financial scholarships are available through the Y.

## Middle School Schedule for 2019/20

We are attempting to again revamp the middle school schedule in an effort to support both the exploration of interests through the classes students choose and the traditional electives, while supporting our focus for next year on teaching social and emotional learning skills and promoting students' ability to perform complex tasks that rely on planning or decision making. The increase in student choice over the past few years and our focus for the 2019/20 school year on decision making and planning is in support of Personalized Learning Plans and our understanding of the developmental needs of our current middle level learners.

## Featured Programs & Activities

### Kindergarten Orientation is Friday, June 7th.

Please contact the main office if you have a child who will enter kindergarten at Westford School for the 2019/20 year. We are expecting an unusually high number of in-coming kindergarten students and are willing to work with parents individually who may wish to take advantage of the EWSD policy on attending other schools in our district. Please reach out to the main office for any questions. This will be addressed along with other options during orientation.

### Upcoming Events:

- *Spring Concert is Friday, May 31st.*
- *Graduation for the Westford Class of 2019 will be at 6:00 pm Thursday, June 13th in the school gym.*
- *Last student day is Friday, June 14th with a regular 3:00 pm dismissal.*

## Curriculum & Instruction

### Summer School Invitations

Westford School will offer an integrated summer program specifically planned to prevent summer learning loss. The integrated summer program is intended for students who need a boost in either reading or math. Summer school will be led by a certified teacher, supported by a learning specialist, and is four days a week for 4 weeks. Parents are responsible for transportation. Please contact the main office for more information.