



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

July 2019



Westford Town Office

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TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Property Tax Bills

You should receive your 2019 property tax bill no later than July 15th. Please contact the town office if you do not receive your tax bill by this date.

The first of four installments is due Thursday, 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 Friday, 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), 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.

Senior Luncheons

We are taking a break. There will be no senior luncheons for July and August. Hope to see everyone in September. Have a wonderful and healthy summer! Carol Howrigan – President

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, July 22nd.

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** only can be put in the metal dumpster located at the town garage. Surveillance cameras are present and will be used to identify people who drop off items prohibited from the dumpster (furniture, hazardous waste, household trash, etc.).
- **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 13th, 9am-1pm** at the Town Garage. This is a free service sponsored by the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

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1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

The Library will be closing early at 5pm on July 3 to prepare for the Book Sale.



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 - we will be open 9-1 for the Book Sale only.

Volunteers Rock!

Book Sale Setup and Cleanup Volunteers

Needed: Setup: 7/3 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.

Wednesday, July 24 - 7-9pm
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by watching the new documentary, Apollo 11.

Crafted from a newly discovered trove of 65mm footage, and more than 11,000 hours of uncatalogued audio recordings, Apollo 11 takes us straight to the heart of NASA's most celebrated mission—the one that first put men on the moon, and forever made Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin into household names. Immersed in the perspectives of the astronauts, the team in Mission Control, and the millions of spectators on the ground, we vividly experience those momentous days and hours in 1969 when humankind took a giant leap into the future. **Rated G, running time 93 minutes.**



Library Hours

Wednesday:	1-7pm
Thursday:	10am-7pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	10am-2pm
Library CLOSED July 4	

Adult Book Group

Wed., July 17

7:00-8:00pm

Pick up your books

at the front desk!

The Hitchhiker's

Guide to the Galaxy

By: Douglas Adams



"Extremely funny . . . inspired lunacy . . . [and] over much too soon."—*The Washington Post Book World*

Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. Together, this dynamic pair began a journey through space aided by a galaxy full of fellow travelers: Zaphod Beeblebrox—the two-headed, three-armed ex-hippie and totally out-to-lunch president of the galaxy; Trillian (formerly Tricia McMillan), Zaphod's girlfriend, Marvin, a paranoid, brilliant, and chronically depressed robot; and Veet Voojagig, a former graduate student obsessed with the disappearance of all the ballpoint pens he's bought over the years.

Where are these pens? Why are we born? Why do we die? For all the answers, stick your thumb to the stars! (from Amazon.com)

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

***7/11/19: Theme: Stars**

***7/18/19: Theme: Astronauts**

***7/25/19: Theme: The Moon**

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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July Library Events

July 3 - Library CLOSES at 5pm

***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

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July 17 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm - The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

***July 18 - Cosmic Mobile w/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**

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)

Craftsbury Chamber Players (up to 6 free)

Vermont History Museum

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

Another cool art project with MC Baker:

July 18 - Stellar Planetary Mobile 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.

Celebrate Moon Week:

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

Apollo 11 Movie is also showing on July 24 at 7pm

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

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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! Reading Logs are due August 1.



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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
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 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



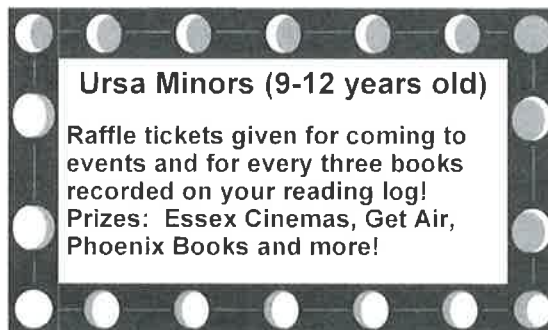
Raffles and Prizes All kids get a \$5 gift card to SpareTime for signing up and a FREE ice cream at Sweet Clover Market for turning in your reading log!



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
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Westford Public Library

June 14-August 9

Register in person or online:

www.westfordpubliclibrary.org



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

Phone: 878-5639

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westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

Bree Drapa, Librarian

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) - Flextangle Flying Saucers - this out of this world craft combines art and origami. Flextangles 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!



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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
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7/18: Astronauts
7/25: Moon
8/1: Earth
8/8: Planets



JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Please contact Tonya Calley with any question at recreation@westfordvt.us or 802.324.7132

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

7/4 Fourth of July on the Common FREE
11am parade, celebrations to follow on the Common. Music, food vendors, Duck races, kids games and FUN. One donated item for the Food Bank gets you 5 tickets to the kids games, hosted by Leshia.

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

The Westford Lacrosse program's 5/6 team ended the 2019 season by winning the Northern Vermont Youth Lacrosse League State Championship for their division. The game was won in overtime with all players contributing to the win. Congratulations to all the players and coaches!



ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

FALL SOCCER Prek-2, 3-4, 5-6(girls) TBD August start date
\$30prek-2, \$45 3-4 & 5-6 girls

SUMMER CAMP



Art and Crafts Summer Camp To be held at the Red Brick Meeting house July 22nd-July 26th, 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.

*child must be able to work independently.

Get your registrations in by 7/15

Westford Recreation Department—Registration Form

NAME (Parents) _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

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

HOME PHONE _____ ALT PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

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

Name	Grade	Program	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
			Total Fee: _____

Would you be willing to coach or be a parent helper? ____Yes ____No

☐ I agree that Westford Recreation may use photographs of registrants with or without their name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

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

RELEASE/WAVIER AGREEMENT:

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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

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 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.

PLANNING & ZONING



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

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 or attend an upcoming Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission generally meets the 3rd 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) or verbally at Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission generally meets the 3rd 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>



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/>



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.

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



Volunteer Opportunity In Land Use & Development

The Town of Westford currently has two volunteer opportunities available in the fields of land use planning, design and permitting.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEMBER

Members review local land use and development applications using the Westford Land Use & Development Regulations, which includes the latest planning and design techniques!

Benefits of serving on the board include:

- Enhance opportunity and a sense of community in Westford.
- Gain experience communicating directly with municipal officials and the public.
- Gain experience and knowledge of land use law.
- Enhance your knowledge and understanding of natural resource planning, neighborhood design, context sensitive design, and form-based design.
- Learn how to participate in project and board meetings.
- Learn how to read surveys and site plans.
- Gain career experience working in a dynamic team of fun individuals.
- Expand "soft skills" critical to advancement in today's job market.

Development Review Board members receive an annual stipend and meet the second and fourth Monday of the month as needed.

For more information and/or to apply please contact:

Melissa Manka, Westford Planning Coordinator, at 878-4587 or planner@westfordvt.us.

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 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.

Town Office Hours & Closings

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

The Office will be **CLOSED**:

- July 4th & 5th – Independence Day
- September 2nd – Labor Day

THE ROVER IS COMING TO WESTFORD!

Saturday, July 13th – 9am-1pm

Westford Town Garage, 35 Cambridge Road

The Rover, Chittenden Solid Waste District's (CSWD) mobile hazardous waste collection unit, accepts a wide variety of household hazardous waste at no charge from Chittenden County residents, such as paints and stains, automotive fluids, hobby supplies, pesticides, etc. For a complete list go to <https://cswd.net/hazardous-waste/#household>.

Please visit <https://cswd.net/hazardous-waste/rover/> for the Rover's complete schedule or call the Hotline at 872-8111.

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 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free Concerts on the Common

7pm – 8pm

- **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

WHITE CHURCH ON THE COMMON

Looking Beautiful on the Westford Common

Have you noticed the White Church on the Common lately? Come by and see a gleaming, freshly painted church with restored steeple, a newly resurfaced driveway, and new front steps! Also, we're pleased to report that septic problems are being addressed.

Lots of donations and work of local citizens have gone into trying to save this building and promote its transition to a more current use center. We hope to be hosting more music performances and visual arts exhibitions, a venue for life celebrations, lecture series, and a site for community gatherings.

Our current efforts are focused on buildings and grounds support, branding and marketing, building use and events planning, fostering community and school connections, and fund raising.

We continue to work with the Vermont Preservation Trust for guidance and funding for our efforts; and look forward to participating in the no cost Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) Community Visit Program in late summer and early fall.

Contact us for further conversation about these exciting happenings.

Sincerely,

The United Church of Westford Board Members

Chair persons: Wendy Doane and Anne Maloney

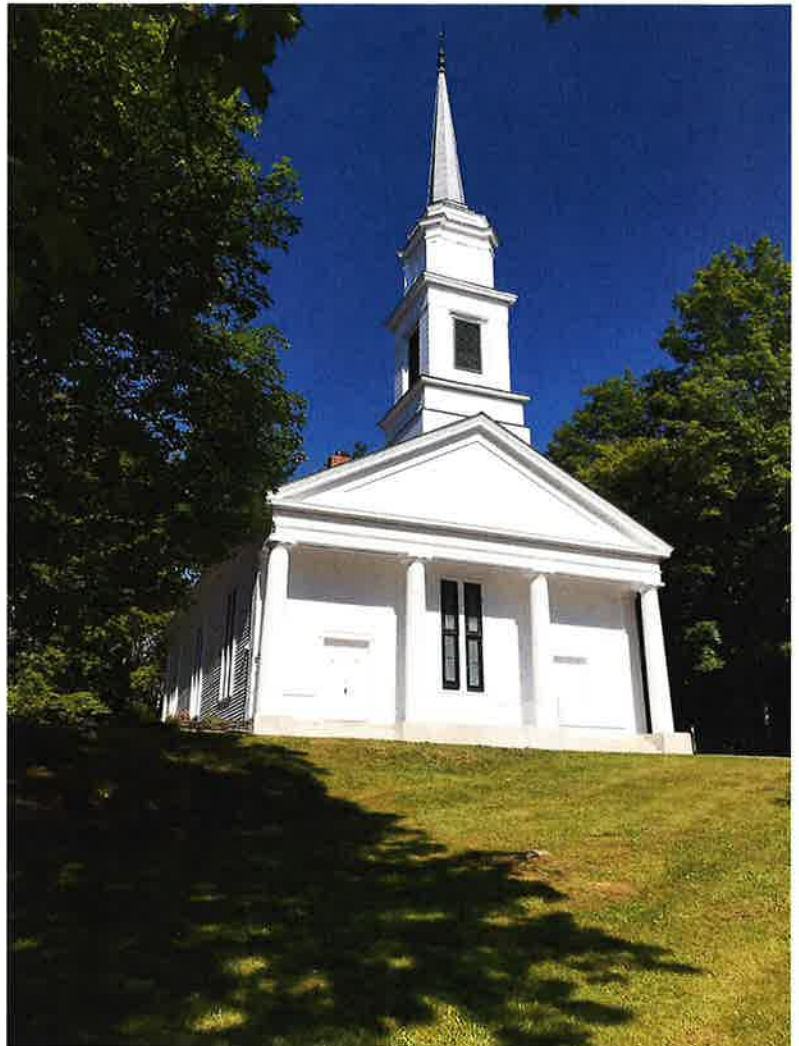
Financial: Lynn Bursell

Secretary: Maura O'Brien

Music Series Chair: Marge Hamrell

Buildings and Grounds Chair: John Doane

Member at Large: Carol Winfield



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL

Yum!

Come to a revival of a traditional July 4th Strawberry Shortcake Festival on the Common, brought to you by a collaboration of the White Church on the Common and the Westford Girl Scouts!

Helpers are needed for preparation on the afternoon of July 3rd and the morning of July 4th.

Please contact Maura O'Brien at mauraobrien05@aol.com



WESTFORD COMMON

The 200th Anniversary of the Common

The Westford town Common will be 200 years old this summer!

The Common Committee (*Caroline Brown, Suzie Kearns and Lori Johnson*) have been working to spruce up the Common. There were over 80 hours spent by volunteers on these tasks.

The trees have been trimmed (*thanks Ray Geddens, Lori Johnson*), the sink holes filled-some were 2 feet deep! (*thanks David Fitzgerald, Lori Johnson*) the new picnic tables were built by the Essex Tech center, the benches have been repaired (*taken apart, cleaned, painted, new wood, many thanks David Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Lori Johnson, Ray Geddens with added assistance from Morgan Emanuelsson, Greg Barrows, Peter Barrows, Melissa Manka, Susan Schmidt*).

The trees were weeded and mulched (*David Fitzgerald, Lori Johnson, Wendy Doane, Caroline Brown, Melissa Manka*).

We also want to thank John Roberts and the road crew for chipping up the trimmings and moving some benches, and anyone else I may have missed.

Special thanks go to Henrik Kruse who provided the funds so no taxpayer dollars were used for materials. Please thank these folks for their generous donation of time and effort! **-Lori Johnson**

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.

Thank you!

WESTFORD SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2019

Peter Zygmund Armata
Ian Baitz Boutin
Vladan James Breen
Kayla Carol Carmical
Anna-Lise Adelaide Cooledge
Ian Cameron Curry

Molly Robin Drapa
Ximena Lescieur Garcia
Belle Pitcher
Grace Ann Quiet
Victoria Paige Reynolds
Zoe Mae Taylor

Josephine Mary Teroni
Jake Matthew Vaughan
Rosalina Orellana Whitney
Olivia Raven Williams Stygles

8TH GRADE 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: Vladan Breen, Ian Boutin, Anna-Lise Cooledge

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: Ian Boutin, Kayla Carmical, Anna-Lise Cooledge, Rosalina Whitney

The Academic Excellence Award

Awarded to the students who embody scholarship during their 7th and 8th grade years: Ian Boutin, Kayla Carmical, Anna-Lise Cooledge, Molly Drapa, Grace Quiet, Rosalina Whitney

The Betty Fay Award/Helping Hands Award

Given to the students of grade eight who exhibit the most genuine desire to help others: Ian Boutin, Anna-Lise Cooledge

The Sportsmanship Award

Awarded to the students who evidence good sportsmanship when involved in team sports: Peter Armata, Belle Pitcher

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: Ian Boutin, Molly Drapa, Rosalina Whitney

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: Ximena Lescieur Garcia, Victoria Reynolds, Josephine Teroni

Chorus Certificate/Pin: Josephine Teroni

Congratulations to all!