



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

August 2019



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TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Property Tax Bills

The first installment for property taxes 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 September Newsletter is 12 noon on Monday, August 26th.

Town Office Hours & Closings

The Town Office is will be closed, Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

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

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

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **Burn permits** are available online (www.westfordvt.us), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during office hours. If you have any questions regarding burn permit please contact the Fire Warden.
- Property owners who plan on **replacing driveway culverts** must obtain an Access Permit from the Town before starting the work. Please contact the Town Office for an application.
- **Yard waste**, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating Chittenden Solid Waste drop off center. For a list of centers please visit www.cswd.net.
- **Metal items** only can be put in the metal dumpster located at the town garage. Non-metal items, such as tires and couches/furniture to name a few. Surveillance cameras are present and will be used to identify people who drop off items prohibited from the dumpster. The State Police will be contacted and provided the information.
- **Hazardous waste materials** must be brought to a participating CSWD drop off center or the Rover.



WESTFORD TRAILS

The Westford Conservation Commission encourages you to explore and enjoy the Westford trails that are spread throughout the town.

- Schultz Trail: About .7 miles up Machia Hill Road, the trail is on the left and marked by a "PUBLIC TRAIL" sign. The trail runs from there to Old #11 Road, parking on the sides of the road at either end.
- Goodrich Trail: Runs from the end of Machia Hill Road all the way to Repa Road in Underhill. This trail runs straight ahead from the end of Machia Hill Road, right past a house, and up into the woods along a logging road (follow the yellow WCC signs). Parking along Machia Hill Road (please don't park in the turnaround area).
- School Trails: Endless options that go through the woods, along the river, and around fields. Travel from the kiosk around the athletic fields and back to the school with "Aliens Love Underpants", a story walk spread over a distance suitable for all ages.
- Maple Shade Forest: Cross Brookside Road from the kiosk and follow that remarkable stone wall up into the woods where trails lead to two different beaver ponds.

Bring your bug spray, always do a tick check after outdoor activities, and feel free to help us maintain the trails by clearing any small debris to the side. Have fun!

What zoning district am I in? Do I need a permit for my project? Where do I begin?

Visit our new **Planning & Zoning FAQs** webpage at
<https://westfordvt.us/administration/planning-zoning/>

Or

Contact Kate Lalley, Administrative Officer, or Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator, at
zoning_admin@westfordvt.us, planner@westfordvt.us or (802) 878-4587

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Certificates of Occupancy:

When is a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) required? A CO is required only for NEW PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES and DWELLINGS, and ADDITIONS THAT DOUBLE OR MORE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES.

How can I tell if my project requires a CO? Check your zoning permit. The permit will indicate if your project needs a CO.

My project needs a CO, how do I apply for one? If your project requires a CO, contact the ZA about applying for this permit and scheduling a project inspection.

Business Permitting:

Increasing numbers of Westford residents are interested in having a business at their property. Having a business at your home falls under "land development" and requires a permit. If you have a business at your property or intend to, please contact the Zoning Administrator.

To encourage more businesses in the Town, Westford has made it easier to have one. The Town's Land Use and Development Regulations allow a range of business uses at properties, provided the activity proposed will be compatible with Town's rural character, recognize natural constraints to development, and not place an unreasonable burden on the Town's ability to provide essential services. Potential businesses that may be permitted range from Home Occupations (Types 1 and 2) to contractor's yards, small scale industry.

The Importance of Zoning Compliance:

The real estate market is rebounding and borrowing rates are very competitive.

If you plan to sell or refinance your property be aware that most banks, title attorneys and mortgage brokers now require borrowers to verify their property is in zoning compliance. Discovering your property is not compliant can be an unpleasant (and sometimes costly) surprise and can impact the timing of your property closing.

Before you refinance or sell please check on your zoning status with Westford Zoning Administrator Kate Lalley. She can help you resolve any outstanding zoning requirements that may exist before you close. You can reach Kate at zoning_admin@westfordvt.us or 878-4587.

Getting into zoning compliance takes time! Depending on the situation, it can take 30 days or longer to achieve zoning compliance. Only afterwards can the ZA certify the full zoning compliance most purchasers and lenders now expect. Plan ahead!

COMMUNITY WASTEWATER

IT'S ALL IN THE PLAN

Excitement is building as we near the final stages of preparing our Preliminary Engineering Report for community wastewater funding. After nearly 12 years of work, the revitalization of our Town Common area now appears closer to reality than ever before.

Timing is everything and it seems our project may become shovel ready in the coming years just as available funding sources become more receptive to the effect community wastewater is having on rural economic development in Vermont.

Working over the years with Stone Environmental and Green Mountain Engineering the Planning Commission has developed both a total construction plan and a phased construction plan to provide our community with the best range of options to address our immediate needs and a variety of funding options.

On July 15, the Planning Commission met with Dr. Donna Rizzo and Kristen Underwood of UVM to discuss the possibility of receiving a National Science Foundation Smart & Connected Communities Grant they are administrating. This grant project will work with three Vermont communities on the construction of smart innovation technologies for community wastewater systems. These technologies are designed to create efficiencies that reduce operating costs and improve available system capacity. Their goal is to work with a small, medium and large Vermont community. According to Dr. Rizzo, the possible selection of Westford for their small community system will allow UVM and the National Science Foundation to create a smart wastewater system with new construction, rather than working to adapt an older system. Ideally, Westford would serve as a model for other small Vermont communities on how to construct a cost-effective system with improved capacity using these new technologies.

Why do we need a wastewater system in the Town Common area?

First: No development is possible within our Town Common without it. Numerous public outreaches and community surveys overwhelmingly support commercial and residential activities to be developed within our Town Common that will offer essential services vital to our Town.

Second: Nearly all of the properties in our Town Common are presently in need of a replacement system and/or have no alternative location available when they do require a replacement system. This includes all of Westford's public and municipal buildings: Our Town Offices, Library, Brick Meeting House and White Church all presently need a wastewater solution.

For example, our Town Offices, the newest of our municipal buildings in the Common area, has a septic system that is around fifty years old and is located under its parking lot. When it fails, we have nowhere to locate a replacement system.

Purchasing the Jackson Farm has provided us with suitable soils for a conventional system. Using various grants previously awarded to us, we have designed a wastewater system that will serve all the properties in our common area and also allow for new commercial with mixed-use development.

There is still a lot of discussion with decisions ahead on how best to fund, construct, tie into and implement this new system. We promise to continue this process in the same thrifty and communicative manner. We encourage you to become informed and contribute to this important community wide discussion.

Planning Commission meetings are held every third Monday of each month at 6:30 downstairs in our Town Offices. For agenda details and more information please visit or Town website; westfordvt.us

Westford Planning Commission

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Summer Reading is Coming to an End!

Be sure to turn in your reading logs* (via email with the # of books read, or in person) by August 1 to be eligible for the prize drawing on August 2!

When you turn in your reading log you will get a coupon for a **FREE ice cream at Sweet Clover Market!** *if you lost your log - I just need the # of books you read over the summer. You can also turn in your log later (for ICE CREAM!), but you won't be included in the raffle.

End of Summer Reading Ice Cream Party and Prize Drawing - Friday, August 2 5-6:30pm

Come celebrate your sweet success with ice cream on the Common. We will also do the drawing for fabulous prizes (you do not need to be present to win). All kids who registered this summer will get a certificate & can pick up your Sweet Clover ice cream coupon if you have not already.

Read and Win at the Fair! (FREE TICKETS!)

Do you want a FREE ticket to the Champlain Valley Fair?

Are you: Entering grades K-8?

Have you: Read at least 3 books this summer?

If YES! Then stop by the Library for your READ AND WIN AT THE FAIR RIBBON good for:

- * FREE Admission to the Fair ONLY FOR Monday, 8/26
- * FREE Ice Cream
- * FREE Ride
- * FREE Book



Available all Aug. at the Library - needs a parent/guardian signature! This FREE ticket is ONLY good Monday, August 26

Library Hours

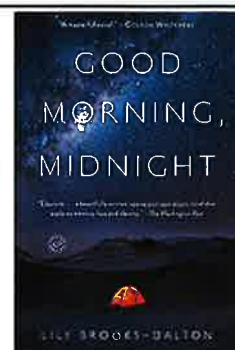
Wednesday:	1-7pm
Thursday:	10am-7pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	10am-2pm

Adult Book Group Wed., August 21 7:00-8:00pm

Pick up your books at the front desk!

Good Morning, Midnight

By: Lily Brooks-Dalton



Augustine, an aging astronomer, is consumed by the stars. For years he has lived in remote outposts, studying the sky for evidence of how the universe began. At his latest posting, in a research center in the Arctic, news of a catastrophic event arrives. Shortly after the others have gone, Augustine discovers a mysterious child, Iris, and realizes that the airwaves have gone silent. They are alone.

At the same time, Mission Specialist Sullivan is aboard the *Aether* on its return flight from Jupiter. The astronauts are the first human beings to delve this deep into space, and Sully has made peace with the sacrifices required of her. So far the journey has been a success. But when Mission Control falls inexplicably silent, Sully and her crewmates are forced to wonder if they will ever get home.

In crystalline prose, *Good Morning, Midnight* poses the most important questions: What endures at the end of the world? How do we make sense of our lives? This book is a meditation on the power of love and the bravery of the human heart. (Amazon.com)

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

8/1/19: Theme: Earth

8/8/19: Theme: Planets

8/15/19: Theme: Friends

8/22/19: Theme: School

8/29/19: Theme: Buses

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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August Library Events

- August 1 - Coding Club - Mark Drapa 6-7pm
- August 1 - Reading logs are due to be eligible for the raffle drawing
- August 2 - End of Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle 5-6:30pm on the Common
- August 7 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- August 8 - Coding Club - Share your Stuff 6-7pm
- August 9 - VINS - Animals in Myth and Legend 4:30-5:30pm (on the Common)
- August 18 - Starline Rhythm Boys Concert on the Common 7-8pm
- August 21 - Adult Book Group - Good Morning, Midnight 7-8pm
- August 26 - Read and Win Day at the Fair
- August 26 - KinderNight 6:30-7:30pm, please RSVP by 8/24
- August 28 - First Day of School!

Storytime every Thursday 11am

FREE/DISCOUNTED SUMMER FUN!

- 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)
- St. Albans Museum (free family pass)
- Vermont History Museum
- Lake Champlain Maritime Museum
- Craftsbury Chamber Players

Friday, Aug. 9 - 4:30-5:30pm VINS: Animals in Myth and Legend

How did Snake lose her legs? Why does Owl only fly at night? How did Turtle fly south for the winter? Meet these animals and hear their stories while we learn about the adaptations they have that help them survive. We'll explore a few different tales that people tell to help them understand the world of wildlife around them. **Grant for this program was provided by the VT Dept. of Libraries.**



KinderNight!
Monday, August 26
6:30-7:30pm
Open to incoming Westford Kindergarteners and their families- come for a special kindergarten themed story time and craft - just for you! This is a fun way for kids and families to meet and get to know each other before school. We'll also make yogurt "sundaes"! RSVP to the Library by 8/24.
westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

The Westford Public Library and the Westford Concert on the Common Series Presents:

The Starline Rhythm Boys
Sunday, August 18
7-8pm

This awesome rockabilly trio will have you dancing for sure!



Thank you to everyone who made our Annual Fourth of July Book Sale a success! Especially, the Board of Trustees, the volunteers who set up and cleaned up, and to all of you who donated and bought books!

The money from this sale is used to help support the Concerts on the Common series, the Welcome Baby Tea, the Summer Reading Program, and the purchase of park and museum passes. Thank you!

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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



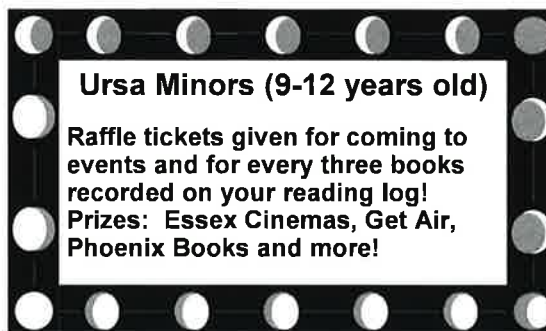
Raffles and Prizes All kids get a \$5 gift card to SpareTime for signing up and a FREE ice cream at Sweet Clover Market for turning in your reading log!



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



Westford Public Library

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

Phone: 878-5639

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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



AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

Adult Paint & Sip \$35
Date to be determined

Kids Paint & Sip \$20
Date to be determined

October

Don't forget the Pumpkin Run in
October. Details coming!



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 REGISTRATION

***K and PK** soccer starts September 7th on the Town Common. Fee is \$30 per player. Please specify shirt size on registration form.

***Grades 1/2 Coed, 3/4 boys, 3/4 girls and 5/6 girls.** Practice Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm starting September 3, Saturday games. Registration Fee is \$40. Please specify shirt sized on registration form.

**practice days are subject to change dependant on coaches availability.

Westford Recreation Department—Registration Form

NAME (Parents) _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

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

HOME PHONE _____ ALT PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

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

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

Total Fee: _____

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

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

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

RELEASE/WAVIER AGREEMENT:

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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



WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

New to Westford?

Student Registration

Please call Terri Martin, Office Manager, at 878-5932 or email her at tmartin@ewsd.org for support in registering a new student. She will walk you through the school registration paperwork. New student registration paperwork is also available online at <https://www.ewsd.org/domain/171>.

School Calendar & Upcoming Dates

The first student day of the 2019/20 school year is Wednesday, August 28th. The school calendar is available online and easily accessible on the school webpage @ https://www.ewsd.org/cms/lib/VT02217845/Centricity/Domain/4/EWSD_201920_SchoolCalendar_042419.pdf.

PreK – 8th grade Orientation to the classroom

Friday, August 23rd – by appointment

First student day

Wednesday, August 28

No School

Labor Day, Sept. 2

Open House

Thursday, September 12, 6:00-7:00pm
Food Services will provide dinner for families starting at 5pm.

Picture Day

Monday, Sept. 16, retakes Wednesday, Oct. 23

Westford School & EWSD Central Office: New Faculty & Staff

Please help welcome the professionals supporting students this year.

Jackie Ramsay-Tolman has been named the Interim Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the Essex Westford School District (EWSD). She brings a depth of educational experience to the EWSD, having served as a classroom teacher, special educator, dean of students, principal, and curriculum director during her career.

She joins the EWSD after spending the previous two years as the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the Barre Supervisory Union. She also served her former district as the Assistant Principal, and later as Principal, of the Barre City Elementary and Middle School. Prior to her time in Barre, Ramsay-Tolman worked in the Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union for 12 years. After spending five years as an early essential education coordinator, she became a special educator at the district level and then was named the Dean of Students at Hazen Union School.

Claire Ryan will be our 5-8 French teacher this school year. She grew up in Chicago and has spent the last four years teaching middle and high school French in Saint Louis, Missouri. She is a graduate of Washington University in Saint Louis, where she studied French, Education, and English. Outside of the classroom, she is an avid reader, an occasional baker, and an enthusiastic camper. Claire will also be teaching French at EHS.

Kelly Forbes will be our social-emotional learning and behavior coach after working at Northwestern Counseling and Support Services for the past 3 years. While working at NCSS, Kelly focused her time on supporting students in developing social and emotional regulation skills, providing behavioral consultation, and developing individualized behavior plans for students with behavioral challenges. Kelly has worked in the mental health field, and providing support to schools since 2011. Kelly graduated from Johnson State College in 2014 with an MA in Education and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Outside of work, Kelly enjoys crafting, camping, going on adventures, and spending time with her family and dog, Barkley.

Marissa McGrath joins Westford as our speech and language pathologist. She is a graduate of the University of Montana. Her school experience includes kindergarten through high school students. She also has experience in a community medical center and at the University of Montana DeWit RiteCare Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic. Her experience as an autism interventionist informs her approach to the generalization of social communicative skills learned through speech-language services. Outside of school, Marissa is an avid skier and enjoys time with her family and is a resident of Westford.

Barb Chapin, while not new to the Westford faculty, will have an expanded role this year. Barb will teach Algebra in addition to providing supportive math services. We welcome Barb in this expanded role.

Child Nutrition: Student participation goal for 2019/20

Healthy students with healthy eating habits are important to us. This year we have a commitment from Hogwarts (our 5th & 6th grades), our first graders, and from our Girl Scouts to support improved composting and recycling in the cafeteria. We will continue to use food from our 1st grade garden, as well as vegetables grown in our hoop house, in our cafeteria.

We are inspired and energized for continued improvements after last year's student efforts that resulted in the elimination of the use of straws across the district. This year's goal is input into the school menu to increase student participation and reflect Westford's strong value of healthy eating habits.

Please join us for dinner during Open House on Sept 12 to learn more about EWSD food services and to provide input into menu items that would influence your child's participation in eating school breakfast and lunch. Instead of a family picnic prior to open house, we will serve families dinner at a minimal fee. We want your feedback on the school menu in order to increase student participation, positively impact food services' effectiveness, and increase its opportunities for change. We ask that families please consider utilizing the school breakfast and lunch program and are setting a participation goal in hopes of setting an example for the district of what is possible. Our goal is to feed 40% or more students breakfast each day and 60% or more of students' lunch.

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200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMON CELEBRATION



SAVE THE DATE!!

**Saturday August 24 4-8 pm
Music Finale & 200th Celebration of the
Town Common**

The Grand Finale of the summer music series on the Common will be Saturday, August 24 from about 4pm to 8pm. This will be an extended event with several bands, some breweries, food vendors, maybe lawn games, probably ice cream, not all details are finalized but we are hoping for a great festival.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the Common. Michael Kirick is arranging the music and beer, similar events to the Feb 2nd Groundhog Day and the June 1st Uno de Juno.

The music line-up includes: Some Sorta Beige Band, Stoney Ridge, and a new currently unnamed local band that has formed as a result of coffee house meetings.

Kickback Brewing will be there and Foam brewery beers too. A couple of food vendors will be present including the Wagyu Wagon (great burgers, but have you tried their salad?), Mediterranean Mix, and maybe more. Hopefully the Rec Dept. can provide some games and things for kids. We are trying to engage several town organizations to work together for this event.

WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**Free Concerts on the Common
7pm – 8pm**

- **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

23rd Annual **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT**

Saturday, August 24th

Part of the 200th Anniversary of the Common Celebration

Community, ice cream and music, join your friends and neighbors for the tradition!

~on the common~

or in the Brick Meeting House in case of rain

**ICE CREAM SERVED FROM:
4PM TO 8PM!**

Proceeds benefit the Brick Meeting House

For information: Greg Barrows, 878-4395



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.