



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER



October 2019

## Westford Town Office

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## TOWN OFFICE NOTES

### Selectboard FY'21 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard will begin working on the FY'21 Budget in October. Workshops will be held on:

- October 10 & 24
- November 14
- December 12

If needed, additional meetings will be held. The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2020.

### Westford Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common. All seniors are welcome. Please join us for a home cooked meal and catching up with the news of your neighbors and friends. If you need a ride please call me at **878-3090** or Beth Menut at **893-2263**. If you know someone in town that isn't coming, please contact them and see if they would like to give it a try. It's potluck this month. Hope to see you there.

*Carol Howrigan, President*

### Reminder - Placing Bulky Items Out for Trash Pickup

The contract between the Town of Westford and Myers for collection of trash and recycling includes the following statement: **"Items such as couches, chairs, bedding, shall be considered trash but do not count toward the 64 gallon threshold."** Myers will collect bulky items; however, they will charge for the pickup. Some residents have found it costs less to bring their bulky items to a Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) drop off center rather than have Myers pick them up. Please call a drop off center or go to <http://cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/drop-off-centers/> to determine the best course of disposal.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November Newsletter is 12 noon on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Town Office Hours

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

**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](mailto:zoning_admin@westfordvt.us), [planner@westfordvt.us](mailto:planner@westfordvt.us) or (802) 878-4587

## Changes to getting copies of

# VERMONT BIRTH & DEATH CERTIFICATES

**Effective  
July 1, 2019**

Act 46 (2017) enhances the security of birth and death certificates, provides better protection against misuse of these legal documents, and reduces the risk of identity theft.

## What you need to know:

- ➔ Only family members, legal guardians, certain court-appointed parties or their legal representatives can apply for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate. For death certificates, a funeral home or crematorium may also apply for a certified copy.
- ➔ Applicants must provide valid identification when applying for a certified copy of a birth or death certificate.
- ➔ Nothing will change when ordering copies of marriage, civil union, divorce or dissolution certificates.
- ➔ **Where to apply for certified copies of birth or death certificates:**
  - ➔ Any Vermont Town or City Clerk's Office
  - ➔ Online at: [secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords](https://secure.vermont.gov/VSARA/vitalrecords)
  - ➔ Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA)
  - ➔ Vermont Department of Health Vital Records Office

# **WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES**

## **2019-2020**

**Sundays at the White Church on the Common  
4pm-5pm**

- **September 29, 2019** – Bread & Bones
- **October 20, 2019** – Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band
- **November 10, 2019** - FREVO
- **December 15, 2019** – Heliand Consort
- **January 5, 2020** – Spintuition (*Young Tradition Vermont*)
- **February 9, 2020** – Allison & Cameron Steinmetz
- **March 15, 2020** – Christine Malcolm
- **April 5, 2020** - Patrick Fitzsimmons
- **May 3, 2020** – Paul Asbell



## **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.





## A MONTH OF MUSIC

### WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES *PRESENTS* **BREAD & BONES**



#### **ROOTSY BLUEGRASS**

*-free will donation-*

**4 PM: WHITE CHURCH ON THE COMMON  
SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

*A harmony driven acoustics trio that plays original music with a strong traditional-roots foundation, Bread and Bones gives a great live show.*

Richard Ruane's superlative guitar work drives the songs. His talents extend to the ukulele and mandolin. Mitch Barron has a wonderful presence on fretless, fretted and upright basses and Beth Duquette completes the trio with rich alto that weaves through the music. All three members contribute lead and harmony vocals. They share a warm and spontaneous sense of humor that keep audiences engaged and delighted. We are thrilled to welcome them to the Westford series.

**Concert open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Call 802-879-4028 for more Information**

### WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES *PRESENTS* **THE NISHT GEFERLACH KLEZMER BAND**



#### **YIDDISH MUSICAL THEATER SONGS & DANCES**

*-free will donation-*

**4 PM: WHITE CHURCH ON THE COMMON  
SUNDAY: OCTOBER 20, 2019**

*The soulful and stirring music of the Jews of Eastern Europe, and more recently of New York's Lower East Side have found a home in Vermont.*

Central Vermont has become a setting for a group of musicians entranced by the rhythms and spirit of klezmer music which inspired them to form The Nisht Geferlach Klezmer Band. They have been in high demand with their unique repertoire of golden age songs of New York's Yiddish Theater as well as freilachs, bulgars and other lively instrumentals that display the Dixieland influence on Jewish immigrant music. Their music is jazzy, melancholy, thoughtful and ecstatic—sometimes in the same tune. People will want to get up and dance or just sit back and have a good time.

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Travel Talk Series returns next month. Contact Bree if you would like to give a talk.

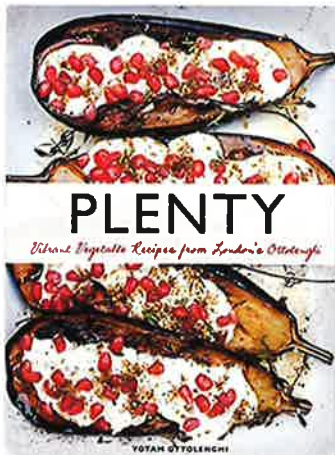


Artists wanted to display works at Library. Contact Bree if interested.

## Harvest Bingo!

Friday, October 4 from 7-9pm

As part of #RootedinVT's agricultural literacy week - we will be hosting a harvest bingo! It's like regular bingo, but your "buy-in" is one food item - a tomato, an apple, zucchini, muffin, whatever! If you win the round, you get a nice variety of things. Bring your harvest, your love for all things local, and some good luck! There will be some light snacks. You are encouraged to bring more goodies to share, as well as whatever you wish to drink. Fun for all ages!



## CookBook Club (new!)

Wednesday, Oct. 9

7:00-8:30pm

Love to cook and find new recipes? We are starting a cookbook club! Held every other month - come in, find a recipe, copy it, then cook it! Everyone will bring in their food and we will have a feast! We'll talk about the food and the recipes. We are starting with **Plenty: Vibrant Vegetable Recipes**. The library will provide paper goods and utensils.

## 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>

## Adult Book Group

**Wed. October 16**

**7:00-8:00pm**

**March: Book One**  
**by: John Lewis**

The groundbreaking graphic novel memoir of a living legend of the civil rights movement, **MARCH: BOOK ONE** has swiftly become an iconic work.

Created by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, this #1 New York Times bestseller is also a Coretta Scott King Honor book, a required text in classrooms across America, and the first graphic novel to win a Robert F. Kennedy Book Award.

Congressman John Lewis (GA-5) is an American icon, one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper's farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African-American president. Book One spans John Lewis' youth in rural Alabama, his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., the birth of the Nashville Student Movement, and their battle to tear down segregation through nonviolent lunch counter sit-ins, building to a stunning climax on the steps of City Hall. (from Amazon.com) **Extra copies available at the library.**



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

10/3/19: Theme: Fall

10/10/19: Theme: Sharks

10/17/19: Theme: Pumpkins

10/24/19: Theme: Not-so-Scary Monsters

10/31/19: Theme: Halloween (come in costume if you want!)

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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## October Library Events

**October 2- Trustees Meeting 7-9pm**

**October 4 - Harvest Bingo 7-9pm**

**October 9 - Cookbook Club 7-8:30pm**

**October 10 - Crazy 8's Math Club  
grades 3-4 begins**

**October 11 - Crazy 8's Math Club  
grades k-2 begins**

**October 11 - Classical Encounters Music  
Performance 7-8pm**

**October 16 - Adult Bookgroup 7-8pm -  
March: Book One by John Lewis**

**October 30 - Glow-in-the-dark  
Storytime 7-8pm**

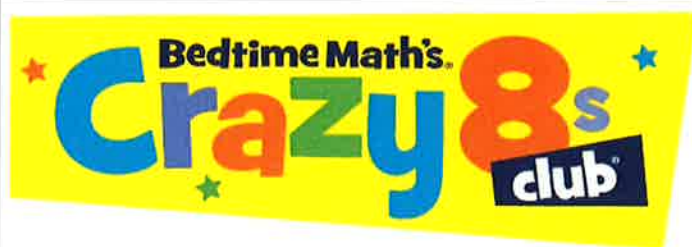
**October 31 - Trick or Treat at the Library  
all day**

**Storytime every Thursday 11am**

**Crazy 8's grades 3-4 Thursdays 3-5pm**

**Crazy 8's grades K-2 Fridays 3-5pm**

**Fiber Arts Group every Thursday 6:30-8pm**



**Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Math Club!!!**

**Weekly October 10/11 - December 12/13**

**Grades 3-4 - Thursdays (begins 10/10)**

**Grades K-2 - Fridays (begins 10/11)**

**(No classes October 17/18, November 28/29)**

**Bus transport provided from school (Bus #3),  
pickup at Library between 4:30-5:00pm**

Crazy 8's is an afterschool Math Club sponsored by Bedtime Math. There will be two clubs: grades K-2 and 3-4. This is a FUN, exciting enrichment opportunity. Clubs will be led by fantastic moderators (hint: volunteers needed!) and follow an action packed curriculum. More information will be given to those who sign up. Your child should plan to attend all classes - best behavior expected. Permission slips and more information emailed home to families who sign up.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! Call or email to sign up**

## Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime!

**Wednesday, Oct.30  
7:00-8:00pm**

The lights will be out, but there will be plenty to see! Join us for a special glow in the dark story time experience!

**Wear white or neon clothes.**

**Recommended for kids 4-8 - all welcome.**

**Note: the library will be dark for the majority of this program. Flashlights, glow in the dark effects and black lights will be used. Stories will not be scary.**



**Classical Music Encounters Concert**  
Friday, October 11 from 7-8pm

Classical Music Encounters, a program started by Essex High School seniors, Henry and Nathan Wu, is a performance series in Vermont libraries with the objective of introducing a diverse audience to classical music through performance and commentary. Classical Music Encounters is a free, one-hour program that is suitable for all ages. Refreshments served.

The Library is **no longer accepting donations** of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations in the spring of 2020. Thank you to community for supporting our annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

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# HAUNTED WESTFORD

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

6 - 8pm

Westford Elementary School

## HAUNTED FOREST

(6pm for littles, 6:30pm for scares)

\$3/person

## HALLOWEEN GAMES & TRICK OR TREAT STREET

Face Painting, fun games & music and more

\$5/person (bag of treats included)

*Dinner available for purchase on site*

All proceeds benefit the Westford 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Class Trip to Washington DC

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you are not supposed to put your recycling in plastic bags of any kind? The only exception to this is shredded office paper, which is accepted only if it's in a CLEAR BAG that's tightly closed.

Here are some other items that do NOT belong in your recycling bin:

- Dirty containers
- Plastic wrap
- Durable plastic (e.g. Tupperware, laundry bins, etc.)
- Styrofoam
- Motor oil or hazardous waste containers

For more information on the proper way to recycle, please visit <https://cswd.net/recycling/>. There is even an interesting video of a tour of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where your recycling goes to be sorted.

# **WESTFORD TURKEY TROT**



**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**Registration: 8:30 a.m.    Race Start: 10 a.m.**

**Snow, Rain or Shine**

**Westford School**

**Brookside Road, Westford, VT**

**10k run ★ 3k walk/run ★ 100 yd Tot Trot (6 & under)**

**\$12, pre-register online by Nov 15**

**\$15, day of race**

**Random Drawing for Prizes!**

**Homemade treats & chili for sale!**

**Proceeds benefit The Committee for Westford Children and Families**

**[www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com](http://www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com)**



# OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

## WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### October

Annual Pumpkin Run 10.19.19  
\$10 adult/ \$5 or food shelf donation kids. Kids (1 mile) race starts at 9am, adult (4 mile) race starts at 930am. First 25 registrants receive a free T-shirt.

Westford Elementary Chorus 9.25.19  
Does your child love to sing? Here is their chance. Wednesdays practices after school 3pm-430pm 9.25-11.13 with a concert on 11.14. \$50 registration fee.

#### November

Kids Basketball Program More info to come



## ONGOING EVENTS

COED PICKUP BASKETBALL  
8-930pm @ Westford School

Wednesdays 8/28-6/17  
\$10

### BASKETBALL \*COACHES NEEDED\*

The recreation board is seeking coaches for the upcoming basketball programming. We are in search of a girls 3-4, boys 3-4 and co-ed 1-2 coaches.

The recreation programs depend on volunteer coaches to continue these programs. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at [recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us) or call Tonya at 802.324.7132.

# 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

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **Burn permits** are available online ([www.westfordvt.us](http://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](http://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.

## BRICK MEETING HOUSE SOCIETY OF WESTFORD (BMHS)

### *Annual Meeting Warning*

The **2019 annual meeting of the BMHS** is to be held **7:00, Weds. Oct. 23, 2019** at the BMH. This is a public meeting. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

#### Agenda:

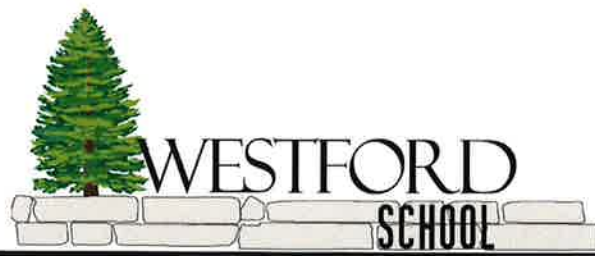
- Welcome new people
- Review minutes of the last monthly meeting.
- Review history of the BMHS
  - Status of current projects
- Operation stuff, Treasurers report, Bills, schedule etc.
  - Budget for next year.
  - Building use/Schedule
- Future organization
  - VRCD Town outreach Update & discussion
  - BMH / UCW coordination
- Set goals for the next year
  - Renovation
    - Paint Jackson Hall Interior, walls & trim
    - Refinish Jackson Hall floor, options
    - Front vestibule, floor and doors
    - Water
    - Back brick pointing
    - Bell
    - Sewage & future storage WHS building
  - Fundraising
    - Grants
    - Usual Fundraisers
- Review the procedure for filling the officer positions.
  - Art. IV, Officers;  
Presently we have; President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant treasurer.
- Review, elect/appoint Board of Directors
- Review, elect/appoint officers.
- New business
- Schedule next monthly meeting,



Respectfully Submitted; BMHS Board of Directors

John Doane, Caroline, Brown, Greg Barrows, Tom Townsend, Lynn Gauthier, Loreen Teer, Michael Kirick, Lori Johnson, Ray Geddes.



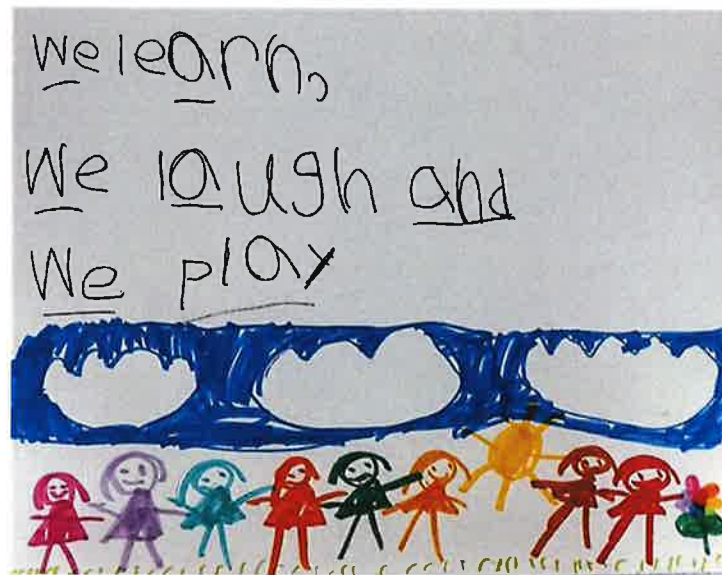


## WESTFORD SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to families for attending Open House. Open House was well attended, and the addition of family dinner and our open tech conversation were very successful. Thanks to the efforts of our librarian, Beth Shelly, and a healthy school grant family accessed an American Pediatrics resource supporting a conversation about tech use which resulted in each family leaving with a tech use agreement. Over eighty families participated and left with board games. Thank you to all for continuing to have these difficult conversations and the school-family partnership on keeping our students safe and healthy.

We look forward to inviting families back for parent conferences to discuss students individually on October 17th.

On a celebratory note, kindergarten teacher, Cassidy Shumway was honored as the elementary teacher of the year for the Essex Westford School District. She is one of the University of Vermont Outstanding Teachers and will be honored at the annual outstanding teachers' day event on October 9th. Please check out o Ms. Cassidy's webpage at <https://www.ewsd.org/Domain/252>, which beautifully articulates her teaching and student learning.



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