



# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

September 2020



Keep an eye out for **New England Aster**. This fall blooming meadow aster has wonderful pink and purple flowers and is a favorite of pollinators.

## Westford Town Office

1713 Vermont Route 128 - Westford, Vermont 05494

Phone: (802)878-4587 Fax: (802)879-6503

<https://westfordvt.us/>

## TOWN OFFICE NOTES

### Property Tax Installment

The first property tax installment is due Tuesday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have a September 15<sup>th</sup> 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 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Luncheon

I hope all our seniors are doing well with this heat and that Covid-19 is not affecting anyone in Westford. I'm going to postpone indefinitely our luncheons. As soon as I feel it's safe for you to leave your home and come out again, I'll let everyone know through Front Porch Forum and the monthly newsletter. If you need anything, please call me at 878-3090. Hopefully, we will be back together soon and please getting your flu shot. If you need a ride to do this, again call me and I will see that you get to a place that is providing them. *Carol Howrigan, President*

### Dog Licenses

If you have not licensed your dog(s) please do so as soon as possible (**licenses were due April 1<sup>st</sup>**).

A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call or email the Town Office (878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us)). For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail the license to you. The fee is \$13.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$11.00.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Westford Music Series

The Westford Music Series is cancelled for the 2020/2021 season.  
We will resume in fall of 2021, hope to see you there!

# VOTING INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

The Vermont Secretary of State's Office will be mailing a ballot to all active voters around September 18. **If you do not receive a ballot by the end of September, please contact the Town Office** at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us).

Please carefully follow the instructions on the ballot as well as the envelopes included with the ballot. Unfortunately, every election there are ballots deemed defective because a voter did not follow the directions. It is a shame that a voter has gone through the effort to cast their vote on a ballot but failed to follow directions to ensure their vote counts. The instructions on the envelopes are clear. **You MUST seal your voted ballot in the certificate envelope AND sign the envelope.** This is a minimum. Voters should also fill in the blanks where indicated. A picture of the envelope is shown below for reference.

## General Election/Town Meeting/Presidential Primary

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR EARLY OR ABSENTEE VOTERS

1. Mark each ballot, put ballot(s) in this envelope, and seal envelope.
2. Complete and SIGN the certificate below.
3. Place this certificate envelope marked "Voted Ballot(s)" inside the envelope marked "Vermont Official Early or Absent Voter Ballots."
4. Mail or deliver the "Vermont Official Early or Absent Voter Ballots" envelope to your Town Clerk's office in time to be received before the close of the office on the day before the election. (Be sure to check your Town Clerk's hours.) You can also deliver this envelope to the polling place before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Early or Absentee Voter Ballot(s) of: Jane Doe  
(Print your name)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

1. a.) A legal voter on the voter registration checklist for the Town or City of: Westford

OR

b.) A member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty; or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member; or a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S.;

OR

Other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.

AND

2. I am a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and I am eligible to vote in this jurisdiction; and  
3. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. except the jurisdiction:

Town or City of: Westford

In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or Federal law. I have not been influenced.

My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document.

The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for conviction of perjury.

SIGNED: Jane Doe DATE: 8/20/20

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**BE SURE TO FILL OUT AND SIGN THE CERTIFICATE/OATH  
ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS ENVELOPE OR YOUR VOTE  
WILL NOT COUNT!**

NOTE: If these ballot(s) have been brought to you by two justices of the peace, return them to the justices after you have sealed AND SIGNED the envelope.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MARK YOUR BALLOTS IN PRIVATE – but if you ask for help, the justices will assist you.

## VOTED BALLOT(S)

Any voter may vote in person at the polls. However, due to COVID-19, we are encouraging voters to vote by absentee ballot to reduce the number of people at the polls. If you choose to vote in person, you must adhere to CDC guidelines and the Governor's Order (wearing a mask, social distancing of 6', etc.). If you are experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other symptom of a respiratory illness, or if you have had contact with a person who has tested COVID-19 positive, you will need to vote by absentee ballot.

Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) if you have any questions.

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office will be **closed**

- September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day

The Town Office is open to the public! The office is open:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30am to 4pm
- Zoning Administrator hours: Monday and Tuesday, 10am-3pm (by appointment only).

Access to the Town Office is conditional upon the following:

- You are not experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other symptom of a respiratory illness; and you have not had contact with a person who has tested COVID-19 positive.
- Masks are **required**
- Appointments are required for zoning and are strongly encouraged for other matters;
- Adhere to any signage present;
- Access is limited to the front counter;
- Zoning matters are limited to the lower level (please use entrance located in the back of the building);



## ATTENTION DOG LOVERS



The Town of Westford is looking for someone who is interested in serving as Dog Warden. What is a Dog Warden you ask? A Dog Warden is a person who helps dog owners comply with the Westford Dog Ordinance. What qualifications are needed? A love for dogs, the ability to communicate effectively and a location to bring dogs until they can be reunited with their owner to name a few. You may think you need a kennel to be a Dog Warden. This is not the case. However, a stray dog does need to be kept in a healthy environment until it is reunited with its owner. A healthy environment includes shelter, food, water, and a suitable area for them to relieve themselves.

The Dog Warden position receives an annual stipend of \$500 and there are funds available for training, supplies and mileage. The Town also has a doghouse that can be utilized. If you would like more information on helping your community by serving in this position, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us). Westford residency is preferred by not required.



**FREE  
PUBLIC  
Wi-Fi**

## FREE PUBLIC Wi-Fi ON THE COMMON!

Thanks to grants from the Public Library Association and the Vermont Department of Public Service, there is now fast **FREE** Wi-Fi service on the common!

**Just search for "Westford Public WiFi" on your device.**

## WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

**Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are NOT allowed** in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be subject to removal 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



## FALL ROADS

What you need to know about coming fall road conditions

- **Tourists:** watch for tourists who may be “leaf peeping”. They may be driving slowly or in need of directions.
- **High Wind:** high winds occur this time of year. Watch for fallen trees and brush that may block roads

### Reminders:

- Several hunting seasons occur during fall. Watch for vehicles parked on the side of roads for hunting access. Pedestrians & pets should wear orange/yellow reflective clothing during hunting seasons to help ensure they are seen. You can find a list of VT hunting seasons here: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunting-and-trapping-seasons>



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### SEEKING FULL-TIME ROAD CREW MEMBER

The Town of Westford is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Road Crew position with benefits. This position involves skilled and unskilled labor tasks and the knowledge and operation of highway equipment for maintenance and repair of town roads.

**Requirements:** valid Vermont CDL Class B license, good driving record, experience operating various highway equipment, willingness to work long hours especially during winter months, ability to maintain logs, participate in random drug/alcohol testing, possess physical strength, agility, endurance and mental ability to concentrate, mechanical abilities, good communication skills, safety mindset and willingness to work directly with the public. Must pass pre-employment physical exam and drug test.

For consideration, please submit resume, references and employment application (found at <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/CMV-Application-for-Employment.pdf>) to: Town of Westford, Attn: Nanette Rogers, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494.

For more information, contact Nanette Rogers at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us). Position open until filled. Westford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



# WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Westford Trail Volunteer Day!

Do you enjoy hiking the beautiful trails Westford has to offer? Please consider signing up for our volunteer trail maintenance day.

**We will meet on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the kiosk in front of Westford Elementary School.**

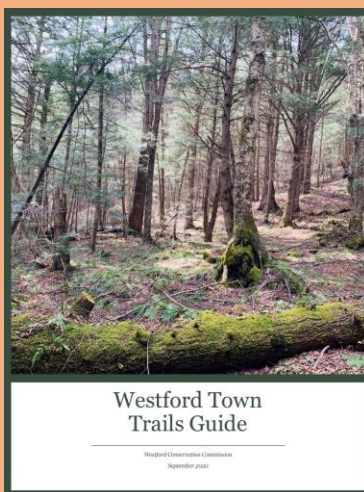
We will spend the morning clearing any debris on the school trails (Misty Meadows). Westford Conservation Commission members will bring some necessary tools but feel free to bring your own loppers, clippers, weed whackers, and helpful children! Don't forget to bring water, snacks, and necessary layers for dynamic VT weather. This is a great way to contribute to maintaining the trails we all love and enjoy!

To sign up, please email WCC [westfordcc@googlegroups.com](mailto:westfordcc@googlegroups.com)

## New Westford Trail Guide!

Check out the new Westford Trail Guide on the town website at <https://westfordvt.us/boards/conservation-commission/>, or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WestfordCC>

All Westford trails will be featured with information, descriptions, maps, and photos. This guide will help you and your family explore our lesser known trails. Happy hiking!



Please respect private landowners whose property trails may run through. All users and their animals must stay within trail right-of-way limits.

Please let us know if you see downed trees or other required maintenance to any of the trails. We're happy to go out and clean things up! Email [westfordcc@googlegroups.com](mailto:westfordcc@googlegroups.com)

**Enjoying the trails? Consider a donation to the Westford Conservation Commission to help our hard-working volunteers purchase equipment, hire professionals, and sponsor events.**

Westford Conservation Commission  
1713 Vermont Route 128  
Westford, VT 05494





# FOOD SCRAPS & WESTFORD

Effective July 1, 2020, per Act 148, food scraps are banned from landfills. Additionally, the Selectboard recently chose **not** to include the collection of food scraps in the contract with Myers. This means that residents will need to either compost food scraps or bring them to one of the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) drop off centers (<https://cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/drop-off-centers/>).

## What are food scraps?

Food scraps are parts of food that are typically discarded rather than eaten: peels, rinds, cores, eggshells, seeds, pits, bones, shells, coffee grounds and filters, loose-leaf tea, and fats/oils/grease. Food scraps is also food that was eaten but not finished: “plate scraps” or leftovers that went bad. Any type of food can become food scraps including bread, pasta, soup, vegetables, fruit, sauces, meat, fish, dairy, sweets, etc.

## What should I do with meat and bones?

If you compost in your yard, the law allows you to put meat and bones in the trash so they don’t attract animals to your composting bin. If you chose to bring food scraps to a drop-off center, you can include meat and bones with the rest of your food scraps.

CSWD has an abundance of information on their website including answers to questions, ways to reduce waste and how to compost to name a few. Please go to <https://cswd.net/scrapfoodwaste/> or call **872-8111** to get more information.



## WHAT ABOUT BEARS?

- Do not put any fish, meat, dairy, grease, or bones in your backyard compost.
- Compost in a hard, durable bin, preferably one with a lid.
- Frequently cover food scraps with browns (dried yard debris, wood chips, sawdust, shredded paper). This helps contain odors!
- Build and maintain your pile correctly! Bury food scraps near the center of your pile and cover with browns, mix frequently! This discourages not just bears, but insects, rodents, and other vectors.

Guidance from VT Fish and Wildlife on Composting & Bears: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/living-with-wildlife/living-with-black-bears/composting-in-bear-country>

Backyard composting still not for you? You can bring your food waste to Green Mountain Compost or use another disposal service of your choice: <https://cswd.net/chittenden-county-solid-waste-facilities/green-mountain-compost/>

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# WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

9/1 Recreation Committee Meeting  
7pm @ Town Common Gazebo

### OCTOBER

10/6 Recreation Committee Meeting  
time & location TBD

Annual Pumpkin Run  
Details to come!

The Recreation Department  
offers scholarships for all  
programs. Complete the  
registration form, or contact us  
for more information.

To Contact the Recreation  
Department, please email or call.  
[recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us)  
(802)324-7132



## FALL PROGRAMS

SOCCER (Pre-K & K) 9/1-10/24  
Days & Time TBD @ Westford School \$35

SOCCER (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) 9/1-10/24  
Days & Time TBD @ Westford School \$45

SOCCER (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) 9/1-10/24  
Days & Time TBD @ Westford School \$45

MENS SOCCER 9/1-10/25  
Sundays 4pm @ Westford School \$45

WOMENS SOCCER 9/1-10/25  
Sundays 4pm @ Westford School \$45

## *SIGN UP via the Registration Form*

attached or online:

<https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/WESTFORD-RECREATION-DEPARTMENT-REGISTRATION-FORM-July-2020.pdf>

### \*\*\*SOCCER COACHES NEEDED\*\*\*

Fall Soccer Coaches needed for all age groups! Rec programs are made possible by volunteer coaches & parent helpers. Contact the Rec Department or check the box on the registration form when you sign your child up. *The fee for one of your children is WAIVED if you coach.*

### SAFE RECREATION DURING COVID-19

**COVID-19 Release** The registration form has been updated with a COVID-19 Agreement to ensure the safety of our program participants, and our community. Additionally, all participants will be signed-in at the start of each program to ensure the safety check-list has been completed.

## WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address #1 \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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	Name	Program	Grade	Fee
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
Are you interested in donating to the Scholarship Fund? If so, please list amount here:				
Total:				

**Scholarship Fund Available:** If your financial situation is preventing you from signing yourself or your child up for a program, please submit this form and in lieu of a fee, include a brief essay. The Recreation Department Committee will review eligibility for a scholarship.

Are you interested in being a volunteer? Coach ☐ Parent Helper ☐ Enthusiastic Fan ☐

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



## WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

### COVID-19 Agreement:

To ensure the health and safety of all participants, volunteers, and their families, I agree to the following:

☐ A personal health check will be completed within an hour BEFORE participating in any Westford Recreation Department program.

- Have you been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19?
- Has anyone in the household been out of the state of Vermont, to an area NOT in the 'green zone' in the past 14 days?
- Do you feel unwell with any symptoms consistent with COVID-19? For example, have you had a cough, high temperature, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with shills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell?
- Take temperatures prior to arrival. Does the temperature exceeds 100.4 F ?

If the answer to any of these questions are Yes, **DO NOT** attend the program.

A parent/guardian will be required to sign a document before each program session to confirm they have completed the personal health check.

☐ Maintain social distancing, whenever possible. Face coverings are recommended when this is not possible.

☐ No sharing of personal equipment, water bottles, clothing, etc.

☐ "Arrive. Play. Leave." No gathering at the field or in the parking lot before/after programs.

☐ Shared program equipment will be sanitized between sessions

☐ Players are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer for use during programs and to wash your hands before and after programs.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this Registration Form via email ([recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us)), mail, or leave in the drop box at the Town Office:  
Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt. 128 Westford VT 05494

Submit Fee: [Online](#), via mail, or leave in the drop box at the Town Office.

Make checks payable to: WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT, note the program in the memo line.

When paying online, write the name of the program in the reference number line.

# WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>  
(802) 878-5639

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

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

Travel Talk is Back (via Zoom)!  
Itching to travel, but can't leave the state? We'll be zooming through pictures and hearing stories.

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7pm

Destination: Quebec, Saguenay, & Gaspé

Presenter: Mark Drapa

Join us on our trip through Quebec City, the Saguenay Fjords and Marine National Park, the entirety of the Gaspé Peninsula and Forillon National Park. October's destination is Japan! Zoom link on FPF and Facebook.



Thank you for an amazing Summer Reading Program!  
Despite the different format, due to COVID-19, we still had some pretty impressive numbers:

77 kids signed up for Summer Reading (12 adults, too!)

31 Summer programs were held with 403 attendees

Our video programming had 409 views!

1532 books were read and logged - I bet even more!

THANK YOU to all the parents, grandparents, and teachers who do so much to support their children's love of reading.

THANK YOU to the following for your support:

Sweet Clover Market

Westford Country Store and Café

Westford Conservation Commission

Magician Ed Popielarczyk

The Vermont Department of Libraries

The Westford Library Board of Trustees

## Library Hours

Wednesday: Building 1-7pm

Curbside 3-5pm

Saturday: Building 10am-2pm

Curbside 10-noon

We are currently in Phase 4 of our reopening plan.

## Adult Book Group

Wed. September 16

7:00-8:00pm

via Zoom

**Open Season**

by: Archer Mayor



Book One in the Vermont-based Joe Gunther mystery series - now up to 30 books!

Lt. Joe Gunther of the Brattleboro, Vermont police force has a serious problem: in a community where a decade could pass without a single murder, the body count is suddenly mounting. Innocent citizens are being killed—and others set-up—seemingly orchestrated by a mysterious ski-masked man. Signs suggest that a three year-old murder trial might lie at the heart of things, but it's a case that many in the department would prefer remained closed. A man of quiet integrity, Lt. Gunther knows that he must pursue the case to its conclusion, wherever it leads. (from Amazon.com)

Print copies available at the library, audiobooks available on Libby.

## Outside Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School Every Thursday at 11:30am on the Common

9/3/20: Theme: Back to School

9/10/20: Theme: Stuffed Animals (bring your favorite!)

9/17/20: Theme: Bees and Honey

9/24/20: Theme: Fall

Bring a blanket and masks and talk to your kids about social distancing ahead of time. Snacks or a lunch are a good idea too. We will sing songs, read stories, move and have fun! If weather is bad, storytime will be sent out digitally. Curbside crafts can be picked up as well.

The WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY provides access to materials, technology, reference services and programs to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the Westford community.

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<http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>  
(802) 878-5639 ♦ [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

### September Library Events

September 2 - Trustees Meeting via Zoom 7-9pm

September 8 - First Day of School in Westford

September 9 - Travel Talk via Zoom 7-8:30pm,  
Destination: Quebec, Saguenay and Gaspé,  
presented by Mark Drapa

September 16 - Adult Book Group via Zoom -  
discussing Open Season by Archer Mayor  
7-8pm

September 27-October 3 - Banned Books Week -  
Censorship is a Dead End: Find your  
Freedom to Read

#### Library Open:

Wednesday 1-7pm

Saturday 10am - 2pm

#### Curbside Pickup of Library Materials:

Wednesdays 3-5pm

Saturdays 10-Noon

Order form is on our website and Facebook  
page—order before 7pm the day before

Storytime on the Common every Thursday  
11:30am (weather permitting)

### Get Outside and Explore Westford!

Brought to you by the Westford Public Library and  
the Westford Conservation Commission

Poetry Walk - Contemplate poetry in a beautiful setting.  
Poems are mounted on the Maple Shade Trail #6.

Whimsical Walk on the Schultz Trail - Make your own  
fairy house, Chipmunk café or nature art and place it  
on display. Add to others' work. The Schultz Trail  
connects the ends of Old #11 Rd. and Machia Hill Rd.  
Use only natural materials, hike often to see what's  
new!

Story Hike on the Maple  
Shade Trail (across from the  
school) continuing on Trail  
#2.

New Story Hike Coming  
soon! "Over in the Meadow"  
by Ezra Jack Keats - location  
TBD.



Celebrate Banned Books Week: 9/27-10/3  
Censorship is a Dead End: Find your Freedom  
to Read During Banned Books Week!  
Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free  
and open access to materials while drawing  
attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting  
actual or attempted banning of books from across  
the United States. Resources will be made  
available via Facebook for those interested.  
It would be awesome to read a banned book  
this week - available curbside or in the library.

It's not too late to enjoy fair weather fun!

#### FREE/DISCOUNTED FALL FUN!

Items can be checked out curbside or in  
person on Wed./Sat.

Vermont State Parks - day use (2 passes)  
Vermont Historic Sites

Shelburne Museum &  
ECHO Center

Are FREE - check with each group's website for  
advanced tickets and re-opening rules and  
schedule. No library passes needed this year.



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## 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.

### **Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) Representative**

The Chittenden Solid Waste District Board of Commissioners is comprised of representatives from each of the communities in Chittenden County and is responsible for setting policy and making major decisions. The Board meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6pm.

For more information about CSWD and the Board of Commissioners, go to <https://cswd.net/about-cswd/cswd-board-of-commissioners/>.

**Please contact the Town Office if you are interested in serving the community in any of these roles.**

## Please join the Milton Inclusion and Diversity Initiative in our next online discussion series!

This opportunity is for both Milton residents and residents of surrounding towns, including Westford and Essex.

The Milton Selectboard and Schoolboard have unanimously passed a resolution to "reaffirm the commitment to anti-racist education for the Milton Town School District's students, faculty, staff, and administration, as well as the Town of Milton's Selectboard, Town leadership, and police officers, in an endeavor to address systemic racism and foster a community of racial equity and inclusion." What does this mean and how do we hold our leaders accountable for this commitment? It is our responsibility as citizens to shape the culture of our rural communities and to make sure they are welcoming for all. In our discussion group, we will work toward a better understanding of racism and antiracism and figure out action steps for our communities. Our next study text will be *How To Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. We will incorporate resources from local and national news sources, podcasts, films, etc. and will have discussions in an open and relaxed atmosphere (on Zoom!).

**Meetings will be on Thursday nights from 7:15 to 8:15 PM.**

Please contact [amandaspectordvm@gmail.com](mailto:amandaspectordvm@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.



## **Subscribe to the Town Newsletter**

If you would like to receive a copy of the Town Newsletter by email, send an email to [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) with your name (required), email address (required) and address (optional).

To view current and past newsletters visit: <https://westfordvt.us/documents/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.