



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

November 2020



Happy Thanksgiving!

Did you know that before arrival railroads and refrigeration, Vermonters used to walk flocks of turkeys from Vermont to Boston every year to be sold?

Westford Town Office

1713 Vermont Route 128 - Westford, Vermont 05494

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

Selectboard FY'22 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard began working on the FY'22 Budget in October. Upcoming workshops will be held on:

- 11/12
- 11/19
- 12/3
- 12/17

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 2021.

Property Tax Installment

Property taxes are due Monday, November 16th. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have a November 16th 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 Tuesday, November 17th.

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 that Covid-19 is not affecting anyone in Westford. I'm going to postpone our luncheons indefinitely. 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*

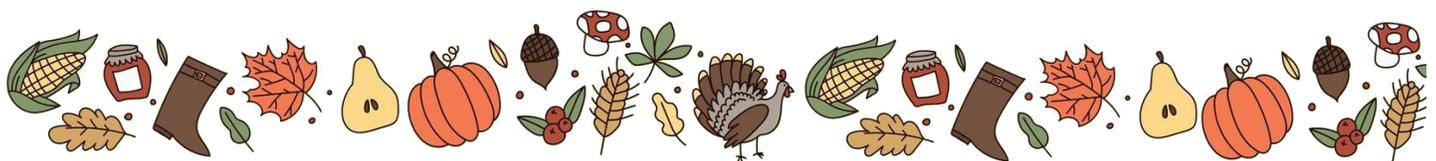
Dog Licenses

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

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). 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 December Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, November 23, 2020



TOWN OFFICE HOURS

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).

The Town Office is **CLOSED**:

- November 3 – General Election
- November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving
- December 24 & 25 – Christmas
- January 1 – New Years

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. Westford residency is preferred by not required.

SEEKING WINTER COAT DONATIONS

The Annual Winter Wear Share will be November 21st.

Seeking clean, gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots of all sizes to share with our neighbors. Donations can be dropped off at the Westford Library on Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00, October 24th & 31st, November 7th & 14th, in the bin on the porch of the Town Office any time, or call for pick-up 802-879-4449, leave message or email carol@vtwildlife.com



**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.



WINTER IS NEAR!

What you need to know about coming winter road conditions

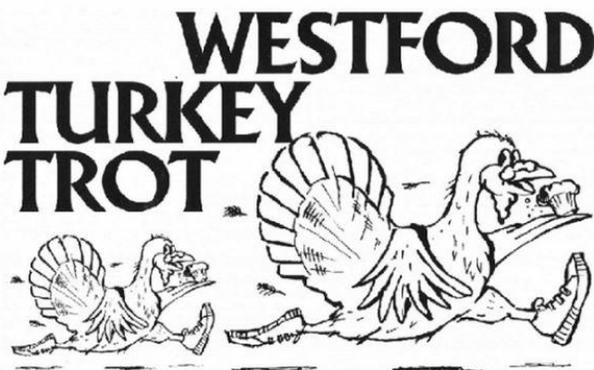
- **Plowing:** begins when the snow has accumulated 2-3 inches. Each plow route takes the road crew about 4 hours to complete.
- **Sand:** applied to all gravel roads. Some particles may be large enough to cause windshield damage. Use caution and avoid following other vehicles closely.
- **Mailboxes:** Westford does NOT repair or replace mailboxes damaged by the plow.
- **Plowing Across Town Roads:** plowing snow from driveways across town roads is prohibited.

Read the full Winter Road Policy here: <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Winter-Road-Policy.pdf>

Reminders:

- Each winter storm is different, roads may be icy and sand may be loose. Drive slow and know what your vehicle is capable of.
- Watch for walkers and wildlife. It will be more difficult to see pedestrians and recreational users of roads this time of year due to snowbanks. Walkers, bikers and other users can do their part by wearing bright, reflective clothing.
- Some VAST trails cross Westford Roads. Know where the trails are and watch for crossing snowmobiles. You can find a list of VAST trails here: <https://vtvast.org/trails.html>
- Several hunting seasons occur during early winter. 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>

Create Your Own Turkey Trot in 2020



This year, Westford Turkey Trot fans, we're asking you to make your own Turkey Trot adventure. The Turkey Trot would normally be held on Saturday, November 21, but we've chosen to cancel our in-person event this year. Instead, during the week before Thanksgiving, we're asking you to run your favorite route, walk a town trail or find some other fun outdoor activity you can do safely. At the same time, share some gratitude for the beautiful community and state we live in and make a donation to the Westford Food Shelf. This fall, they're in need of canned tuna/chicken, peanut butter and jelly, pasta sauce, cereal and toiletries.

You can drop donations off at the White Church, Town Office or at the Library during Saturday curbside service, or mail checks made out to Westford Food Shelf, 82 North Road, Westford VT 05494.

We'll see you in person next year for the 2021 Turkey Trot!
www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com



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.

SEASONAL COMPOSTING TIPS

PREPPING YOUR COMPOST PILE FOR WINTER

- Collect all the leaves you can (luckily we have a lot in Westford). Winter heaps need more brown material to stay active, but most of what you bring out from your kitchen will be green.
- Bulk up the inside of the pile when turning the heaps in the fall.
- Insulate your pile with fall leaves, this helps keep in the heat generated in the center of your compost pile. You can cover the leaves with a tarp or burlap to keep them in place. Leave a hole in the leaf cover so you can pour kitchen scraps into the pile.

WINTER CARE OF COMPOST

- Low humidity and winter winds can dry out your pile, water compost pile sparingly on a day when it won't immediately freeze.
- Turn your compost as frequently as possible, BUT do not attempt to turn when frozen,
- Add green scraps in large quantities. For compost to be fed properly it needs the nitrogen of green ingredients.

Don't want to trudge outside in the snow to compost? Here are some ways you can store compost inside longer before bringing it out to the pile or to a drop off center:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wmp/SolidWaste/Documents/Universal-Recycling/Managing-food-scraps-in-the-kitchen.pdf>



WESTFORD COMMON POLICY

The Westford Common is a beautiful, historical area much used by townspeople and visitors. As such, it is important to protect and nurture this area so everyone can enjoy it. The following are the rules of agreement for your use of the Common:

1. There is no exclusive use of the Common or the Gazebo. People scheduling an event must realize that they cannot ask others to leave the area. This is a public piece of property that is used by the general public.
2. No vehicles are allowed on the Common at any time including loading/unloading, except for emergencies.
3. There is no parking on the Route 128 side of the Common.
4. Parking is only allowed along Common road, but never on the grass.
5. All events must be over by dark, except for Westford town sponsored activities.
6. Noise must be kept to a minimum. Please respect the neighboring residents.
7. All trash must be picked up and placed in trash barrels.
8. If there is any damage to any part of the Common or Gazebo, the user group is responsible for repairing the issue, with possible financial consequences.
9. Picnic tables, chairs and other items, if moved, must be returned to where they were originally.
10. Fires, heaters, or grills are strictly prohibited in or near the Gazebo.
11. Exercise care around any trees or plantings.
12. Adult supervision if required for all activities.
13. If you bring an animal to the common, you are responsible for cleaning up after them.
14. Commercial activity requires Selectboard approval.
15. Large gatherings need to be scheduled with the Town Clerk's office to avoid conflict.
16. Political signs are not allowed on the common.
17. Signs for events, such as concerts, must be taken down within 5 days of the event.

If you want to schedule use of the Common, contact:

- **The Westford Town Clerk:** townclerk@westfordvt.us
- **And the Selectboard at:** selectboard@westfordvt.us



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WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

November

11/3 Recreation Committee Meeting
7pm @ the Town Common Gazebo or look
for a Skype Meeting link on our Facebook
Page.

11/14 Rock Painting \$10

11/24 Gingerbread House Making \$25

December

12/12 Cookie Decorating \$20

*Due to COVID-19, we are limiting participants in these
events to 12.*

*We will fill slots on a first come, first serve basis. Please
sign up via email to Meghan at
VALYOUUM@GMAIL.COM*

*Note: All supplies are provided and participants bring
home all of their creations!*

Interested in helping to set up
and maintain our Town Ice rink?
Please reach out to the Westford
Rec Department.

To Contact the Recreation
Department, please email or
call.

recreation@westfordvt.us
(802)324-7132



Winter Activities

While Covid has changed our ability to offer typical indoor programming, we are grateful to live in an amazing community with boundless outdoor opportunities. Please take advantage of our Town Ice Rink and amazing network of trails this winter.

Stay tuned for upcoming winter events and programs.

SIGN UP for any of our programs via the Registration Form online:

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

If paying online be sure to free text what program you are submitting payment for.

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 FALL ACTIVITIES

AT THE RED BRICK MEETING HOUSE

A collection of colorful, hand-painted rocks in various shapes and sizes, including circles, ovals, and triangles, with intricate patterns and designs in colors like blue, green, orange, and red.

ROCK PAINTING

Saturday November 14th 10am-Noon
All Ages. Drop Off OK Ages 6+ \$10 fee

A row of gingerbread houses on a table, each decorated with white icing, colorful candies, and candy canes. The houses are of various sizes and designs, some with intricate icing patterns.

Gingerbread House Making

\$25 fee
Grades 2+, Drop off OK
Tuesday, November 24th 1-3pm

A variety of Christmas cookies, including gingerbread men, snowflakes, and Christmas trees, decorated with colorful icing and sprinkles. The cookies are arranged on a white surface.

Cookie Decorating

Saturday December 12th 10am-Noon All Ages.
Drop off OK ages 6+ \$20 fee

Due to COVID-19, we are limiting participants in these events to 12.

We will fill slots on a first come, first serve basis. Please sign up via email to Meghan at VALYOUUM@GMAIL.COM

Note: All supplies are provided and participants bring home all of their creations!

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:

#	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), 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

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494



The Library will be **CLOSED** on November 26&27 for Thanksgiving. We are thankful for our patrons!

Starting in November - The library will be open on Fridays for browsing from 1-7pm.

- * The first hour of the day is for senior and immuno-compromised patrons
- * Curbside hours have been extended to Wed. 3-6pm, and Sat. 10am-2pm, orders can be placed online, email or by phone
- * All areas of the library are open for browsing
- * Children under 12 must be accompanied
- * Keep visits to 30 minutes or less
- * Masks and social distancing required

Westford Public Library COVID Response Services

(Phases are subject to change based on local, state and national data. Phases may be moved forward or back.)

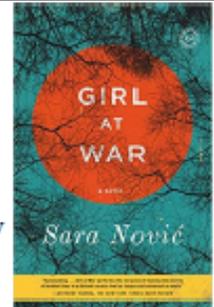
Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building closed to the public No in-person services All programming is virtual Curbside Pickup Digital services offered through Libby's website No inter-library loan Book Drop open 	Phase 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building closed to the public Curbside pickup Inter-library Loan services Book Drop open Both virtual and outdoor programming Virtual events now return to work, social distancing 	Phase 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building open limited days and hours, limit visit to 30 minutes or less Children's area will be closed, browsing available in main area only Curbside pickup Public computer and public printer use for essential functions Masks and social distancing are required for patrons ages 3 and up, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult 	Phase 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building open limited days and hours, limit visit to 30 minutes or less Children's area will be open for browsing, toys returned Curbside service (pickup and return) held at front desk Computer and printer use for essential functions Masks and social distancing are required for patrons ages 3 and up, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult 	Phase 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full building open for normal hours of operation No time limits on visits Normal programming Building open open to general groups Curbside service is no longer an option Social distancing requirements no longer in place
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Library Hours

Wednesday: Building 1-7pm
Curbside 3-6pm
Friday: Building 1-7pm
Saturday: Building 10am-2pm
Curbside 10-2pm
In Phase 5 of our reopening plan

Adult Book Group
Wed. November 18
7:00-8:00pm
via Zoom
Girl at War
by: Sara Novic



Zagreb, 1991. Ana Juric is ten years old, living with her family in an apartment in Croatia's capital. That year, civil war breaks out across Yugoslavia, splintering Ana's idyllic childhood. Daily life is altered by food rations, air raid drills, and sniper fire. Neighbors grow suspicious of one another, and Ana's sense of safety starts to fray. When the war arrives at her doorstep, Ana must find her way in a dangerous world.
New York, 2001. Ana is now a college student in Manhattan. Though she's tried to move on from her past, she can't escape her memories of war—secrets she keeps even from those closest to her. Haunted by the events that forever changed her family, Ana returns to Croatia after a decade away, hoping to make peace with the place she once called home. As she faces her ghosts, she must come to terms with her country's difficult history and the events that interrupted her childhood years before.
Girl at War illuminates how history shapes the individual. Sara Novic fearlessly shows the impact of war on one young girl—and its legacy on all of us.
Extra copies are available at the library and on Libby.

Outside Early Literacy Storytime - Birth to Pre-School Every Thursday at 11:30am on the Common
11/5/20: Theme: Dinosaurs
11/12/20: Theme: Airplanes
11/19/20: Theme: Turkeys
11/26/20: No Storytime - Happy Thanksgiving!

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, story time will be sent out digitally. Curbside crafts can be picked up as well.

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November Library Events

- November 4 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm via Zoom
- November 11 - Supporting Education: Using the Library as Resource for Homeschooling and Enrichment 7pm, via Zoom
- November 13 - CookBook Club 7pm via Zoom - Theme: Side Dishes
- November 18 - Adult Book Group 7pm via Zoom - discussing *Girl at War* by Sara Novic, extra copies available at the library and on Libby
- November 26 - CLOSED
- November 27 - CLOSED

Library Open:
Wednesday 1-7pm
Friday 1-7pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm

Curbside Pickup of Library Materials:
Wednesdays 3-6pm
Saturdays 10am-2pm
Order form is on our website and Facebook page—you can also email or call.
Storytime on the Common every Thursday 11:30am (weather permitting)

The Westford Public Library is a Winter Wear Share Drop Off Location.

Every Saturday thru 11/14, we will have a drop off bin outside the library from 10am-Noon.

Please drop off your clean, gently worn winter gear. Distribution will be 11/21 at the Westford Common Hall. See FPF for more details.



CookBook Club
Friday, Nov. 13
7pm, via Zoom

Theme: Favorite side dishes for Thanksgiving



Let's talk turkey - actually let's talk side dishes! Join people who love to talk about food on this fun Zoom version of CookBook Club. Grab your favorite recipes, ideas, and your favorite beverage and join in on this virtual recipe swap. The great thing is you don't even have to cook! Try to have a link handy to your favorite recipe so we can swap them in the chat. It's all about fun, food, and friends - so join us! Zoom link on Facebook and FPF.

Supporting Education: Using the Library as a Resource for Homeschooling and Enrichment
Wednesday, November 11 at 7pm via Zoom

New to homeschooling? Distance learning leaving your student bored, in need of more?

While the library can't solve all your woes - we can help with a bunch of resources! We will go over variety of ways we can help you find information, support your learning plans, and show you some cool ways to access information. We'll start with basic online resources and dive into databases and more! I will be sharing my screen to show you how it is done. Come with your needs/questions too! Zoom link on Facebook and FPF.



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As you may be aware, we have transitioned to full, in-person, 5 days-a-week instruction, for our K-5 students while remaining in a hybrid model of instruction for grades 6-8. Our plans continue to revolve around the reality that we may move between the three models of instruction throughout the school year and must adapt to ongoing AOE and Health Department Guidance. In addition to safety guidelines, our primary focus is on student learning.

School Safety Update

Our first safety drill, which was a fire drill, went very well. Building upon the success of our existing emergency procedures, we will practice additional safety drills as the year progresses. The district expanded its expected responses to active threats to reflect a more situationally-driven approach in recognition that no single response fits every potential scenario. The belief that prompted this change in expectation is that having more options during an active threat will keep our students, staff, and community safer. You can find more information on this topic at <https://www.ewsd.org/Page/7543>.

We expect updated, cold weather guidance from the Agency of Education by November and will communicate with families if it changes our current plans or procedures.

We do expect a decision at that time concerning winter sports, updates on activities, gatherings, and traveling guidance especially with the November and December school breaks approaching.

Curriculum & Instruction

Communications

We know that quality family-school communication is key to each child's learning and we have set up a series of opportunities to provide ongoing communication with parents about their student's experiences throughout the year. Below is a timeline of some of the key dates for the 2020/21 school year.

- September - Opening under step 2 in a hybrid model
- October - Fall Assessments
- November - Parent Conferences (Virtual at this time)
 - Teams will send families sign up details.
 - Full day: Monday, November 23rd as well as other times outside school hours
- January - Winter assessment window and progress reports
- March - Parent conferences
- May - Spring assessment window
- June - Final report cards and spring assessment reports sent home
- July - State assessment results sent home grades 3-8.

Technology Use

Based on current research, our professional experiences, and our unwavering commitment to learning and keeping your children safe, we are asking students not to use their personal devices at school and to use their school device for school work only. The change this year is that we can't ask them to keep personal devices in their lockers as we are not using lockers during a pandemic. This year we are asking that students who bring a personal device to school keep it in their backpacks even though this creates close access and isn't ideal. The school and public Wi-Fi are not for use with student personal devices during school hours.

Students are arriving each day with school devices charged with few exceptions. Thank you! Just a note that we deployed all our chargers to students and purchased a limited number of extra chargers for tech emergencies and assigned a few older Chromebooks as backups in classrooms.

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 if you are interested in serving the community in any of these roles.

Subscribe to the Town Newsletter

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

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.