



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

April 2021



The **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** is a medium sized, migratory woodpecker that arrives in Vermont before the last snowfall to begin its breeding season which lasts from April to July. They feed on tree sap and insects.

Westford Town Office

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<https://westfordvt.us/>

TOWN OFFICE NOTES

EWSD Annual School Meeting Vote

The EWSD Annual School Meeting vote will occur on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**. Based on a decision of the School Board, ballots are being mailed to **ALL** active registered voters. Their decision was based on temporary changes that were made to the election laws due to COVID. Ballots will be mailed around March 24, 2021. If you do not receive a ballot, please contact the town office at 878-4587 or townclerk@westfordvt.us.

Polls will be open at the Westford School 7am-7pm for in-person voting on April 13. The School and Town Office are working on the logistics of holding the vote if school is in session while keeping students, faculty, election workers and the community safe and healthy.

If you have any questions about the proposed EWSD budget, please visit www.ewsd.org/budget

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are due April 1st. A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call the Town Office. **If you no longer have your dog, please let us know!** Due to COVID-19, the town office is closed to the public. Please may mail or drop off (slot located to the left of the town office front door) the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and your license will be mailed to you. The fee is \$13.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered then the fee is \$11.00. Dog licenses obtained **after April 1st are subject to a late fee.**

Spring Yard Clean Up

According to the calendar, Spring has arrived! When cleaning up your yard, please keep the following in mind:

- Burn permits are required prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online (<https://westfordvt.us/administration/fire-warden/>), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during regular office hours.
- Yard waste, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage, therefore Myers will not collect these materials when picking up your garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating CSWD drop off center. For a list of centers please visit <http://www.cswd.net/>.

Senior Luncheon

Things are looking up. The way things are going, it looks like September will be our starting back up. I have missed all of you so much and am looking forward to seeing everyone. Please follow your newsletter for up to date information. Also, I will try to call or email everyone to be sure you know the schedule. Have a wonderful Easter with your family and enjoy your summer months. Has everyone had your Covid vaccine shot? Please, if you need anything, call me.

Carol Howrigan, President

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TOWN OFFICE NOTES (continued)

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Newsletter is 12 noon on Monday, April 26.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

The Town Office will be **Closed** Tuesday April 13th for voting at the Westford school

The Town Office is **CLOSED TO WALK-IN SERVICE** at this time due to the spread of COVID-19.

- Office staff are available to take phone calls 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday-Friday.
- We will try to accommodate you through email, phone or snail mail as much as we can!
- Call to make an appointment for a service that cannot be provide by mail or electronically, such as notary services.
- Zoning Administrator hours: Monday and Tuesday, 10am-3pm (by appointment only).

LISTER VISITS

Property owners who received a building permit for this past year, or have one from a prior year, can expect a visit from the Listers. This inspection is separate from the Zoning Administrator.

We will schedule inspections on new homes and additions prior to coming.

Smaller projects, such as decks and sheds, will not be scheduled but we will leave a note that we were there.

Notices of Change of Appraisal will be sent in May.

If you have any questions, please contact us at lister@westfordvt.us.

HOMESTEAD DECLARATION FILING DEADLINE APRIL 15

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead

(<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/32/135/05401>) must file a Homestead Declaration (HS-122) annually.

This year, the deadline to file a Homestead Declaration is April 15. Failure to file the form by the deadline will result in a penalty being assessed.

For more information and to file your form online go to <https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>.

You will need a copy of your tax bill to complete the HS-122. If you do not have a copy, please contact the town office.





MUD SEASON!

What you need to know about early spring road conditions

- **Mud:** appears on gravel roads as snow thaws. Reduce your driving speeds to ensure safety and to preserve road conditions
- **Snow:** a mix of precipitation can occur. Snow on top of muddy roads will become more slippery
- **Potholes:** WILL appear on gravel roads. They cannot be fixed in freezing temperatures. Do your part to help reduce potholes by driving slowly and avoiding areas in poor condition if you can.
- **Heavy Loads:** do damage to thawing roads. Traveling roads with heavy equipment may be prohibited at any time.
- **Repairs:** roads are repaired as weather allows. Know that this takes time, it might take the road crew some time to get to your road. Highly traveled roads in poor condition are given priority.

Reminders:

- Watch for increased activity by wildlife including bears coming out of hibernation, wild turkey and young animals navigating roads for the first time.
- Pedestrian & recreational use of roads will increase starting at this time of the year.



BURN PERMITS

As of Friday, March 29, 2021 the burn permit system has been resumed. Unless you have a campfire 4 feet around or less you must have a burn permit. You can get a permit online through the Westford website, through the town office during normal business hours, or from the Fire Warden on weekends from the hours of 10:00am to 3:00pm.

As always, you must have your fire completely extinguished before you retired for the evening. Your fire cannot be allowed to smolder overnight. It must be completely out by thoroughly extinguishing it with water and ensure it is completely out. There are many things that cannot be legally burned in Vermont. Clean, untreated wood and just about anything that grows on your lawn may be burned. If you are not sure about something you wish to burn or how far you must be from structures and what happens if smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors please call me at 802-879-1231. Also, please be aware that fire prevention tickets may be issued for burning without a permit and must be answered in municipal court.



Thank you,
Dennis Angiono
Westford Fire Warden

CHAIR SALE

TO BENEFIT THE WESTFORD BRICK MEETING HOUSE RESTORATION EFFORT



OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY!

The Brick Meeting House Society will be selling a limited number of its wooden chairs this summer.

These chairs date back to the earlier part of the previous century and are looking for new homes. They will sell for \$40 each, with proceeds from the sale going directly to the renovation of the Brick Meeting House mail hall floor. The sale will occur this summer – more details to come!

2021 WESTFORD TOWN PLAN ADOPTED!

On February 25, 2021, the Selectboard adopted the 2021 Westford Town Plan. The Plan can now be viewed and/or downloaded by visiting: <https://westfordvt.us/town-plan/>

A paper copy can be purchased or viewed by appointment by contacting Nanette Rogers, Town Clerk, at townclerk@westfordvt.us or 878.4587.





TRASH, RECYCLING & FOOD SCRAPS IN WESTFORD

Can I Recycle That?

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.

Food Scraps *(Effective July 1, 2020, per Act 148, food scraps are banned from landfills.)*

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: SPRING

- Snow melt can make some piles wet, be conscious to add "browns" like dried leaves or straw to keep things working smoothly.
- Natural yard waste from spring cleanup can make a great addition to any compost pile.
- As things thaw it will be easier to turn your compost! Turning compost frequently will help keep odors down and pests away.

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>

STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR HAULER

Myers has now set up a Facebook page for Westford specific trash & recycling communications! You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Westford-Waste-104918838111423>



WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ACTIVE HUNTING

HUNTING IS A PERMITTED ACTIVITY IN THE MAPLE SHADE TOWN FOREST FROM APRIL 24TH - MAY 31ST, 2021, AND FROM OCTOBER 1ST - DECEMBER 12, 2021. ALL HUNTING ACTIVITY DURING THESE PERIODS MUST FOLLOW STATE LAWS AND SEASON REGULATIONS.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS: Wear Orange, Leash Dogs, Make Noise

TRAILS

MUD SEASON is upon us! All Westford Trails are open but as the season progresses, some trails will be marked as temporarily closed due to extreme muck and mud.

Please respect PRIVATE PROPERTY! Many Westford Trails travel adjacent to private property. Please be respectful to your neighbors and keep your part and your four-legged companions on the trail.

Please let us know if you encounter any impassible trails due to downed trees, mud, debris, or other reasons. Email westfordcc@googlegroups.com

The Westford Trails Guide can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PkD1XKpQhjYvCO6wH38gXrJu_WKkcJf/view?ts=5f60d1fc

DO YOUR "DOODY"

We need your help to keep our trails clean. There has been a very noticeable uptick in the number of doggy bags and dog waste left behind on trails.

The implications of unremoved dog waste are damaging to our community and the environment. The EPA considers dog waste as one of the worst water pollutants; dog waste takes over one year to decompose; dog waste makes terrible compost; the average dog deposits 275 pounds of waste per year (do the math on how many dogs are visiting the trails and it adds up pretty quickly!). Please "Do Your Doody" and clean up after your dog!

GREEN UP DAY

Mark your calendars for Green Up Day: May 1, 2021 and help keep Westford beautiful.

TRAIL CLEANUP DAY!

Spring Trail Cleanup Day will be announced in the next Newsletter and on Front Porch Forum. Please be on the lookout for it and consider participating!

DONATIONS

The WCC is funded in part by donations. We have tried to do our best with the trails during the past year, since getting outside for a walk was often the only thing anyone could do! If you appreciate our efforts and would like to help fund our work, please send a donation to:

Westford Conservation Commission
1713 VT RT. 128
Westford, VT 05494

Thank you!



OWN YOUR HOME?

If your yearly household income was less than \$138,500 in 2020 and you meet certain residency requirements, the State of Vermont can help you pay for your property taxes. You could be eligible for up to \$8,000.00 worth of credit!

FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THE VERMONT PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

- Call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-2865.
- Visit www.tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit
- Visit www.vtlawhelp.org/property-taxes
- **Need help filing your taxes or for the property tax credit?** Contact VITA, the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance service at 800-906-9887, or www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers to see if you qualify for help.

You can file the required forms when you file your income taxes.

Don't file income taxes? You may still qualify for the credit.

DON'T WAIT TO FILE! The deadline is April 15 and no later than Oct. 15! There is a \$15 late fee after April 15.

VERMONT LEGAL AID
LEGAL SERVICES
VERMONT

1-800-889-2047
www.vtlawhelp.org





PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS

Hello Spring! Greetings from the Planning Commission. Before jumping to Planning updates, we want to recognize the great work our Road Crew is doing. We are fortunate to have such a thoughtful and dedicated crew to guide our daily commutes. Be sure to give them a friendly wave when passing by.

What is the latest on wastewater for the town center? As shared previously, the Draft Preliminary Engineering Report is complete and has been submitted to the State for their review and comment. Once we receive the feedback we will assess and map out the next steps. The Commission continues to identify potential funding sources for the project. The good news is it looks like there is significant support and funding opportunities for rural town center infrastructure projects like ours.

What about the 1705 project? The 1705 property fills a pivotal role in the revitalization of the town center. In addition to supporting public river access, affordable housing, and town center revitalization it highlights the need for community wastewater capacity. The Vermont Community Development Program (VDCP) grant we received in December affords the town the opportunity to study how the community wastewater and 1705 projects might be bridged together to create a unique and rare opportunity for the community.

Since the Agency of Commerce and Community Development awarded the Town a VDCP grant in December our project team has been fast at work satisfying the grant conditions and executing the scope of work. There are many tasks that require completion before a preliminary site plan can be drafted and shared with the community for discussion and feedback. In the meantime, the commission and our project partners will continue or work on the grant tasks. Stay tuned for more details and public outreach events. We welcome the continued community engagement and feedback. For info and the latest on 1705, Wastewater and Town Center Revitalization visit <https://westfordvt.us/town-center-revitalization-projects/>

The recently revised Town Plan has been adopted and is now available on the town website:
<https://westfordvt.us/town-plan/> .

The Planning Commission is now in the final stages of preparing amended Land Use Regulations. There is a hearing scheduled for April 19th for public comment and based on feedback the final revision will be submitted to the Selectboard for review, public comment, and approval. Areas the amendment addresses include Water Resource Overlay District, Non-conforming Uses, R5 Planning and Design Standards, Campgrounds, R10 adaptive Reuse and Restoration, Renovation, or Replication of Historic Structures.

The Planning Commission would like to welcome our new Selectboard members and other recently appointed town volunteers. These folks along with other volunteers past and present help keep our town running smooth while providing a safe and thoughtful community for all.

Our regularly scheduled meetings are generally held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom, please join us. For any planning related questions reach out to our Town Planner, Melissa Manka at planner@westfordvt.us.

Respectfully submitted, Westford Planning Commission



From the **Westford Common Hall**

Hello Everyone, we are excited to continue our transformation from a church to a community hall. The Westford Common Hall (WCH) mission is to offer a gathering space for diverse communities to connect, share and celebrate. Our mission promotes a vision of becoming a landmark assembly space in Westford committed to growing community spirit and economic benefits. We believe providing a multifunctioning gathering place is vital to supporting a healthy local economy, and that spirit and economic development in turn supports a healthy community.

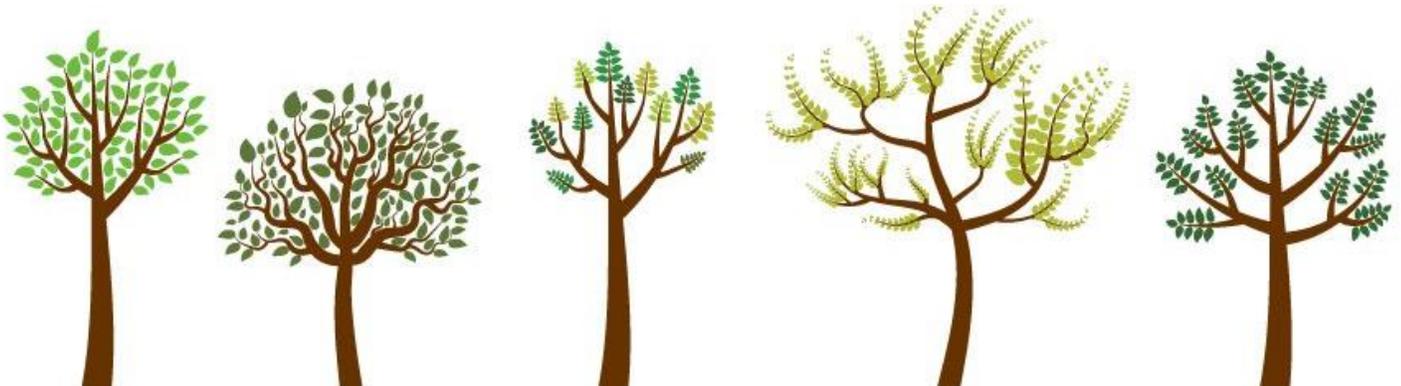
We are now a registered 501-c non-profit, focused on creating a space where many diverse venues can happen. Our current focus is on assessing the building for modern improvements and building the infrastructure to support our mission.

The WCH is exploring multiple opportunities to provide economic vitality to the community through ideas such as professional workspaces, celebrations, youth and educational classes, specialty workshops and performances. We are open to anyone that would like to organize an event such as a yoga class, a business retreat, a wedding, a baby shower, a memorial service, art, music or performance venues. Contact info@westfordcommonhall.org for more information on how to hold an event at the hall.

The Westford Common Hall is applying for The 1772 Foundation Grant through the Preservation Trust of Vermont. This is a VT Historical Preservation Grant that will match funds up to 10K to help cover some of the costs for painting the building. Fun Fact: The existing wood clapboard on the building is the original wood from 1840!

The WCH is in the early stages of planning a Capital Campaign and we are looking for people in the community to join the revitalization team. If you support our mission and want to give back to the community, now is the time to be a part of our Capital Campaign team. Contact eliza@westfordcommonhall.org for more details.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Westford Common Hall



WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

(802) 878-5639

westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

1717 VERMONT ROUTE 128, WESTFORD VT 05494

Mark My Place Community Project

You've picked up your materials, you've made your bookmarks and NOW it's time to SHARE!

You can share:

1. By sending photos of your creations to the library via email - we'll make a slideshow to share
2. Dropping off bookmarks to share with others. There will be a special box to donate bookmarks during curbside pickups in April.
3. If you want a bookmark sent to you, email the library and we will send one to you. Others will be sent to community members by the library.



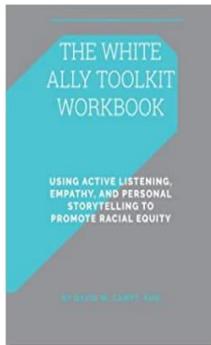
ALL BOOKMARKS AND PICTURES ARE DUE TO THE LIBRARY BY APRIL 28.

Westford Public Library and Carpenter-Carse Library are partnering with SURJ-BTV to offer a four-part series of online workshops based on David Camp's *White Ally Toolkit Workbook*. All classes are via Zoom, Sundays from 6-8pm, facilitated by SUJR-BTV.

April 11: Connect April 25: Expand

These workshops are free and open to the public. Contact the **Westford Public Library to borrow materials** or you may purchase a copy of the *White Ally Toolkit Workbook*. **To register, email**

surj.burlington.vt@gmail.com to let them know which sessions you will be attending. A Zoom link will be emailed to participants prior to the sessions.



Building is **CLOSED** to patrons

Curbside pickup hours:

Wednesday 3-6pm

Thursday 10am-Noon

Friday 3-6pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

In Phase 3 of our reopening plan

Adult Book Group

Wednesday

April 28

(note 4th week)

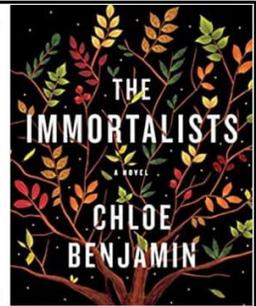
7:00-8:00pm

via Zoom

The Immortalists

By: **Chloe Benjamin**

Benjamin



If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life?

1969 New York City's Lower East Side, and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman, a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold adolescent children sneak out to hear their fortunes.

The prophecies inform their next 5 decades. Simon escapes to search for love in San Francisco; Klara becomes a Las Vegas magician, obsessed with blurring reality and fantasy; Daniel seeks security as an army doctor post-9/11; and Varya throws herself into longevity research, where she tests the boundary between science and immortality.

The Immortalists probes the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next. It is a deeply moving testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds.

Print copies of this book are available for curbside pickup. Available as an ebook or audiobook on Libby.

Virtual Early Literacy Storytime - fun for all ages - posted every Thursday - FPF, Facebook, YouTube and our website under the storytime tab.

4/1/21: Theme: Funny Books

4/8/21: Theme: Spring

4/15/21: Theme: I love books!

4/22/21: Theme: No Storytime this week

4/29/21: Theme: Trees

Curbside Craft Kits will be available weekly - just order one with the rest of your curbside order.



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April Library Events

- April 2&3 - Easter goodie bags available at both curbside pickups - no need to pre-order.
- April 7 - Trustees' Meeting via Zoom 7-9pm
- April 11 - SURJ - RACE "Connect" session from 6-8pm via zoom
- April 21-24 - Nasa@myLibrary Earth Day Kits available at all curbside pickups, no need to pre-order, while supplies last.
- April 25 - SURJ - RACE "Expand" session from 6-8pm via zoom
- April 28 - Deadline for Mark My Place pictures and bookmarks to be into the library.
- April 28- Adult Book Group via Zoom 7pm, The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

ALL APRIL - Storywalk on the School Trails "A Chair for my Mother" as part of Fair Housing Month.

Curbside Pickup of Library Materials:
Wednesdays 3-6pm
Thursdays 10-Noon
Fridays 3-6pm
Saturdays 10am-2pm

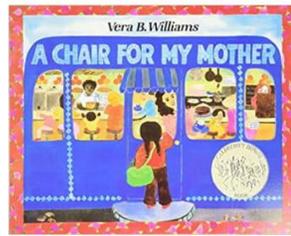
Order form is on our website and Facebook page—you can also email or call.

Virtual Storytime posted every Thursday (YouTube, FPF, Facebook, website)

Fiber Arts Group meets every Thursday via Zoom at 6:30pm (email library for the link)

Yoga with Doris meets every Sunday from 10-11:15 - contact recreation@westfordvt.us to register for this free class.

April is Fair Housing Month. WPL, WCC, and CVOEO have teamed up to present a storywalk focusing on what it means to have a home and be a community. "A Chair for my Mother" will be up on the school trails during the month of April. Follow the signs.



"Hoppy" Easter from the Westford Public Library! Easter goodie bags will be available during curbside pickup April 2 & 3. We hope you enjoy a little treat. No need to pre-order.



Earth Day is Thursday, April 22.



Celebrate the Earth and learn some scientific facts with our Nasa@myLibrary Earth Day kits. These kits contain an Earth themed craft and information about

Nasa's citizen science GLOBE program. No need to pre-order, while supplies last.

NASA @ My Library

SUNDAY MORNING YOGA WITH DORIS



Combat the stress created by the global pandemic and start your week with a Yoga asana practice. After some breathing exercises to quiet our minds and a warm-up, we will go through a number of standing poses to improve strength, flexibility, and balance. We will conclude the class with gentle stretches and take time to absorb the benefits of the practice in a final resting pose. This event is open for every adult. However, due to the class being online, pre-existing experience with Yoga is encouraged to avoid any kind of injury. Aside from a mat, props like a strap (or something similar like a belt or scarf), blanket, cushion or bolster and blocks will come in handy.

Sunday, 10am, 75mins, for 6 weeks
March 14th-April 18th
FREE ZOOM CLASSES

Please send registrations to recreation@westfordvt.us

What's going on, baby? I'd love to get some input from new parents about how to safely do some sort of Baby Tea this year.



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APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTEMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

 APRIL

4/3 - 4/4 Easter Egg Hunt Geocache Event
Town Common

4/6 Recreation Committee Meeting
7pm via Zoom



Easter Egg Hunt Geocache

When: 8am Saturday April 3rd – Dark Sunday April 4th

Where: Town Common Gazebo

CAN YOU FIND THE EASTER TREASURE ?

Thank You

*To everyone who
volunteered to help setup
and maintain the ICE
RINK. The rink is closed
for the season.*

SPRING PROGRAMS

- Lacrosse - *see attached flyer to sign up*

SPRING BREAK DOOR DROP KITS

- DIY BLUE BIRD HOUSES • BUILDING KIT
- CHARM BRACELET KIT - *see attached flyer to sign up*

SUMMER PROGRAMS MORE INFO COMING SOON...

- Adult Pick-up Soccer • 5th-8th Grade Pick-up Soccer
- Basketball Camp • Soccer Camp • T-Ball

1st Annual

Westford Easter Egg Geocaching Hunt 2021



Find the eggs...

Solve the clues...

Open the treasure!!!

ALL EASTER WEEKEND

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be a geocaching adventure! There will be two different geocaching routes, one meant for younger children on the town green and a more advanced hunt located on the trails at the school. Each hunt leads to the "key" to open the "treasure chest" in the gazebo located on the town green. This event will take place Easter Weekend. You can start your hunt at the Town Common Gazebo any time after 8am Saturday April 3 and finish any time before dark Sunday April 4.

You will need a device with GPS capability

Instructions will be posted in the gazebo located at the town common and on Facebook

For more info, check our Facebook Page as Easter Weekend approaches.



[www.facebook.com/
WestfordRecreationDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/WestfordRecreationDepartment)

Westford Lacrosse



Tiny Cats K-2

Mid April to Early June

Practices to be determined

Players need to have their own sticks.

We are hoping to play one or two Jamborees

Against St. Albans and Milton

3/4, 5/6, 7/8 Co-ED

Early April to Mid June

Practices to be determined

Saturday Games

Games begin in May. In the beginning of

the season, practices will be 3x a week

until games begin.

<https://westfordvt.us/recreation/>

Players will begin to build on skills and basic game play. In the beginning of the season, practices are three times a week until the start of games in May. The team will play around 10 games during the season. We are part of the Northern Youth Lacrosse League.

Players need their own sticks, padding and helmets. A limited number of helmets and padding are available through the Recreation Department as a loan on a first come first served basis. Please note on your registration form if you need any item.

Registration Fees; Tiny Cats \$45, 3/4 \$50, 5/6 \$75, 7/8 \$85

Registrations Due Feb 12th, late registrations add \$5.00

Players will also need to register with US lacrosse, pervious season cost was \$25

If you have any questions about the game of Lacrosse, or wish to speak to the coach, contact Brent Carpenter at brent.carpenter29@gmail.com

Tonya Calley, Recreation Department Coordinator; 802.324.7132 or recreation@westfordvt.us

APRIL BREAK ACTIVITY KITS

Kits will be delivered Monday April 19th from 10am-12pm at your doorstep



DIY BLUE BIRD HOUSE \$12

This bluebird house is designed with pine wood, an entry hole, ventilation, and a cover with a hinge so birders can check inside!

It can be attached to any surface or set between trees or branches (as pictured)

Kit includes: all materials to build AND PAINT your very own bird house.

Tools needed and NOT included: Phillips head screwdriver & hammer.

BUILDING BLOCK KIT \$15

Kit Includes: 20in. x 20in baseplate (green, blue, or grey), a bag of building blocks, a marble, & a challenge book

The challenge book has fun activities that will keep your kid(s) busy building, engineering, laughing, and more!



CHARM BRACELET KIT \$10

This kit includes beads, charms, tassels, leather cords & more! No tools required.

SIGN UP ONLINE: <https://forms.gle/PksXvgioQZTEjJn9>
THESE KITS ARE OFFERED BY THE WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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 chills, 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.

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, CCPRC 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.

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